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Highway 1 projects in Big Sur reach finish line

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR THE first time in at least four years, the coast is clear on Highway 1 through Big Sur.

The \$11 million Rocky Creek viaduct was officially completed Friday, Nov. 22, at 9:15 a.m., Caltrans

spokeswoman Susana Cruz told The Pine Cone. Located about 12 miles south of Carmel, the project site had been subject to traffic delays since March 2011, when a 50-foot section of

since March 2011, when a 50-foot section of pavement collapsed between the landmark Rocky Creek and Bixby bridges.

White Caltrans officials aren't planning to

mark the Rocky Creek project's completion with a celebration, they are scheduled to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony in mid-January just south of the tiny hamlet of Lucia, where the \$30 million Pitkins Curve-Rain Rocks project is almost finished.

The ambitious project is located about 56 miles south of Carmel.

A 620-foot-long bridge has been constructed at Pitkins Curve, and a rock shed has been built nearby at Rain Rocks, where tons of rock, mud and debris fall on the scenic highway during the wet months each year, delaying motorists and costing taxpayers more than \$1 million annually to clean up.

While workers still need to put the final touches on the South Coast project — which began in December 2009 — the last major work requiring overnight closures of the highway was completed this week, Cruz reported.

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PHOTO/COURTESY CALTRANS

The rock shed just south of Lucia on Big Sur's South Coast is completed, protecting motorists from falling debris and promising to help keep Highway 1 open during storms.

Motorcycle cop, a fixture in town, retiring after 30 years

■ But you'll still see him around

By MARY SCHLEY

COUNTLESS KIDS have heard his stern reprimands and gentle reminders, whether while stopped on a downtown street for running a stop sign, or in one of the DARE classes he taught for 20 years. Thousands of motorists have been directed or led by him in Concours Week parades, and he's a vital part of every city event that requires traffic control or organization. Cpl. Steve Rana, Carmel P.D.'s motorcycle cop and a member of the force for three decades, is retiring at the end of the year.

Born and raised in Fresno — "It's a great place to be from," he said — Rana became interested in police work after a friend

Good dog, Odie



PHOTO/COURTESY MONTEREY COUNTY D.A.'S OFFICE

This mellow Labrador mix puts children and adults who are victims of crime at ease. See page 10A to find out how she does it.

of his parents who was a California Highway Patrol officer gave him a leather-bound copy of the California Vehicle Code to read.

"The laws, I found interesting," he said.

He took administration of justice classes at Fresno City College and started his career in Fresno in January 1976 as a cadet, promoting to police officer a few years later.

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Mayor: IT investigation found big problems

By MARY SCHLEY

CITY EMPLOYEES received pay raises without authorization, provided privileged information to outsiders, kept encrypted files on their work computers, downloaded and used software designed to elude computer forensics and engaged in other questionable activities, Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett and councilman Ken Talmage said this week.

The details emerged as a thorough investigation into the city's 20-year-old computer systems and their use "is largely complete," Burnett said.

Their comments were the first real steps the city has taken

to explain the disciplinary measures taken in recent months against numerous municipal employees that has caused a lot of uncertainty and upset among the public.

But Burnett said the actions, and the secrecy surrounding them, were necessary.

"Seeing the information that we've seen, if we were not taking action, that would

have been a real problem," he said. Since state law gives employees extensive privacy protection, and because the investigations were ongoing, it wasn't possible to offer an explanation earlier, he added.

Neither Burnett nor Talmage would discuss any of the employees who have been placed on paid administrative leave during the past year: IT manager Steve McInchak, whose home was searched by police under the eye of CPD Chief Mike Calhoun and administrative services director Susan Paul in June; his assistant, Rose Franzen; and administrative coordinators Margi Perotti and Leslie Fenton, who worked in the planning and building department until they

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Burnett, Talmage

offer first

details about

disciplinary

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CARMEL VALLEY HISTORY MUSEUM READY TO OPEN

By CHRIS COUNTS

NEARLY FIVE years after construction began on the Carmel Valley History Center, the museum celebrates its grand opening Saturday, Dec. 7.

The Carmel Valley Historical Society will unveil the 2,400-square-foot building and its contents in a ribbon-cutting ceremony from 2 to 4 p.m. Ellsworth Gregory, who served as president of the historical society for 17 years, will cut the ribbon.

To build the museum, \$600,000 was raised through donations, fundraisers and grants from taxpayers. A donor tile project alone netted \$50,000.

"A lot of people gave whatever they could — from \$10, to thousands of dollars," said Reggie Jones, president of the historical society. "We're grateful to a large cross-section of people for their support."

On display at the museum will be its first three exhibits, each offering visitors a window in the valley's rich and colorful past.

The first exhibit, curated by Donna Zahn, focuses on the valley's oldest human inhabitants, the Rumsen and Esselen Native American tribes.

"The Rumsen lived between the mouth of the valley and about 20 miles up the valley, while the Esselen lived in the mountains and along the Big Sur coast," Jones explained. "We have mortars and pestles for grinding acorns, bow and arrows, a lot of original arrowheads, and small stone tools. We also have a reproduction of a boat that was used by indians along the Carmel River. It was made out of tule reeds by Linda Yamane, who is descended from the Rumsen tribe."

See MUSEUM page 24A



hoto/courtesy carmel valley historic

Bob Mattson shows off Leo Berta's 80-year-old saddle, which will be displayed at the Carmel Valley History Center.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

From Skid Row to Cannery Row

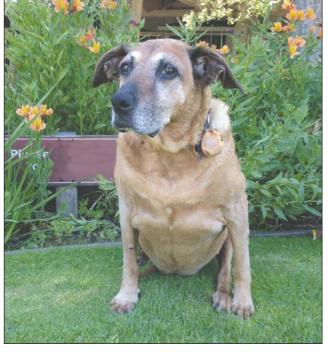
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m T}$ HE MOMENT she held her, the moment the tiny dog fell asleep in her arms, she knew Cody was hers. This commitment carried her through the next few years as she marveled that such a small puppy could become such a big problem, destroying the couch and the carpet and anything else she could sink her teeth

Cody was weeks old when she landed on Skid Row in Los Angeles - payment to a homeless man who had offered his help in exchange for a few bucks that didn't exist, so he got a puppy instead. But he couldn't buy beer with a dog, so he sold her for the \$5 that would get him through the day.

She didn't want to buy beer, but she did want to get the puppy off Skid Row. The man said Cody was part German shepherd and part Pit Bull. She didn't believe him, but she didn't care. As the dog developed, she realized she was part Rhodesian ridgeback and, to this day, part mystery.

Plenty of people told her to get rid of the difficult dog. Instead, she got her a trainer, who said the animal was borderline brilliant. Fifteen years later, she agrees with him.

Cody's life began on Skid Row, but she grew up near Cannery Row, becoming obsessively attached to her person, who seemed to calm her down. More mellow



than manic, she now gets excited only when chasing other dogs along the shore or racing up the trails after a deer at Garland Park in Carmel Valley.

"Cody's a really good watch dog," her person says. "Labradors will show an intruder the silver, and never bark. Cody has barked ever since she learned how, any time anybody comes near. We all totally depend on her. She loves kids, and is a great family dog - our protector, our angel."

Illustrator brings deep sea creatures into the light

A SPECIALIST in entomological and botanical art, Erin Hunter signs copies of a book about marine life she illustrated, "A Day in the Deep," Saturday, Nov. 30, at Pilgrim's Way.

Written by Kevin Kurtz, the takes readers far below the ocean's surface, where strange sea creatures like the vampire squid, the pelican eel and the spookfish have adapted to a world without light.

A Monterey Peninsula resident, Hunter has taught botanical illustration and field sketching at the University of California at Santa Cruz and drawn insects under a microscope for the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History.

The event starts at 1 p.m. Pilgrim's Way is located on the east side of Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 624-

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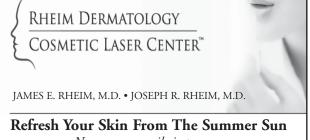
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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

The case of the missing shoes

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, NOVEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cell phone on Seventh Avenue turned in for safekeeping pending return to owner.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a fire.

Pebble Beach: Resident was found unresponsive.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man called the station to inquire about his lost iPhone. Officer advised him the department did not take in any Apple phones, and he wished to make a report. A brief description of the phone was provided. The man was advised to contact the department if his phone was found.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A ring was found on the beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Five juveniles were contacted on private property on Lasuen Drive and found to be in possession of marijuana and tobacco products. Four of the juveniles were cited and released to their parents. Items were seized as evidence and later booked into CPD evidence.

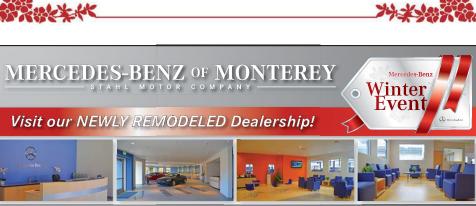
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A driver reported a near-miss collision involving a pedestrian in the downtown commercial area on Fifth Avenue. The pedestrian did not appear to be injured but was upset with the driver. The driver wanted to report the incident to the proper authorities. The P.D. has received no complaints or calls from the alleged pedestrian, nor on the behalf of the pedestrian.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported the possible theft of a vehicle from the downtown area on Ocean Avenue. The vehicle was left unlocked, with the passenger window down, and the keys and a dog inside, while the citizen walked through local stores to shop. Upon returning, the citizen found the vehicle was no longer present where it was believed to be last parked. The vehicle was located a few blocks away, legally parked. A search of the vehicle found nothing was disturbed, nothing was missing, and the dog was still seated where it normally sits. The citizen maintained someone moved the vehicle from the last place it was parked.

Pacific Grove: A Pebble Beach resident gave a ride to a citizen. Two weeks later, the citizen was found waiting for the resident in her home on 17 Mile Drive two weeks later. Message left with citizen asking for no more contact with resident.

Pacific Grove: Man brought his 15-yearold niece to the station to report that she had been physically and sexually assaulted multiple times by her father while living with him in another state.

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2330 Del Monte Ave. 648.9500 By MARY SCHLEY

JUST IN time for it to be included on the city council's Dec. 3 meeting agenda, the Carmel Community Activities & Cultural Commission decided Tuesday morning that the city should permit restaurateur David Fink to hold a food-andwine event he's calling GourmetFest at Sunset Center next March. Members of the commission also recommended the council waive some of the \$13,005 in fees the city would normally charge for the event.

Fink, who founded the successful Masters of Food & Wine at the Highlands Inn in 1987, has received permission from the board of Relais & Chateaux, an international culinary organization of which Fink's hotel, L'Auberge Carmel, is a member, to hold the event in its name.

"I asked Relais & Chateaux if they would consider partnering with me on a festival in Carmel, and the board said they would love to do that," he told commissioners at a special meeting Nov. 26.

Fink envisions a multi-day festival starting with a welcome party — where an estimated 1,000 people "can watch 10 to 15 Relais & Chateaux Grand Chefs in action at a cooking station," teamed up with farmers and wineries — in a luxury tent in the north lot at Sunset Center.

Events during subsequent days include chef cooking demonstrations, multi-course lunches, tasting of rare wines with key figures in French viticulture and winemaking, a rarities dinner, private chef/winemaker parties, a mushroom hunt, a tasting of 10 vintages of Dom Perignon, and a seafood grill.

Attendance would range from 1,000 to as few as 40, and Fink told commissioners ticket prices would probably span from a little more than \$100, to upward of \$1,000.

Chefs slated to attend include Gary Danko, Daniel Boulud, Justin Cogley of Aubergine, Daniel Humm and others, while wine estates would be first growth Bordeaux, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti — the most famous wine estate in the world — Maison Drouhin, Dom Perignon, Moet et Chandon and several California wineries, according to his

"It would be a world class meeting of winemakers and guests," Fink told the commission, adding that he estimates half the guests would be local, with the rest mostly from California overall. "We picked, on purpose, a very quiet weekend in March."

He also said the event's guests would be "very, very high caliber," citing Relais & Chateaux statistics indicating that 87 percent of the guests at the organization's events engage in leisure travel, and 84 percent earn more than \$250,000 per

"They love food and wine," he said. "I've heard from the council repeatedly that they want to make Carmel more of a food and wine destination."

