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Car crazy? Then you're in the right place



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For people who have cars on the brain, this week has been bountiful, offering glimpses of Ed and Kay Dina's 1913 Fiat Type 56 touring car at the P.B. Concours Tour d'Elegance Thursday (above), Fandango Restaurant's diminutive Citroen in P.G. Wednesday (lower left) and a gorgeous Ford at Concours on the Avenue (lower right), where Mayor Jason Burnett presented a proclamation to Concours chairman Sandra Button (left). For complete coverage of all the can't-miss events, see our special section inside.



Hazdovac resigns after 18 years on city council

■ Carrie Theis picked to succeed her

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council unanimously voted Wednesday night to appoint Carrie Theis, owner of the Hofsas House hotel and recent appointee to the Carmel Activities & Cultural Commission, to replace Paula Hazdovac on the council. Hazdovac, who served an unprecedented 18 years in office, tendered her resignation in a letter to Mayor Jason Burnett Friday. Her departure from the council takes effect Sept. 7, but she did not attend the Aug. 15 meeting regarding her

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Commission OKs 9/11 memorial design, location

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER REDESIGNING a proposed memorial honoring the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to reflect the wishes of the planning commission, a group led by resident CarrieAnn received support last week for plans to mount a piece of World Trade Center steel on a granite boulder and place it in Devendorf Park. The Carmel City Council will have final say over the proposal.

In June, CarrieAnn (her full name) presented drawings of a pedestal of Carmel stone shaped like the Twin Towers that would hold the steel, which she obtained from officials in New York City and had transported by firefighters via fire stations and police departments across the country. The steel arrived in April and is being kept at the firehouse.

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P.G. City Council weighs repealing pension plan for cops, firefighters

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove City Council voted Wednesday night to look into the possibility of repealing a big pension increase that was awarded to the city's police officers and firefighters a decade ago — an increase that has been blamed, in part, for the city's crushing debt.

The council's decision was based on a report released this week indicating that the 2002 pension hike for police and firefighters may have been granted "illegally," because a public hearing wasn't held and crucial financial information on how much the boost would cost the city was not disclosed.

The council voted unanimously to consult with its attorneys and officials with the California Public Employees Retirement System to find out what steps it should take — which could include trying to nix the 2002 CalPERS contract.

"We're asking CalPERS, 'OK, we found [the pension increase] was done illegally, so what are the ramifications [of repealing the increase], and what are our options?'" city

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Mission to get shrink-wrapped during retrofit

By MARY SCHLEY

HAVING RAISED \$5 million in donations and grants — including the final \$2 million in just eight months — a nonprofit announced this week that seismic retrofitting of the Carmel Mission Basilica will begin in late August and will take about six months.

The work will include an innovative means of keeping the fog and rain out of the exposed roof: The contractor will erect a shrink-wrapped structure above it, according to Vic Grabrian, president and CEO of the Carmel Mission Foundation.

The church belongs to the Diocese of Monterey, which is letting the foundation undertake the work to protect what is perhaps the most historic building in California.

Deacon Warren Hoy, a Mission parishioner and spokesman for the diocese, said the group made the restoration possible, and without its help, the Basilica would have had to close when a new state law requiring unreinforced masonry buildings be retrofitted takes effect.

The foundation undertook the fundraising effort and retrofit "for the sole purpose of keeping the Basilica standing," he said. "We really would be unable to go on without the help of the foundation."

Shoring up the unreinforced masonry building calls for removing the clay-barrel tiles that were installed during the Mission's second re-roofing in 1936. (The Mission was founded in 1771, and the Basilica was completed in 1793 but fell into disrepair in the late 1800s.) Crews will take off the wood planks underlying the tile — but not the ceiling over the Basilica — and will drill holes down



PHOTO/COURTESY CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION

To ensure the Mission Basilica never again looks like it did in 1936, a foundation has raised \$5 million to retrofit it.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Basically beagle

KIRBY IS an 11-year-old mixed breed, what with, his family doesn't know. The closest they can tell by looking at him is that he's a beagle, but there's definitely more to him. Aside from all appearances, his beagle confirmation comes in his tendency to talk and howl at the slightest provocation.

They've had Kirby since he was a puppy, adopted from a family with an accidental litter, who were giving puppies away. What they remember most about little Kirby is that he was a "rotten puppy," chewing up a fortune in fancy footwear and just about anything else he could reach.

"We just kept buying Kirby more chew toys to turn him away from chewing shoes," says his person, "and eventually he stopped. The result is that he has always loved toys and still walks around with one in his mouth. His favorite is a big, soft, fluffy dog with a squeaker inside. We always know where Kirby is. He squeaks that toy obsessively 'til we take it away."

Kirby also loves the beach, where he gets to go on rare warm evenings. He loves to swim but isn't very good at it, so his family bought him a wetsuit to help him stay afloat. He takes a little encouragement to get



in the water, usually waiting and watching other dogs go in first. But he can't resist the chew toy his family throws in, so he dashes in after it, leaving his fear on the shore.

In the evening, Kirby likes to lounge on the couch and watch television with his family. His favorite channel is Animal Planet, but someone quickly changes it if stories of injury or abuse surface. Kirby can't take the sadness and is likely to let out a howl of primal pathos.

Carolla at Sunset

COMEDIAN, ACTOR, radio personality, television host and best-selling author Adam Carolla performs Friday, Aug. 17, at Sunset Center — one day before he races at the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion at the Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

Carolla is the host of his own syndicated radio program and the former host of the radio call-in show, Loveline. He is also the author of "In Fifty Years We'll All Be Chicks ... And Other Complaints from an Angry Middle-Aged White Guy."

He was awarded a Rolex Trophy for his performance in last year's Motorsports Reunion race. Carolla is bringing two of his favorite cars to this year's event — a 1970 Datsun 510 and 1974 Datsun 260Z. Friday's show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$75. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit www.sunsetcenter.org.

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This week, the Service Directory is on pages
15A and 18RE-19RE in the Real Estate Section.
Don't miss it!

Mayors choose consultant to review water proposals

By KELLY NIX

A CARLSBAD consulting firm has been selected to analyze three desalination projects to determine which one is the best water-supply solution for the Monterey Peninsula.

The six mayors that make up the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority voted Aug. 9 to pay Separation Processes, Inc., to provide an unbiased assessment of proposals by California American Water, developer Nader Agha and businessman Brent Constantz.

SPI will include in its analysis cost comparisons, identification of project differences, financing options and scheduling. The firm will analyze the data supplied by each desal proponent to try to achieve an “apples-to-apples” examination.

“The comparison of projects will document key differences in approach, including the use of state-of-the-art versus novel or unproven technologies,” according to a letter from the firm’s president, Gerry Filteau, to Monterey Peninsula Water Management District general manager Dave Stoldt, who is also chair of the mayors’ group’s technical advisory committee.

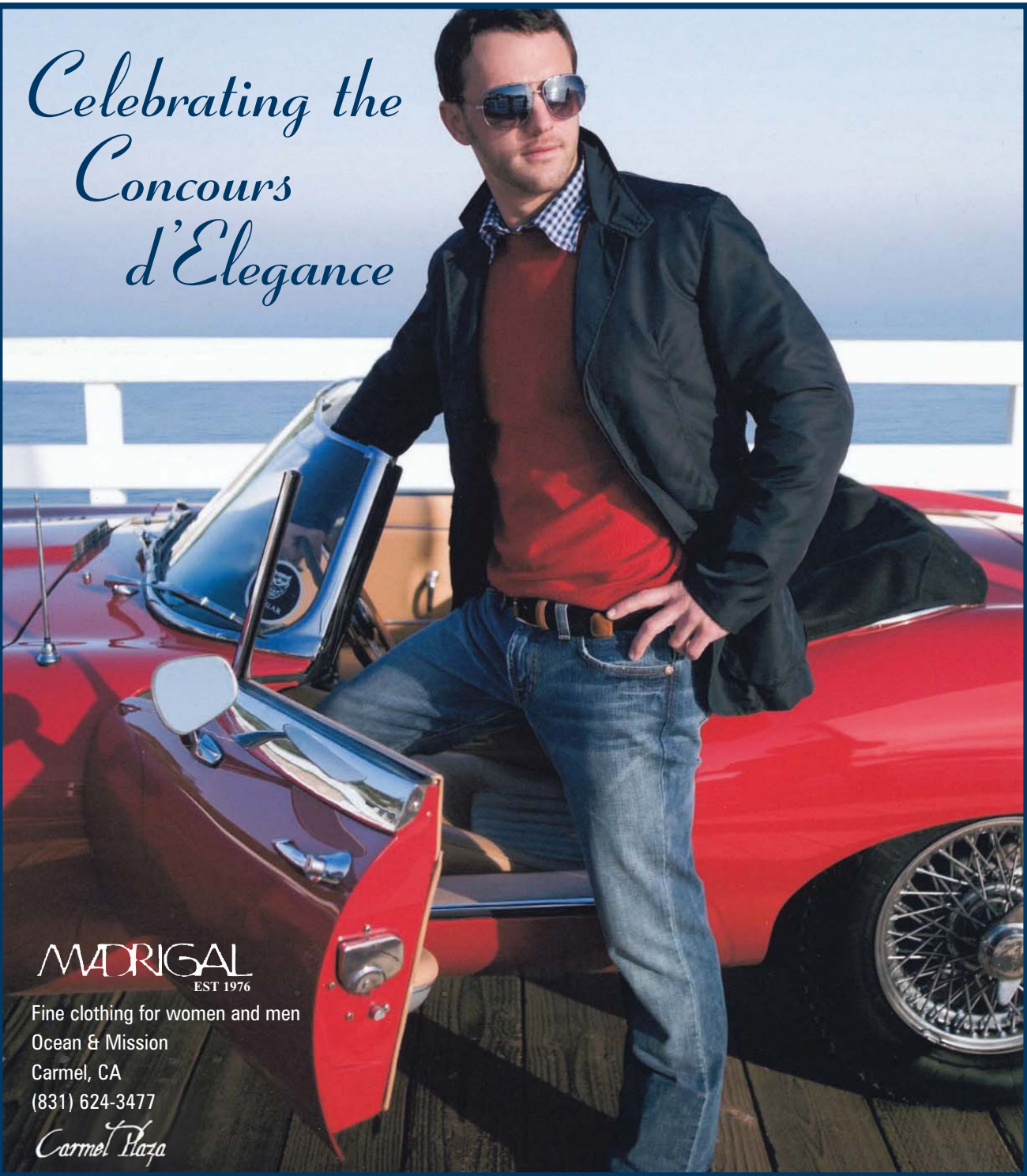
While SPI said its strengths include planning, engineering and cost analysis of desal plants, Filteau acknowledged the company doesn’t have the capability to perform some “non-engineering disciplines” such as permitting and environmental assessments. Instead, the firm offered to hire sub-consultants for those services.

The review will consist of about 400 hours of work and will be completed in about four weeks. SPI, which also has an office in Tempe, Ariz., has requested \$2,000 for travel costs for three meetings on top of the \$60,000 for its work. The results will be presented to the mayors for their consideration.

On Aug. 1, the mayors rejected a \$58,000 bid from BASE Water Resources Consulting & Management because of CEO Ken Ortega’s alleged involvement in a corruption scandal while he was employed with the City of Oxnard.

Cal Am has proposed a \$370 million water project that includes a desal plant in Marina, water storage facilities and a treated wastewater project. Agha has promised that his plan

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Man doesn't like mother-in-law

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.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmel police units responded to Monte Verde Street because of a reported vehicle burglary and a report of the theft of another vehicle.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a broken tree limb on Fourth Avenue. Forestry was notified for cleanup/removal.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two subjects were contacted on private property on Lincoln Street and given a lawful order that they could not be present on the property or remove any personal items from the property. If the subjects were to return to the property, they could be arrested for trespassing. Both subjects acknowledged the admonishment and stated they would not return to the property.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A tourist from out of the country reported the theft of personal property from the beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision on Lincoln Street. Property damage only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a theft from a vehicle on Casanova Street. Personal articles were stolen. No investigative leads.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of a wallet possibly while in the commercial district. Exact location of loss is unknown.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle burglary

reported on Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subsequent to a traffic stop on Rio Road, a 17-year-old was found to be in possession of marijuana for sales. He was arrested and later released to his mother with a citation.

Pacific Grove: Report of a subject stabbed outside his residence on Forest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Report of vandalism on Lincoln Avenue. No suspect information.

