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Pro-Am under way as storm drenches course and Eastwood saves a life



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PGA pro Mike Weir of Canada and amateur partners George Roberts and Charles Schwab walk to the 11th Green of the MPCC Shore Course during the rain-delayed first round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Thursday. The start of the event had some dramatic surprises.

PGA Tour imposes new security rules on tournament spectators

By MARY SCHLEY

GOLF FANS arriving for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am are going to be surprised at the strict new rules in place for what they can bring with them.

The only things they'll be allowed to carry onto the courses this week will be very small purses, clear plastic bags no larger than a foot square, and one-gallon zip-locks, according to rules created late last year by the PGA Tour. Spectators who show up with banned backpacks, large handbags, camera bags or coolers will

have to leave them at the tournament entrance, and will be given a plastic carry bag that conforms with the rules, according to Steve John, CEO of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, the nonprofit that hosts the tournament.

"We take care of them when they're here by providing a bag and by storing for them what they can't take in," he said. "That makes people feel a lot better about why we're doing it, because safety is important for us."

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Tournament CEO was suffocating at volunteers' party

By PAUL MILLER

COMPETITION IN the first round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am had to be suspended Thursday morning because of heavy rains, leaving pros and celebrities idle as officials scrambled to remake the schedule.

But while that was keeping the event's CEO, Steve John, busy at the tournament, another pretty important thing was on his mind: The night before, at the party to honor the tournament's volunteers, John got a piece of cheese lodged in his throat, and Clint Eastwood saved him from suffocating by using the Heimlich maneuver.

"Clint saved my life," John said.

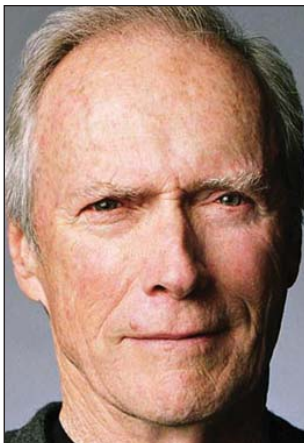
The party at the Monterey Conference Center was in full swing and performances by Kenny G, Tom Dreesen and other celebrities who are playing in the tournament had just ended, John said. He was standing and chatting with VIPs and eating some

hors d'oeuvres when, all of a sudden, he was in a life-threatening situation. "We were just talking," John said. "A piece of cheese went in my mouth, and suddenly I couldn't breathe. It was as bad as it could have been."

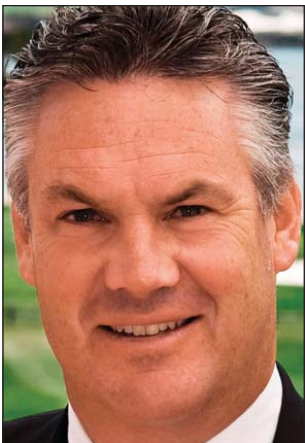
"I looked in his eyes and saw that look of panic people have when they see their life passing before their eyes," Eastwood told The Pine Cone. "It looked bad."

"Clint came up behind me, and he knew exactly what to do," John said. "He did the

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Clint Eastwood



Steve John

P.B. Co. offers new home lots for sale

By KELLY NIX

THE CHANCE for 16 families to build homes on the back nine of the newly renovated Poppy Hills Golf Course in Pebble Beach opened up last week, when the first set of 90 new residential lots was put up for sale by the Pebble Beach Company.

The 16 new lots are located in a cul-de-sac across the street from the golf course, which will reopen in April after undergoing about a year of major renovation. Asking prices for the

parcels range from \$900,000 to \$1.7 million, depending on their size and location.

"They are 1-plus-acre lots, so they are all large," realtor Tim Allen with Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty said. "Some of them offer great golf-course views and ocean views in the distance. They have a great feel."

The first lots available are near holes 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Another 16 lots on the front nine of Poppy Hills will be available for purchase in

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Local family feuding on nationwide TV



These five sisters from Pacific Grove have a chance to win \$100,000 and a new car on the "Family Feud" game show. The series of programs featuring them will be broadcast next week. See Page 12.

Cal Am takeover idea drawing little support

By KELLY NIX

THE GROUP calling for a public takeover of California American Water promises that the move will drastically lower monthly rates for the Peninsula's 38,000 water customers, ensure better service and put control of the water supply into local hands — and that it won't delay the effort to build a desal plant.

But with all the purported benefits, pursuing a takeover seems to have little support from prominent Peninsula organizations and community leaders.

"We have never felt it made financial sense to the taxpayers to put [the water supply] into public hands," Rick Heuer with the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association told The Pine Cone. "There is no way you are going to save money."

"The voters of the Peninsula have rejected the idea in the past," Moe Ammar, president of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce said. "It is a waste of resources

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City writes big check for Wonderspace events

By MARY SCHLEY

A \$20,820 check paid to "Event Reimbursement" went unquestioned by the Carmel City Council when it voted, without even any discussion, to approve the December 2013 check at its meeting this week.

But since the money is for Richard Tavener's Wonderspace Carmel project, in addition to the \$24,900 he has already received since August 2013 under a contract signed by city administrator Jason Stilwell, the payment has Mayor Jason Burnett wondering whether it violates a municipal code policy prohibiting piece-mealing contracts so they don't reach the \$25,000 threshold requiring approval by the city council.

"I do think it raises questions, and we do need to make sure the intent of our policy is being followed," Burnett told The Pine Cone Thursday.

The "description" field in the register read "event reimb/dotday/brainwks/virtual/vpmtg," apparently refer-

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Grief Buster

ALTHOUGH SHE was turning 12, and the signs of aging were obvious, her family was reluctant to admit that their beloved golden Retriever, Pal, was getting old. Their daughter, concerned for her parents’ impending loss, emailed them a picture of a tiny Coton de Tulear she’d seen at a soccer game, and suggested they get one.

They’d never had a small dog. And they’d never heard of a Coton. They looked at the photo of the small white dog with the pink bow and long hair dusting the dirt and thought, “You’ve got to be kidding.”

And then Pal died. Wracked with grief, the couple flew to Boise to visit their children and arrived still in tears. Mindlessly perusing her iPad, Mom looked up Coton de Tulears and found herself drawn to the little dog with big hair. She contacted the Boise breeder and found that all the puppies advertised on the website had been sold, but she was invited to visit them before they left.

As soon as she saw the puppies, she thought of Pal, and the tears returned. Until the breeder placed a tiny bundle in her lap and revealed that the placement of this puppy wasn’t working. She gathered her grandchild-



dren to help name her new pet. A day later, she flew home with Daisy, her own little lap dog. Daisy is decidedly docile until she gets to the beach. Then she runs in circles around the sand and jumps up on her hind legs and shadow boxes with her front paws. “She gets so excited,” her person says. “She’ll play with any dog that will play with her. If he’s on a leash, she’ll run up to the dog, wiggle, and run wide circles around him. It’s always a surprise to Daisy when a dog does not want to play.”

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Mayoral write-in hopeful rips Pine Cone, city staff and winemaker

■ Appears at council meeting to complain of mistreatment

By MARY SCHLEY

ARTIST VINCENZO D’Amico, who hopes to unseat Mayor Jason Burnett in the April 8 election as a write-in candidate, accused The Pine Cone of deliberately misleading the public about his candidacy, objected that police made him leave city hall recently for asking too many questions, and complained that the beach is unsafe and dirty. He made his comments during Tuesday’s Carmel City Council meeting.