For GourmetFest, Fink proposed occupying the north lot, where people usually pay to park, from setup on March 24, 2014, through the last day of tear-down on April 2, 2014. Refrigerator trucks running on generators would be parked in the lot March 24 through March 30, and live music — piano and acoustic guitar — would be played during some of the

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Water district's analysis of rate increases jibes with Cal Am's

By KELLY NIX

EARLY RESULTS from a study by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District indicate that water rates for customers over the next five years will increase about 41 percent — roughly the same amount California American Water has predicted.

The water district launched a study to crosscheck the 41.81 percent rate increases projected by Cal Am, between now and 2018.

"We are still doing the analysis," water

district general manager Dave Stoldt told The Pine Cone Monday, "but it's looking like Cal Am is accurate."

A typical water customer whose monthly bill was \$75.24 in 2013 will see that bill rise to about \$106.70 in 2018, according to figures provided by Cal Am to The Pine Cone. The increase takes into account the various surcharges customers pay each month. Atypical water users who are in higher water-use tiers may experience larger increases.

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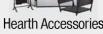
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Meg's Health Notes



Presented by Meg Parker Conners, R.N.

It has been several years since I have written my article for The Pine Cone but much to my surprise, I occasionally still get asked why I stopped writing it. So I figured that if a few people still miss it I should probably start it up again. So this will be the first of a monthly series of articles that I will be writing regarding general health, wellness, and aging. I am open to any suggestions that you might have or topics you might want to see addressed. I have been a Registered Nurse for 40 years now and nursing has always been my passion. Now, as I age myself, I have become increasingly passionate about maintaining health and well being and learning all I can about the human body and how it works as a whole, a beautiful and complex system. I am NOT a physician and the opinions I express are solely my own (sorry but my husband is a lawyer and he wanted me to put that in!). For 40 years I have worked as an Emergency Room Nurse and an Intensive Care and Coronary Care Nurse, but for the majority of my career I have worked with the elderly. A truly great privilege and the greatest opportunity I could ever have had to learn about life and health. I have worked with people who have always maintained and cared about their bodies and I have worked with people who have abused or even just neglected their bodies. I have found myself increasingly frustrated by the latter. I am hoping that those people that do not respect their bodies are just not well informed about the consequences as they age. We will all die some day, it's not just a matter of WHEN it's also a matter of HOW and there are things we ALL can do to not just prolong life but to live life fully, in good health, and there-fore as happily as possible. YEP, QUALITY OF LIFE. So there is my introduction and my intent. Next month I will be addressing exercise and calories. IT WILL NOT BE THE TYPICAL BORING SAME OLD STUFF. I have some tidbits to share, and you might find some information that is new to you. Again please feel free to respond, make a suggestion, or discuss any of my opinions or suggestions. I am avail-MEG PARKER CONNERS, RN

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Monterey attorneys accused of financial elder abuse of Carmel Couple

By KELLY NIX

AN ELDERLY CARMEL couple has filed a lawsuit against two Monterey attorneys and a Sebastopol financial advisor alleging they hatched a scheme to control their estate so three of the couple's children could file a lawsuit against another sibling over his failed business ventures.

The complex lawsuit, filed Nov. 1 by John D'Attilio, 75, a retired ophthalmologist, and Mary D'Attilio, 77, accuses financial advisor Andrea Sanzo and lawyers Jeannette Witten and Amy June of financial elder abuse, civil conspiracy, breach of fiduciary duty and misrepresentation.

From 2009 to 2011, the D'Attilios loaned \$2.5 million to their son, Matthew, for his business ventures, which included the planned purchase of the Carmel Sands Lodge. Though Matthew told his parents he would pay them back after escrow closed on the lodge, the deal fell through and the D'Attilios never got their money back, according to the claim, filed by Carmel attorney Michael Lykken.

Most of the money they loaned to Matthew came from mortgaging various properties, but \$1.2 million came from a tax-sheltered retirement account, which means the D'Attilios then also faced a \$500,000 tax bill for withdrawing it.

Because of the devastating loss, the couple's other chil-

dren, Jennifer, Jonathan and Robert, urged their parents to sue Matthew. They also maintained that Matthew had hidden the money. But the D'Attilios refused.

In early 2012, the suit says, Jonathan introduced the couple to Andrea Sanzo, who told them she "had a background in finance" and "could get their finances in order," including helping them resolve the unpaid taxes they owed the IRS and state Franchise Tax Board.

However, Sanzo, according to the complaint, wrongly told the D'Attilios that the only way to prevent a second home in Idaho from being foreclosed on was if they transferred ownership to their three other children. Transferring ownership of an asset to avoid paying taxes or debt is illegal, according to the suit.

Furthermore, "Sanzo intended to defraud the D'Attilios of the Sun Valley condo when she advised them to transfer ownership of [the condo] to Robert, Jennifer and Jonathan," the suit says.

Sanzo responded to the lawsuit Nov. 13 via email.

"The complaint is completely without merit, and I vehemently deny all allegations," she told The Pine Cone. "While I would like to comment further, I am unable to do so at this time."

The lawsuit alleges Witten got involved in the family dis-

pute in January, when she, along with Sanzo, met with the D'Attilios at her Monterey office and advised the couple to create a new trust with Robert and Jennifer acting as trustees to protect the elder couple's classic cars, a 1946 Oldsmobile and 1972 Porsche, from being seized by the IRS.

Witten "knew that creation of a new trust would not shield the classic cars from seizure by the FTB or IRS, and instead intended to defraud them of control over their estate so that she could be retained to file the complaint" against Matthew, the lawsuit alleges.

The Monterey attorney, the suit alleges, also did not tell the couple she was Jennifer and Robert's attorney at the start of the January meeting, nor did she tell them they should hire their own attorney.

Witten also "did not advise the D'Attilios that attempting to hide assets from the IRS was illegal," and used undue influence to deprive them of control of their estate, according to the lawsuit.

'Excellent reputation'

San Francisco-based attorney Dennis Ward, who is representing Witten and June, adamantly denied the allegations against the attorneys and called the lawsuit "deficient."

Witten and June "have an excellent reputation in the com-

munity, and this lawsuit, in my opinion, is absolutely specious," Ward said. "They will fight it tooth and nail."

He stressed that it's not his clients who are responsible for the D'Attilios' "financial armageddon," as he called it.

Ward also had numerous other questions, including why Lykken hadn't filed suit against Matthew D'Attilio for the money he owes his parents, and why the attorney hadn't tried to locate the money in an account the three other siblings children believe is hidden in an Isle of Man bank

account.

"What is most discouraging to a litigator such as myself," Ward said, "is the fact that Mr. Lykken has filed a lawsuit without any factual or legal basis."

Lykken, however, said his clients "are very certain in the actions they want taken" and feel betrayed and taken advantage of by Witten, June and Sanzo. He

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Merely having Odie in the room while McGuirk interviews victims or witnesses can help make them feel more comfortable, he said. His coworkers have also embraced the dog's presence.

"She's been in the office for three weeks, now, and has met with a half-dozen victims and witnesses," he said. "Even the mood in the office has dramatically changed."

When she's not "working," Odie lives with McGuirk and his family and has settled in well, including getting along with his other dog and cat.

"She hops in the truck every morning and comes to work and sits under my desk," McGuirk said.

When Odie was about 6 months old, she began training to be comfort dog. McGuirk also spent two weeks training with her at the Santa Rosa nonprofit organization, Canine Companions for Independence, which trains different types of dogs, including service animals and "facility dogs," of which Odie is one.

McGuirk said Odie is calm and submissive but also responds well to commands to instantly help children and others who need and want comforting.

"She is not invasive in any way," he said. "She's about as gentle as any dog I've seen in my entire life.'

There are also plans to eventually have Odie in the courtroom to support victims who testify at a hearing or trial.

"We want to take that one step at a time," McGuirk said. "There is still room for the defense to appeal the idea of allowing a victim to walk on to the stand with the dog. We don't want to jeopardize that."

Some defense attorneys have contested the practice, arguing that allowing dogs to comfort witnesses is unfair because it portrays victims as especially vulnerable and can play upon

McGuirk cited the results witnessed by Seattle prosecutor Ellen O'Neill-Stephens, who about 10 years ago began Courthouse Dogs, LLC, a nonprofit organization that promotes the use of dogs to provide emotional support for those

She "found that the presence of a dog in the courtroom changes the atmosphere and really makes it a less stressful, more inviting" environment, McGuirk said.

In September, after defense attorneys in Washington challenged the practice, that state's supreme court ruled that animals can be used to comfort those who are testifying.

In a statement, Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo said, "When courthouse canines bestow a sense of calm to witnesses, they facilitate the fact finding process, because a composed witness can better describe an event to a judge or a jury. We are pleased to welcome [Odie] to our office."

Though introducing dogs to support victims of crimes isn't new, it isn't widespread, either.

"Currently, there are six canines to assist with victims and witnesses in California, and about 50" in 21 other states,

Canine Companions for Independence paid for Odie and her training, and donated her to the district attorney's office. No taxpayer funds for the dog, which is valued at about \$25,000, according to the office.



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City advertising more job openings

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY of Carmel is advertising for a new building official and a senior human resources analyst, accepting applications through Dec. 13, and on Nov. 5, the Carmel City Council approved the job description and pay range for the new HR job, as well as pay ranges for the building official, city clerk and deputy city clerk positions.

The job listings were part of the council's consent agenda, which members OK'd at their regular meeting.

"The classification of senior human resources analyst does not currently exist," administrative services director Susan Paul wrote in her report for the council, adding that the new job will provide "flexibility in hiring personnel to support the human resources function in the administrative services department," at either the analyst or manager level.

The senior HR analyst's salary ranges from \$81,264 to \$101,736, and the winning candidate will "perform a wide variety of advanced journey level professional, administrative, analytical and coordination duties in support of human resources functions and programs," according to the job definition, including recruitment, selection, performance evaluation, training, staff development, classification, job evaluation and other tasks.

Posted on monster.com and other career sites, the city's ad for the job states, "The ideal candidate should posses an expert knowledge of all facets of human resources affairs, including labor relations, workers

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Hugh Perry Barton April 6, 1932 - November 20, 2013

We rejoice with our dear Papa Bear that he has attained perfect peace,



even while our hearts ache over the huge hole his absence leaves. Born to Alice Hall Barton and Paul 'Chief' Barton, Hugh was raised on the family walnut ranch in Escalon where he worked on the land and in the agricultural equipment business from a young age. From Escalon he went to the University of California where he began his lifelong devotion to Cal. While at Cal he met his sweetheart, Sheila, a Mills College girl. Their budding romance was threatened by his first diagnosis of cancer but after a year of treatment they were wed in 1954 and settled in Modesto to be near the family business. They

were blessed with two children despite the radical cancer treatment he had undergone.

Hugh was blessed with and cultivated a large circle of friends through the many interests and causes he supported through the years. Hugh travelled the world promoting and cultivating the agricultural equipment business that produced nut processing equipment invented and patented by his father which Hugh further developed. Upon his retirement from the Ag equipment business, Hugh got together with several of his friends and formed what would become Modesto Banking Company, a local bank that was enormously successful. This evolved into his second career in investment banking in the Los Altos/Peninsula area where he founded the Bank of Los Altos, and The Private Bank which became Avid Bank.

Hugh was known as a tireless advocate of the many interests and causes he supported through the years. Hugh served as a Regent for the University of the Pacific. He was involved with the Chancellors Club of UC Davis, served as UC Berkeley Foundation trustee and as chair of the Stanislaus County Campaign for UC Berkeley. For many years, Hugh and Sheila cheered the Bears from their 50 yard-line seats.

Hugh also served on the boards of Memorial Hospital Foundation in Modesto, the Episcopal Church Foundation and the advisory boards of the Salvation Army in Modesto and Monterey. Hugh loved music and was active in the Modesto Symphony Orchestra and the Carmel Bach Festival. He was a member of Del Rio Country Club in Modesto, Pebble Beach Tennis Club, and Carmel Valley Ranch where he and Sheila lived until recently. Hugh dearly loved being a member of the Old Capital Club. Deeply committed to the Salvation Army and the call to doing the most good for the community, Hugh rallied business men and women to give generously; encouraging the concept of Kettle Kick-off luncheons and the friendly competition among neighboring corps. This call continued a comnitment to the army that went back several generations in the Barton family. Hugh was deeply humbled to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Salvation Army for his efforts.

