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Do not read this story if you're squeamish

■ Urologist left 'coiled wire' in patient's bladder for months

By PAUL MILLER

AYTAC APAYDIN, the Salinas urologist who, together with his partner, Stephen Worsham, is at the center of accusations that he unnecessarily treated numerous prostate cancer patients with a radiation machine in order to reap profits from his ownership of the machine, has been reprimanded by the Medical Board of California in a separate case.

Apaydin is guilty of "repeated negligent acts," the board announced last week, because he left a "coiled wire" in the bladder of a patient after performing a surgical procedure on him, and failed to remove it even after a radiologist warned him it was there.

The wire remained in the man's bladder for almost a year, causing him painful symptoms and forcing him to seek repeated medical treatment.

The executive director of the medical board, which

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Mission dome, facade next on to-do list



PHOTO/COURTESY VIC GRABRIAN

The crumbling Moorish dome of the Carmel Mission Basilica is next on the list of items for repair during an extensive renovation. See page 12A.

Bergstrom gets plea deal, released after time served

By MARY SCHLEY

PHYSICIAN CARL Bergstrom — whose 2009 rape conviction was overturned by an appeals court in December 2011 — avoided the retrial scheduled to begin this week by pleading "no contest" to one count of felony sexual battery by restraint.

According to Monterey County deputy district attorney Cristina Johnson, he was sentenced to the time he's already served for his earlier conviction, which has been since July 27, 2009, which meant he was eligible to be freed right away. On Friday, he was released from Monterey County Jail.

The plea marked the conclusion of a case that began in April 2009, when Bergstrom and his victim, identified in court documents as Jane Doe, were drinking at a bar and ended up back at his Carmel Woods home.

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Mayors like Cal Am's project but want changes

By KELLY NIX

A WATER project proposed by California American Water could be the best one to serve local cities with aqua, but the company has to make a laundry list of changes to the plan in order to gain an endorsement from the six Monterey Peninsula mayors, according to a draft report released Wednesday.

For its water project to receive the mayors' support, according to their four-page "position statement," Cal Am should accept a big chunk of public funds, offer more public oversight, limit the financial risk to customers, address technical concerns and make other changes.

"If Cal Am meets the above conditions," according to the report, "the [mayors] conditionally support the Cal Am Project."

Cal Am's proposed \$400 million water project — which

would allow the company to stop illegal diversions from the Carmel River — is competing with a deepwater desal operation in Moss Landing proposed by Brent Constantz and another desal plant proposed by Nader Agha down the road near the Moss Landing power plant.

The mayors planned to discuss the report, and possibly adopt it, Jan. 31.

"We are at a stage in the process where [the mayors' group] needs to stake out a position or risk being irrelevant to the [California Public Utilities Commission] process," Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett told The Pine Cone Thursday.

In order for Cal Am's project to gain the mayors' favor, Burnett recommended the privately held water company make the following modifications:

- Accept a large amount of public funds to be eligible for

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SCHOOL GUN VIOLENCE SPARKS SECURITY CHANGES

By MARY SCHLEY

SECURITY CAMERAS that have been talked about for more than a year are finally being installed at Junipero Serra School next month. Pacific Grove cops are walking through schools, and lockdown drills are being conducted. Administrators at Carmel public schools are trying to figure out how to handle hostile intruders at their campuses, some of which are remote.

In light of recent shootings on campuses across the country, most devastatingly at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut in December, Monterey Peninsula school officials have undertaken those measures and are also meeting with police officers, firefighters, consultants and teachers to determine how best to protect

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Newest version of 747 makes a statement, especially in first and business class

By PAUL MILLER

BOEING has been in the headlines a lot lately because of fires in the lithium-ion batteries on its innovative new airliner, the 787 Dreamliner. The planes have been grounded while aviation officials try to figure out what caused the fires.

But there's another Boeing story that deserves to be on the front page — especially where frequent international travelers are concerned. And that's the debut of the company's other new airplane, the 747-8, which began flying between Los Angeles and Frankfurt in December, with more routes on the way.

Thanks to a partnership between Boeing and German air carrier Lufthansa, the 747-8 is a massively updated version of the original Queen of the

Skies, which revolutionized air travel when it was launched in 1969, and is a smash hit with the airlines that fly it, and the passengers who have flown on it.

"I've been a big fan of the 747 for a long time. When you see one, you can't help think of exotic, international travel," said Stefanie Michaels, a travel writer for yahoo.com and the owner of the travel website, adventuregirl.com. She made a trip to Germany from Los Angeles on the 747-8 last week.

"It's just a really cool airplane, and I'm so thrilled Boeing has redeveloped it to keep it flying," Michaels said.

"Frequent travelers appreciate being on a new

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PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

A brand new Boeing 747-8 gets a water cannon salute on its inaugural arrival at LAX last month. The airplane has had a flawless debut, compared to the company's other new airplane, the 787.