“In an open letter to the voting community of Carmel, in the only local paper covering the election, The Pine Cone newspaper, I paid \$1,000 for a half-page ad in the Jan. 17-23 issue which established my intent to run as a write-in candidate for mayor,” he said.

But, he said, the newspaper “has refused to recognize my intent,” and printed “misleading and deceitful information in the last two issues” — specifically, that Burnett is running unopposed. “I believe that this intentional act was done to misinform the public, and it has caused great harm to myself, my research staff and the public, as well as mental anguish and frustration, and has jeopardized my campaign for a successful run for mayor, as a write-in candidate,” he said after citing the paper’s print and online circulation numbers.

D’Amico, an artist who works in the Court of the Fountains on Mission Street, became upset late last year when his landlord told him he could no longer rent a small studio there because it was going to be replaced with a wine-tasting room. He decided to run for mayor but missed the filing period for candidates, so his only option is to run as a write-in. In his “open letter,” printed in the Jan. 17 Pine Cone, he railed against tasting rooms and alcohol.

“My platform is that I wish to keep

Carmel-by-the-Sea clean and safe and ARTSY. I hope that people will come to my gazebo studio and give me their signatures so that I can qualify to run,” he said. “Apparently our mayor will run on the ‘Let’s Get Drunk’ ticket.”

At the council meeting, D’Amico said he had been barred from city hall.

“As a potential write-in candidate, I have also been escorted out of the city hall by the police department and warned that I was asking and repeating the same questions and interfering with the civil employees’ work,” he said. He reported being told he had to submit his questions in writing and that city employees would answer them by mail at their convenience.

Further, D’Amico said he had learned the man who was going to take over the gazebo “is a convicted felon who spent five years in San Quentin prison for fraud and grand larceny,” and he criticized the city administration and Burnett, whom he implied was too busy to spend much time in city hall.

“Most of the time I come looking for you, you’re not here,” he said. “You have people running the show for you, because you’re a busy man, and I appreciate your time.”

D’Amico said “many people in the business and village community are disappointed with the management and style of government,” and that there’s corruption in the electoral process. “The city has had a very high turnover in city employees and business, and all of the hard work that we have done to keep Carmel-by-the-Sea a beautiful destination is not appreciated. There is no light at the end of the tunnel, just a sense of quiet desperation. Many of you have lost faith and hope in your staff, and the 70 pounds of dog feces that the city maintenance crews pick up every day is demeaning, disgusting and unhealthy. Our beach is full of, infested with, fleas and ticks, and the dogs run wild and they’re really unpredictable.

“The attitude and lack of experience of the city’s new hired civil servant staff is

alarming and sad and disheartening,” he commented, before making several requests: to allow his mayoral campaign to be included in voter materials, to be able to participate in the Carmel Residents Association’s Feb. 27 candidates forum, to do away with absen-

tee ballots and have people vote in public, and to “stop the Pine Cone from printing misinformation.”

“Please help us to address the injustice and to restore the community’s faith in democracy,” he said.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Minor injury during parking space dispute

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, JANUARY 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on Dolores Street during a parking maneuver.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on San Carlos Street.

Carmel area: Camino del Monte resident reported someone cut approximately 4 feet off the top of her Ponderosa pine tree. The tree was located on the edge of her property by the road.

Pacific Grove: Assisted probation department search a residence on 19th Street. Illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, weapons and stolen property were seized. Monterey P.D. ID'd stolen property. State parks ID'd stolen property. Other items were held pending identification. Suspect, a 27-year-old male, was taken to jail.

Pacific Grove: Esplanade Street resident reported that an unknown subject used his cell phone number to create falsified ads. He cancelled the classified ads.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on Eighth Avenue. Subject refused transport to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle blocking a driveway on Dolores Street was found to have illegal contraband that was taken for safekeeping. Owner outstanding.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A dog found on Flanders Drive was brought to the station to be scanned for an ID chip. A chip was

found, and the owner was notified about her dog. The dog was released at 1750 hours. Fees paid.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An iPad was found on Mountain View. **Carmel Valley:** A subject on Rancho San Carlos Road was under the influence and in possession of a controlled substance.

Pebble Beach: A female called to report her boyfriend pushed her down. After a brief investigation, it seemed she was stalking him and waiting for him by his car. Case continues.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to reported vandalism to city property. Individual(s) drew slang, derogatory and obscene material on a park cement pad in charcoal. Public works was able to pressure wash the area clear. No suspects. Nothing further.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a report of a domestic dispute on Mermaid Avenue. Contacted the suspect, who was in violation of a restraining order. No physical violence. Suspect arrested then released due to mental health status. Subject placed on 5150 hold.

Pacific Grove: Woman advised officers that she found her mother deceased at a residence on Jewell Avenue. No foul play was found. The scene was photographed, and the person provided the woman's medical history. She was turned over to a mortuary service.

Pacific Grove: Residence on Mermaid Avenue reported a court-order violation.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Accident on Mission Street. Vehicle towed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident on San Antonio Avenue called to report she had received two phone calls from the same number that were obscene and harassing. The resident does not know the caller or recognize the male's voice. The resident said the calls were sexual in nature. Contact was made with the male caller, who claimed he did not make any calls to the resident's number. The caller was advised if the calls continue from his number, a criminal investigation would ensue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found remote-control car on Junipero **Pacific Grove:** Officer was working the front counter when a call was received regarding a suspicious person. The caller advised several people saw a suspicious male adult urinating on

See **POLICE LOG** page 13RE in the Real Estate Section

Defense attorney running against prosecutor to fill vacancy on bench

By KELLY NIX

AN ATTORNEY who's been on both sides of the legal system formally announced last week he would square off against a county prosecutor for an open judicial seat in Salinas.

Defense attorney Andrew Liu said he'll challenge Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Steve Somers, who is being endorsed by retiring Judge Russell D. Scott. The election is June 3.

Liu, 44 — who decided to run for the spot after being urged by colleagues, friends and relatives — said he's committed to upholding public safety while also protecting the rights of those charged with crimes.

"I believe that my years of experience as a prosecutor striving to help maintain community safety, and as a defense attorney working to protect the rights of all who are charged, will put me in a unique position in this race," Liu said.

After obtaining a law degree from Boston University in 1994, the Santa Barbara native worked as a prosecutor for the district attorney's office in the Bronx, N.Y., where he was eventually promoted to supervisor for the domestic violence bureau.

After spending a decade in that office, Liu returned to California and worked as a deputy district attorney in the major felony unit for the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

For the past six years, though, Liu has worked as a criminal defense attorney and is perhaps best known to Pine Cone readers for having defended Tom Pollacci, who, after a high-profile criminal trial, was found guilty in 2010 of raping a woman in his family's Pacific Grove liquor store in 2008.

"I've never shied away from the most challenging cases, either as a prosecutor or as a defense attorney," Liu said.

As a deputy district attorney, Liu prosecuted former Monterey County registrar of voters Tony Anchundo, who pleaded no contest in 2006 to embezzlement and other charges after racking up about \$70,000 on county credit cards in non-work related expenses, including restaurants, hotels and airfare.

If elected, Liu will be moving from the private sector to a civil service job. But he doesn't see a line between the two sectors and said they both require "a duty to the justice system" and making sure justice is administered fairly.