Hugh is survived by his wife, Sheila Grieve Barton, daughter Elizabeth (Daniel) Barton Ferrell, son James (Paula) Barton, grandchildren Ellen Barton and RJ Barton, one brother, Gerald Barton and family, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on December 3 at 1:00 pm at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 28003 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel Valley. A reception will follow immediately in the parish hall.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hugh's favorite charities/causes: St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 101, Carmel Valley, CA; the University of California, Berkeley; the University of the Pacific, Stockton; the Salvation Army, Monterey Corps; and Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

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Jane Lord Price

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Jane was born in Arcata, California. Her father (Charles Lord) was a Methodist minister, so she grew up in Parish houses around the state along with brothers Robert and Richard. Her mother was Velma Stone Lord. Jane graduated from Whittier College in 1962 as a music major and earned a teaching credential. She went on to teach 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades in Oakland from '62 to '76. She married Jim Price in 1972 in Hilo, Hawaii and continued teaching right up until delivering her first child, Kristin Price-Wilson

in 1976 (now living in New York). In '78 they had a second daughter, Lisa Price (who resides in Castro Valley).

A concert level flutist, in more recent years she played in pit orchestras for local musical theatre productions, and occasionally could be seen on stage as a singer. She passed on November 19th, 2013 at Stoneridge Creek retirement community after a two-year treatment for ovarian and breast cancer.

In September, 1997, the Prices bought a rustic Carmel cottage on Viscaino and seven years later moved to Mission Street near Twelfth. Jane and Jim both served on the Forest Theater Guild board and they were strong in their support for the Sunset Center where Jim chaired the SCC board.

A phenomenal wife, mother, and friend, Jane will be remembered as an exceptionally warm, generous and kind woman who appreciated progressive politics and college football.

The family requests that donations be made in Jane's honor to Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, 14 Pennsylvania Plaza Suite 1710, New York, NY 10122 and/or to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave. Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568-3024.

Woman donates \$350K to P.G. and nearly \$700K to SPCA

■ City to come up with policy on how to handle large bequests

By KELLY NIX

BEFORE LONGTIME Pacific Grove resident Reiko K. Koo died in May 2012, she decided to bequeath nearly \$350,000 of her estate to the city. However, she didn't specify how she wanted the money spent.

In order to figure out how gifts like Koo's should be used, the Pacific Grove City Council voted Nov. 20 to have the city's staff to come up with a detailed policy for the use of bequests and other one-time donations. The council also voted to officially accept Koo's bequest.

"The city needs an approved council policy that prescribes the appropriate uses for such donations," according to the report given to council members, "and assures potential donors their gifts will be used to their best advantage."

Koo's estate was valued at about \$2.6 million in 2012 and amounted to \$1,502,330.07 in cash after bills and other expenses were paid off, according to the trust. Her husband died in the mid 1980s and she had no children.

While Mayor Bill Kampe said the city agrees that bequest funds shouldn't be used to fix potholes, nor should they be used for ongoing expenses, the city has historically grappled with how to use the money.

"Where do you find a noncontroversial, everybody-lovesit project?" Kampe asked.

Earlier this year, the city used several hundred thousand dollars of resident Jeannette McIndoo's bequest to redo the intersection at Forest and Lighthouse avenues. While McIndoo wanted the money to be used to "beautify" the city, some said that the project, which entailed new crosswalks and some flowers, was a waste of money.

While there are efforts to find friends of Koo's who might

know how she preferred the money be spent, Kampe said that might be challenging. Koo, he said, led a quiet life and wasn't particularly visible in the community.

Regarding the use of bequests, Kampe said the city "ought to do something that memorializes (the donor) but is also functional" for residents.

Apart from the city's portion, Koo set aside 25 percent of her estate to go to former city employee Earl Brickman and his wife, who live in Idaho, and the remaining 50 percent, or \$691,799.03, to the SPCA for Monterey County.

SPCA community outreach manager Dawn Fenton told The Pine Cone that the organization depends on the gifts like Koo's to help support many of its programs, including adoptions of domestic animals, caring for injured and orphaned wildlife, and rescuing abused horses.

"We are grateful for the foresight of Mrs. Koo, who felt highly enough of the SPCA to make such a significant and generous bequest," Fenton said.









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By KELLY NIX

California American Water next week will announce which construction firm it believes should be awarded a \$100 million contract to build a desalination plant for the Monterey Peninsula, a company official said this week.

The firm — to be disclosed to the public at a Dec. 6 meeting — was selected by Cal Am officials Nov. 16 after they interviewed representatives from the five firms seeking the lucrative contract. Cal Am is still negotiating the contract's terms with the builder.

"Unfortunately, there's not a lot we can share [right now] on the procurement process," Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Stedman told The Pine Cone. "Everything will go public Dec. 6."

That's the date Cal Am will make its recommendation to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority's governance committee, which will have a say in the selection but won't be able to make the final decision, a task left to Cal Am

The firms under consideration were Black & Veatch Construction, CH2M Hill Engineers, Kiewit Infrastructure West Co., MWH Constructors, and CDM Constructors — the company that designed and built Sand City's small desalination plant that began operating in April 2010.

The favored builder will be responsible for designing and building the proposed desal plant in North Marina, the main component of the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project — Cal Am's project to comply with a state order compelling the company to stop diverting most of the water from the Carmel River.

Cal Am has proposed a 9.6 million gallons-per-day-desal plant, estimated to cost \$277 million or, alternatively, a 6.4 MGD, \$223.5-million plant. The smaller facility would be built if a project to turn wastewater into drinking water comes to fruition. The roughly \$100 million contract awarded to the construction company is only to build the desal facility and does not include pipelines and other necessary infrastructure.

Consultant Alex Wesner, who was selected by the water authority (composed of the six Peninsula mayors) to sit in on Cal Am's interviews with the construction firms, is expected to report his findings to the mayors' on Dec. 9.

He will say "whether the [interview] process was consistent with the public interest and whether the final decision is consistent with the public interest," Carmel Jason Burnett told The Pine Cone Tuesday.

Though Cal Am has the final say on which firm is awarded the contract, which is expected to be finalized on Dec. 20, Burnett said that if the mayors don't agree with Cal Am they could appeal to the California Public Utilities Commission — which regulates the company — if problems arise.

"If they don't follow our advice," Burnett said, "we will be armed with a paper trail to take up with PUC at a later" time.

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Barrymore resigns, theater guild drops lawsuit

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER ITS executive director, Rebecca Barrymore, resigned this month, the Forest Theater Guild dropped a lawsuit she filed on its behalf against the Monterey Peninsula College Drama Department.

The lawsuit claimed the drama department owed the guild \$2,991.50 for production costs and \$4,880 for ticket sales associated with co-producing "Once Upon A Mattress" two years ago. The lawsuit also accused the college of stealing costumes valued at \$858, according to court papers.

"Going through the files, it was really hard for me to determine who was right and who was wrong," said Yvonne Bowen, who took over this month as the guild's new executive director.

Barrymore, who was once married to John Barrymore III, the grandson of the theater icon, stepped down to take a posi-

tion with another nonprofit group, Bowen explained. "We want to thank Rebecca for her service to the theater," she said.

A 1980 graduate of Carmel High School with a strong local stage pedigree, Bowen was recruited by Barrymore to join the guild's board of directors about a year ago.

A mother of three, she told The Pine Cone one of her first priorities will be doing community outreach. She wants residents to take on a greater role in guiding the group.

"I'm really excited about getting people involved," said Bowen, who lives in Pacific Grove. "I'd like to hear from everybody and find out what they'd like us to do." Bowen comes from a long line of local stage performers.

Bowen comes from a long line of local stage performers, including her late grandmother Evelyn Nidever Hildebrand, a gifted pianist who moved to Carmel in 1928 and was a famil-

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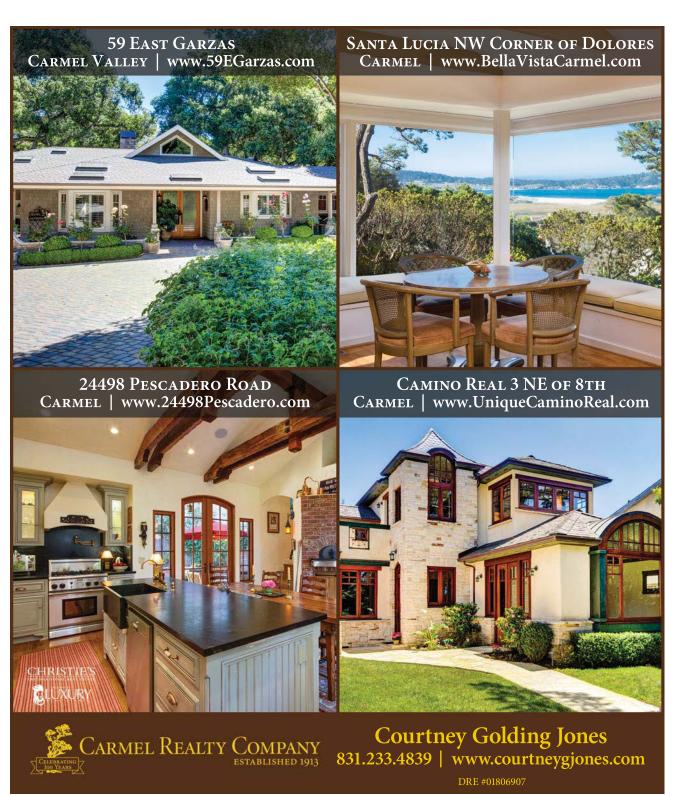
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LETTERS

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California where they maintain their residences. Why hasn't the city given employment to someone local who has made a commitment to the area?

> Gerard A. Rose, Carmel

'Incomplete information' about housing project

Dear Editor,

With respect to your Nov. 22 story on the Pacific Grove City Council's decision to reach out to the Pebble Beach Company on the proposed inclusionary housing development in "Area D" of the Del Monte Forest, I wish to clarify that the residents of Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach do not oppose the construction of inclusionary housing; rather, the concerns expressed have been about the particular location of the proposed housing. The June 2012 resolution of the Monterev County Board of Supervisors did not require that the housing be constructed in the Del Monte Forest; rather, the permitted area is the entire Monterey Peninsula planning area. The citizens have opposed the precise location of the proposed housing, as it will require removal of more than 700 trees, displace wildlife, and generally impact negatively on the surrounding neighborhoods.

The council's decision was based, in large part, on a considerable amount of work done by the Del Monte Neighbors United group (the information provided to the City Council is available through Pacific Grove's official city website, in connection with the City Council's agenda for the November 20, 2013 meeting).

It is unfortunate that the proposal has received support and endorsements based on incomplete information and, occasionally, an incorrect understanding of the facts. For more information on the proposed inclusionary housing, go to DMNU's website, www.delmonteneighborsunited.org.

Elinora Mantovani, Pacific Grove

Yuck yuck yuck

Dear Éditor.

In last week's edition you had a great article on the Soberanes Canyon loop trail, but really, the condition of the trail pales in comparison with the stench of feces from the one, overflowing outhouse at the trailhead that is cleaned infrequently.

It is my understanding, after many conversations with various state and regional park officials that there used to be 4 working toilets at this location (across the highway but serving the same trailhead.) Someone, in their infinite wisdom, had them removed (you can still see where they were capped off) and replaced with 2 outhouses on the other side of the highway.

Over time this has been reduced to one working outhouse, for reasons unknown.

I have it on good authority that people simply use the outof-doors to relieve themselves, in the creek and elsewhere. I have only stopped there once, with full respirator mask, to assess the situation and to take photos. This was about a year and a half ago, while my dad, a 30-plus year resident of the area, was still alive. He was an attorney and he wanted to take legal action to get the area cleaned up, and outfitted properly in terms of facilities, but he was just too ill to follow through.

Since then, I have limited myself to phone calls and the occasional letter-see attached.

The real elephant in the room is the public health hazard

and the stench!

Susan Layne, Rocky Point

'Another Kennedy Myth' Dear Editor,

I was very happy to read the editorial, "Another Kennedy Myth" in the Nov. 22 Pine Cone. It was indeed correct in pointing out that Lee Harvey Oswald was a left-leaning Communist sympathizer and that the Kennedy assassination was not a hate-filled far right response as we are led to believe by the media of today.

I remember the sad day of Nov. 22, 1963. On this day we indeed lost a great president who was for smaller government and lower taxes and was pro business. I remember the news reports of Lee Oswald and there was nothing that could conceivably indict the right wing or even come close to it. The media is trying to rewrite history, as you pointed out so eloquently in his editorial!

