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Calcagno says he won't seek a fifth term

■ John Phillips will try to replace him

By KELLY NIX

LONGTIME MONTEREY County Supervisor Lou Calcagno announced Tuesday that he has decided to retire after his fourth term ends in November 2014. The next day, a former Superior Court judge said he would run to fill his seat.

Calcagno, 77, who has been a supervisor in North Monterey County for almost 16 years, said he won't seek a fifth term so he and his wife, Carol, can spend time with their family and their business, a dairy farm that backs up to the Elkhorn Slough.

"When you look back, we did a lot of good things," Calcagno told The Pine Cone Wednesday. "I'm proud to have served the county for the last 15 years."

Citing accomplishments of his first term representing the 3rd District, Calcagno said he is most proud of helping to establish a Monterey-Salinas Transit bus route from Salinas to South Monterey County and stopping mining on the Arroyo Seco River.

After redistricting following the 2000 census, Calcagno served three additional terms representing the 2nd District,

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Fired building official files claim against city

By MARY SCHLEY

LESS THAN two weeks after IT manager Steve McInchak filed a claim against the City of Carmel for taking him off the job and searching his house for evidence that he broke the law while he administered the city's computer network, former building official John Hanson, who was fired in August, also submitted a complaint against the city this week, alleging that officials at city hall violated his contract, defamed him, discriminated against him for being disabled and for serving in the military, and prevented him from getting a new job elsewhere.

A 25-year city employee who was also a member of the U.S. Army National Guard until he retired last summer, Hanson said things went sour in March, shortly after the hir-

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Remembering Joan Fontaine

By JERRY GERVAISE

YUMMY. CAN you believe that Joan Fontaine said I was "yummy"?

I'll never forget the night three years ago. My anticipation was almost trumped by my nervousness.



Joan Fontaine in perhaps her most famous role, opposite Cary Grant, in Alfred Hitchcock's "Suspicion" (1941). The story was set in England but was actually filmed in California, including several memorable scenes along Highway 1 in Big Sur.

Big Sur blaze destroys at least 12 homes

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE RESIDENTS of Big Sur's Pfeiffer Ridge had long braced themselves for the day a wildfire would sweep through their isolated community. But countless hours of preparation were no match for the blaze that destroyed more than a dozen homes this week.

The fire started Sunday shortly before midnight. Many residents were sound asleep when flames suddenly appeared at their doorsteps. In the frantic moments that followed, some

tried to save their homes, while others could only flee with the clothes on their backs.

"I've been here 40 years," said Ray Sanborn, who lost his home. "I had water, I had clearance and I've done everything to prepare for this. But there was no time. I've never seen anything like this. I walked out the door and it was raining embers."

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but it

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Clockwise from left: Kodiak Greenwood sits among the ruins of his Big Sur home. A huge column of smoke rises from Pfeiffer Ridge Monday. Stephen Kresge with his car, which had its tail lamps melt as the fire approached. And flames creep toward Highway 1 in Big Sur Valley Wednesday morning.



PHOTOS/CLAYTON SCICLUNA (TOP LEFT), CHRIS COUNTS



Blue dogs lose their master



Carmel is world famous as a paradise for dogs – including the iconic Blue Dogs of painter George Rodrigue, who died this week at the age of 69. See page 25A.

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