Liu, who lives in Salinas with his wife, Teresa, and their 10-year-old daughter, received the Award of Excellence from the Monterey County Peace Officers Association in 2007 and serves on the board of directors of Door to Hope, a county organization that offers behavioral health services.

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Council approves spending another \$305K for outside contractors

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council OK'd \$305,000 in new contracts for planning services, IT work, code enforcement and janitorial work at its meeting Tuesday.

Specifically, the council voted to spend: ■ \$48,000 more for Al Fasulo Investigations. First brought onboard in October 2012 to help out with code enforcement, Fasulo is to be paid \$50 per hour to now be the city's sole code enforcement officer, after Margi Perotti was put on leave in October 2013. Fasulo has been working 16 to 20 hours per week handling all the code-related matters for the city, including illegal construction and signs, use-permit violations, vacation rentals, right-of-way encroachments and the use of gas-powered leaf blowers, according to planning director Rob Mullane. Fasulo also tracks all the code-compliance issues for the city. His amended contract runs through Jan. 31, 2015.

■ \$62,400 for planner T.J. Wiseman. Hired in November 2012, Wiseman charges \$65 per hour for fielding the majority of the city's site assessments, business license applications, and design review, as well as helping applicants, contractors and the public at the city planning department's front counter. "Ms. Wiseman's assistance in these capacities allows the department's senior planner and director to focus on discretionary planning applications, long-range planning needs and department administration," according to Mullane. The contract covers another 12 months of Wiseman's services.

■ \$81,600 more for Rincon Consultants, Inc., also for planning services, on top of the \$25,000 Rincon is already being paid, for a total of \$106,000. Senior planner Bryce Ternet works for the company and has been assisting in the planning department 16 to 20 hours per week processing applications, at a

cost of \$85 per hour. According to Mullane, he's "the city's lead staff person for processing sign applications and for banner display requests." He also assists with the review and processing of ministerial and discretionary planning permit applications. The revised contract will expire in February 2015.

■ \$38,000 more for Edison Santa Cruz for janitorial services. The city pays the company \$2,820 per month to have city hall, the police department and the two libraries cleaned three times a week, and the public services building cleaned once a month, according to public services director Sharon Friedrichsen. The company has served the city for years, and its contract was extended through June 30.

The only contract subjected to any discussion, however brief, was the \$75,000 agreement with Public Consulting Group, Inc., for implementation of the city's new IT strategic plan, questioned by former Mayor Sue McCloud. PCG has already received significant taxpayer dollars for helping to draft the plan, and administrative services director Susan Paul proposed hiring the Sacramento-based company to implement the plan and provide support services in its first year.

"Year one of the plan encompasses the city's core data systems, including the financial system, payroll, human resources information system, agenda management legislative system, and the redesign of the city's website," she said, as well as updates to the emergency operations center technology. The company's "experience and familiarity with the city's current technology and year-one plan requirements make it uniquely qualified for the project," she told the council. The contract will terminate in January 2015.

McCloud asked about the additional costs, such as the company's flat rate charge

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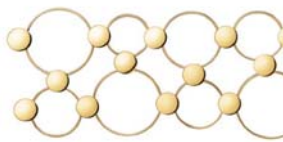
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Yoko: John Lennon’s art reflected his many moods

By CHRIS COUNTS

A THREE-DAY fundraising exhibit of art by John Lennon opens Friday, Feb. 14, at Carmel Plaza, and the late musician’s wife, Yoko Ono, told The Pine Cone her late husband’s work will make you smile and laugh.

“It’s very special,” Ono said in an exclusive interview. “He had a big sense of humor. His art is very, very funny.”

Titled “All You Need is Love,” the show features nearly 100 limited edition lithographs, serigraphs and copper etchings of Lennon’s whimsical pen and ink drawings. Proceeds from the display will benefit the Food Bank for Monterey County.

The opening comes just five days after the 50th anniversary of the Beatles’ landmark debut on the Ed Sullivan Show.

It was art — not music — that brought Lennon and Ono together. The two met in London in November 1966 when Lennon attended the opening of an exhibit of avant-garde artwork by Ono. One of Ono’s pieces included a fresh piece of fruit.

“Some strange guy came in and took a bite out of my apple,” Ono recalled when asked what she remembered most of their first encounter. “He was very attractive.”

The same month the two met, the Beatles went into the studio to begin work on their psychedelic masterpiece, “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band.” Less than three years earlier, the band appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show for the first time, which was a milestone in pop music history and the start of the British Invasion.

When asked if Lennon looked backed fondly on those

early days of Beatlemania, Ono said he was startled to see so many people try to look like him. “Everybody started to have a certain kind of haircut,” said Ono, a artist, musician and peace activist who turns 81 this month. “He said it was kind of shocking to see yourself all over the place.”

Long before Beatlemania, Lennon was drawn to art. He attended Liverpool Art Institute from 1957 to 1960. In 1968 — the year the Beatles recorded “The White Album” — Lennon began drawing again.

“John did his drawings with inspiration and speed, very much like how he created songs,” she writes on a website dedicated to Lennon’s artwork. “Most of the time the drawings reflected his mood,” she explained. “Along with his guitar, pen and paper seemed to serve as ideal tools to express John’s complex emotions.”

In addition to showcasing another side of Lennon’s creative talent, the exhibit at Carmel Plaza benefits a worthy cause. The Food Bank for Monterey County gives away \$6 million pounds of food each year, serving more than 90,000 people. Ono said the hunger issue “is something I want people to focus on” and that the food bank “is an extremely good charity.”

For three days — Friday through Sunday, Feb. 14-16 — Lennon’s exhibit will be on display in Suite 101 on the Garden Level at

Carmel Plaza, which is located at Ocean and Junipero. Visit johnlennonartwork.com.



Student musical brings “Spelling Bee” to stage

FEATURING A cast of students, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” opens Thursday, Feb. 13, in the Keck Auditorium at Stevenson School.

With music and lyrics by William Finn, the school’s Winter Musical is set at the fictitious Putnam Valley Middle School, where six quirky students compete in a spelling bee run by three quirky adults. A 2005 Broadway production won two Tony Awards, and a cast album was nominated for a Grammy Award.

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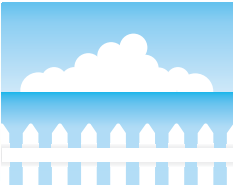
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Burnett for Mayor war chest tops candidates’ fundraising

By MARY SCHLEY

INCUMBENT MAYOR Jason Burnett’s electoral campaign had received more money by the end of last year than any other candidate’s in the April 8 Carmel city election, while incumbent councilwoman Carrie Theis had amassed a few thousand dollars, and challengers Lucas Austin and Steve Dallas had no contributions to report.

According to Burnett’s campaign finance statement covering the period of July 1, 2013, through Dec. 31, 2013, the mayor — whose only prospective opponent is potential write-in candidate Vincenzo D’Amico — had amassed \$21,966 in cash contributions. His full-year total was \$40,214, along with \$2,102 in non-monetary contributions.

Burnett reported spending \$4,020 on his campaign during the final six months of the year, with total expenditures at \$11,228.61 for all of 2013.