Carmel Valley: Subject on Calle de los Agrinensors reported a suspicious circumstance over real estate located in another country.

Carmel Valley: A Carmel Valley resident was stopped at Carmel Valley Road and Boronda Road for vehicle code violations and found to be driving without a license. Also found a juvenile in the vehicle not wearing a seatbelt. Driver was cited; vehicle towed.

Carmel Valley: A Carmel Valley man violated a criminal protective order.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from San Carlos Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Carmelo Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found in the beach area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision on Mission Street.

Pacific Grove: Report of loud neighbors upstairs at a Lighthouse Avenue residence. Advised the resident to call for officer assis-

tance at the time of occurrence. Resident said they would also contact the property management. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Officer was contacted by a woman who stated that she was walking in front of a Crocker residence when a large German shepherd-type dog charged the fence. She was worried that the dog could break through the fence and reach the street. Officer informed her that a note would be left at the residence with the concerns regarding the dog. On arrival to the residence, there was no dog in the yard, and the gate was locked with a chain and lock. Left note for the dog owner to contact the officer in order to advise them of the neighbor's concerns.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism on Fifth Street with suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Report of possible prowling on 18th Street. No suspect information.

Carmel area: School official reported that several storage containers at the rear of Carmel High School had been burglarized sometime during the night or early morning hours.

Carmel Valley: A female Carmel Valley resident was stopped at Carmel Valley Road and Schulte Road for vehicle code violations. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver's vehicle was stored.

Carmel Valley: Starlite Road resident reported that during the last year several items have been missing from her home.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subsequent to a vehicle check on Scenic Road, a 57-year-old male

driver was arrested for public intoxication and failure to provide identification.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Viscaino resident reported losing a wallet within the last few days.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bracelet found in the commercial area on Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Scenic Road for false tabs, and when the registered owner, a 61-year-old male, came to retrieve the vehicle, he showed a title that he changed the dates to and had two CDLs with different DOBs.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Tourist reported the attempted fraudulent use of her credit card at business on Ocean Avenue. After a purchase, card holder was contacted by card services and advised that two failed attempts had been made but flagged as fraudulent to out of country businesses. Card holder reported no loss but was forced to cancel her current card.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run on Torres Street with suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Victim on Second Street reported an unknown subject had opened multiple store credit accounts with her personal information.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to call a subject on Second Street regarding harassment. Man reported he is in a current dispute over property. Since then, the subject believes one of the off-duty employees has been driving by his house multiple times a day to intimidate or harass him. Officer contacted the other party, who stated they do not have any employees that

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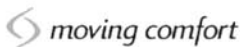
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COUNCIL HAS RESERVATIONS BUT OKS HIGHER GARBAGE BILLS

By MARY SCHLEY

THE TRASH collection company that serves residents and businesses in town finally received approval of a rate increase from the Carmel City Council last week — the first since 2008 — but its request for a cost-of-living raise fell flat.

Council members did not argue about the proposed 0.77 percent increase resulting from higher fees at the Marina landfill, considering the city’s contract with Waste Management stipulates, “The collector shall receive periodic pass-through rate adjustments to cover the increased cost of dump fees at the Monterey Regional Waste Management District site.”

According to city administrator Jason Stilwell’s report to the council Aug. 7, the 0.77 percent rate increase resulted from disposal fees rising from \$46.25 to \$47 per ton as of Jan. 1, 2011, and from \$47 to \$48.25 per ton as of Jan. 1 of this year. The waste hauler last received pay hike from the city in 2008, and the typical residential bill for garbage collection is \$76.35 per quarter.

“It should be retroactive for 2011, and we should pay for 2012, according to the terms of the contract,” councilman Ken Talmage said. “We need to make up what we did not pay.”

Mayor Jason Burnett agreed the city should keep its word

and approve the rate increase for dumping fees, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2011.

The rest of the council unanimously voted in favor of the adjustment, which will bump the typical residential quarterly garbage bill to just over \$77, according to assistant city administrator Heidi Burch.

Compliance checklist, no COLA

In his report, Stilwell had recommended the council OK a rate increase of 5.85 percent, which included the 0.77 percent for dumping fees and a 5.08 percent hike based on a percentage of the Consumer Price Index, which tracks inflation. He reported the company had originally requested an overall rate hike of 10.48 percent, “but through negotiations acknowledges the amount recommended by staff.”

But council members balked at giving the waste hauler a raise based on inflation, and they questioned the company’s performance on a scorecard that included 32 contract issues, such as picking up and returning residential carts to and from off-street enclosures, emptying the trash bins along Scenic Road, replacing garbage cans, recycling trees, and providing and servicing porta-potties.

Talmage suggested anyone with points to make on the checklist submit them to Stilwell in writing for discussion at a future meeting, rather than undertake the time-consuming process of listing them orally that night.

At Burnett’s prompting, Talmage briefly mentioned a few of his concerns, such as overflowing trash cans on Scenic Road on a Sunday morning in June while the city was hosting the Run in the Name of Love.

Councilwoman Victoria Beach wondered how much the city is paying for the premium service of having residential trash bins taken from their off-street storage spaces, rather than having garbage collected by the side of the road, as occurs in most cities.

“I would like to know how much it costs, and how to fix it or get rid of it,” she said, since many renters and homeowners don’t know they don’t have to roll their bins out to the curb for pickup on garbage days. Beach also had issues with “the nuances of the way the contract is currently stated.”

Burnett agreed with a point made by planning commissioner Steve Dallas, who wondered how the city knows when the garbage company fields complaints.

“Do we know how many complaints are being received and how they are being addressed?” Burnett asked.

Talmage also suggested querying members of the chamber of commerce, the Carmel Innkeepers Association and the Carmel Residents Association for their opinions on Waste Management’s services. He called the checklist “fabulous,” but said, “This is the beginning, not the end, of this process.”

Dallas also commented that it seemed wrong to grant a COLA increase to a large company when the city’s own employees are not receiving similar raises, and Talmage said he disagrees in principle with COLA increases, considering the CPI is based on data from Silicon Valley and not the Monterey Peninsula.

“I find it very difficult to vote for a cost-of-living increase,” he said. “But if we want a whole lot more [in services], we should be willing to pay more.”

The council unanimously agreed not to give a COLA raise and to discuss contract compliance sometime in the future.

Do most Carmel residents know they don’t have to put their cans at the curb?



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Husband and wife plead guilty to contractor fraud, other charges

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A MONTEREY couple who prosecutors said operated a home-improvement, paint and window-installation business pleaded guilty to a host of criminal charges, including working without contractor's licenses.

Daniel Kenneth Furness, 60, pleaded guilty Aug. 3 to six felony charges and three misdemeanors, while his wife, Collen Ann Gsell, 57, pleaded guilty to nine misdemeanor charges, according to Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Robert J. Lauchlan, Jr.

Between 2002 and 2011, Furness and Gsell operated Window Design and Fresh

Paint, furnishing and installing windows and doors, painting houses and advertising for home improvement work without licenses, in violation of the California Business and Professions Code.

"Documents which Furness or Gsell signed, and which were filed with public offices," according to Lauchlan, "were false because they alleged that Furness had no criminal record and had not received citations from the Contractors State License Board."

Furness and Gsell used contractor license numbers issued to other people and charged their customers excessive down payments, according to the district attorney's office.

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Coastal commission approves restricted parking near Aquarium

By KELLY NIX

TO STOP employees and volunteers from taking up most of the parking spaces near the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the California Coastal Commission last week approved a proposal from the City of Pacific Grove to designate 31 parking spaces near the Aquarium for two-hour parking only.

At the Aug. 10 meeting in Santa Cruz, the commission agreed to set the two-hour limit on Sloat Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard between First Street and Dewey Avenue from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Residential permit holders, however, will be allowed to park in those areas all day, every day.

A survey conducted by the city indicating that parking on Ocean View is "disproportionately" used by Cannery Row employees, "and most specifically by Monterey Bay Aquarium staff, volunteers, and docents,"

which "affects the public's ability to visit the coastal zone by inappropriately tying up the parking spaces," according to a coastal commission report.

Fifteen spaces on Sloat Avenue and 16 on Ocean View would be affected by the new restrictions. Currently, those parking areas have no time restrictions.

Time-restricting parking will protect residents from "parking conflicts" and allow the public to visit P.G.'s shoreline or local attractions "while deterring the longterm use of the spaces by employees of the Aquarium," according to the commission's report.

After the meeting in Santa Cruz, P.G. City Manager Tom Frutchev wrote in his weekly summary that coastal commissioner Mark Stone "pointed out that P.G. is a poster city for coastal access in the state, that the city's

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Sylvia Stone (Edelstein) Cushing

1913 – 2012

Sylvia passed away at her home in Pebble Beach, Calif. at the age of 99 on August 4, 2012. Born in Leningrad (at that time named St.



Petersburg), Russia on April 24, 1913. She escaped with her mother and father during the Russian Revolution. Enroute to England to join her grandparents, her father (who had been a mathematics professor at St. Petersburg University) died in Paris of wounds suffered in the Revolution. Sylvia spent much of her growing up years in Berlin, Germany, where her mother studied to become a medical doctor. They later fled to Israel. Sylvia studied languages, design and dance. During World War II she joined the British Women's

Army and was stationed in Egypt as an interpreter, and for a short time, a truck driver. After the war she worked in Switzerland. On a holiday visit to her mother in Israel, she met her beloved Allen (deceased) of Boston, Massachusetts and Phoenix, Arizona. They married in Switzerland in 1953 and lived in Phoenix until 1958, at which time they moved to the Monterey Peninsula. She briefly taught Russian at the Army Language School at the Presidio, Monterey, and later taught dance in her home studio.

She was a familiar sight in Carmel in her stylish fashions walking her standard black poodle. She will be greatly missed.

Private graveside services were held. To sign the guest book for Sylvia and leave messages for her family, please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com.



HIGHWAY 1 CLIMBING LANE TO BE EXTENDED TO RIO ROAD

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE MONTEREY County Department of Public Works applied for a permit July 25 to extend the Highway 1 climbing lane from the Carmel Valley Road intersection to about 600 yards south of Rio Road.

Completed in 2001, the climbing lane alleviated the congestion that plagued roads around the mouth of Carmel Valley every afternoon.

"The climbing lane works beautifully for eliminating the bottleneck that once existed," Fifth District Supervisor Dave Potter told The Pine Cone.

The climbing lane was so successful, it eliminated public demand for a new road and led to the final demise of the Hatton Canyon freeway. The canyon is now part of the state parks system and has been improved with a paved hiking and biking trail.

According to Potter, the advantages of extending it to Rio Road are two fold. First, the lane will do even more to ease traffic congestion, in particular coming out of Big Sur.

"If you take a look at the way traffic circulates in the Carmel area, it's really packed in the two-lane sections," explained Potter, who said extending the climbing lane will

enable "twice as many people to get through the Rio Road and Highway 1 intersection on the same signal change."

Also, the climbing lane will make it easier for emergency personnel to get through traffic.

"We have concerns about the ability of fire and ambulance vehicles" to reach their destinations without delay, Potter said.

The cost of the project is \$3.8 million, which Potter considers a bargain. "It's a very affordable fix," he added. "It's a big bang for the buck."

County spokesperson Maia Carroll told The Pine Cone that the money — which will come from state transportation improvement funds and developer fees, won't be available until 2014. As a result, construction won't begin until then.

The project would require 3,400 cubic yards of cut and 2,600 cubic yards of fill, and removing one double-trunked coast live oak and five cottonwoods.

The item is on the agenda for the next Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 20, at St. Phillips Lutheran Church at 8065 Carmel Valley Road. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

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Sandy is celebrated by her husband of 34 years, Danny, her mother Mary Lou and "Sisters and brothers" too numerous to list.

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Friends are encouraged to set aside a few minutes on September 2nd at 2 pm to celebrate Sandy.



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HAZDOVAC

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replacement.

After deciding not to hold a special election in March 2013 to select a candidate to finish the term, which expires in April 2014, council members debated whether to appoint her replacement that night or open the position to the public, interview applicants and vote on an appointment at a future meeting, as they did when they chose Steve Hillyard to fill Burnett’s council seat.

During that process, Burnett and Hazdovac interviewed 10 candidates and ultimately recommended two: Hillyard and Theis. Councilman Ken Talmage also suggested a third contender, Michael LePage, who ended up being appointed to the planning commission.