It is appalling to see the media outlets using lies and innuendo to distort the truth about this very sad time in America's history by attempting to lay blame on so-called right wing "hysteria" for Kennedy's assassination. The vast majority of Americans today are hard working people who love our country and still have a belief in the Constitution, the American dream and American exceptionalism!

Keep up the good work, Pine Cone.

Jim Waltman, Cody, Wyo.

GUILD

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iar face at Monterey's First Theatre. Bowen is certain her grandmother would have approved of her new job. "I know she would have been proud of me," she said.

Taking its name from a theater group with a similar focus that existed from 1949 to 1961, the Forest Theater Guild was founded in 1972. Its mission is to "present quality performing arts," "foster growth and appreciation" of the dramatic arts within the community, and "uphold the heritage and integrity" of the Outdoor Forest Theater.

A particular focus of the guild is getting local youth involved in the theater arts.

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Kid rockers go retro at Carmel Plaza

By CHRIS COUNTS

Proving that rumors of classic rock's demise have been greatly exaggerated, five youngsters ranging in age from 8 to 13 crank up the amplifiers Friday, Nov. 29, at Carmel Plaza.

Featuring Chris Campo on lead guitar, John Campo on vocals, Frank Campo on drums, Joseph Johnson on bass and Billy Lynch on keyboards, Operation Rock shares the stage from 1 to 3 p.m. with local guitarist, bass player and music teacher Dennis Murphy.

"These guys are serious musicians," Murphy explained. "There's not a weak link in the unit. I'm thrilled to be able to sit in with them.'

Murphy introduced the Campo brothers to Johnson and Lynch at his music school in Monterey. Even though the musicians were born after the turn of the 21st century, they have a surprising affinity for the rock music of their parents' generation.

Classic rock, Murphy has observed, is a big hit with today's youngsters, who can often be seen wearing Led Zeppelin and Jimi

Country music legend Merle Haggard (right) performs March 9 at Sunset Center. Tickets go on sale Dec. 5. Local super group, Operation Rock (below), plays Friday afternoon at Carmel Plaza.





Hendrix T-shirts.

"It's not just these guys," Murphy said. "Many kids today love Journey, Bon Jovi and the Allman Brothers. They know who Deep Purple is. They know the music and it resonates with them."

Murphy is doing his best to expand his students' musical horizons.

"I've got them playing funk and jazz jams," he added. "They're playing Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye and eating it up. It really doesn't matter what they play - if they haven't learned it, they can learn it in a hot minute."

Operation Rock will back up Murphy Friday at Carmel Plaza — and vice versa. Between sets, PacRep Theatre will offer a snippet of "Spamalot," which is playing at the Golden Bough Playhouse Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through

Carmel Plaza is located on Ocean between Junipero and Mission.

■ From Muskogee to Carmel

Incarcerated at San Quentin, invited to

the White House and inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame, Merle Haggard performs Sunday, March 9, at Sunset Center.

Considered by many to be country music's greatest living performer and recording artist, the Californiaborn Haggard has recorded 40 No. 1 country hits since "I'm a Lonesome Fugitive" topped the charts in 1966. He is perhaps best known for "Okie from Muskogee," which the Grammy Awardwinning singer co-wrote in response to protests against the Vietnam War.

Starting at \$79, tickets go on sale Thursday, Dec. 5, at

Cozy 'club' offers cabaret

In the second of three concerts scheduled this season in Sunset Center's

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Album artist aids youth arts group

By CHRIS COUNTS

MORE THAN 40 years after his images were featured on some of rock music's most memorable albums, photographer Ethan Russell is using his work to help raise money for a local nonprofit group that offers free studio space to young artists.

An exhibit of Russell's photographs, "The Best Seat in the House," opens Sunday, Dec. 1, at Winfield Gallery. Twenty percent of the proceeds from sales at the opening reception will benefit the Youth Art Collective, a Monterey group that mentors student-artists from 14 to 22.

Russell, who spent much of his youth in Carmel Valley, moved to London in his early 20s, where a chance meeting with Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger became a stepping stone to a successful career as a rock photographer. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, his work graced the album covers of the Rolling Stones' "Get Yer Ya-Yas Out," the Beatles' "Let It Be" and the Who's "Who's Next" and "Quadrophenia." From 1968 to 1972, he toured with the Rolling Stones during what was arguably the band's most memorable period. He also captured striking images of the Doors' Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin, Cream, Traffic and many others.

The exhibit promises to stir up a few tiedyed memories for baby boomers.

"Rock 'n' roll has a way of marking time," gallery owner Chris Winfield said. "When we hear certain songs, we remember where we were."

Russell's images not only chronicle a col-

orful era, but they do so from his distinctive vantage point. "He has a terrific eye," Winfield added.

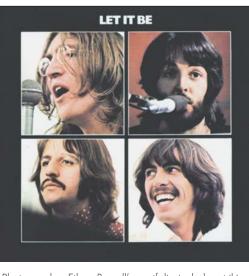
"Instead of just being photojournalism, his work is art."

Russell's show will be on display through Dec. 31.

Located at 472 Calle Principal in downtown Monterey, the Youth Art Collective

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Photographer Ethan Russell's portfolio includes striking images of rock legends such as Jim Morrison (left), and his work shows up on several famous album covers, including the Beatles' "Let It Be."

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Studio 105, cabaret singer Lee Lessack presents his show, "Manhattan to Paris," Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 4-5.

Lessack's set list includes music by some of his personal favorites, including Rodgers and Hammerstein, Simon and Garfunkel, Edith Piaf and Johnny Mercer.

"He's the quintessential cabaret artist," Natalie Hall of Sunset Center told The Pine Cone. "It will be a cozy romantic evening

before the madness of the holidays starts." Studio 105 opened as a music venue Oct.

25 when singer Perla Batalla performed. Hall said the audience enjoyed the room's intimate, club-like atmosphere.

"It was a great success," she said of the show. "There really isn't anything locally that fits this niche. It's a great place for people who want to see live music and have a glass of wine, but not sit in a bar."

The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 to \$79. Studio 105 is located just steps away from the facility's main stage. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

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■ Live Music Nov. 29-Dec. 5

Terry's Lounge at Cypress Inn — pianist Gennady Loktionov and singer Debbie Davis (cabaret, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.); singer Andrea Carter ("swinging jazz, rockin' blues and and popular standards," Sunday at 11 a.m.); and classical guitarist Richard Devinck (Sunday at 5 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

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

Mundaka — singer-songwriter Nico Georis (Sunday at 7:30 p.m.); classical guitarist Peter Evans (Monday at 7 p.m.); and guitarist Rick Chelew (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.). San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 624-

Jack London's Bar and Grill - singersongwriter Casey Frazier ("eclectic Americana with roots in country and '70s rock," Friday at 7 p.m.). On the west side of Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, (831) 624-

The Fuse Lounge at the Carmel Mission Inn — Rollin' and Tumblin' (blues, Friday at 9 p.m.); and singer Dino Vera (Saturday at 9 p.m.). 3665 Rio Road, (831) 624-6630.

Flanagan's Irish-American Pub Bobby Love & Sugar Sweet ("pop, funk, rock and a little reggae and ska," Saturday at 9 p.m.). In The Barnyard, (831) 625-5500.

Julia's - guitarist Rick Chelew and accordionist Elise Levy (Thursday at 5:30 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave. in Pacific Grove. (831) 656-9355.

Traps Lounge at Spanish Bay — Bryan Diamond (Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.). 2700 17-Mile Dr. in Pebble Beach. (831)

Plaza Linda — Keith Batlin (blues, Friday at 7 p.m.); and The Steve Abrams Trio (jazz, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). 27 E. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 659-4229.

Rosie's Country Store — Bryan Diamond (Saturday at 3 p.m.); and Rock, Paper & Scissors (acoustic rock, Sunday at 3 p.m.). 1 Esquiline Road in Carmel Valley, (831) 659-2629.

Fernwood Resort — The Dave Holodiloff Bluegrass Band (Saturday at 9 p.m.). On Highway 1 about 25 miles south of Carmel. (831) 667-2422.

Golden Bough screens 'Hansel and Gretel'

ONE OF the most beloved of all fairy tales gets an operatic twist when a production of 19th century composer Engelbert Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" — captured live in Paris earlier this year — screens Sunday, Dec. 1, at the Golden Bough Theatre.

Staged in April by the Opera de Paris, the opera's libretto is based on the classic fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm and tells the timeless story of two lost children and one

hungry witch.

Sung in French, the opera is directed by Peter Flor, and stars Daniela Sindram Anne-Catherine Gillet. Humperdinck's opera debuted in 1893 and is recognized for its folk-music themes.

Presented by PacRep Theatre, the film begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$24 for general admission, \$20 for seniors, \$12 for students, teachers and active military, and \$7.50 for children under

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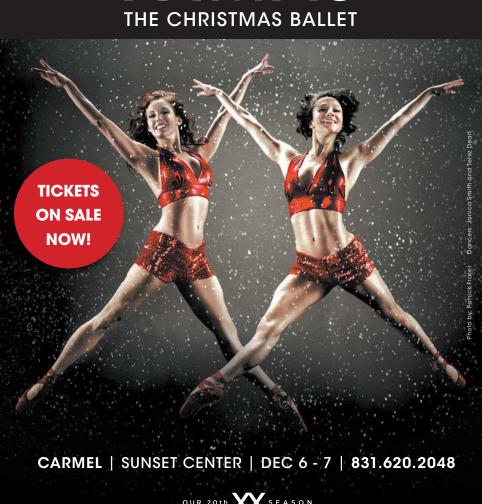
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In the spacious and bustling kitchen at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands, diminutive pastry chef Gina Hudson applies swirls of royal icing to a row of roof shingles on a miniature and entirely edible replica of the landmark Pacific's Edge restaurant at the hotel. Created from gingerbread and all sorts of confectionary, the structure will have taken some 40 hours to complete by the time it's finished and ready for display in the lobby throughout December.

This is the restaurant's second year of gingerbread hotel construction, and Hudson's palette includes paper-thin chocolate painted in a variety of colors and cut into diamonds, squares and other useful shapes. Rectangles of white chocolate are airbrushed silvery blue for stones.

Thin, clear gelatin is scalloped to appear like decorative glass. And marzipan is formed, shaped and embellished to create rich patterns and resemble wood, glass, stone, earth, water and vegetation. Details are everywhere, from the speckled mushrooms the size of one's pinkie tip, to the hand-lettered signs and the bride and groom, complete with wedding cake and pastor, exchanging vows behind walls of gelatin "glass."

Other miniature ginger people populate the sculpture. Hudson wanted the figures tinier than any gingerbread-man cookie cutter in existence, so she used a very small heart cutter to make their upper and lower bodies, and an even smaller round for their heads, and pinched them together before putting them in the oven to bake.

She then used melted white and dark chocolate, as well as sprinkles, paints and dusts, to decorate them. The aforementioned bride and groom, for instance, are wearing a frilly white dress and a tuxedo, of course.

"Those were more work than I thought they'd be," she admitted.

Dipping one cookie into white chocolate up to its waist, and then using edible spray paint to turn the white into red, an itsy bitsy version of resort manager Randall Williams, complete with coat and tie, sits atop the gin-

gerbread steps leading to the gingerbread front door of the hotel. Others, adorned with gold dust or rainbow sprinkles or polka dots — or wearing a baker's apron — can be found throughout the gingerbread grounds.

To take in the baked masterpiece first-hand, visit the lobby at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands, located on Highlands Drive off of Highway 1 just south of Carmel, anytime in December. Give yourself time for a cocktail and an appetizer in the Sunset Lounge while you're there, taking in views that are especially breathtaking in the clear air of winter on the coast.

www.hyattcarmelhighlands.com

■ Feast-ival

The Indy Market's December popup dinner Thursday, Dec. 5, will celebrate the arrival of the local dungeness crab season and the holidays. The Holiday Feastival will feature crab cioppino in the Independent building at 600 Ortiz in Sand City.

But before guests sit down at long tables to enjoy their seafood stew family style, they'll be able to peruse a mini-Holiday Bazaar at 5 p.m., with items like fresh mistletoe for stealing kisses from your sweetie (or from strangers), fine chocolates, handmade ornaments, artisan preserves and other gifts.

Santa will be there to collect wish lists and pose for photos all evening, and a showing of "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" will begin right after Thom Cuneo's seven-piece jazz band finishes its set while partygoers nibble sweets.