Listed among his 56 individual contributors were La

Playa Carmel owner John Grossman and CEO Matthew Crow, realtor and previous mayoral candidate Adam Moniz, Harriet Mitteldorf, former Mayor Charlotte Townsend, Theis, Carmel Residents Association members Roberta and Monte Miller, former councilwoman Barbara Livingston, Carmel Chamber of Commerce CEO Monta Potter, 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Dave Potter, Monterey County prosecutor Jimmy Panetta, Monterey County Superintendent of Schools Nancy Kotowski, and architects Adam Jeselnick, Mary Ann Schicketanz and Rob Carver. The largest donations came from Pebble Beach residents Gordon and Ronda Eubanks, who each contributed \$2,500. Individual gifts of less than \$100, which don’t have to be listed separately, totaled \$3,428.

Expenses included \$200 for the chamber’s Taste of Carmel event and Awards of Excellence dinner, \$350 for Constant Contact email blasts, \$100 for CPA H. Carlin, \$150 for Sunset Center, \$2,445.22 for Plasha Fielding-Will for

campaign consulting services, and \$323.34 in credit card processing fees. He still owes his assistant, Danielle Ticoulat-Bowers, \$1,275 for her campaign consulting services.

Theis reported receiving \$2,599 in monetary contributions and \$54 in non-monetary contributions, and spending \$50, through Dec. 31, 2013. She received three cash donations: \$1,000 from councilman Ken Talmage, \$1,000 from Burnett and \$500 from Carmel Cottage Inn owner Cheryl Assemi. All three were made in December 2013.

The non-monetary donation was from herself for office goods, and Theis’ sole expense was \$50 to the Secretary of State for candidate filing/ballot fees. She has an outstanding bill of \$164.93 due to GoDaddy.com for IT costs.

Austin reported raising \$0 and having \$0 in expenses through the end of last year, and Dallas said he’d collected less than \$1,000, so he didn’t have to file.

The next round of campaign finance statements are due from candidates Feb. 27.

Art Fest gets fee waiver again this year

THE CITY Council on Tuesday voted to waive \$12,636 in fees for the 21st Carmel Art Festival, set for May 15-19 in downtown Carmel. The fees would typically be charged for the festival’s use of Devendorf Park and surrounding streets, and its sound permit and processing fees.

A council policy on requests for fee waivers requires that applicants submit documentation of beneficial economic impacts on the community, planned local charitable contributions, a detailed scope of the event and proposed budget, and financial statements from previous events.

“We believe our plein air painting competition helps to keep Carmel a destination for artists and art lovers, as well as continuing Carmel’s reputation as an art colony. Carmel was founded in part by its first plein air painter and her husband,” wrote festival president Tammi Tharp, secretary Helia Rothwell and treasurer Pamela Crabtree. “By holding the festival outside and also by bringing large sculpture into the park, as well as a live sculpture demonstration, we help make art more accessible to everyone.”

They said the festival benefits “youth art programs in Monterey County, thus helping Carmel’s next generation of artists as well.”

Organizers estimated this year’s budget at \$45,000 in expenses and \$52,300 in revenues from entry fees and sales, and reported they gave \$5,000 to the Youth Arts Collective in Monterey last year, when the festival cost \$47,631.49 to present and took in \$58,590.25.

The council waived \$14,930 in fees in 2013, and in 2012, it forgave \$12,475 in fees.

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Author wages campaign to save historic starter’s box from St. Andrews

By CHRIS COUNTS

THIRTEEN YEARS ago, John Hagen began an odyssey to save an important piece of golf history. This week, Hagen’s journey leads him to the Monterey Peninsula, where

he will sign copies of a book he wrote on his efforts, “Play Away Please,” Sunday, Feb. 9, at River House Books.
A real estate professional who lived on the Monterey Peninsula in the 1980s, Hagen read an article in early 2001 about a plan to

tear down the starter’s box at the St. Andrews Old Course, one of golf’s most cherished locations. Considered by many to be the Home of Golf, St, Andrews in one of the oldest courses on earth, dating back to the early 1400s. “Your knees start knocking when you play there,” Hagen told The Pine Cone.
For 77 years, the starter’s box — a wooden, five-sided 256-square foot building — played a small but vital role in the evolution of golf. Hagen considered it a travesty that someone would tear it down.
“I thought to myself, ‘You can’t do that,’” recalled Hagen when he learned of the plan to demolish the tiny structure. “Everybody from Bobby Jones and Sam Snead, to Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods, has checked in there.”
Up for auction
So Hagen launched an effort to save the building, which eventually led to it crossing the Atlantic Ocean. “I really went on a crusade,” he said. “I was able to convince [the course’s owners] to put it up for auction.”
Hagen found a real estate developer who was willing to buy the starter’s box and incorporate it into a project he hoped to build in La Quinta, a resort community located just southeast of Palm Springs. With the company’s backing, in 2001 he bid aggressively and won the relic for the equivalent of about \$150,000. The proceeds from the sale benefitted youth golf programs in the city.
When Hagen’s wife expressed astonishment over the sale price, he suggested she put it in perspective. “Tiger Woods gets more than that in a month from putting his name on a golf shirt,” he explained.
The sale closed Sept. 10, 2001, but came with a stipulation that the building be disassembled and removed by Nov. 5, 2001. With post-9/11 travel restrictions in full swing, this proved to be a challenge. Thankfully, though, Hagen found an airline executive who was a big golf fan.
“He made sure I was on the first flight” to

Scotland, Hagen recalled.
With the help of Scottish museum officials and their staff, the structure was eventually taken apart and shipped by boat — and through the Panama Canal — 7,000 miles to California.
Unfortunately, the real estate developer who bought the starter’s box landed in federal prison for embezzling millions of dollars from his investors, and it was never put back together. Worse, some of its pieces were stolen.
Today, the starter’s box is owned by another real estate company that is seeking to develop the same piece of property as its predecessor. Hagen said he’s hopeful that the company — or possibly, the City of La Quinta — will soon begin the much-delayed process of reassembling the historic building.
Hagen likes the idea of the city putting the starter’s box on its public golf course — which has been discussed — but worries the city will put the project through too much red tape.
“They want it to be earthquake-proof,” he explained. “They want to add another door. They want handicap access. And they want to put sprinklers on the roof. They just don’t get it.”
Hagen said it’s frustrating to see the starter’s box still in pieces. He jokingly calls the project and its many delays, “Hagen’s Folly.”
“My passion and my ire keep raising to another level every time I give an interview,” said Hagen, who now lives in San Francisco, but is hoping to move back to the Monterey Peninsula. “But it has also been a lot of fun. I keep wondering what will happen next.”
Sunday’s event starts at 3 p.m. River House Books is located in the Crossroads shopping center. Call (831) 626-2665.
Hagen will also sign copies of the book Friday and Saturday at 5 p.m. in the lobby of Hyatt Regency Monterey. The hotel is located at 1 Old Golf Course Road.

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City council wants to consult employees before privatizing golf course

By KELLY NIX

IN A surprise move Wednesday night, Pacific Grove’s city manager pulled an agenda item calling for the city council to decide whether to outsource operations of the municipal golf course.

The council was expected to hold the first reading of an ordinance approving a 10-year lease and two five-year lease options with Pacific Grove Golf Links, LLC, an affiliate of CourseCo, Inc., for the maintenance and operation of the city

golf course. But city manager Tom Frutchey pulled the item without explanation.

While Frutchey didn’t respond to an email message Thursday, Mayor Bill Kampe told The Pine Cone that the agenda item was removed to allow the city to “have thorough discussions with affected employees” before a decision was made.

Pacific Grove General Employees Association President John Goss has said that privatizing services will reduce the quality of work and mean layoffs of numerous city workers. Goss also wrote a letter to the council and local newspapers, including The Pine Cone, saying the union would sue over the issue.