Talmage said LePage sent an email to the council this week saying he was no longer interested in being appointed to it. “We need to make it look more fun up here,” councilwoman Victoria Beach responded. “We’re getting rejection letters.”

Carmel Chamber of Commerce CEO Monta Potter suggested the council move ahead with appointing Theis, though she did not refer to her by name.

“I think it would be great to replace Paula, a female business owner, with a female business owner, and replace her with someone who is up to speed and has been coming to council meetings,” she said.

Former Mayor Jean Grace said, “I think I know who Monta is talking about, and I agree.”

Citing the time and effort so recently spent on fielding council candidates, Talmage wanted to move forward with Theis’ appointment, too.

“We had two extraordinarily good candidates,” he said, referring to Hillyard and Theis. “I don’t see that anything has changed, and I would go ahead and take action tonight.”

Burnett also praised Theis for being “up to speed on the issues,” being willing to sit through often long council meetings, and being able to provide a Carmel-by-the-Sea business owner’s perspective.

“I think that Carrie, in all those respects, is going to be very hard to beat,” Burnett said, though he was also open to the idea of reviewing applications and recommending a candidate for appointment at a future meeting.

But Hillyard wanted the process reopened to all applicants. “If there’s someone out there who thinks they can add to this council, we should give them the option,” he said.

That stymied Burnett.

“I don’t think we should do something where one of the four of us thinks this is not being handled correctly,” he said.

But Grace stood up and told the council it’s OK to disagree.

“I always had to remember that we live in a democratic republic, and sometimes there is dissension,” she said. “Over the years, you’re going to have to deal with something on which you don’t agree ... I realize this is a terribly important issue, but it’s not a crime if you don’t get consensus.”

Ultimately, the council unanimously voted to accept Hazdovac’s resignation and appoint Theis, who will take her

seat at the dais at the Sept. 11 council meeting.

After the meeting, Hazdovac, who also thought the position should be open to all applicants, said, “Carrie is an excellent choice, even though I may not agree with the process. Her credentials are outstanding, and I am very happy for her and the city.”

■ New chapter for Hazdovac

Citing increasing demands on her time due to family and the thriving business she owns with her sister, Pat, Hazdovac sent a short letter to Burnett Aug. 10 stating her plans to step down.

“This decision was not made lightly, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea for the last 18 years,” she wrote. “It is with deep gratitude that I thank the voters for electing me. I also wish to thank our dedicated and hardworking city staff for their professional sup-

port over the years.”

Burnett told The Pine Cone he tried to talk Hazdovac out of resigning, to no avail. He said he’ll miss her institutional knowledge, her history, her directness and her perspective, even though they didn’t always agree on the issues.

“Paula was a very good council member,” he observed. “She has a sense of what has worked in the past and what hasn’t, and she helped us avoid the mistakes of the past. I really valued her insights and advice.”

Hazdovac said she’s been considering resigning for a while, given increasing demands of caring for her disabled aunt and tending to her growing business, which moved from a tiny alcove of a shop to a larger and more prominent location at Ocean and Monte Verde three years ago.

“If there were five of me, I still don’t think I could get it

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Monterey, CA – After a brave two-year battle with breast cancer, Laurie passed away peacefully surrounded by friends and family. Her Christian faith brought her strength throughout her life and especially during her illness.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert Souza and Betty Klug Souza.

Born in Oakland, her family relocated to Monterey in 1964 when her parents purchased Rapid Blue Print from artist Danny Garcia. She graduated from Monterey High School in 1967. The following year she met and married her best friend Frank John Melicia. Together they raised three children; spending most of their time with great friends at Larsen Baseball Field in Carmel.

Laurie was a very passionate and caring person, known for her beautiful spirit and smile. She was an avid Giants fan. She also loved to camp, golf and spend time with her friends.

Laurie was overwhelmed by the support she and Frank received from the community, friends and family over the last year. We thank you! Special recognition to Dr. Jerry Rubin for his compassion and the amazing care she received from the Terrace West nurses at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, especially Christine Russo and Caroline Pierson.

Laurie leaves behind her husband of 43 years, Frank John Melicia. She also is survived by her three children, Michele Melicia Young (Donald Young), Cristie Nino, and Frank Melicia (Alison Melicia); her eight grandchildren, Gina Crivello, Lauren Nino, Tiffany Nino, Cole Young, Lillian Young, Rocco Melicia, Dario Melicia, and Xandro Melicia; her sister Debra Federico and brother Gilbert Souza, Jr.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. at Shoreline Community Church on Garden Road in Monterey.

In Lieu of flowers, Laurie wanted donations to support Carmel Youth Baseball at Post Office Box 222895, Carmel, CA 93922.

Visit www.missionmortuary.com for condolences.

SIERRA CLUB LOSES ANOTHER LAWSUIT OVER SAND CITY ‘ECORESORT’

■ Environmental group says it won’t appeal any more

By KELLY NIX

THREE APPELLATE court judges this week ruled against the Sierra Club and in favor of a developer who has long sought to build a \$300 million oceanfront resort in Sand City.

In a 43-page decision released Wednesday, justices with the 6th District Court of Appeal in San Jose ruled against the Sierra Club, which filed suit over a water permit the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District granted to National Security Guaranty, the developer behind the proposed Monterey Bay Shores Ecoresort.

The Sierra Club claimed the water district failed to examine the environmental impacts the permit would have on the Carmel River and its steelhead fish population. The permit would allow the resort to use up to 90 acre-feet of water per year for its 161 hotel rooms, condominiums, restaurant, spa and conference facilities.

The resort would be located located across Highway 1 from Seaside High School. Stopping it from being built has

been a priority for local environmentalists, but the judges said their latest claim had no merit.

“As we have already explained,” according to the ruling by justices Franklin Elia and Eugene Premo and presiding justice Conrad Rushing, “the parties and the district acted to insure that there would be no potential adverse environmental impacts on the river associated with this permit application.”

Sierra Club attorney Larry Silver told The Pine Cone the group would not appeal the case to the Supreme Court. SNG President Ed Ghandour, who has tried for nearly 20 years to build the resort, was pleased with the decision.

“I would say that this, thankfully, is the final attempt to undermine SNG’s water rights and the water distribution permit for Monterey Bay Shores Resort,” he told The Pine Cone after the judges issued their decision.

While the Sierra Club also argued that the water district failed to take into account the findings of the 2009 cease and desist order imposed on Cal Am that limits the company from pumping from the Carmel River, the judges said “the record reflects the contrary,” since the district relied on the cease and desist order as evidence in support of its findings.

“We hold that the district did not abuse its discretion and that the trial court properly denied the writ petition,” accord-

ing to the ruling.

In April 2011, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Roger Randall rejected the Sierra Club lawsuit, prompting the organization to take the case to the appeals court.

Ghandour has a long-established legal right to 149 acre-feet of water for the resort but would only use about 90 acre-feet, equivalent to roughly 29 million gallons per year. He said the ecoresort would use state-of-the-art technology, including wind and solar power, to conserve resources. The project would also involve a sand-dune restoration project.

The hotel was approved by Sand City in 1998. After agreeing in 1986 that the property could be used for development, the California Coastal Commission refused to grant a permit for the hotel several times — decisions Ghandour also successfully challenged in court.

In February 2010, Ghandour filed a \$200 million lawsuit against the coastal commission. In June, a San Francisco Superior Court judge heard arguments in the case and is expected to issue a ruling by the middle of October.

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through the 5-foot-thick walls to insert steel bars and grout in order to reinforce them. Workers will then tie the roof trusses and update the electrical components before replacing the roof timbers and tiles.

The total project will cost \$5 million, and so far, about \$1 million has been spent on studies, plans and drawings, permits and other “soft costs,” according to Grabrian.

That the work is beginning this month is a testament to the foundation’s fortitude and people’s desire to keep the historic Mission intact, according to Grabrian. By last December, the group had just hit the \$3 million-mark, so proponents had to raise another \$2 million quickly, or put the work off another year.

But waiting until 2013 meant construction costs could rise, and the foundation might lose some of its grant money that was set to expire. Grabrian said he also disliked the idea of sustaining the unsafeness of unreinforced masonry any longer than necessary.

“The sooner we get the seismic retrofit completed, the better,” he said. “The question is not if there will be another earthquake, but when.”

The board decided to go for it, and Grabrian asked the contractor, Blach Construction Co. of Santa Clara, for the latest date the construction could begin this year. With an innovative means of keeping moisture out of the roof, early August was the answer.

“They came up with a different scheme of protecting the tile and the roof when the roof is off,” Grabrian explained. “Instead of using the tarps they were going to put on and take off every day, they are going to put a temporary structure above the basilica and shrink-wrap it. This will keep the moisture from the rain and fog out of it.”

And by the end of July, the foundation had raised the remaining \$2 million.

“Now we’ve got the contract basically

signed with the contractor to take the roof off,” he said Monday.

Blach crews were moving into one of the buildings on the Mission property this week and later this month will begin putting up scaffolding, according to Grabrian.

“The first tiles should be coming off the Basilica around the middle of September,” he said. “They are going to stack them on platforms built even with the roof instead of taking them all the way to the ground,” which will also save time and reduce breakage, so as many as possible can be reused.

Then the temporary protective structure will be built and wrapped in plastic, and crews will begin working on the trusses and braces, and drilling the holes for the reinforcements.

Grabrian also reported 3D laser scanning technology typically used to document and preserve World Heritage sites is assisting in the planning and execution of the retrofit. In the hands of the contractor, the same technology is used to obtain exact measurements.

“They pre-cut a lot of the pieces, because they can use the lasers in places they couldn’t get to, otherwise” he explained. “It has millimeter accuracy and can generate actual dimensions for the parts.”

The work should be done by late January or early February, if all goes according to plan.

But wait, there’s more

While Grabrian is proud of the foundation’s fundraising accomplishments, its work is far from done, as the final phase of the Mission Basilica restoration will cost another \$2.2 million.

And if proponents can collect those funds soon, the remaining work — including plumbing and mechanical upgrades — “could be completed while the scaffold is up and the contractor is still here,” he said. “So we’re still here with our hand out.”

For more information on how to donate, visit www.carmelmissionfoundation.org or call (831) 624-3261.



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PENSIONS

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councilman Dan Miller told The Pine Cone.

The predicament stems from an April 2002 city council decision to raise the CalPERS plan for Pacific Grove’s public safety employees to “3 percent at 50” — meaning workers at least 50 years old can retire with pay equal to 3 percent of their highest year’s compensation for every year they worked, to a maximum of 90 percent of their highest pay level. The plan had been at 2 percent at 50.

But the 2002 council approved the increase via the consent agenda, which is usually reserved for non-controversial and routine items and that do not require a public hearing. Furthermore, the city’s staff at the time — led by city manager Ross Hubbard — did not reveal the fiscal impacts of pension increase, which current estimates put at tens of millions of dollars.

“Of course, none of these costs were shown or known to the public in 2002, although they were known to the city manager,” according to a report released this week by a council subcommittee composed of Miller, Mayor Carmelita

Garcia and councilman Ken Cuneo that was tasked with looking into the 10-year-old CalPERS deal.

The 2002 staff report for the consent item made available to the city council and the public stated the fiscal impact to the city would be about \$51,500, which was only the cost of amending the contract, not the cost of the pension increase itself, which is said to cost the city at least \$800,000 per year.

The subcommittee report references a 2009 opinion by city attorney David Laredo on the 2002 CalPERS contract, in which Laredo said it’s possible the ordinance that set forth the pension increase could be voided on grounds the council did not comply with the law when it approved it.

“The reality of the situation is everybody would like to get out of [CalPERS],” Miller told The Pine Cone. “We might be one of the few cities that may be able to.”

The CalPERS subcommittee was formed following complaints by P.G. residents John Moore and Dan Davis who have long argued that the 2002 deal for police officers and firefighters was approved illegally and should be repealed.

Looking back at the 2002 meeting, Miller, who was not on the council then but was a regular gadfly at council meetings and has long been critical of how the city spends its money, said there were no indications the CalPERS contract would

cost the city so much money.

“If the agenda report had said exactly how much it was going to cost,” Miller told The Pine Cone Wednesday before the meeting, “I would obviously have stepped up and said ‘excuse me, how are we going to pay for this?’”

Councilman Robert Huitt, who was also on the council in 2002 and voted for the pension increase, took responsibility for his part — even though few blame the council itself for the decision, contending city’s staff simply did not give the council the fiscal details of the amended contract.