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As if that weren't enough, Maddox Haberdasher and Michelle Magdalena Maddox will be on hand to judge everyone's

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

ugly holiday sweaters, with the winner taking home an Indy Box of produce and other goodies, as well as a stocking stuffed by the Bazaar vendors.

Tickets are \$35 for adults; \$30 for students, military and Sand City residents with ID; and \$15 for children 12 and under. To purchase, see indydinner.brownpapertickets.com.

■ Delicious decadence

The most fortunate food aficionados will gather at the table in the beautiful and warm Marinus restaurants at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley Friday, Dec. 13, for executive chef Cal Stamenov's 17th Annual Truffle Dinner. A signature event of the season, the dinner focuses on the white truffles of Italy and the black truffles of France, as well as Burgundy truffles, and they are featured extensively in every course, starting with the Sobieski black truffle martini served alongside Krug Champagne during the reception, which starts at 6:30 p.m.

The six-course tasting menu, which Stamenov will create alongside guest chef Luis Pous of The Dining Room at Little Palm Island Resort & Spa, will begin at 7, showcasing Pous' "vibrant style of cuisine pairs Pan-Latin ingredients with French

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Winfield Gallery is located on the east side of Dolores between Ocean and Seventh. Call (831) 624-3369. To learn more about the Youth Art Collective, visit www.yacstu-

■ Shopping off the beaten path

If the hustle and bustle of Black Friday isn't your thing — and you're looking for one-of-a-kind holiday gifts with a personal touch — two events this weekend offer a bounty of shopping possibilities.

Carmel Valley Village hosts its 6th annual Village Holiday Art and Wine Walk Saturday, Nov. 30, showcasing the community's creative talents.

"It's a great time to come to the Village and meet the artists, the merchants and the winemakers," gallery owner Shelley Allioti

Alan Masaoka, who plans to offer glass blowing demonstrations at his gallery, agreed.

"It's a wonderful way to bring the community together and bring people to the Village," Masaoka added.

Twenty-six galleries, shops and wineries in the village — including the Carmel Valley Art Association and Masaoka Glass Design celebrate the season with receptions Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Down the coast, the Big Sur Grange Hall hosts the 33rd annual Fall Harvest Arts and Crafts Fair Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More than 30 vendors have signed up so far for this year's event, including painters Erlinda Montano-Hiscock, Lorena Del Campo, Helga Browne-Scarlett, Jill Gisler, Ed Moody and Lacy Sutton, and fine art photographers Rachael Short, Peter McArthur and Howard Jones. Also featured will be handmade jewelry, pottery, clothing, dolls, candles, soap, chocolates and much more.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 7

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techniques," according to organizers. Past Truffle Dinner guest chefs include Stéphane Léger, of Le Chassagne, David Kinch of Manresa, Traci Des Jardin of Jardinière, Nancy Oakes and Pamela Mazzola of Boulevard Restaurant, Hiro Sone and Lissa Doumani of Terra, and Douglas Keane of

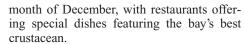
The dinner costs \$500 per person, plus tax and tip, and reservations can be made by calling (831) 658-3595. Marinus Restaurant is located in Bernardus Lodge at 415 Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley.

■ Crab, Part 2

Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf is celebrating Dungeness Days throughout the

The gingerbread version of the Hyatt Carmel Highlands is in the kitchen now, getting its final touches, but will be on display in the lobby throughout the month of December.





Crabby Jim's, for instance, will turn out the Crabby Platter with half a crab, jumbo dry scallop and prawns, as well as Crabby Cioppino with half a crab, scallops, clams, shrimp and freshly caught fish in marinara sauce. The classic whole steamed crab with melted butter will be served, too, of course, as well as crab cocktail.

At Crab Louie's Bistro, also look for fresh streamed dungeness with butter, rice and veggies, and at Abalonetti's Bar & Grill, more whole crab served with the classic sides and a cup of chowder. And a bib.

Old Fisherman's Grotto has the Fisherman's Wharf Platter, with half a crab, grilled shrimp, scallops and crab cake, as well as cioppino.

Domenico's on the Wharf offers something special — Crab five ways: cioppino

style, hot, sautéed, chilled and salad style. Café Fina also does it five ways, though some are different: steamed hot; served chilled; sautéed with spices, rice wine and onions; cioppino style; and Italian style chilled with olive oil and fresh herbs.

And at Paluca Trattoria, crab can be found steamed with butter, garlic and white wine, will Gilbert's sells it steamed by the whole or half.

■ Fifi's Holiday **Grand Tasting**

Every year, Calvin and Michèle at Fifi's on Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove hold a Holiday Grand Tasting, breaking out some of their favorite and most festive wines for tasting and sharing. Since it also carries wine for retail sales, the restaurant has an extensive inventory available for purchase.

Wines set for the tasting, which will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, will represent the regions of Champagne, Bordeaux, Burgundy and Chateauneuf-du-

(blends of Sangiovese and other grapes), top Spanish reds, California and Oregon Pinots Noir, Chardonnays, California Cabernets and other specialties. Hors d'oeuvres will balance out the tasting, which costs \$25 per person. To RSVP, call (831) 372-5325.

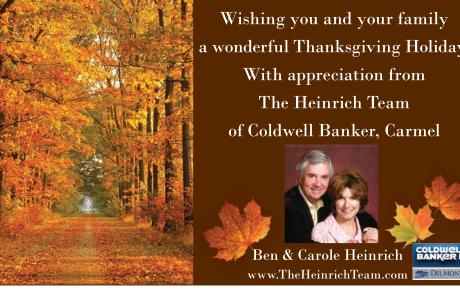
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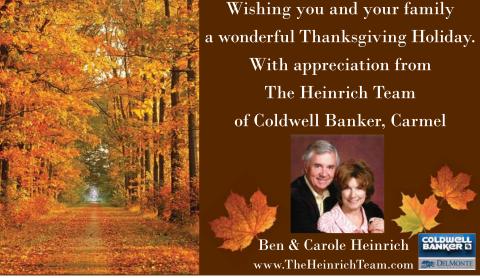
■ Prime rib in the backroom

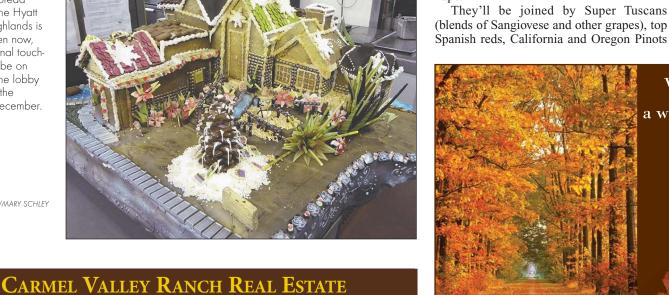
Cantinetta Luca will hold another backroom dinner for one night only Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 5 to 9:30 p.m. During the Holiday Prime Rib Backroom Dinner, customers can choose from one of two cuts: 12ounce hand-carved Angus natural prime rib au jus for \$45.95 pre-sold online or \$50.95 at the door, or a 16-ounce selection for \$57.95 in advance or \$62.95 at the door, including tax and tip.

Each is accompanied by house baked rolls, twice baked Yukon Gold potato, baconcrusted creamed spinach, horseradish and creme fraiche. Draft beer, and house red and white, are available for \$5 apiece.

Buy tickets at lucaprimerib.brownpapertickets.com. No reservations will be taken, as the backroom dinners are open seating, and Luca is located on Dolores Street south of Ocean Avenue. Call (831) 625-6500 or visit cantinettaluca.com to learn







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A PETITION FOR PROBATE

has been filed by JON BRADLEY ERICKSON in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY. The Petition for Probate requests that JON BRADLEY ERICKSON be

appointed as personal representa-tive to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests author-

ity to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: Jan. 8, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from

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Dec. 4 - Carmel Valley Women's Club presents its annual Holiday Extravaganza, December 4, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Rancho Canada, 4860 Carmel Valley Rd. Guests will enjoy a fantastic luncheon, seasonal music, and have the opportunity to bid on hundreds of holiday gift items. Call to reserve at (831) 659-

www.carmelvalleywomensclub.org. \$40 per guest. Dec. 6 - After Carmel-by-the-Sea's Tree Lighting ceremony, please come across the street to Carmel Presbyterian Church for a Living Nativity Scene! Enjoy Carols, Christmas Cookies and Cider! 5:30 - 7 p.m. SE corner Ocean & Junipero (kiddy-corner from Devendorf Park). For more information please call (831) 624-3878 or visit www.carmelpres.org.

Dec. 6 - Carmel Plaza's Free Holiday Open House, Friday, December 6, 5-7 p.m. Celebrate the holidays with live music by Steve Ezzo & Neal Banks, enjoy tasty bites with warm beverages, visit with Santa and receive holiday favors from our elves. Help us support the Food Bank of Monterey County by bringing canned food to fill the barrels in the Plaza. (831) 624-1385.

Dec. 6 & 7 - Enjoy Plaza Linda Restaurant's outstanding cuisine, drinks and atmosphere at the end of the quaint village, 27 E. Carmel Valley Road. This Friday, December 6, John Michael & Tom Lawson with Frank Sinatra Tribute at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, December 7, the incredible Lisa Nemzo on TOUR (think Melissa Ethridge & Heart) at 7 p.m. Don't miss the special music shows!

Dec. 7 - Olive Oil Lovers Event, Dec. 7, 12 - 5 p.m. Watch the olive pressing process and taste the first press of the season! Jan de Luz, 1 East Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley. www.jandeluz.com. RSVP (831) 659-7966.

Dec. 7 - Back by Popular Demand! Friends of the Carmel Valley Library hosts the Ukulele Club of **Monterey**, sharing their joy of singing with the friendly ukulele, December 7, 10:15 a.m. The Club's repertoire spans the 20th Century of popular music, including some hula dancing. Get ready for some sing-a-longs! Free. Seating is first come, first served. Refreshments served. Library: (831) 659-2377.

Dec. 7 - Central Coast Fury Fastpitch Softball Tryouts for 10U, 12U, 14U & 16U at MPC Softball Fields located at 980 Fremont Ave in Monterey. Saturday, December 7. Details at www.centralcoastfury.org or email admin@centralcoastfury.org.

Dec. 7 - Git along little doggies and come on down for the Galante Holiday Shopping Party, Saturday, December 7, 1:30-5 p.m. Galante Tasting Room, Dolores Dolores btwn. Ocean and 7th. Join Jack and his Gang of Elves for Wine Tasting & Holiday Cheer! Shop our Unique Gifts and Stocking Stuffers for the Special Cowgirl or Cowboy in your life. Forget the Milk and Cookies this Year and Leave Santa a Bottle of great Galante Wine! Guaranteed to put you on the nice list!! RSVP (831) 624-3800.

Rising Int'l. presents popup marketplace

By MARY SCHLEY

THE NONPROFIT that seeks to help women by building business relationships between artisans in poor nations and local entrepreneurs will hold a popup global marketplace on Black Friday, Nov. 29, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Carmel Kitchens and Baths off Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

Shop owner Gary Courtright will transform his kitchen showroom into a marketplace featuring handcrafted items created by women in need in more than 20 countries. Just in time for the holidays, many of the products were ordered more than a year ago and are finally just making their way to the United States, their creators having had to endure the challenging and unpredictable conditions of their countries.

Slated for inclusion in the global marketplace are baskets created from fuchsia and orange raffia wrapped over banana fiber, mobiles of African dolls, and vibrant multicolored paper-bead necklaces — all made by displaced women in Northern Uganda. Disabled women in Colombia designed the seed jewelry that will be sold, and marginalized women in Zimbabwe created the handdyed batik table runners.

The global marketplace will also showcase the Zaina apron made by conflict survivors in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Rising International's women's economic development programs made all of the products possible and are responsible for bringing the crafts stateside. The nonprofit "searches the globe for the world's most forgotten women and empowers them to change their destinies through micro-enterprise," according to its mission, and also trains women in Monterey County to run their own Rising International businesses.

"These local entrepreneurs take pride in earning an income by helping the world's poorest women," according to organizers. "Every gift purchased at this special event impacts lives in our own community, as well as around the world."

Snacks, drinks and door prizes will also be offered during the sale, which will take place in the showroom at Carmel Kitchens and Baths, located at 26386 Carmel Rancho Lane in Carmel.