“We are truly sorry to the citizens of Pacific Grove because we know that it is ultimately you that will have to pay the bill for the upcoming litigation,” Goss wrote, “but we have tried all options, and the city still refuses to budge.”

Pacific Grove city workers are paid an average of \$35,111 in wages, the lowest of any city on the Peninsula, according

to figures released by the state controller’s office this year.

The city contends outsourcing is beneficial because the community will have “an experienced golf course operator who will be able to provide a better recreational opportunity for residents and attract additional tourists to hotels, restaurants, and stores.”

And the city said that over the next five years, it will receive about \$595,282 from the operator in net benefits in cash contributions and capital investments.

Per the agreement with CourseCo, it will pay an annual base rent to the city of \$300,000 per year for the first three years, while the rent would increase in year four to \$305,000, and \$5,000 per year after that. The company will also pay 65 percent of gross golf revenue in excess of \$2,350,000 to the city.

The city is also mulling whether to outsource custodial and janitorial services for its museum and library, and some landscaping services at the city’s ball fields and El Carmelo Cemetery.

Mission Foundation CEO to speak

VICTOR GRABRIAN, president and CEO of the non-profit Carmel Mission Foundation, will be the featured speaker at a meeting of the Corral of Westerners, a group focused on the frontier history of the American West, Monday, Feb. 10.

Grabrian will discuss the history of the Carmel Mission and the \$5.5 million seismic upgrade and restoration of the Basilica his group helped fund. Now focused on the next phase, the foundation is working to raise more money to help restore the Museum’s five libraries.

The talk and potluck dinner will start at 6 p.m. in the social hall at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 52 Soledad Ave. in Monterey. The cost is \$2 per person, and first-timers do not need to bring a potluck dish.

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Company will offer tours of downtown ‘healthy home’

By MARY SCHLEY

BILL AND Adriana Hayward’s home being built at Carmelo and Ocean is intended to be a model example not only of green construction, but of innovation — including features they claim will make people who live there healthier. Approved by the city over the course of several hearings, the house is composed of modular pieces that are set to be lowered onto the property the week of Feb. 17, according to Hayward Lumber representatives.

Construction should be completed in June, and the company will start offering tours of the first “Hayward Healthy Home” this summer, according to marketing director Suzanne Moore. The company is also offering the healthy home specifications, materi-

als and components to contractors and consumers.

A Hayward Healthy Home “delivers continuous fresh air to its occupants through a combination of optimal airflow, airtightness and non-toxic materials,” according to the company. Moore likened bad air to bad food, and fresh air to fresh food. Bad air and bad food make people sick, she said.

The home, which is replacing an old house that was so plagued with mold it had to be destroyed, even though it looked perfectly fine from the outside, is being constructed in a way that “optimizes airflow for healthier, drier air.” It will incorporate a system called Zehnder Comfosystem that draws outside air and filters it thoroughly before distributing it through the house. Unlike traditional, recirculating heating and air condi-

tioning systems that only function when heat or cooling is needed, it circulates air continuously, bringing in filtered air, controlling humidity, and expelling “stale” air from inside the house, while recovering much of the energy used to heating or cooling it before sending it outside.

Meanwhile, the house is also built to be as airtight as possible, and as long as you don’t open a window or door, very little unfiltered air will be able to get in through the walls or cracks.

“The exterior is treated with an air and moisture barrier, and all of the joints are sealed with non-toxic foam or caulking,” according to the Haywards. “All of the other building materials have also been carefully selected to minimize the occupants’ exposure to toxic chemicals.”

The result, the company claims, will be occupants who suffer less from allergies and asthma, and who get sick less often, “because their bodies experience a lower burden to defend themselves while inside of the home. A healthy home often creates a greater sense of well being for all of its occupants.”

The house will also incorporate solar photovoltaics for net-zero energy consumption, and its zinc roof — which the Haywards and their designers had to convince the city council to approve after the planning commission denied it — is designed to collect and condense water from fog and dew when the temperature of the metal falls below the dew point.

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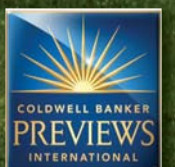
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And the survey says? Five P.G. sisters to appear on Family Feud

By KELLY NIX

FIVE SISTERS who graduated from Pacific Grove High School will appear on the Family Feud game show next week to compete for big money and a new car.

Siblings Ashley Jake Potter, Gabriela Jake, Tracy Carter-Birdsall, Olivia Jake and Celia Carter will square off with another family on the Family Feud — the game show in which two clans compete in a contest to name the most popular responses to survey questions posed to 100 people. The top prize was \$100,000 and Ford Fusion.

"It was really fun," Ashley, a 2005 graduate of P.G. High told The Pine Cone this week. "It was a surreal experience. It's not every day you get to be on national television."

Though the three episodes the sisters appeared were taped in July 2013, they air on TV next week for the first time. They're bound by secrecy as to the outcome of the shows, so you'll have to tune in to find out what happens.

The sisters — who, from the youngest to the oldest, are 20 years apart — owe much of the credit to their appearance on the Family Feud to their brother, Travis, who urged them to audition for the show in March 2013.

"My brother said, 'They are coming to San Francisco for auditions, you should sign up,'" said Tracy, PGHS Class of 1990. "We said if we won a new car we would give it to him."

They aced the audition and eventually got the call from a representative from the game show who told them they would all be flown to Atlanta, where it's recorded, and have all their expenses paid.

However, they were also told that they were not guaranteed to actually appear on the show.

On the day they arrived to the Atlanta studio, the sisters waited with numerous other families to compete. A family that wins goes on to compete against other families, so depending on their success, the game show might only need a few families for each taping.

"We got there at 7:30 a.m.," said Ashley, a mother of two small boys. "The first game, they didn't call us. And the second and third games they didn't call us, either. We were thinking 'what if they don't call us?'"

Finally, after hours of sitting in the audience watching other families battle it out, the five siblings got the announcement they were waiting for.

"We were on the edge our seats," Ashley said. "And then they said, 'Carter family, you're up.'"

The sisters took their places onstage and met Family Feud

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Eastwood, 83, said he had never done the Heimlich on anyone before, “except to practice.”

But he had seen a look of genuine panic before — and knew exactly what it meant.

“The look on Steve’s face was different than when somebody is just coughing or joking around,” Eastwood added.

No blacklisting

He also addressed a media-generated controversy surrounding the AT&T event this week, after a columnist in the San Francisco Chronicle said Eastwood was to blame for comedian George Lopez’ absence from this year’s tournament. In a story printed Wednesday, Scott Ostler said Lopez was always a fan favorite, but was not asked back the last two years because his off-color humor offended Eastwood.

The column, which didn’t even pretend to have actual facts behind it, is worth quoting extensively. Ostler wrote:

“I hear that George Lopez got disinvited, possibly scratched by tournament host Clint Eastwood. If so, Lopez wouldn’t be the first big star to get Dirty Harry’d. Rockers Neil Young and Glenn Frey may have met the same fate in years past. And who knows how many others?”

“Eastwood doesn’t do interviews, and Lopez’s people did not connect me with him. So let’s go with my source, who says Lopez got bounced for working blue.”

“The celebs in the field are asked to perform for 10 minutes or so at the annual Wednesday-night dinner show for the tourney’s hundreds of volunteers.”