“You could easily argue it was council’s failure to pay attention to what the [legal] requirements were,” Huitt said.

However, Huitt said even if he knew in 2002 how much the revised CalPERS contract would cost the city, he’s not sure he would have voted against it. It was a different economic climate in California then and many cities were giving cops and firefighters sweetheart pension deals.

“It wasn’t a particularly controversial decision at that time because [most cities were] doing it,” Huitt said of retirement increases. “And the stock market was great and the city’s obligations were zero. Looking back on it, it’s easy to say that the only reason we did that is because we didn’t have all the information. The simple truth is I don’t know.”

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Local music scene heats up as classic car fans pour into town

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH THOUSANDS of visitors descending upon the Monterey Peninsula this weekend, the local music scene will be sizzling. And, from cool jazz, to head-banging hard rock, there’s a little something for everybody.

■ Victory Lane back at the Fuse

Paying tribute to the timeless rock and soul hits from the 1960s, ’70s and ’80s, Victory Lane returns Friday, Aug. 17, to the Fuse Lounge. The Monterey-based quartet features **Troy O’ Shann** on vocals, “**Guitar Bob**” **Ohsiek** on guitar, **Jeff Covell** on bass and **Rod Wilson** on drums.

The following night — Saturday, Aug. 18 — **The Dino Vera Band** plays blues, soul and jazz in the lounge.

Both shows start at 9 p.m. and there’s no cover. The Fuse Lounge is located inside the Carmel Mission Inn at 3665 Rio Road. Call (831) 624-1841 or visit www.carmelmissioninn.com.

■ Red Beans, Paraiso wines in Carmel

One of the Monterey Peninsula’s hardest working bands, **Red Beans and Rice**, will be featured Friday, Aug. 17, in the second installment of Carmel Plaza’s “Concerts in Carmel” music series.

Led by co-founder, guitarist and producer **Gil Rubio**, the

band features **Jon Gorman** on vocals, **John Tindel** on keyboards, **Brian Shaw** on bass, **Karl Stearns** on drums and **Tamas Marius** on saxophone. Together, they play a sizzling gumbo of Chicago blues, Texas swing and Louisiana zydeco.

Paraiso Vineyards will pour wine at the event. The music is free, while food and drink packages are \$15 per person. Carmel Plaza is located at the southwest corner of Ocean and Junipero. Call (831) 624-1385.



Amy Obenski

■ Shapeshifting at Plaza Linda

Santa Cruz singer-songwriter **Amy Obenski** performs Friday, Aug. 17, at Plaza Linda restaurant in Carmel Valley Village.

“Her music glides seamlessly between folk, jazz and rock, with her vocals shape-shifting to fit the mood,” said **Kiki Wow**, local music promoter and singer-songwriter.

Obenski’s career received a boost when one of her songs,

“Carousel,” was featured in the television series, “Gray’s Anatomy.”

A youthful homegrown act, **Valley Soul**, plays Saturday, Aug. 18, at Plaza Linda. The band features **James Collard** on bass, **Joe Scardina** on vocals and guitar, **Tomas Howbert** on vocals and lead guitar, **Adam Ingram** on vocals, piano, and guitar, and **Richard Tripps** and **Steve Belleci** on percussion.

Like Obenski, Valley Soul travels far and wide across the map of musical influences. “Their sound ranges anywhere from folk to jazz, with a strong rock influence, funky vamps, and soulful vocals,” Wow explained.

Wow shares the stage with **Guitar Bob** Sunday, Aug. 19, at Plaza Linda. The former is a talented performer who works tirelessly to bring live music to Carmel Valley Village, while the latter Wow added, is the “most stylin’ player I could hope to jam with.”

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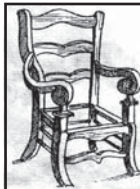
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Outlaws win 17th Big Sur softball crown

By CHRIS COUNTS

ABOUT 100 spectators and an undetermined number of ground squirrels were treated to a classic matchup Aug. 15 at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, when the Outlaws defeated the Deli 5-3 to win the 2012 Big Sur softball championship.

For the Outlaws — who are sponsored by Nepenthe restaurant — the title is their 17th since 1976.

To reach the championship game, the Outlaws had to win three games in three days. The task was a big challenge for a team with no reserves, a long commute and three players in its lineup who are just a decade away from collecting Social Security checks.

But the Outlaws — led by hobbled cap-

tain Aengus Wagner and a cast of cagey veterans — won all three games to capture the trophy, which will be displayed at Nepenthe for another year.

After the Outlaws took a 5-3 lead in the seventh, the Deli — with a youthful lineup featuring an impressive mix of power, defense and speed — valiantly attempted to battle back from the deficit. Trying to take advantage of the softball field's inviting 150-foot right field porch, the Deli batters kept trying to push the ball to right field, but the ageless Mark Marron played flawless defense to help keep the youngsters at bay.

Not only did this week's title game prove that old guys can beat young guys in softball,

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(Right) Three members of The Deli softball team can't reach a blooper hit down the right field line. (Below) After the winning the Big Sur championship, several generations of Outlaws pose before heading off to Nepenthe restaurant for a post-game victory party.

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Even best friends have to say goodbye after 240,000 miles

By LEWIS ABRAHAM LEADER

MY WIFE and I said goodbye to our 1996 Ford Taurus the other day. It had 244,824 miles on it. Original engine. Original transmission.

It wasn't sexy or sporty, and it didn't stand out in a crowd. It averaged about 22 miles per gallon. It went from zero to 60 in ... I have no idea.

It had a cassette player and an AM-FM radio but no CD player. The air conditioner and the heater still worked.

It was a silver four-door sedan with a big trunk and cloth-covered seats that still looked new. The body was virtually intact with a few minor scrapes and scratches. It had classic styling and attractive looks.

It was a basic, unpretentious way of getting from here to there and back. And (almost) always reliable. The water pump broke one night as I was driving on Highway 1 near Marina, and it used to overheat on a winding and hilly road at the mouth of Carmel Valley — so I stopped visiting the friends who lived at the top.

We never gave it a name, which some people do for their cars. It wouldn't have come if we had called, anyway.

My wife and I bought it in 2000 in Perrysburg, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo. I had already moved back to California to start a new job, and my family remained behind to finish the school year. But we needed a car. While I was back on a brief visit, my wife and I went to a dealer recommended by a co-

worker. We spotted the Taurus almost immediately and drove it a couple of times. We liked it, and we needed to buy something quickly. It had about 58,000 miles, and we paid a bit over \$8,000. My new employer shipped it west. The car ended up lasting far longer than my new job.

We liked the Taurus so much, we even bought a sibling for it, an older Taurus station wagon, which it outlived.

The sedan seemed immune to time and events. We got it late in Bill Clinton's presidency, drove it through George W. Bush's two terms, and kept in on the road over the first three years of Barack Obama's White House stay.

Like the hero of the classic children's story, "The Little Engine That Could," the Taurus sedan just kept on chugging. It ignored earthquakes, swine flu, floods, fires, global warming, nuclear contamination, tropical storms and tsunamis.

It wasn't even fazed when numerous other makes and models were recalled for repairs.

And still it looked great, like The Picture of Dorian Gray without indulgences or a veiled portrait.

I taught my daughter to drive in it, mostly on quiet weekend mornings in the deserted parking lots or on the almost-always-empty streets at Fort Ord after the Army had departed.

As the years passed, we drove it less, its prime role supplanted by a couple of other vehicles we bought.

I would occasionally see the same make and model around the Peninsula. I felt a kinship with those drivers. A

number of years ago, in a gas station, a man driving a nearly identical version asked me if I was going for the "Taurus Moonshot."

Huh? He explained that if your Taurus reaches 240,000 miles, the distance between the earth and its moon, it qualifies for a "Taurus Moonshot." Strictly unofficial. I was bemused, and as the car had about 215,000 miles on it, the achievement appeared unlikely.

Three years ago, while heading north on U.S. 101 after I had umpired a junior varsity baseball game in Soledad, the car passed the milestone and earned the honor.

I was ready to get rid of the Taurus a couple of years ago, certain that it would fail the smog test and would be too costly to repair. But it passed, virtually pleading with us to keep it. So we did.

We still drove it occasionally until a few months ago, when the "service engine" light became a permanent feature, and, sadly, I no longer considered it trustworthy.

My mechanic gave me the grim news. It would doubtless need a new and expensive catalytic converter if it failed the next smog test, which, based on his expert advice, was likely. He didn't know even if one for that make and model would be available. Clearly, our Taurus had come to the end of the road.

We canceled the insurance, didn't renew the registration, and parked it in the front yard, where it became a catch-all for the detritus of the pine tree under which it rested. The battery died.

I called a charity that collects cars. The appointment was set for two days later.

On the day inbetween, my wife and I spent the better part of an hour washing it and cleaning it out, sort of like some cultures do to a body before burial.

When the flatbed truck dispatched by the charity pulled up, we weren't anxious to let it go. Cleaned of twigs and leaves, it looked great again, for the first time in months.

The tow-truck driver must have sensed our reluctance. We talked for quite a bit. And then it was time.

He charged the battery, gently drove the Taurus onto the back of his truck, and secured it with chains for a trip to somewhere in the Bay Area. That hurt. As my wife and I wistfully watched, our Taurus disappeared.

The charity said that we could take a \$500 tax exemption. It could even end up back on the road. I hope that happens. Perhaps, one day, I will spot our Taurus sedan again.

And if I do, I hope it recognizes me.

Lewis Abraham Leader was a newspaper reporter and editor for 27 years, working at the Monterey Herald and as a regional editor for the Los Angeles Times. He and his wife reside in Carmel Valley.



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Aug. 18 - Zantman Art Galleries in Carmel will host an **Exhibition and Gala Reception** for **Master Impressionist Duane Alt**. The gallery and Mr. Alt are celebrating their 30-year association by unveiling more than 30 paintings from his private collection. Please visit the gallery's website to preview the paintings. Enjoy fine wine by Talbott Vineyards and appetizers by PortaBella. The reception will take place on Saturday, Aug. 18, from 4 - 7 p.m. Zantman Art Galleries is located at Sixth & Mission in Carmel. Call (831) 624-8314 or visit www.zantmangalleries.com.

Aug. 24, 25, 26 - Now That She's Gone, written & performed by Ellen Snortland. Aug. 24, 25, 26- 7:30 p.m. Aug. 26, 2 p.m. Carl Cherry Center, Fourth & Guadalupe, Carmel. "With a name like Snortland, she'd better be good." (831) 624-7491, www.carlcherrycenter.org. Ken Gruberman, Grammy award winner says, "I liked Ellen's play so much that I married her!"

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Photo exhibit at CAA offers window to the group's past

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHEN VISTORS walk inside the Carmel Art Association over the next two weeks, they'll be greeted by a series of black and white portraits that pay tribute to the people who created one of the Monterey Peninsula's most enduring — and dynamic — nonprofit groups.

"We call it our 'History and Legacy Wall,'" explained Sally Aberg of the CAA.

The display features about 40 striking photographs captured between the turn of the 20th century and the late 1960s.

"Most of the photos were taken in the 1920s and 1930s," Aberg noted.

The CAA was formed Aug. 8, 1927, when 19 Carmel artists met at the home of painters **Josephine Culbertson** and **Ida Johnson** with the aim of creating a group "for the advancement of art and cooperation among artists, and to maintain a permanent art gallery to advance the knowledge of and interest in art as well as fellowship between local artists and the public at large."

"No one in the room that day could have foreseen the influence that this informal alliance would have — nor the

dramatic impact this organization's members would have — on the whole of American art," Aberg said.

Included in the exhibit are some of Carmel's most accomplished and influential early artists, such as **Armin Hansen**, **Eugenia Charlton Fortune**, **Paul Dougherty**, **August Gay**, **Percy Gray**, **Henrietta Shore**, **Francis McComas** and **John O'Shea**. These local artists — as well as many others — made important contributions to a variety of mid-century movements in the art world, including the California Decorative Style, California Impressionism, the Early California Colorists, California Plein Air, Tonalism, academic portraiture, and Modernism. "Since the Carmel Art Association's birth, it has attracted many of the most influential names in California's art history," Aberg explained.

Coming from a variety of public and private collections, the original photographs were scanned — and in some cases — restored through the magic of Photoshop by Aberg's husband and CAA member, Jeffrey Becom.