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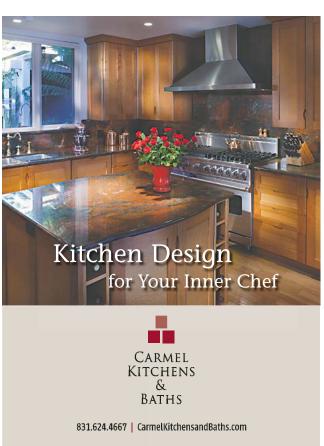
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The second display offers a glimpse into the parlor room of an early 20th century home in the valley. Filled with vintage furniture, books and "nick-nacks that pertain to that time period," the room makes it easier to imagine what life was like in the valley 110 years ago.

"The centerpiece of the room is an upright piano that was built in the 1880s and shipped around the Cape from England," Jones said.

Drawing from a collection of striking photographs by the late James Zeigler, the third exhibit creates a vivid portrait of ranching life in the valley during the 1940s and 1950s. Curated by Jeff Ohlson, the show includes images of locals riding horses, tending to livestock and enjoying the valley's wide open spaces. "He was a well known photographer in these parts who spent a lot time on the ranches," Jones said of Zeigler, who left behind more than 4,000 images and glass negatives that are now in the library's collection.

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For the first time in at least four years — and just in time for the busy holiday season — there are no major highway projects causing delays along the coast. Caltrans, though, isn't taking any chances, especially with winter approaching. "We're hoping everything stays stable," Cruz added. "We've tried to do enough proactive work to weather the storms. We're checking the culverts and working with Mother Nature as best as possible."

The contractor for the Rocky Creek and Pitkins Curve-Rain Rocks projects was Golden Gate Bridge Inc. of Martinez.

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were placed on leave at the end of October.

"The overall finding was the city's computer system was not protected or secure," Talmage said. "We're not going to

In the wake of those suspensions, as well as the firings of building official John Hanson and children's library employee Linda Macdonald, and the disappearance of former deputy city clerk Molly Laughlin from city hall, city officials have been tight-lipped for months.

Burnett said it was because they had to be, but with the investigation coming to a close, more can be said about what was found.

"It's the city council's and my job to communicate with the community, and I realize we need to do a better job doing that. We have an ongoing investigation that's now wrapping up, so we're able to say more today than we were a few days or a few months ago," he said. "We have intentionally held off until we could be at a stage where we could have this con-

Talmage provided some examples of the sorts of problems

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the investigation revealed.

"There were encrypted files found on the city's computer system, anti-forensic software was found on the city's system that erases where you've been on the system, and there was information turned over to non-city employees without authorization," he said.

Furthermore, "there is a specific process for all pay raises, and there was a series of pay raises that did not follow that process and were done without management or employees' signatures, and with a rubber stamp."

"Those are examples," he said. "There are weak internal

Burnett said he could conceive of no reason for the encrypted files, which were shielded at a level high enough to prompt the city to ask the FBI for help uncovering them.

"I can't understand why there would be a legitimate reason for that," he said.

Not only are the systems old, they don't work with each other, so the systems used in finance and accounting don't communicate with those used by the planning department, for instance. That so many different systems are used by the city explains why the investigation has taken so long and cost so much money, and generated a lot of paperwork, according to Talmage. "For one situation, we have a pile that's 800 pages thick," Burnett said.

Investigations cost plenty

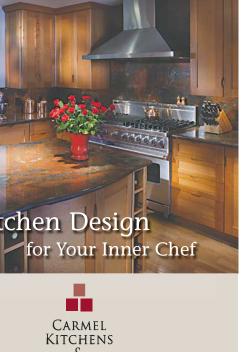
Since he was hired by the city in February, forensic computer investigator Mark Alcock has been working on the case against McInchak — which has yet to be submitted to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office — and other incidents, as well as IT services. He was paid \$10,958 in May, \$32,026 in June, \$21,780.54 in August and \$60,346 in September, for a total of \$125,110.54.

Other investigators, including Richard Lee Investigations and RSC Investigations & Consulting LLC, appear on the October check register, for \$3,121.88 and \$4,777, respectively, though it's unknown whether they are investigating employees or other targets. (Questions to that effect went unanswered Wednesday.)

"I made a commitment to communicate as much as possible about what's going on at city hall. There were more limitations on what we could say a few months ago than there are now, and I anticipate there will be more we can say in a month," Burnett said.

He also said city administrator Jason Stilwell, who has been overseeing the investigations and suspensions, "is doing the job that we want him to be doing."

"And I think we're doing the job that the community wants us to do, but if people disagree with that, hang that on me," he said. "If we saw what we've seen and we didn't take action, that would be a problem."



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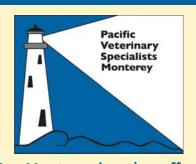
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The higher rates are to help pay for a new water project for the Peninsula, which includes a desalination plant in North Marina, water storage facilities and a project that turns wastewater into drinking water. In 2009, the State Water Resources Control Board ordered Cal Am to stop pumping most of its water from the Carmel River, which has long been the Peninsula's primary water

Stephanie Pintar, water demand manager for the district, told The Pine Cone Monday that she, Stoldt and Suresh Prasad, the district's chief financial officer, are working on

"We are trying to nail down what the costs are so the consumer will get an accurate picture of what their bills will look like," Pintar said.

Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett, a member of the Monterey Peninsula Water Regional Authority, said the group's technical adviso-

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ry committee will be assisting with the study. The committee will also try to figure out the best way to inform customers what their bills will look like five years from now.

"Maybe we should look at a range of water years so people can understand that if I'm a big water user, this is what will happen," he said. "And if I use less water, this is what is going to happen."

Burnett said the study should be completed within six weeks.

A sharp contrast

Cal Am's projected rate increase contrasts sharply to those alleged by activist group Public Water Now, which is pushing for the public takeover of Cal Am. The group believes that the private water company's rates will triple in the coming years, an estimated rejected by Cal Am and the water dis-

"They are not going to triple," Stoldt said. Burnett also said he hasn't seen figures from Public Water Now or any other group that support the contention that rates will triple, but said the analysis being worked on might shed some light on the claim.

Water activist George Riley, who sits on the technical advisory committee and has also advocated for the takeover of Cal Am, would likely be able to provide input in that

area, Burnett said.

"It's important to assess the credibility of these different groups and this will be a good opportunity to do that," he said.

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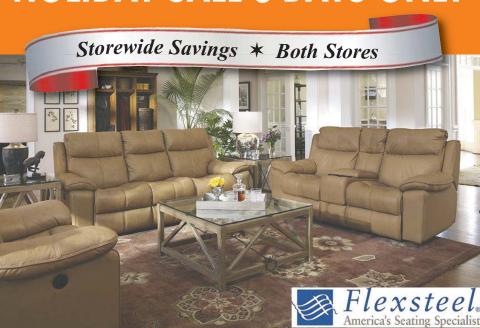
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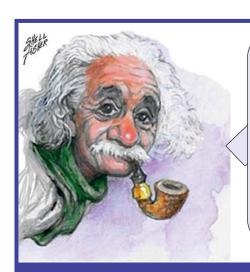
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the P.D.," he said.

But after becoming "disenchanted with the organization and how it was being run," Rana decided to look for jobs on the Monterey Peninsula, where he and his parents had escaped the summer heat by vacationing in the Carmel fog when he was a kid.

"As luck would have it, there were openings," he said. He applied for positions in Pacific Grove and Carmel, finishing at the top for both, so he had his choice. The late Bob Fischer, then a captain at CPD, called Rana and asked him to choose

"So I did," he said. "That personal call made the difference."

He stayed in Carmel until 1983 but then moved up to Oak Harbor, Wash., to be closer to his then-wife's family. He was a field training officer — a job he said he was horrible at, because he always wanted to rescue his trainees instead of letting them learn through their mistakes — and was on the SWAT team.

Back to Carmel

"Then in 1986, I was approached by then-Capt. Don Fuselier to come back," he said, referring to the man who would later become chief of the department. "They had an opening and wanted me back."

And here he's been ever since, helping things run smoothly, quietly but forcefully dealing with scofflaws, advising the city council and various commissions on everything related to traffic and special events, and turning chaos into order each time hundreds of people in extremely fancy cars converge on the city for a week or two every August. (It's not unusual to hear him yelling, "It's the pedal on the right!" at lagging drivers during Concours rallies.).

Getting used to the one-square-mile town took some effort.

When you are a police officer in a small town, you really have to have that customer service — it has to be there," he said. "And I came from a large town and had a mentality of go out, chase them down, arrest them and throw away the key. But in a small town, you can't do that."

Carmel cops are expected to go the extra mile — or sev-

"It would be unheard of in Fresno to go to someone's house and turn off the water because they forgot to and called

When he joined CPD, the force was a training ground with high turnover. Young officers would go to work there, get trained and then leave, "because there wasn't enough action," he said. "I became an advocate of hiring older, sea-

soned officers, because they have commitment." Working in Carmel "is about the citizens, about character, about one-on-one service," he continued.

Rana became the city's motor cop in 1987, after testing for it and being sent to motor school in San Diego, where he finished second in a group of 18. A Monterey officer finished at the top of the class, and six people failed. Motor school is notoriously tough and has about a 50 percent failure rate.

Despite his level of proficiency, Rana crashed his first Carmel P.D. motorcycle — a Kawasaki — during a chase that started at Scenic and Eighth and ended in Los Tulares, a housing division just east of the Carmel Valley Village.

"It was April 1988, Palm Sunday, and we had gotten a call the day before of a vehicle racing around Carmel Point, and he had eluded officers," Rana recalled. The following day, the station got another call about the same car, so he threw on his helmet and headed off to intercept the driver near the

"He came out and ran a stop sign at Ladera, and the chase was on," he said. Chasing the teen down Carmel Valley Road, Rana lost radio contact with the station at mid-valley but kept

"He was taking too many chances, going in the opposite traffic lanes around left-hand turns," he said. Once they hit Los Tulares, Rana took a corner too fast and ran into the gravel, causing him to crash. Fortunately, though, the gravel stopped him from going over the 300-foot cliff at the edge of the road.

"The gravel actually saved my life," he said.

About three hours later, the teen was in custody, "because everybody knew him," Rana said. "The only reason he ran was because he didn't have a license." The errant driver got 90 days, while Rana got bumps and bruises.

"So they slapped me on the hand and gave me the Harley," which he rode until the city replaced it with a BMW several years ago.

Guarding a real VIP

Pope John Paul II's visit in 1987 stands out in Rana's memory of his years on the force for its magnitude.

"It was a three-year project, and [then-Chief Jack McGilvray] was the head of everything," he said. "I think it took years off his life. It was a huge responsibility, wheels down to wheels up." Rana was in charge of keeping traffic in front of the Mission moving,

"because you couldn't let any vehicles stop." And just two weeks later,

the King of Spain visited.

"He walked downtown, and we had to scramble for security there," he remembered.

Rana also said he really enjoyed teaching Drug Abuse Resistance Education classes to local school kids, a task he handled for 20 years.

"I got to meet a lot of great kids, some of whom I helped get their driver's licenses," he said. "That was one of the things that kind of changed me, especially the public speaking.'



Steve Rana

Chief Mike Calhoun, another CPD long timer, praised Rana for his years on the force.

"It's really been a privilege for me to be able to work along with Steve," he said. "He's not only a real asset to the department, but a real asset to the citizens of the community. To put 30 years of public service in is commendable, because it's not

Calhoun said Rana is "like a brother," and that he hopes to have him work part time, to cover shifts and to handle special events, as CalPERS retirement policy allows.

"Steve would like to do that, and he is so knowledgeable," he said. "We will miss him, obviously, but in another way, we'll still have him around, so I feel very fortunate. He's leaving, but he's not."

Rana said he will also continue teaching young motorists for Drive Carmel, the school owned by resident Mary Gifford, and teaching cops how to drive for the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium.

Former Mayor Sue McCloud said Rana is a key figure and has always played an important role in town.

"I've always said police are the ambassadors to the visiting public — they are often the first people visitors meet when they're asking for directions," she said. "Steve is a fixture in our community."