“It’s the coolest secret show ever, with a dozen or more star singers, comedians and actors. But the audience skews older and somewhat conservative, and Lopez, in his standup, walks on the wild side.”

“He got away with it once, but Eastwood heard about it and Lopez was asked to, uh, tone it down a bit. No dice. Lopez is one of those comedians who take pride in their edginess. Maybe Lopez took the warning as a challenge, because the next year he even threw in an X-rated, F-worded, shout-out to Clint Himself.”

Eastwood told The Pine Cone he didn’t think the column “deserved any attention,” and offered only a very brief response to Ostler’s complaint.

“I didn’t have anything to do with Lopez not being here,” Eastwood said. “All the tournament is doing is rotating celebrities, the way it always has.”

But John said the idea that celebri ties are being blacklisted for any reason was ridiculous and “needs to be squashed.”

Attracting a crowd is what it’s all about, John said.

“If we keep the field fresh, more people are going to come, and that will translate into more dollars for the community,” he said, pointing to the pro-am’s charitable purpose.

The bigger the crowd that attends in person, and the higher the ratings for the TV broadcasts on CBS and the Golf Channel, the more successful the tournament will be, John said, and that’s what is always in the forefront of his mind and those of the other top officials at the organization that hosts it, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation.

“We’re always looking for whatever is going to raise the most money for charity,” he concluded.

On the rain-soaked first day, a three-hour suspension of play was called soon after it began. Most foursomes were able to finish their rounds before darkness fell about 5:30

p.m. Rookie Andrew Loupe was in the lead with an 8-under par 63 at MPCC.

Eastwood said he’ll be visiting the tournament every day, and will help present the trophy to the winner on Sunday.

Meanwhile, he is finishing up post-production on his new movie, “Jersey Boys,” starring James Woods, based on the successful Broadway musical.

“I’m mixing the audio and things like that, and it will be coming out in May or June,” Eastwood said.

He’s also beginning work on his next film, “American

RULES

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The rules are probably the strictest anywhere for what spectators can bring to an event, and will be a shock to some people, but the tournament is trying to accommodate them.

“Even people who just show up and buy a ticket, we can take care of them,” John said.

The PGA Tour tightened its rules on permitted items at tournaments late last year in the wake of the Boston Marathon bombings.

“Due to the events earlier this year and heightened security measures across our nation, the PGA Tour will continue its normal security policies but expand screenings for all patrons, sponsors, volunteers, media and vendors attending or working at all events,” tour officials announced last November.

With the AT&T Pro-Am drawing tens of thousands of spectators, along with high-profile pros and celebrities, John said the restrictions are imperative to help protect people. The tournament is unique not just in the breadth of its field of pros, amateurs and celebrities, but in the fact it’s played on three different golf courses at the same time — which presents a logistical challenge when it comes to security.

“Really what’s happened is the way of the world right now,” said John. “We have so many people, and with the celebrities and the amateurs and the high-profile pros, we’ve got a totally different audience than every other tournament on the tour.”

In addition to the allowed small purses and clear plastic handbags, approved medical supply and diaper bags can be carried into the tournament, as well as mobile phones and other electronic devices set on silent, umbrellas without sleeves, portable radios with headphones, binoculars with no cases, medical and baby supplies, and collapsible chairs without cases.

But backpacks, camera cases, mesh bags, purses, seat cushions, clear backpacks, tinted plastic bags, oversized tote bags, binocular cases, printed patterned plastic bags and folding chair bags are against the rules, as are cups, cans and containers of all kinds, computers and laptops, fireworks and laser pointers, oversized lawn furniture, bicycles, pets, weapons, cameras of all kinds, beverages and coolers, radios and televisions, and posters, signs and banners.

Sniper,” starring Bradley Cooper.

“It’s the story of Chris Kyle, who was a Navy SEAL with four tours in Iraq and Afghanistan,” Eastwood said. “He had 160 confirmed kills as a sniper, and probably another 100 that he probably got.”

But after Kyle retired from the military in 2009 and returned to private life, he offered help to another returning veteran who was having trouble readjusting — and the man shot and killed Kyle at a firing range.

“It’s a wild, tragic story,” Eastwood said.

PGA officials are also asking everyone to be vigilant and aware of their surroundings, and to report anything out of the ordinary.

“Everyone is urged to keep a simple phrase in mind: ‘See something, say something,’” according to the PGA.

“The bottom line is to keep everybody safe,” John said. “That’s why the Tour did it.”

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BIG CHECK

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ring to Tavener’s Dot Day and Brainworks events Jan 10. While Stilwell did not respond to The Pine Cone’s request for an explanation of the check, Burnett provided a document he received from administrative services director Susan Paul that better described how the money was used.

According to the one-page document, entitled “Events Reimbursement,” the money was used for costs incurred for three events: the Dot Day student art show, a “Brainworks VIP Meeting and city tour” and a logistics meeting to plan a

“Virtual Brain/Imagination Festival.” It covered the costs of invitations to the events and event programs, the mounting and display of artwork, signage, event PR, catering, AV, facilities, author expenses, VIP expenses (airfare) and ground transportation.

In the same document, Paul noted that the municipal code “does not require a contract for purchases under \$25,000,” and “events are not specifically set forth in the code; however, the city participates by direct or indirect financial support in at least 25 events per year.”

But Burnett wasn’t entirely convinced it was OK to pay for those costs related to Tavener’s event, in addition to the money the city is already paying him for his project, which Tavener has said will bring more visitors to Carmel. He received a separate check paid to Wonderspace Carmel for \$4,150 in December.

“It seems to me that the expenditure policy is intended to bring items to the council when they reach a certain magnitude, and this is getting around that by being separate from the contract,” Burnett said. “I’m not going to go as far as to say it is violating the policy, but I want to look at the policy more to make sure it is not being violated.”

\$47K for lawyers

The check was one of hundreds listed in the December 2013 check register certified by city treasurer Jim Emery that totaled \$859,691.53 in payments, including substantial pay-outs for outside legal services, IT work and utilities.

Computer consultant Mark Alcock, received \$12,474.75 for IT services and \$9,200 as an “examiner.” One of Alcock’s assignments has been to investigate Steve McInchak for mis-using the city computer system. McInchak’s home was raided almost eight months ago, and no charges have yet been filed against him.

Payments classified under “professional services — legal” totaled \$46,856.12, including \$1,570 for the City of Salinas, \$9,693.59 for the City of Monterey, \$1,110.50 for Kennedy, Archer & Harray, \$9,116.20 for Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, \$9,825.33 for Monterey Bay Planning Services, \$3,374.50 for Personal Court Reporters Inc., and \$12,166 for Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth. Those checks were written in addition to the \$7,500 per month paid to city attorney Don Freeman.

Other payments of interest were \$6,140 to The Christmas Light Pros of Monterey, presumably for restringing the lights on the city’s official Christmas tree at Junipero and Ocean after its illumination received complaints in previous years, and \$22,406.51 to Public Consulting Group for “system admin services,” IT consultant work and “tech assessment services.”

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Photographer looks back on walk on rock's wild side

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH HIS own words and photographs — and a soundtrack featuring some of the most memorable music of the era — **Ethan Russell** looks back at a golden time in rock 'n' roll history when he presents “Best Seat in the House,” Saturday, Feb. 8, at Sunset Center.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Youth Art Collective, a Monterey group for student-artists from 14 to 22.