The exhibit of historical photographs is part of a month-long celebration of the CAA's 85th anniversary.

Located on the west side of Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, the CAA is open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (831) 624-6176 or visit www.carmelart.org.

BEAUTY IS ONLY SKIN DEEP IN CLASSIC FAIRY TALE

By CHRIS COUNTS

APPEARANCES ARE deceiving in "Beauty and the Beast," which opens Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Forest Theater.

Presented by PacRep Theatre, the play is based on the classic French fairy tale of a beautiful young woman who befriends a tormented beast.

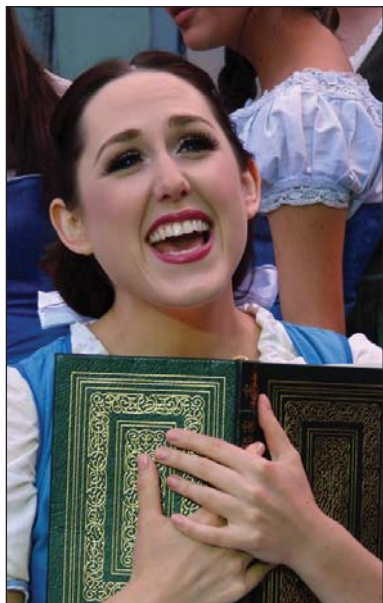
Starring in the PacRep production is a real-life couple, actors **Lara Fern** and **Tim Rice**. Fern plays Belle, while Rice takes on the role of the beast. The cast also includes **Kenneth Cusson** as Cogsworth, **Nancy Williams** as Mrs. Potts, **Keith Decker** as D'arque, **Lynette Graves** as Babette, and **J.T. Holmstrom** as Gaston.

Directed by **Walt DeFaria**, the play features a cast of nearly 70 actors, including 20 children, who will play knives, forks and spoons. Another 30 people, meanwhile, will be working behind the scenes to help create a dazzling visual spectacle.

"This is truly a family show," DeFaria said. "It has great charm, a wonderful story, and it's a lot of fun."

Based on Walt Disney's 1991 film version of the story, "Beauty and the Beast," will be staged Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Sept. 23. Thursday performances will be offered Aug. 23 and Sept. 20. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. except Sundays', which begin at 2 p.m.

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Rob Devlin plays The Beast, while Lara Fern portrays Belle in a PacRep production of the Disney classic that opens Aug. 17 at Forest Theater.

■ Making a good impression

Zantman Art Galleries hosts a reception Saturday, Aug.

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Early Carmel Art Association member Paul Whitman is featured in this vintage photograph, which is included in an exhibit at the Carmel Art Association.

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A composer's wines, a market's lessons, and a fair's feast

THE ONGOING quest for delicious dry rosé yielded another find last week at the Silvestri Vineyards tasting room in Carmel Valley Village. Located in the row of new tasting venues that includes Holman Ranch, Dawn's Dream, Parsonage, Chesebro and Cima Collina, the venue showcases wines made from film composer Alan Silvestri's small estate east of the Village. A few of them, including the juicy, well balanced and nicely acidic rosé, a 50/50 blend of Syrah and Barbera, can only be found for sale there.

Silvestri, who lives in the Carmel Highlands and is a two-time Oscar nominee, composed musical scores for "Forrest Gump," "The Avengers," "Captain America," "Cast Away," and dozens of other major productions. His first television score was for "CHiPs," and director Robert Zemeckis gave him his break in film by hiring him to write the music for "Romancing the Stone."

Winemaking is a much more recent venture, with his small vineyard producing its first vintage in 2003. While most of the vines are Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah, Silvestri also grows a little bit of Pinot Blanc and Barbera. The tasting room carries the winery's inaugural 2010 Pinot Blanc — another wine that can only be purchased there — and will soon offer the first vintage of Barbera, too. All the wines are estate grown and produced, meaning Silvestri does not purchase grapes from any other growers.

Winemaker Mark Chesebro (who also makes a lovely rosé under his own namesake label) deftly capitalizes on the rich, fruity characters of the Barbera and Syrah to create a wine with a crisp acidity and character that make it easy to match with many different dishes. It sells for \$20 per bottle.

Silvestri's tasting room is located at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road in the Village and is open Thursday through Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

Market lessons

Farmers markets in Marina Sunday and Pacific Grove Monday will offer cooking demonstrations to encourage healthy eating.

The schedule for Aug. 19 includes Savory Summer Rolls with Delicious Dipping Sauces at 10:30 a.m., followed by Tunisian Vegetable Stew over Couscous at 12:30 p.m. Kari Bernardi will lead the class on summer rolls, while Valerie Kazanski will demonstrate the stew. The Marina market is located at 215 Reservation Road and is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Aug. 20 at the market on Central Avenue in P.G. that runs from 4 to 7 p.m., Happy Girl Kitchen Co. will present a 4 p.m. workshop on preserving summertime's delicious tomatoes, followed by Bernardi's summer-roll demonstration at 5:30.

Both markets are organized by Everyone's Harvest, a nonprofit that also holds them in Salinas on East Alisal and at Natividad Medical Center.

Volunteers needed

A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, for anyone and everyone interested in volunteering for the Salinas Valley Food & Wine Festival taking place in October. The meeting will be located at 1032 South Main St. in Salinas, and food and drink will be provided.

While the main festival is set to run throughout the afternoon of Oct. 20 in Oldtown Salinas and to feature 50 wineries, 30 breweries and 150 vendors selling

crafts and food, winemaker dinners are set for Oct. 6 and 13, and the kickoff event, called "Uncorked," will be held Friday, Oct. 12. The proceeds benefit charity, including the Rotary Club of Salinas' foundation.

For information, contact event chair Steve McShane at (831) 970-4141.

Latkes for everyone

Congregation Beth Israel will present its 25th Anniversary Jewish Food Festival Sunday, Aug. 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., when the temple grounds at 5716 Carmel Valley Road will come alive with "soulful, ethnic dance and music," traditional comfort foods and other activities that celebrate Jewish culture and faith.

Congregation members will cook and serve a wide array of traditional foods to "soothe and satisfy one's desire to nosh," like potato latkes, kugel, challah, rugelach, blintzes, corned beef and pastrami sandwiches, kosher hot dogs and matzoh ball soup.

Acclaimed folk artists Alisa Fineman and Kimball Hurd; Hoo-Tza-Tza, a Santa Cruz-based band that specializes in Klezmer and Gypsy music; Klezmer by the Sea; and Zambra, a women's vocal group singing Jewish Diaspora, will perform. A Jewish wedding, with all its celebratory excitement,

will be reenacted.

A silent auction, storytelling by Susan Newton, sanctuary tours and handmade crafts will be on offer, too, and MY Museum will bring its popular Wheelie Mobilee to entertain the kids.

Festival admission is free, and free parking is available at Carmel Middle School, where shuttles will pick up and drop off festival attendees, and pets are not allowed. For more information, visit www.carmelbethisrael.org or call (831) 624-2015.

Party in the garden, love tomatoes

Bernardus' 4th Annual Bernardus Garden Party will take place on the Carmel Valley resort's beautiful grounds Sunday, Aug. 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. Live music, new Bernardus wines and hors d'oeuvres crafted by executive chef Cal Stamenov will be presented in the summery setting of the lodge's rose garden and vineyard.

The accompanying Best of Carmel Valley raffle will benefit the nonprofit Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee, which is "dedicated to preserving the rural

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lifestyle of the Village” and also supports the Monterey County Sheriff’s Community Field Office there. Auction proceeds will help cover the CFO’s \$700 monthly rent.

Tickets are \$65 per person, including tax and tip.

Then, on Saturday, Sept. 1, the lodge will host its annual Heirloom Tomato Lunch, when Stamenov will showcase the beautiful summer and fall fruit grown by Swank Farms in Hollister in an heirloom tomato Bloody Mary bar, fried green tomatoes, garden salad with roasted tomato vinaigrette, chilled corn soup with heirloom tomato salsa and cherry tomato gratin.

Those dishes will be complemented by warm herb butter-milk biscuits, potato salad, watermelon with mint vinaigrette, Cal’s “picnic” chicken, whole roasted salmon with water-cress aioli, grilled Caggiano artisan sausages, zucchini cup-cakes with lemon frosting, carrot cake cookies, dark chocolate pudding and plum tarts.

The cost of the lunch is \$95 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Bernardus Lodge is located at 415 Carmel Valley Road and Los Laureles Grade. For reservations, call (831) 658-3515. www.bernardus.com

■ Dog days of wine

Holman Ranch’s Carmel Valley Village tasting room will

honor National Dog Day Sunday, Aug. 26, by holding a special tasting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that will benefit the Animal Friends Rescue Project.

Tickets are \$20 per person and include a professional human-and-canine portrait by Ensemble Productions, wine tasting and small bites from Wild Thyme Deli in Marina.

For the dogs, Mundaka chef Brandon Miller will demonstrate how to bake dog biscuits and will even provide the recipe and a sample for guests to take home. The demo will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Next door, Taqueria Del Valle will also offer a deal benefiting AFRP, with half of the proceeds of the \$10 meal, which includes two tacos and a salad, going to the Pacific Grove-based animal welfare group.

And two days later, Holman Ranch will host a popup dinner in its vineyard to benefit the Food Bank for Monterey County. The historic ranch is the ideal spot for an al fresco feast among the vines, and its wines will be poured alongside delicious dishes. The event will begin at 6 p.m. Aug. 28 and costs \$95 per person, inclusive.

To learn more about both events, visit www.holman-ranch.com.

■ Fare at the fair

The Adult Home Arts Building at the Monterey County Fair will offer lots of tasty treats throughout the Aug. 29-

Sept. 1 event, beginning with home-baked pies, cakes and cookies at an Opening Day reception, “A Very Berry Extraordinary Dessert,” reflecting this year’s theme.

“Kick Some Bundt” will follow on Thursday, and “Shall We Salsa” will be presented on Aug. 31. “The Family Connection” will be Sept. 1. The traditional favorite, “Let Them Eat Cake,” will be held Sept. 2, and the fair will conclude with “Who Stole the Cookie from the Cookie Jar?” Sept. 3. Each event begins at 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, the “Commodity of the Day” will be showcased in the Ag Building, as will produce available for purchase at the Country Store. Cal Strawberry will offer samples Wednesday, Ocean Mist will serve fried artichoke hearts Aug. 31, and on Sept. 1, Naturipe will provide berries and Reddi-wip.

During the “Wine Challenge at the Fair,” on Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Ag Building, attendees can taste Gold Medal winners and other highly regarded wines from Central California. The next day, the “Beer Stampede Beer Tasting” will take place in the garden adjacent to the Payton Garden Stage and will benefit the Monterey County Fair Heritage Foundation.

Tickets for the wine tasting and the beer tasting are each \$20 in advance (including fair admission) or \$20 at the door. For more information, visit www.montereycountyfair.org.

■ A British breakfast

Through the end of August, native Englander Karen Anne Murray, chef and owner of Eddison & Melrose, is offering a special British Breakfast, by reservation only between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, in her boutique and tearoom at 25 Soledad Drive in Monterey.

For \$13, the British Breakfast Menu features traditional bacon and eggs, grilled tomatoes, baked beans and scones, along with a pot of tea. Guests with breakfast reservations at the tearoom will also receive a free bag of Murray’s house-made granola when they go in to dine.

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■ Fall at Peter B’s

Peter B’s Brewpub in the Portola Hotel at the foot of Alvarado Street in Monterey is debuting a new fall beer lineup that includes Pumpkin Beer, Scotch Ale and Coffee Stout.

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We have come a long way since 1909, however, the challenges of ‘Community Theater’ are every present today with our current economic conditions and competition for funding and grants at a peak. Our commitment to present quality productions while mentoring our community youth has remained our mission, however costs have increased, from rights to quality plays and to our production expenses and staffing, to produce our shows. Our two main stage productions and much-loved “Films in the Forest” are reaching over \$100,000 per season in costs, with only 20% of these costs supported by tickets sales. We must raise the remaining funds from our community fund drives, grants and donations from you – our friends, neighbors and visitors to the Forest Theater. We cannot exist without YOU.