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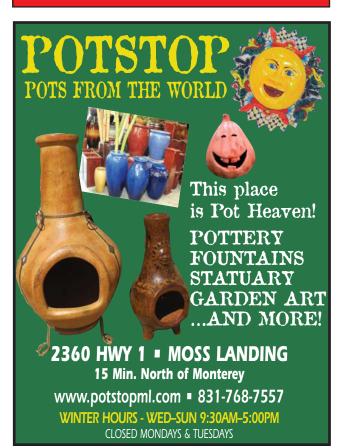
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But I'm a big believer in the need for people and business to work together for the greater good, so

I said yes once again. We are in this together, after all, and the strength and future of Carmel depends on communication and participation between the City, its businesses and its residents. I've been lucky to meet such great people with great advice through the Chamber. And I've always appreciated the value of the Chamber's Visitor Center and Guide to Carmel; it makes it so much easier to help visitors and locals find what they're looking for when there's always an answer just a phone call away.

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Editorial

If you think you're Robin Hood, why hide it?

THE BIGGEST problem with Obamacare isn't the failure of the website or the fact that President Obama "misspoke" when he said Americans could keep health insurance they liked.

The real problem with Obamacare is its enormous price tag. By handing out billions in free services and health care without doing anything to control costs, the president's health care plan will inevitably add trillions to the national debt.

Paying that debt and the tremendous interest to sustain it will have to be done by taxpayers, just as they do with everything the government spends.

Since almost all tax revenue comes from fewer than half of the people in the country, and most of it comes from a small group of upper-income taxpayers, Obamacare is, in fact, yet another federal program to massively redistribute the country's wealth from the people who have it to the people who don't.

No surprise there. Practically every domestic program favored by Democrats has redistribution as its chief purpose. Food stamps, Section 8 housing, Medicare, Medicaid, affirmative action and thousands of other government activities at the federal, state and local level transfer wealth from taxpayers to the poor and other groups favored by politicians.

Republicans also support lots of redistribution programs. The major difference between the parties is that while Republicans think there should be some kind of limit to government wealth transfers, Democrats favor every redistribution scheme you can think of and want them all to grow as large as possible.

Since they believe in taking money from the rich and giving it to the poor so much, you'd think Obama and his allies would be proud of Obamacare's redistributive purpose.

And they surely are, in secret.

But publicly, the president and his supporters deny that the health care law redistributes income at all. Why? Because they think the voters will be against it even more than they are now.

"Don't Dare Call Health Law 'Redistribution," was the headline on a story in the New York Times this week.

While Obama himself ardently favored wealth transfers when he ran for president the first time around, reporter John Harwood said the administration won't even utter the word these days or appoint people to top government jobs who have publicly favored redistribution in the past.

"Redistribution' is a term that conjures up all sorts of unfairness in people's mind," the Times story quoted former Obama chief of staff William Daley as saying. "It's a word that, in the political world, you just don't use."

The word is "particularly toxic" around the Obama White House, the story continued; nevertheless, "the redistribution of wealth has always been a central figure of the [health care] law," it concluded.

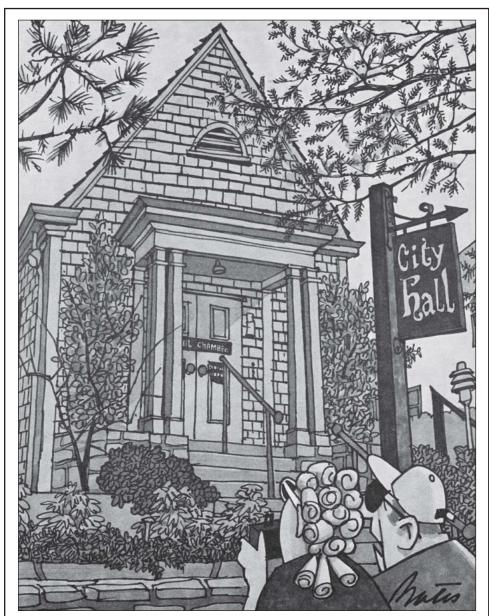
Obama obviously never misses an opportunity to raise taxes on people with good incomes and increase government handouts to people he thinks deserve them, yet he denies doing so and hasn't even uttered the word "redistribution" in 18 months, according to the Times.

And when he did, it was to reject the idea that redistribution is what Obamacare is about.

"Understand that this is not a redistribution program," the president said about his health care program during a campaign stop in Ohio. "This is not about taking from rich people to give to poor people. This is about us together making investments in our country so everybody's got a fair shot."

Obama has constantly misrepresented what Obamacare will do and how much it will cost. And his denial that it is a redistribution program is his biggest lie of them all.

BEST of BATES



"I hear they run it just like a town. They have a mayor and everything."

Letters to the Editor

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Former councilman's questions Dear Editor,

Like many citizens of Carmel, I am troubled by the startlingly high turnover of city employees over the past two years. But there is another phenomenon that is also raising serious questions in my mind. Specifically, I have noticed that the Herald has recently been running city ads for a building official, salary range \$82,896 to \$103,776, and a senior HR analyst, \$81,264 to \$101,736 plus benefits (which the ad defines as "generous" in the latter case). No mention is made of the management of people or budgets; nor is a college degree or language (other than English) required in either case.

So I have a question for the city council: how did you come up with these salary ranges? Since we live in an area replete with military, let me compare the high end of these two positions to current rates for an

average annual base pay of a full Colonel which is \$115,000, and \$90,000 for a Lt. Colonel.

Need I note that these ranks carry with them commands of large groups of military personnel and military machines, etc.

Surely the council's fiduciary responsibility to the residents of our city requires it to consider whether the salaries it is offering make fiscal sense. The city's recent sales tax increase was supposedly adopted to provide for capital improvements, not to offer the highest salaries in the area. And the council should note that the Herald recently ran an ad for the City of Seaside which sought to fill a vacancy for a code enforcement officer. In that ad, Seaside specified that it preferred a bilingual applicant with an associate degree, and it listed a top of salary range of \$66,522.

I have other questions as well: 1. Why do we need two people handling HR (i.e., Sue Paul who I understand is salaried in excess of \$150,000 plus benefits and the above advertised-for analyst)? These two HR salaries and benefits could total well over a quarter million dollars, or almost the entire projected cost of the long-planned new restroom at the south end of the beach. 2. Are both of these advertised positions to be "at will"? If not, why not? 3. How do you provide for career growth if you hire at the top of the pay scale? 4. Will these two employees fall under the new two-tier retirement plan? 5. And last, but certainly not least, it is my understanding that two recently hired senior staff members commute weekly to and from Southern

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Celebrating a we-lost-but-we-won, you-lost proposition

HERE AT campaign headquarters, we are ecstatic that fully 40 percent of the voters in Monterey County supported our measure.

Okay, well, the final count shows it was more like 38 percent, but here at campaign headquarters we like to round up for the benyou consider that the voters who supported our measure are obviously superior to those who opposed us. Our supporters didn't allow the noise of the agitating opposition to destroy their resolute support for unwavering American principles.

> People who voted for us are very patriotic, and they support the veterans of America's armed services. Those who voted against us hate our democracy by denying veterans a final resting place, so obviously those vot-

ers should have been turned away from the polling places.

If you look at it that way, all votes cast for our measure should really count as two votes. And by that count our campaign would have had 80 percent of the vote. Okay, well, it would have been more like 76 percent, but our self-esteem insists that we round up in cases like this.

Along with the veterans we stand proud with, we stand proud by the Measure K

Even if you take into account the election-day results for the unpatriotic countermeasure, the despicable Measure M, we obviously emerged victorious.

Measure M only received 40 percent of

Okay, well, the whiny sticklers would say the measure actually received more than 46 percent of the vote, but we round down in cases like this for the sake of our self-esteem. But the main thing is that Measure M didn't get 50 percent of the vote, and that's what this whole election/initiative thingy was about in the first place.

Forget about the 62 percent of the citizens who cast their votes against Measure K. That doesn't really matter. Those voters were simply confounded by the malcontents who confused the issue by telling everyone that Measure K was some sort of nefarious plot to build a horse race track at Fort Ord, when we all know that it was really about a veterans' cemetery.

So, if you ignore the results for Measure K and you eliminate the confusion and voter bewilderment, we really won this thing. Obviously.

And we won it big.

In fact, in our minds the voters of Monterey County handed Measure K a ringing endorsement, while they rammed Measure M face-first against the turnbuckle.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist — or even a battlefield commander — to understand how we won, even though we lost the battle to countermand the war, and even though they lost the war to end the battle.

It's very simple, you see.

Before the initiatives, the Fort Ord Reuse and Hocus-Pocus Plan would have allowed a veterans' cemetery at Fort Ord. Matter of fact, the hocus-pocus plan would have allowed an honest citizen with an ambitious dream the right to build a race track at Fort Ord, if that's what he wanted. But, of course, the race track thingy was not what any of this was all about.

The despicable Measure M would have stopped the veterans' cemetery, but it lost by a whopping 4,000 votes. So Measure K won, even though it "lost" by merely 13,000 votes.

And now we can go ahead and build our cemetery, even if we could have built the cemetery regardless of the results. Or maybe we can't. We're not sure what any of this means, really, but the main thing is that we

So you can see why we're so darn excited. Joe Livernois welcomes your feedback at santalechuga@gmail.com.

beyond the realm

By JOE LIVERNOIS

efit of our self-esteem.

Anyway, 38 percent is still a terrific result. That means that more than one-third of the registered voters who cast their ballots validated our mission to support our veter-

We are giddy!

Absolutely glowing!

Some people might look at the results and say that our glass is 62 percent empty, but we prefer to think it's more like the keg of conquest is flowing over with mead and splashing on the floor of sweet triumph.

It's a huge victory for us. Especially when

Council to tackle parking, give city administrator raise and 'retention bonus'

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CARMEL City Council will use a chunk of time at its regular meeting Tuesday, Dec. 3, to not just discuss the troubles and travails of downtown parking, but to get moving on solutions.

"The first goal is that we don't let more time go by without taking concrete steps to address the parking problem," Mayor Jason Burnett said this week. "It's only going to increase as the economy recovers, and the status quo does not work."

Developing a system that encourages visitors and dissuades employees and business owners from parking in the core commercial district is the idea, and council members will talk about how to accomplish it.

The council is also set to give city admin-

istrator Jason Stilwell a pay raise and perfor-

The council meets in city hall on Monte Verde south of Ocean at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 3. For more information and a complete agenda, visit ci.carmel.ca.us.

mance incentives, as well as extend his contract to September 2017. While Stilwell will contribute more

money to his own retirement account, he will also receive a \$185,325 annual salary (compared with his base pay of \$170,192.62 in 2012), an increase in monthly automobile allowance from \$350 to \$450, an increase in deferred compensation from \$550 to \$850, and a \$5,000 bonus for not leaving the city's employ prematurely. He'll also be eligible for up to \$8,000 in incentives "tied to the accomplishment of the city's key initiatives





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LEWIS LEADER still has the essence of New York about him, even though he was 7 when his family moved to Los Angeles. It's in his slight accent, his humor and his sense

Lewis Leader

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of purpose. Brooklyn can do that to you. His lifelong passion, on the other hand, was kindled on the West Coast where his father had a number of different jobs over his life, among them being editor for a variety of small weeklies in Southern California.

November 29, 2013

"I loved going to the newspaper with my Dad. He wrote the stories. He laid out the pages. He wrote the headlines. It was really exciting for me to go with him and watch him put the paper together," Lewis said. "He'd take me in what's known as the back shop with the linotype machines and where the printers would play this

joke. They'd put your name on a piece of hot type and give it to you, and you'd jump three feet in the air."

That led him to start producing his own newspaper when he was just 8 years old.

"I called it Lew's News, and there were as many copies as the carbon paper would allow. It was a little bit of neighborhood news, but it didn't last that long. No corporate buyout,"

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his interest in newspapers and love of sports — he saw the Brooklyn Dodgers play once - got him involved with The Daily Cal, where he was the sports editor in his senior year.

"Sports writing is a great training, because you have to be accurate, factual, precise and get your stories done quickly. A lot of journalists began as sportswriters." Lewis graduated from Berkeley with a B.A. in history.

In 1972, a couple of years after graduation, Lewis joined the Monterey Herald as a sports writer for \$130 a week. "I loved the job, I put in long hours I got to cover everything from high school to the World Series, and I wrote a column,

Three years later, he moved to the Herald's news side, and in 1980 he moved up to become a reporter for the San Francisco Examiner, working out of the Marin County Bureau, situated in the wonderful Frank Lloyd Wright building that was the county seat. Among the stories he covered were the Mount St. Helens eruption, the MGM Grand fire, and Al Davis' anti-trust lawsuit, tried by the iconic former San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto, against the National

In 1984, Lewis returned here as city editor of the Herald and was promoted to associate editor four years later. He resigned in early May of 1994.