Not long after the 21-year-old Carmel Valley native landed in England in 1967, Russell was introduced to Rolling Stones' singer Mick Jagger. The two hit it off, and soon Russell was touring with the Rolling Stones as their photographer. He was there when they played two of their most famous concerts — Hyde Park in London and Altamont Speedway in California, both in 1969 — and he took the cover photo for the Stones' "Get Yer Ya-Yas Out" album.

Russell attributes much of his success as a rock photographer to his ability to be unobtrusive, a talent he picked up as a youngster while hunting birds in Carmel Valley.

Russell's work with the Rolling Stones led to other projects with rock legends. His work was featured on a number of rock album covers, including the Beatles' "Let It Be" and the Who's "Who's Next" and "Quadrophenia." He also captured memorable images of the Doors' Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin, Cream, Traffic and many others.

Taking the audience on a trip back in time, Russell will screen more than 400 of his photographs. "People will feel like they are there," he told The Pine Cone.

Russell said he hopes young people will find inspiration in his story. “The kids in the audience are probably wondering what the future holds for them,” Russell told The Pine Cone. “I was in exactly that same place when I went to England in 1967.”

Russell has written three books about rock history and his small role in it — “Dear Mr. Fantasy,” “Let it Bleed” and “Ethan Russell: An American Story.” An exhibit of his work is on display at Sunset Center’s Marjorie Evans gallery.

The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$29 to \$49. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048.

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PHOTO/ETHAN RUSSELL

In this candid shot, photographer Ethan Russell captures two rock 'n' roll legends, Chuck Berry and Mick Jagger, chatting backstage.

Acoustic duo finds an unexpected home

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN THE truest sense of the phrase, **Anne** and **Pete Sibley's** fundraising performance Friday, Feb. 7, at All Saints School will be a homecoming.

When the acoustic duo first played there in 2012, they were in the final stages of a tour that had taken them through 30 states. It was just another gig — or so they thought.

With two toddlers in tow, the Sibleys were looking for a place to settle down. The title of their fifth and most recent record, "Wandering to be Found," expressed those sentiments.

The Sibleys never really considered living on the Monterey Peninsula, however, until a chance meeting in Carmel Valley led to an informal performance at the school. The reception they received there was so positive they decided to set some roots down here.

“That’s when we started falling in love with the area,” Anne Sibley told *The Pine Cone*. “Doors flew open for us. You just know when you’re in the right place.”

Now, more than a year later, the couple lives in Monterey with their six-year-old daughter, Leah, 6, and their three-year-old son, Sam. Leah is a student at All Saints School.

The Sibleys wanted to do something special for the school, so they offered to play a fundraising concert. In addition to supporting a worthy institution, the event will offer the duo an opportunity to showcase their music, which is a mix of folk, county, bluegrass and Americana.

They were also finalists in the 2009 Great American Duet Sing Off on National Public Radio's A Prairie Home Companion.

The music starts at 7 p.m. Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. Discounts are available for families. The school is located at 8060 Carmel Valley Road.

■ The beat goes on at Sunset

Offering a contemporary twist on an ancient Japanese art form, **TAO** presents a display of taiko drumming Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Sunset Center.

“This is going to be really exciting,” said **Natalie Hall** of Sunset Center. “It’s taiko drumming at the highest level, and they have a spectacular stage show with magnificent costumes. This event is going to blow everyone out of the water.”

The show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$39 and \$59.
Two nights later — Thursday, Feb. 13 — instrumental guitarist **Ottmar Liebert** performs at Sunset Center. The

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Presenting an ancient art form and a dazzling stage spectacle, the taiko drumming ensemble TAO performs Feb. 11 at Sunset Center.

New Piccola Casa, New Peter B's, new Valentine's fun

By MARY SCHLEY

EVER SINCE Joe Rombi sold his namesake Pacific Grove restaurant last year, he's turned his focus on revamping La Piccola Casa, which he opened next door to his 17th Street Italian eatery eight years ago. The cafe carries prepared foods to go, like his famous spaghetti and meatballs, lasagne, and signature salad dressing and sauces, and offers coffee and pastries daily, and lunch and dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Now, he wants it to offer more.

Rombi closed La Piccola Casa for a few weeks in January to remodel the interior of the circa-1870 building, extending the counter, crafting all the glass-tiled tabletops himself, and installing new lighting and other features. He purchased a flat-screen TV for sports viewing, including Formula 1 and MotoGP races as they air live in other parts of the world.

"We're different, in that I get here at 5:15 in the morning, so I can show the races live," he said, because they air so early.

Add several espressos and a breakfast pizza, coffee cake or frittata, and there are few better ways for a motorsports junkie to take in some of the fastest road racing on the planet.

"There are people who like to get up and see them live, and they like to be with their friends," he explained.

"The TV feature is tricky," Rombi admitted. "I'm not really a sports bar, but I'm going to show sports." For instance, he'll have the Olympics on through closing ceremonies Feb. 23, and show Warrior games, the Tour de France and other events. Fortunately, when the TV is not being used, it's hidden in a mirrored cabinet on the back wall, with diners none the wiser.

Rombi has been cooking in the cafe daily and mans the espresso bar himself on

Mondays and Tuesdays. His presence in the kitchen has drawn people's attention, as they pick up on the tantalizing scents of the dishes he's preparing, like Bolognese sauce, pizzas and the slow-cooked Genovese pasta he made last week.

"They come in now and smell the cooking," he said. "I've already seen the increase in food products selling."

Rombi said he's adding a few pasta dishes to the menu, as well as more panini and other items, though he's not yet done fine tuning it. He also sells Nectar IPA, Scrimshaw Pilsner and Great White Ale on draught — the taps are new to La Piccola Casa — and eight more microbrews in bottles.

His wife, Laurie, bakes all the breakfast pastries and sweets, which vary daily. This week, for instance, her creations included coffee cake and zucchini-pecan muffins.

"We're seeing it starting to change," he said of La Piccola Casa. "Even though we've been here eight years and it has a core group of customers, it's like starting a new business."

The cafe is open daily from 6:30 to 11:30 a.m. for coffee, breakfast and pastries, and from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday for breakfast, lunch and dinner. To learn more, call (831) 373-0129 or visit www.joerombi.com.

■ Peter B's lookin' spiffy

Peter B's Brewpub in the Portola Hotel at

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

the foot of Alvarado Street in Monterey hosted a relaunch party last week to show off its newly remodeled digs — including 18 flat-screen TVs and more modern, sleek and wood-heavy design work — while showcasing new menu items and brews, too.

Executive chef Jason Giles, who oversees all the hotel's culinary activities, including catering for large groups and its fine-dining restaurant, Jacks, took the occasion to replace about 40 percent of the menu and spruce up another 20 percent, while brewmaster Kevin Clark increased production, thanks to new equipment.

On the food side, a simple but rarely seen snack on the West Coast, cheese curds, are breaded and fried crispy, then served with a garlic chili aioli — a highly addictive combination that goes great with beer (of course). And due to feedback from customers, Giles

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Tequila

The Rio Grill in the Crossroads shopping center will celebrate Valentine’s Day not just on one day, but on three, starting Thursday, Feb. 13, and running through Saturday, Feb. 15, when chef Cy Yontz “will gear his nightly specials toward a Valentine’s theme.” And on Friday, of course, the restaurant staff will hand out roses.

But the following week is when the real fun begins, as the much anticipated third annual Tequila Dinner will take place Thursday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m.