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ART

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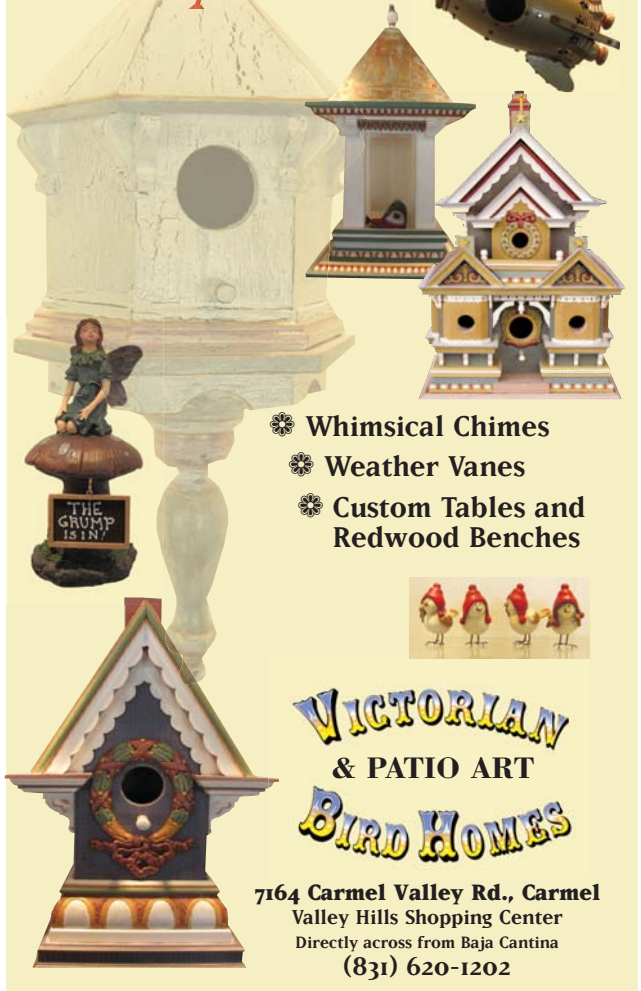
“He’s the most-collected artist to come out of our gallery in 53 years,” gallery owner **William Zantman** explained. “We’ve had an association with him for over 30 years. He’s a master impressionist.”

Before establishing himself as a painter, Alt worked as an art director and production designer for MGM, 20th Century Fox and Warner Bros. Studios. He was also part of the creative team that came up with rides at Disneyland like the Pirates of the Caribbean, the Haunted Mansion and the Jungle Boat Cruise.

While he was working on a film in Paris, Alt discovered the French Impressionists of the 19th century. A short time later, he retired from the film industry to pursue his love of painting. He returned to France many times to further his study of Impressionism.

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pieces of work from his private collection, many of which have never been publicly displayed.

The reception — which features wines from Talbott Vineyards and appetizers from Portobello’s — starts at 4 p.m. The gallery is located at Sixth and Mission, next to the Carmel Fire Station. Call (831) 624-8314 or visit www.zantmangalleries.com.

■ Dueling views of automotive art

Winfield Gallery hosts receptions Saturday, Aug. 18, for two artists — **Karen Shapiro** and **Mark Furman** — whose work pays homage to the fine art of the automobile.

Taking Andy Warhol’s concept that most commercial art has creative merit, ceramic artist Karen Shapiro has created a series of “sculptures” depicting seemingly ordinary automotive objects, such as an oil can, a brake fluid container and a spark plug box. For Shapiro, half the fun of her work is meticulously decorating the objects with colorful mid-20th century graphics.

“She’s done a whole series of different vintage car products,” gallery owner **Chris Winfield** said. “They’re wonderful pieces that are a lot of fun.”

A resident of Mendocino County and a former pastry chef, Shapiro has used ceramics to create a wide variety of common household consumer goods. Her pieces are frequently confused with the real-life objects they seek to emulate.

Furman, meanwhile, is a master studio photographer with a great affection for classic cars. To create studio space for this year’s Concours d’Elegance, he rented out a hanger at

Monterey Airport.

“Michael takes cars and presents them in a different way,” Winfield explained. “His eye is incredible.”

The reception starts at noon. Winfield Gallery is located on the east side of Dolores between Ocean and Seventh. Call (831) 624-3369 or visit www.winfieldgallery.com.

■ Photo contest deadline coming soon

If you would like to submit one or more of your photographs for consideration in the juried exhibit, “The Magic of Point Lobos,” the deadline is Monday, Aug. 20.

The show, which will be hosted by the Carmel Art Institute, opens Sept. 28 at its gallery in The Barnyard shopping center. The contest, which will be judged by photographers **Richard Cannon**, **Doug Steakley** and **Robin Robinson**, will feature cash prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. A \$35 registration fee is required. Call (831) 309-0126 or visit www.carmelartinstitute.com.

■ Up on the roof

The Cayen Collection — a Carmel jewelry shop — is hosting an exhibit of artwork this weekend on the rooftop of its next door neighbor, Grasing’s Coastal Cuisine. The display will showcase a variety of artists from Winfield Gallery, including painters **Willard Dixon**, **Peter Loftus** and **Robert Santos**.

The exhibit will be on display Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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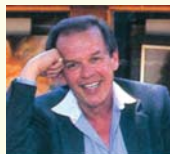
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BEAUTY

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■ Guild needs help

For the past four decades, the Forest Theater Guild has staged plays and screened films at Carmel’s historic outdoor theater. But the nonprofit theater group has been hit hard by the economy. As a result, executive director **Rebecca Barrymore** is asking the public for support.

“It’s been a very tough year,” Barrymore told The Pine Cone. “Attendance is down. We really need help right now.”

The nonprofit theater company has been treading water since at least 2009, partly the result, Barrymore explained, of a fundraising effort gone haywire. “When I came aboard [that year], the guild was pretty much bankrupt,” she said.

Yet somehow, Barrymore has been able

to cobble together enough funding over the past four years to stage two ambitious productions a season at a cost of \$50,000 each.

In response to the guild’s financial woes, Barrymore has worked hard to secure grants to make up the shortfall. “But grants are getting harder to obtain,” she noted. “It’s getting more competitive.”

To help match a \$5,000 grant from the Harden Foundation, the guild has launched a fundraising push this month. Barrymore is offering an enticement to the donor who makes the biggest contribution. “The winner gets two front row seats to 40 performances and 25 different films,” she explained.

And even if you make just a small contribution to the guild’s coffers, you still have a chance to win something big.

“Everybody who donates is entered in a raffle,” Barrymore said. “The winner gets a backstage party and wine reception for themselves and 10 of their friends.”

If the guild is able to raise enough money for another season, Barrymore hopes to bring two productions — “The Mikado” and “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” — to the Forest Theater in 2013.

For information about how you can help, call (831) 626-1681 or visit www.foresttheaterguild.org.

■ One more fling?

“The Last Romance” continues Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at the Magic Circle Theatre in Carmel Valley through Sept. 9.

Written by Tony Award-winning playwright Joe DiPietro, the play tells the story of 80-year-old widower, Ralph, who tries to woo the elegant but distant Carol. But the road to romance, he rediscovers as an octo-

FOOD

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The ale marks a collaboration with Campbell Brewing, while the stout was made with the help of Acme Coffee, which is roasted in Seaside.

The new beers will begin appearing next month in the recently renovated brewery, where master brewer Kevin Clark can now create an additional 18,000 gallons onsite, thanks to the expansion. With so many resources at his disposal, he will continue exploring seasonal options to offer guests throughout the year. Clark joined Peter B’s in late 2010, and his talent helped net the brewery a silver medal for its Amber Ale and a bronze for its Ford Ord Wheat at the 2011 World Beer Championships. The Fort Ord Wheat Ale took another bronze at this year’s championships.

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■ September = California Wine Month

Next month, wineries and restaurants all

genarian, is paved with many challenges. Featuring a cast of **Aaron Arias**, **Virginia Bell**, **Teresa del Piero** and **Rollie Dick**, the play is directed by **Elsa Con**. Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22, with discounts available for seniors and students on Sundays. The theater is located at 8 El Caminito. Call (831) 659-7500 or visit magiccircletheatre.net.

over the state will promote home-grown grapes and local wines for California Wine Month, and Tarpy’s Roadhouse at Highway 68 and Canyon del Rey in Monterey is already set to host a six-course wine dinner in collaboration with Bernardus, Paraiso and Pessagno wineries Thursday, Sept. 13.

Beginning at 6 p.m. in the Library Room, winemakers Dean De Korth from Bernardus, David Fleming from Paraiso and Steve Passagno from Passagno will be on hand to chat with guests and share stories about their creations.

Chef Michael Kimmel has already created the menu, including oven-roasted prawns wrapped with bacon and prosciutto-wrapped dates stuffed with Gorgonzola for the reception, a first course of wood-fired Atlantic salmon on baby lettuces, filet of sole turbans stuffed with shrimp and baby spinach for the second course, lamb tenderloin with Gruyere scalloped potatoes for the third, grilled pork tenderloin in a bourbon molasses glaze and rice for the fourth, short ribs in a BBQ demi-glaze with whipped potatoes for the fifth, and warm chocolate molten lava cake with vanilla ice cream for dessert.

Dinner costs \$70 per person, including tax and tip.

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P.G. museum screens trio of short films

THREE SHORT films showcasing the flora and fauna of the Monterey Peninsula's shoreline will be presented Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

The three 15-minute films include "The Sanderlings of Asilomar Beach," "The Blue Banded Hermit Crab" and "The Arch of Pacific Grove." All three have won awards at

the International Wildlife Film Festival in Missoula, Montana. Filmmakers Steven and Mary Albert will be on hand at the screening to talk about their work.

Showtime is 7 p.m. The cost is free for museum members and \$5 for non-members. The museum is located at 165 Forest Ave. Call (831) 648-5718 or visit www.pgmuseum.org.



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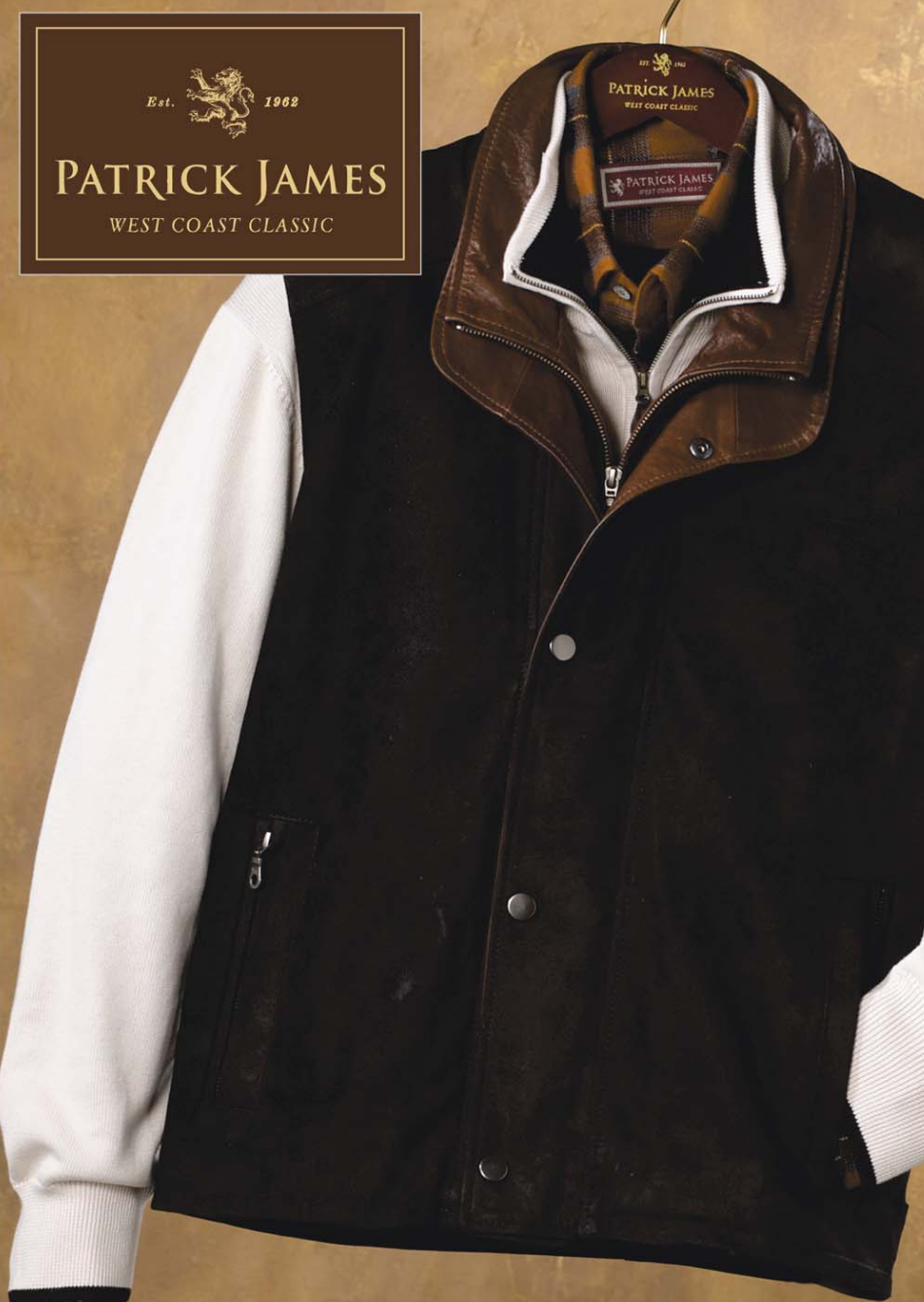
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MUSIC

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■ Funky grooves at Fernwood

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The following afternoon — Sunday, Aug. 19 — **Along Came Betty** pays tribute to the hard bop jazz of the 1950s and 1960s at the Big Sur River Inn, which is one mile north of Fernwood. The Monterey-based quintet includes **Biff Smith** on piano, **Paul Tarantino** on saxophone, **Brian Stock** on trumpet and flugelhorn, **Patrick Tregenza** on drums, and **Heath Proskin** on bass. The music begins at 1 p.m. and there's no cover.