"The Herald had been acquired by Scripps Howard, a major newspaper chain out of Cincinnati, which made a lot of changes. I had always enjoyed journalism and hardly recall a day I didn't like going in, but with the new owners, I began

His wife, Sandra, a magazine editor he had met at the Herald, suggested that he quit. "I said, 'I don't have anything lined up.' She said, 'We'll work it out." And they did.

Great Lives

By TONY SETON

Lewis and Sandra and their 7-year-old daughter traveled throughout the West and Canada, from Denver to the Grand Tetons, getting the bad taste out of his mouth. "It was just a wonderful trip. It just kind of let me take a deep breath, and we really enjoyed ourselves," he said.

When he returned, for two years he worked the PR side of the table for David Armanasco. Then he was asked to take over as managing editor of the Toledo Blade. But, "Ohio is a lot different than California. A lot different," he said, so two years later, when he got offers from the Los Angeles Times and the Newark Star-Ledger, it was time to move again.



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Both were good papers, both job offers were strong, but neither he nor Sandra wanted to move to New Jersey, so it was back to the West Coast, and in 2000 Lewis was editor of the Times' Valley Edition, which was really a paper within a paper, where he supervised a staff of 80. Unfortunately, the Los Angeles Times was about to change hands and many jobs were cut, including his. The Valley Edition was eliminated.

So back they moved back to their home in Carmel Valley Village, where they are today. Lewis is a communications consultant primarily to various public entities.

"I try to help the media and public agencies better understand each other." Being his own boss, he is no longer vulnerable to the vagaries of the corporate world. "I also do freelance editing and writing, and have edited a few books and run some non-partisan political campaigns. I have also been a youth baseball umpire for about the last 11 years, which I truly love," Lewis said.

Yes, the news is still in his blood, but today from a differ-

ABUSE

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accused Ward of attempting to confuse the matter by directing attention to Matthew's alleged actions.

"The attempt to move the spotlight from their wrongdoing to Matthew," Lykken said, "only shows the utter lack of a defense that these defendants have to their concerted effort to defraud my clients of control over their estate."

Ward said he is preparing to file a response to the lawsuit. The case is set for a May 2014 hearing in a Monterey court-

JOBS

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compensation, risk management and salary administration." It requires "experience equivalent to a bachelor's degree in public administration, human resources or a related field, and five years of responsible human resources experience." The only required license or certificate is a California driver's

The other jobs already exist, and the positions of building official - formerly held by John Hanson, who was fired several months ago - and deputy city clerk were funded in the 2013/2014 budget.

"Prior to commencing the recruitment to fill the vacancy, staff reviewed the job description and salary for the position,' Paul said. "As a result of this review, staff is recommending that the salary be revised to reflect the market for the position." She concluded the new building official should receive between \$82,896 and \$103,776 per year.

According to the online job listing, the ideal candidate is "professional, dedicated and highly responsible." The person only needs to be a high-school graduate who has participated in "college-level coursework," but must have "four years of progressively responsible experience in the design, construction and inspection of public, commercial, industrial and residential buildings, including two years of administrative and supervisory responsibility.'

A temporary employee, Daryl Betancur, has been serving as deputy city clerk under contract, and Paul recommended that the salaries for city clerk — recently vacated by Heidi Burch, who resigned at the end of October due to her "extreme discomfort with current management practices" and deputy city clerk also be updated in order to draw strong candidates. The deputy city clerk position pays \$64,596 to \$80,880, and the city clerk job's salary ranges from \$82,080 to \$102,756.

Recruitment for the deputy city clerk position has already closed, as have job postings for firefighter/paramedic, finance manager and capital projects manager, while recruiting is planned for facilities maintenance workers levels I and II, in addition to the other jobs being advertised.

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The day the hostages were freed and I got mad at Roger Mudd

By PAUL MILLER, Thirteenth in a series.

LAST WEEKEND CBS News streamed its original, live coverage of the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Starting with a few brief bulletins just after 10:30 Friday morning our time, and continuing almost without interruption through a late-night special Monday evening, the Internet broadcast was timed to coincide exactly with spellbinding events as they unfolded 50 years before.

The marathon of coverage was fascinating not only for anyone who lived through that tragic weekend, but also for history buffs, and for students of the development of TV broadcasting.

Since I am all three, I watched almost the entire weekend and was fascinated to see how the network's superstar correspondents of the era — Walter Cronkite, of course, but also Eric Sevareid, Charles Collingwood and Harry Reasoner, not to mention the very young Dan Rather and Roger Mudd — handled the seemingly never-ending cascade of breaking news, along with more pathos than a whole library of Greek tragedies.

There was the shooting itself, of course. And the death of the president. And the arrest of his assassin. And then the uncovering of his identity and Marxist background.

Simultaneously, there was the swearing in of the new president, and the revelation that Kennedy's widow, Jackie, witnessed it still wearing her blood-stained clothing.

As Air Force One returned to Washington, the people of the United States poured out their grief and love for their lost president to the television cameras, and as the body was unloaded at Andrews Air Force base, again with Jackie close at hand, leaders of almost every nation offered condolences and promised to attend the funeral. And that was all just the first day.

Throughout the weekend it was the same, with Cronkite, Collingwood, Sevareid, et al. providing not only detailed coverage of breaking events, but also managing to add

context and meaning in a way that nobody on television does today. A half-hour program broadcast Sunday night, "President and Assassins," narrated by Sevareid, was one of the finest television specials ever.

Despite the primitive production standards, the black and white video, and the constant technical problems, the coverage had tremendous emotional impact but was also highly informative and reassuring, which was quite an achievement. Everyone at CBS should still be proud.

Since I worked with all those renowned broadcasters 13 years later when I began my own journalism career as a copy boy on the CBS News desk, I was especially interested in how they performed under tremendous pressure. And, reading between the lines, it intrigued me to see what their professional standards were. For the most part, they performed brilliantly, and their coverage was uncannily accurate, but there were still lots of tension, uncertainty and missteps.

Today we know that Kennedy was, in fact, dead as soon the second bullet hit him in the head about 12:30 Dallas time. But on Nov. 22, 1963, after being told in an initial bulletin on CBS just 10 minutes later simply that "three shots were fired" at the presidential motorcade, the nation waited with bated breath to hear whether Kennedy was OK.

Slowly, word came out that he was injured, and then that his injuries were serious. And then came the reports - from a local reporter, from a priest, and from Rather that Kennedy was dead.

Cronkite reported all these, but always added the caveat that they were "unconfirmed." It wasn't until 1:38 p.m. Dallas time that Cronkite reported "officially" that Kennedy was dead. And he only did it because he was handed a bulletin from the Associated Press to that effect.

Hearing all the unconfirmed reports, and seeing how Cronkite waited until the newswires confirmed them, made me realize that, in some ways, nothing changed between 1963 and my own days in network news in the late 1970s and early 1980s. And it reminded me of a day when I got very angry at Roger Mudd for ignoring what his own network's reporters were saying, and deciding to go with a story only when he saw it on the wires.

It happened on Jan. 20, 1981. For 444 days, the people of the United States had seen 52 of their fellow citizens held hostage in Iran. After endless negotiating, a deal had finally been reached to set them free and their departure from the Tehran airport was to happen just as Ronald Reagan

took the oath of office as our country's 40th

By that point in my career, I was the foreign assignment editor for NBC News, working on the fourth floor of what is now called the GE Building in Manhattan's Rockefeller Center. Tom Brokaw was anchoring our coverage from a studio just above me, but Mudd, who had also moved over from CBS, had the anchor chair in Washington, and since the day's developments were largely a Washington story, he was on the air much of the time.

Meanwhile, back in hostile Iran, it wasn't possible to have a video hookup from the Tehran airport, but an NBC News employee a local hire in Iran, but still someone very reliable and time-tested — was stationed nearby. His job was to report to me when the plane holding the American hostages had, in fact, taken off. His vantage point, which he obtained at great difficulty, was a building overlooking the runway, and I had an open phone line with him from my desk in N.Y. As the expected moment of the hostages' department arrived, I also had an open phone line with the control room in Washington, where our coverage of the Reagan inauguration was under way.

Just as Reagan finished his inaugural address, I received word from our man at the Tehran airport that the hostages had left.

"I can see the plane now, and it has just taken off," our Iranian reporter told me.

This was not only something the entire world was waiting to hear, it was a scoop. At least, it would be if we got in on the air first.

"The hostages have taken off," I told the Washington control room as my boss, foreign editor Jerry Lamprecht, looked over my shoulder. "It's confirmed — the plane has



left Tehran airport."

And then I watched Mudd on NBC's live broadcast as he summarized Reagan's speech. He had an earpiece which allowed the control room to feed him updates, and I waited for him to be told the breaking news and quickly reveal it to the waiting public.

Two minutes went by, and then five, and Mudd said nothing.

"Did you tell him?" I asked the Washington control room.

Yes, he knows," the producer reassured me. Then what the hell was he doing? We always worked hard to be first with breaking news, and our exclusive was slipping away. What could be wrong?

A few minutes later, Mudd finally broke his silence. Yes, the hostages had left Tehran airport, he told his viewing audience, "according to the Associated Press." He waited until it was on the wires before he was willing to go with it!

Nothing could be more infuriating, and I am not a bit ashamed to admit that I was very angry that Mudd had preferred to wait until he had someone else to attribute the news to, rather than go with his own company's

That episode flashed into my mind as I watched how Cronkite handled the news of Kennedy's death. Of course, it's always more important to be right than to be first. Still, competition among reporters and news companies to be first serves the public, because it makes reporters work harder.

Here at The Pine Cone, we use no news wires, so the problem never arises. But everybody who works for one of the television networks or for a major newspaper knows what I am talking about. And they all

GOURMET

Steve Summers of National Parking will handle parking and valet services, and Fink said event operators would reserve about 30 parking spaces along San Carlos Street for

those who hold monthly parking permits. Uretsky Security — owned and run by former Carmel P.D. Lt. Bill Uretsky — would provide security, including manning entrances during events where alcohol is served.

"Due to the large number of people expected to be in attendance, the Carmel Police Department will need to add one officer per shift to existing staffing levels during the four days of the event," library director Janet Cubbage, serves as city staff for the

commission, wrote in her report. "It will also be necessary to employ a contract worker from the police department to oversee tent setup and removal operations."

Fink's event would displace the weekly farmers market on March 27 and could conflict with the Smuin Ballet, which is already booked during that time period and has been promised use of the parking lot during the

Those conflicts will need to be resolved, commissioners told Fink Wednesday, or his event can't proceed.

Although the GourmetFest is a for-profit venture, Fink anticipates revenues of \$797,142.86 and costs of \$798,511.39, for a loss of \$1,368.54, in the first year, according to the budget he provided to the cultural commission. He also said the festival will benefit two charitable entities, Rancho Cielo and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, in some

manner.

According to the guidelines adopted by the city council, an organization can have some of its event fees waived if it has positive impacts on the local economy and the community, and if it will result in charitable contributions that will benefit the community, either directly or indirectly.

Bombard said she would ask the city

council for the authority to grant a fee waiver of up to \$5,000, as the policy permits, and as Fink requested. According to the invoice prepared by the community services department, the total fees for Fink's GourmetFest would be \$13,005, including a processing fee of \$150, seven parking stalls for \$7,200, \$90 for sign holders and \$5,568 for off-duty police officers. Cpl. Steve Rana, who would work on the event under contract, would generate more costs.

After commissioners suggested Fink should include offerings that are affordable for more locals, he pointed to a

tasting and tour at Talbott Vineyards and a mushroom hunt and lunch as more accessible events in the lineup.

Ultimately, the commission, with Kristy Downing and Donna Jett absent, voted 3-0 to recommend the council waive eligible fees - without stating how much — in 2014, but not necessarily in future years, if the GourmetFest becomes viable. Commissioners also decided the council should approve the event as long as the farmers market operator, with whom the city is under contract, and Sunset Center officials

The item appears on the agenda for the council's Dec. 3 meeting on the consent agenda, meaning it will be approved without discussion unless a council member or someone in the audience requests it be pulled so decision makers can talk about it before voting.



David Fink



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