Call (831) 667-2700 or visit www.bigsur-riverinn.com.

■ ‘Viva the Divas’ closes at Cherry Center

Layne Littlepage's “Viva the Divas” plays for one more weekend at the Cherry Center for the Arts.

A singing instructor at Santa Catalina School, Littlepage pays tribute to Broadway's leading ladies Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17-19. She'll be accompanied by pianist **Rick Yramategui**

Tickets are \$25. Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday's matinee begin at 3 p.m. Cherry Center is located at Guadalupe and Fourth. Call (831) 238-0092 or visit www.ticketguys.com.

■ Pop and folk at Will's Fargo

Local singer-songwriter **Rose Merrill** performs Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Will's Fargo Steakhouse & Saloon in Carmel Valley Village. Accompanied by her guitar, Merrill serves up an original blend of pop and folk. The music starts at 6 p.m. and there's no cover. The restaurant is located at 16 E. Carmel Valley Road. Call (831) 659-2774.

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FRAUD

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The couple also understated the number of employees and the amount of payroll of their corporation in order to avoid disability and unemployment insurance and taxes that employers are required to pay for workers.

The two, conspired to file false corporate and personal income tax returns, did not report their cash income and credit card payments, and deducted payments from workers who were not provided W-2 or 1099 tax forms.

"In addition, Furness and Gsell conspired to aid and abet two workers in filing false

personal income tax returns," according to Lauchlan. "Rather than paying them raises, the workers were issued false Forms 1099-MISC for less than the amounts they were paid, resulting in false personal income tax returns for the workers."

Furness faces more than 11 years in prison, while Gsell faces nine years, when they are sentenced. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela L. Butler will set the couple's sentencing Sept. 26 in a Salinas courtroom.

Investigator David Leary with the Contractors State License Board, a special agent with the Franchise Tax Board, and Anne M. Yusim, a former Monterey County District Attorney Investigator helped Lauchlan with the case.

PARKING

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proposal is balanced and well supported by parking survey data."

In two years, the commission will check to confirm the parking program is working as it's intended.

The city will work out the parking details with coastal commission staff members over the next couple of weeks before installing new parking signs in the designated spaces, according to Frutchey.

Currently, there are about 900 unrestricted parking spaces in Pacific Grove along Ocean View Boulevard and Sunset Drive.

■ ADA upgrades approved

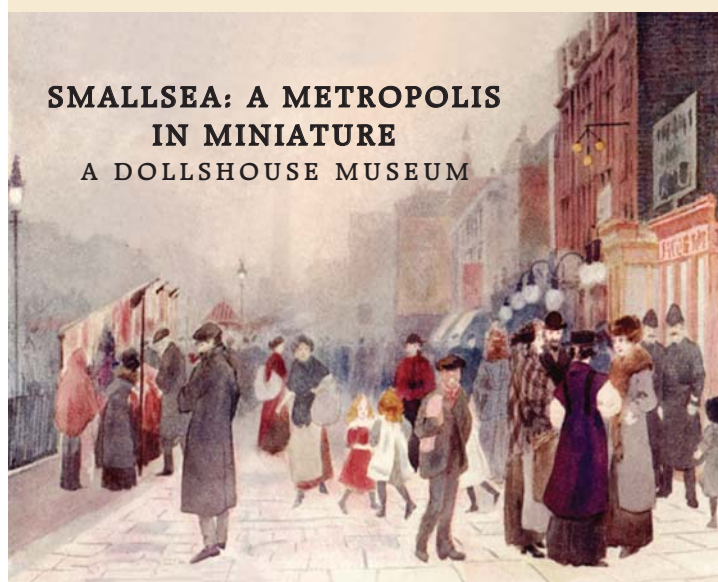
Also approved by the commission last week was a \$15 million project by the California Department of Parks and Recreation to modify the pathways at Asilomar Conference Grounds in P.G. so they are easier to access for people with disabilities.

The renovation at the Pacific Grove facility, which is managed by state parks, would involve a complete redo of the park's extensive pathways to make it easier for those in wheelchairs and those unable to traverse uneven footpaths.

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PAULA

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all done,” she told The Pine Cone.

Hazdovac recalled some of the highlights of her tenure, beginning with former Mayor Clint Eastwood’s endorsement of her the first time she ran, and former Oakland Raiders coach John Madden’s ordering her to stand up for herself following some nasty Letters to the Editor in the newspaper.

Then an owner of Em Le’s, Madden “came to the store and yelled at me, ‘Are you the one running for council? You need to defend yourself!’” she recalled. Later, he would bring restaurant guests next door to her shop and tell them he had voted for her.

“He did not!” she laughed. “He wasn’t even registered to vote here then.”

With so many years in office, Hazdovac said she must have worked with 17 or 18 different council members. She felt the group that occupied the dais from 2000 to 2010, with

Sue McCloud as mayor, was the most efficient and effective.

“That was when we would pick one or two things a year and get them done,” she said, such as the Local Coastal Program that was finally adopted in 2004 and returned control over development to the city, and the bonds to fund the renovation of Sunset Center.

“And when [former city administrator] Rich Guillen was hired, we charged him with reorganizing staff, and he did,” she said. “It wasn’t popular move, but it really saved us,” during the recession that followed.

She enjoyed having a hand in creating more events, such as the 4th of July celebration in Devendorf Park, and “the small things,” like keeping the twinkly lights sparkling in the Ocean Avenue median all year.

“Other cities are edgy and a little exciting,” she said. “We have a lot of competition, and we need to keep up with it.”

She wishes the council had been able to finally resolve parking congestion downtown and put the issue of Flanders Mansion to rest.

“I’m sorry that couldn’t have come to a head, one way or another,” she said.

A particularly surreal moment occurred when Hazdovac learned after a tour of inspection that her father, Aurelio, had died. She had heard the sirens earlier, while standing on the stairs at city hall, and remembered the peculiar feeling that washed over her. Later, then-city administrator Jere Kersnar delivered the sad news. The experience is indelibly imprinted on her mind.

But the largest milestone of her council career happened on election night in 2002.

“I met my husband, Terry,” she said. “So that’s the best thing, and the luckiest thing.”

They fist talked at the post-election party at the Cypress Inn, to which then-councilman Gerard Rose had invited him.

“I was introduced to Terry, but it was so crazy that we didn’t talk much,” she said. But they did later, “and the rest is history.”



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Paula Hazdovac and her husband, Terry Hughes, on their wedding day. They met on election day in 2002.

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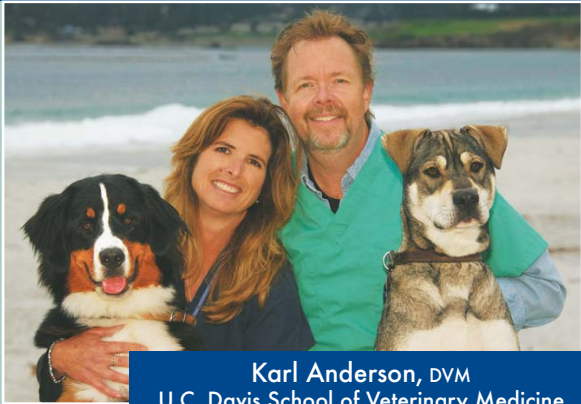
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Editorial

A monopoly on sympathy?

EVERYBODY KNOWS that the U.S. unemployment rate has been above 8 percent for the last three years, which translates to about 12 million officially unemployed — and that only includes people eligible to work who are trying to find jobs. Millions more have simply given up looking or figured out a way to go on disability.

Imagine the shock those people must have felt when they saw the legions of illegal immigrants lining up Wednesday in various cities, thanks to President Obama's decision to grant them legal status, to start the process of taking jobs in this country. As we have said before, the problem with illegal immigration from Mexico is that there's way too much of it. And while estimates of the number of people affected by Obama's order has ranged from 1 million to 2 million, it was still a shock to see the crowds.

In Chicago, for example, according to the Chicago Tribune, the line to start applying for legal status "filled the Navy Pier boardwalk, stretched out in a line along Illinois Street that turned onto the lakefront bike path and continued all the way to Wacker Drive" — a distance of nearly a mile.

It was a scene that was repeated in many cities, from Los Angeles, to Elizabeth, N.J. Also drawing crowds were Mexican consulates, where the young illegal immigrants, most of them citizens of Mexico, could get the passports and other forms of I.D. they would need to get permission to work here.

"In Houston, lines for the Mexican consulate stretched into downtown streets, causing traffic jams," the Los Angeles Times reported.

For these multitudes, the opportunity to get a job in this country is something to be celebrated, of course, and the news media coverage of their liberation day has been uniformly upbeat.

But what about unemployed citizens? For them, the sudden expansion of the workforce by as many as 2 million is terrible news. And the effect is bound to be worst for people in lower-income brackets who work in blue-collar jobs. Already the unemployment rate for people without a college education is one-third higher than for those who have one. The flood of newly minted legal workers from Mexico is bound to make things even worse.

So behind all those happy faces you saw on the news this week, there were millions more whose frustration must have been immense. Don't they deserve our concern, too?

BEST of BATES



"Have you lived here all your life?"

"Not yet."

Letters to the Editor

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Workers should be rehired

Dear Editor,

"What's the beef?" That's the question, not "Where's the beef?" (which was a question asked of my father by chefs at La Playa in past years.) My father, Sam Karas, managed Luce Meats, then Luce-Carmel Meats, and finally Carmel Meats, wholesale meat companies doing business with La Playa over the years, though not recently.

The "beef" now is the concern about the rehiring of employees at the refurbished La Playa. Employees who have worked at La Playa before the closing and remodeling were not given worker security and the promise of rehiring when the property was sold. These workers were dedicated and valued employees.

The recent article in The Pine Cone about La Playa stated that the personnel records had been sealed by the previous

owners. However, the new owners, Classic Hotels and Resorts, were able to get the names of the workers who had been employed there before the hotel sold, as they sent them applications. That they hired so few of the ex-workers, many who had been there for a number of years, doesn't speak well for the new owners.

As a resident of the Peninsula who has dined at La Playa numerous times over the years with family members, I ask that the union be reinstated and that ex-workers be given priority in the additional hirings to be done. It's hard to know what to do about those positions already filled.

I attended a Making Cities Liveable Conference at La Playa in October 2003, organized by locals Henry and Suzanne Lennard. The concept of a liveable city includes the working conditions of people in the cities, as well as the diverse mix of people living in the cities. When one considers Carmel, it's hard to imagine many of the hotel workers being able to afford to live in Carmel. The workers would like to have a liveable wage and benefits — and rightly so. With the current union-bashing atmosphere in the country, wages are going down and benefits eliminated. There's a lot of "beef" to go around these days.

Judy Karas, Monterey

'Tree bigots'

Dear Editor,

If there is such a thing as bigotry against pine trees, then the front page article in the Aug. 10 issue of the Pine Cone certainly is

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A columnist’s brush with death leads to revelations about local health care

I’VE NEVER been one for hospitals. But then, I’m also bored by the mechanic’s shop, preferring to engage with automobiles only when they are fully operable.

The primary mission of a hospital is to care for the ailing, a mission that often suffers under the weight of corporate greed, nightmare bureaucracies, turf wars and petty politics.

If you’ve lived in Monterey County long enough, as I have, you likely have your own war stories about the care you’ve received at the Big Three.

So when I was unable to find relief under the excruciating pressure of chest pain Sunday morning, the choice of hospital was a significant question mark. We quickly settled on Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, despite its very public public-relations problems of late.

In recent years, SVMH has become the poster child for administrative abuses in health care, developing a statewide reputation for executives who feathered their own nests and arranged sweetheart deals with cronies, who dabbled regularly in nepotism and who fostered wretched relations with their employees.

Along the way and despite itself, the hospital has developed a sterling reputation for cardiac care. It was because of that reputation — but mostly due to Salinas Valley’s proximity to my house and my desperation to get help, both stat and

ASAP — that we decided to enter its ER Sunday morning.

Digressing momentarily, I confess that I am able to write this despite my own foolishness. Like the car owner who blithely drives past the mechanic’s shop despite the nagging clang under the hood, I ignored the warning signs of my own pending breakdown for at least a week: the crushing pressure to my chest, exacerbated horribly during my morning runs.

And it was only until the warnings became absolutely intolerable that I finally determined I might not get through the day without medical intervention.

The term “serious as a heart attack” applies here.

My LAD coronary artery — also known as the “widow maker” — was 90 percent blocked.

My heart stopped functioning briefly on the gurney, but I made it out alive, due to Dr. Wendell Yee’s quick action, an angioplasty and a stent.

Fortunately for me, luck, fate, prayers, love, divine intervention and medical competence trumped my stupidity.

It is the blessing of medical competence I prefer to focus on today. I owe the SVMH staff and its labor unions that much.

Because when administrators can embarrass their institu-

beyond the realm

By JOE LIVERNOIS

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A word from the mayor —

How the decision to pick Theis was made

By JASON BURNETT

WHEN COUNCIL MEMBER Paula Hazdovac called me on Friday to share her decision to step down from the city council, I tried to talk her out of it. She has served for 18 years with three different mayors and is among the longest serving public servants in Carmel’s history. Paula brought a good sense of that history, of what has worked and what hasn’t, and an institutional memory that was particularly valuable to me as a new mayor. She is a small-business owner in town and so has insights into the pulse of our downtown that can only come from talking with customers every day. Unfortunately I couldn’t talk Paula out of her decision. Her last day on the council will be Sept. 7.

Stepping down from the council was something Paula had considered for some time and reflects her need to spend more time with her family. I respect her decision, thank her for her many years of service, and wish her the best.

We immediately went to work to fill the vacancy, calling a special council meeting for Wednesday. The council has a packed agenda calendar over the coming months, and we can’t afford to be firing on anything less than all cylinders.

The first question was whether we call a special election for March 5, 2013. Doing so would mean we wouldn’t have a full council for more than half a year and would ask voters to elect someone to a term with just over a year left. This option was quickly rejected by the city council.

Instead, we focused on whether we should repeat the search process we had run just a couple of months ago when we filled the seat I vacated when you elected me as your mayor. In that process, we received 10 outstanding applications. Paula Hazdovac and I interviewed everyone and recommended both Carrie Theis and Steve Hillyard for the full council’s consideration. We ultimately appointed Hillyard.

Rather than go through another search, we recognized our recent search had, in fact, produced two excellent candidates. The city council was unanimous in appointing Theis to Hazdovac’s seat.

Why did the council take such decisive action?

First, and most importantly, we had the ideal candidate in Carrie Theis. She, like Paula Hazdovac, is both a resident and a Carmel-by-the-Sea business owner, and has long family ties to the community. She has attended city council meetings and so is up to speed on the issues. She has shown leadership in town and across the county as president of the Carmel Innkeepers Association and as a recent board member of the Monterey County Hospitality Association. Carrie recently led the effort to create the Hospitality Improvement District, convincing almost 90 percent of the inns to help promote Carmel-by-the-Sea. She has always comported herself with professionalism and respect for the diversity of views in the community.

Second, we knew the likely outcome of any process would be Carrie Theis. Why take the time away from other work, raise expectations of other candidates and risk creating unnecessary controversy? Carrie is the right person with the right experience and perspective to complement the rest of the council.

I hope you will join the city council in thanking Paula Hazdovac for her 18 years of public service and join us in welcoming our newest council member, Carrie Theis.



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A charming man’s charmed life

CASBA AJAN — the successful hotelier and restaurateur – got a rough start. He was born in Transylvania (which was then part of Hungary) in 1942. When he was born, the country was occupied by the Nazis, and as a boy of 3, he remembers his family seeking to escape the advance of Soviet troops. They finally made their way to Ontario, where he received his early education and his Canadian citizenship.

When he was ready for college, Csaba traveled by Greyhound bus through the southwestern United States, checking out colleges. He selected San Diego State, in part because of all the beautiful girls. He earned a masters in business and went into restaurant and hotel management. On the way, he also tried to become a Navy flyer but was told, “No,” because he was Canadian. “It was a crushing rejection,” he dead-panned. “Years of psychoanalysis and therapy followed.”

Csaba’s specialty was marketing. He was very good at it and applied his talents most ably at several world-class hotels in the San Diego area. On a wandering vacation through the Monterey Peninsula, he met with Tom Oliver at the Pebble Beach Co. and expressed an interest in relocating to our area. A few months later, Oliver advised Csaba that Ed Haber was starting a new resort in Carmel Valley. Csaba was hired to run Quail Lodge, which earned a five-star rating in its second year. Then there was a stint managing the Peabody Hotel near Beale Street in Memphis, and some shuffling around top

Great Lives

By TONY SETON

properties in California and Arizona before he was back at Quail.

In 1995, “I went from being crazy to totally insane, from the hotel business to the restaurant business.” With his friend and partner, Tony Salameh, Csaba opened PortaBella and Merlot Bistro, at Ocean and Lincoln, two restaurants that have earned national acclaim. There are 45 employees on the payroll who are of 13 different ethnicities, speaking close to that many languages, including Tagalog, Spanish, Russian and French.

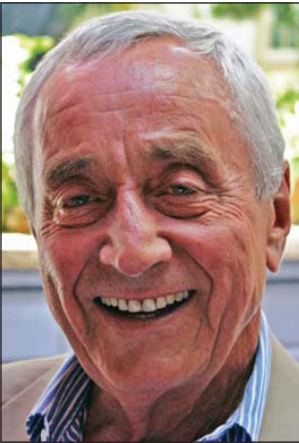
That’s the quickie professional wrapup, but the man is so much larger. A cross of Rossano Brazzi and Maurice Chevalier, Csaba Ajan exudes class in an effortless manner that immediately warms you with friendship, appreciation, and esteem. His style is a marriage of intellect, wit, humility, and grace. My goodness, they should teach that starting in the early grades.

We sat at a table toward the back of PortaBella, after the lunch hour, for a 45-minute interview that pushed two hours. No complaints. He is a marvelous raconteur, and with all of his experience, he could tell stories forever. His European savoir-faire is miles deep, but he was also quietly aware of the reservations for that evening, and how the back dining room was being arranged.

He spoke of living through the horror of the World War II with a light air — dropping such phrases as “the Nazi glamour days” with only a soupçon of wryness — that didn’t

make light of the circumstances. He went on to reference the political forces that moved European borders as the result of wars, and to discuss the various cultures with their histories and the languages. An unhurried lunch with this man would infuse one with more knowledge of Europe than a year of college studies.

We met on the day of the historic Supreme Court’s decision on Obamacare, and in discussing the ruling, Csaba first mentioned for Chief Justice Earl Warren, noting that he had been appointed by Eisenhower as a conservative choice but became a liberal favorite. Could this be happening with John Roberts? Or, as Csaba put it, “not to be a poodle to George W’s appointment legacy.” Then the conversation reprised the great minds of our Founding Fathers. The scope of this man’s knowledge is daunting.



Csaba Ajan

So, no, he is not the conservative you might have thought from his profession and his record of achievement. In fact, he opines freely about such issues as marijuana – which he never smoked but he would legalize in a snap of the fingers.

“It ought to be sold in the same circumstances as a six-pack of beer,” he said.

Despite his rejection by the Navy, Csaba never actually had to seek psychiatric therapy — a psychological triumph he attributes to his hobby of monkeying around with “motorcycles and English bad cars.” Today he still has a couple of Triumphs; a 1956 TR3, and a TR6 that he bought new, which has all of 50,000 miles on it.

And what is this charming man’s current living situation? He said he resides in Monterey, and added, “Basically, I’m a private person, except when I talk nonsense.”

LIVERNOIS

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tion as thoroughly as they did at SVMH, competent and passionate employees are unfairly tarnished with the broad brush.

To be honest, I had unfair doubts about Salinas Valley, what with its bad PR and the messes hatched by its leadership in recent years.

I had forgotten that, like most big institutions, the idiocies of management can be overcome by the passions, the skill and the care of its rank-and-file employees.

I am reminded that Salinas Valley’s own employees blew the whistle on Sam Downing, its former administrator, and his entourage.

Those employees sustained the slings and arrows of management’s snotty innuendo. They endured the sort of cynical disparagement typical of fat-cat executives who want the world to believe their employees can’t possibly know what they’re talking about.

As it turns out — as it usually turns out — the employees were right and management was wrong. Downing and his cronies soaked district ratepayers and undercut a terrific staff with their outrageous spending and salaries.

Because hospital employees cared enough to press the issue, it was revealed that Downing received nearly \$4 million in supplemental benefits on top of a regular annual pension of \$150,000 when he retired last year — even as he pushed for reductions in the hospital’s staff.

That information spurred a state audit and uncovered other atrocious retirement packages for public officials around the state. And the Fair Political Practices Commission is investigating other shenanigans involving Downing and the Salinas Valley board.

Employees with passion — those focused on a hospital’s life-saving mission and not its money-grubbing expedience — will do the right thing.

They stepped forward because they understood the importance of the institution outweighs the dread of their minders.

They put their necks on the line because they recognized the threat to their mission.

The passion and the professionalism of the entire nursing staff in the ER and the heart center was certainly evident in my care. I thank them.

SOFTBALL

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but it also showcased a great rivalry. With most of its players living from Big Sur, the Deli — which is sponsored by the Big Sur Deli and Tap House — was clearly the crowd favorite. But with a bevy of wives, girlfriends and kids in tow, the Outlaws — whose members, for the most part, live in Carmel and beyond — had their own vocal cheering section.

Thankfully, the game was unhindered by two problems that have plagued previous championship games — endless arguments with umpires over the quirky rules of Big Sur softball, and attacks by angry hornets who live in a large sycamore tree that leans over left field.

For more about Big Sur softball, visit www.bigsursoftball.org.

CONSULTANT

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to supply water to the Peninsula via a Moss Landing desal plant will cost just \$129 million, while Constantz has proposed a “deepwater desal” operation, also in Moss Landing.

SPI’s analysis needs to be completed in time for a Sept. 18 California Public Utilities Commission meeting in which the mayors’ will present the results of the study.

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Ned Callihan

Long time Big Sur resident, Ned Callihan, passed away on June 28. He came to Big Sur by way of visiting a fellow classmate from the school of architecture at Tulane, who had settled in San Francisco. After a brief visit to Esalen, he returned to his home in Cincinnati, where he was practicing as an architect and city planner, and began the transition to living in California. He settled in Big Sur where he continued to pursue a new path, eventually becoming a bodyworker, first in deep tissue and later practicing craniosacral therapy and, in addition, heading up Room 23, the alternative bodywork center at Esalen. He was also involved in architectural projects at Esalen, and eventually pursued a full time practice in architecture on the Coast. He was very community oriented both at Esalen and in Big Sur, where he was involved in CPOA, LUAC, the beginnings of the Chanterelle festival, the workforce housing project, a proposed plan for a recycling center, and had input on the new bridge and rock shed on the South Coast, along with his private practice. He loved Big Sur, the beauty and atmosphere fit his temperament exactly, and he was happiest just being there. Born September 8, 1945, he died after valiantly battling a rare form of leukemia. He will be missed by his wife, his family in Cincinnati, many friends and colleagues, and the community. A memorial service will be held for him in October, along the Big Sur coast.

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