In the Santa Fe Room at the Rio, 40 fortunate guests will pay \$85 each to partake of a four-course menu paired with four Tequila drinks, and will go home with goodie bags and recipe cards. The evening will mark the launch of the new ultra-premium Clase Azul Añejo.

Yontz, longtime sous chef Eduardo Coronel and barman Eddie Banaszek have collaborated on the lineup, which calls for small bites (bocaditos) of huevos diablos with double-smoked bacon jam, Clase Azul Reposado Tequila-cured salmon tostaditas and candied swine “Jolly Rancheros” to start.

The first course will be chicken-fried ahi

tuna with mango-habañero coulis, duck-fat refried black beans and blue corn Serrano-shrimp flauta, followed by a second course of bitter greens with tamarindo-agave vinaigrette, queso requeson, pomegranate seeds and masa croutons. The main dish will be smoked lamb chuletas with plantain-mint chutney and Corona bean-chorizo cassoulet, and for dessert, Mexican chocolate and Clase Azul Tequila bread pudding with Rompope and prickly pear coulis. Accompanying the food will be a La Pinta Cocktail, then Plata, Reposado, Añejo and Extra Añejo tequilas. Call (831) 625-5436 for reservations.

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roasted red pepper coulis; and “3rd Base” — Cherries Jubilee sautéed table side and served over Tcho chocolate cake and vanilla ice cream. Recommended wine pairings will be available throughout. To book, call (831) 375-1300 or go to www.cremapg.com.

From Russia with love

Inspired by this year’s Winter Olympics in Sochi (which start Friday, Feb. 7, and end Feb. 23), Debbie Wenzler at Baum & Blume is presenting a Valentine’s Dinner featuring the cuisine of Russia and “the elegance of the Romanoff Empire” Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15, at a cost of \$98.50 per couple.

The first course will be a trio of warm buckwheat blini with smoked salmon tartare, and the second course, a salad of spinach with roasted beets and walnuts, pomegranate vinaigrette, crispy fillo triangle with sour cream and dill. Entrée choices will be salmon coulibiak (salmon fillet layered in pastry with mushroom duxelles, kasha and velouté sauce, with Vodka-spiked baby tomatoes and sautéed cucumbers), Lamb Shashlik with Adzapsandali (skewers of marinated and grilled lamb with tomato-plum reduction, served with ratatouille of vegetables from the Republic of Georgia) and Chicken Tabaka (butter-roasted game hen cooked under a brick, with blackberry-coriander sauce and simmered green beans with saffron, herbs and yogurt.) The fourth course will be spongecake roulade with raspberry creme and dark roast coffee.

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Angel Mario Sanchez	Hand Truck, Suitcases, Clothing/Shoes, Stroller, 3 boxes.
Margaret Grijalva	Toys, Cleaners, Paper, Sports/Hobby Equipment, Suitcases, Briefcase, Clothing/Shoes, Night Stand, Books/Magazines, Pictures, 4 Bags, 3 Totes.
Sophia Ann Cortez	Store Displays, Chest of Drawers, Clothing/Shoes, Night Stand, File Cabinet, Pictures, 10+ Boxes, 4 totes.

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MUSIC

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■ Fifty years after Beatlemania

A pair of performers mark the 50th anniversary of the Beatles' arrival in New York City in 1964 with "Satire, Swing and Short Skirts," which plays Friday, Feb. 7, at the Pacific Grove Center Art Center.

Singer and guitarist **Robert Marcum** performs a musical tribute to the British Invasion, while actor and historian **Howard Burnham** offers a funny and informative talk about the "Swinging '60s" in London.

The event starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. Call (831) 375-2208.

■ Live Music Feb. 7-Feb. 13

Terry's Lounge at Cypress Inn — pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Friday at 7 p.m.); pianist **Dick Whittington** and bassist **Robb Fisher** (Music from the Great American Songbook, Saturday at 7 p.m.); singer **Andrea Carter** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.); guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 5 p.m.); and singers **Lee Durley** and **Ray Paul** (pop and jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

Mission Ranch Restaurant — 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.). **The Patio Barn** at Mission Ranch — **The Money Band** (classic rock, Friday from 6 to 10 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

Mundaka — singer and mandolin player **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz and bluegrass, Sunday at 7:30 p.m.); guitarist **Peter Evans** (classical, Monday at 7 p.m.); and singer

and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.). San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 624-7400.

Jack London's Bar and Grill — singer-songwriter **Casey Frazier** ("eclectic Americana with roots in country and '70s rock," Friday at 7 p.m.). Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, (831) 624-2336.

The Fuse Lounge at Carmel Mission Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (jazz and blues, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 3665 Rio Road, (831) 624-6630.

Bahama Island Steakhouse — singer-songwriter **Rose Merrill** (folk, country and pop, Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m.). In the Barnyard shopping center, (831) 626-0430.

Julia's restaurant in Pacific Grove — guitarist **Rick Chelew** and accordionist **Elise Leavy** (Thursday at 5:30 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave. in Pacific Grove.

Spanish Bay — singer-songwriter **Bryan Diamond** (Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Dr., Pebble Beach, (831) 647-7500.

Chateau Sinnet in Carmel Valley — **True North** featuring singer-songwriter **Janni Littlepage** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 3746 Center St., (831) 659-2244.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Coffis Brothers** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). On Highway 1 25 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

Treebones Resort in Big Sur — fiddler **Lillian Dennis** and slide guitarist **Chris Dennis** (Monday at 6:30 p.m.). Just off Highway 1 on Willow Creek Road 65 miles south of Carmel, (877) 424-4787.



An acoustic duo who recently moved to Monterey, Anne and Pete Sibley play a fundraising concert Friday at All Saints School.

ART

From page 15A

■ Group shows open at CAA, museum

Work by more than 80 members of the Carmel Art Association is featured in a group exhibit opening Saturday, Feb. 8, at the association's gallery. A reception starts at 5 p.m. The show continues the end of the month. The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 624-6176.

Thirty-nine of those same artists are represented in a group exhibit, "In the Footsteps of Legacy," now on display at the Museum of Monterey. The event marks the first collaboration between the Monterey Peninsula's two oldest arts organizations.

"While the [museum] is charged with preserving the legacy of the Monterey Peninsula, the [CAA's] mission is to continue the legacy with a focus on fine art," CAA president **Will Bullas** said. "There is much cross-over and has been for more than eight decades. The show has references to the fine artists of the past, but with a focus on today's contributors. This exhibition promises to be just the first of many collaborations."

The exhibit will continue through April 27. The museum is located at 5 Custom House Plaza.

Reminding everyone that the day to remember somebody special is drawing near, printmaker **Pamela Takigawa** presents a free Valentine card-making workshop Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Carmel Art Association. Participants are encouraged to adorn their cards with their own photographs, and a \$5 donation will help cover the cost of materials.

■ 'Hearts of Appreciation'

Coinciding with the monthly First Friday celebration in downtown Pacific Grove, Artisana Gallery hosts a reception Feb. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. for oil painter **Dana Goforth**, who unveils an exhibit, "Hearts of Appreciation."

"This new collection of diverse work integrates my intense love of color, the exciting and never-ending discovery process, and my always present desire to express myself through art," Goforth explains.

The show will be on display through the end of the month. The gallery is located at 612 Lighthouse Ave. Call (831) 655-9775.



Calendar

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Feb. 7 – Alberto's Garden Art Valentine Hearts. Bring in our ad from this week's Carmel Pine Cone and get a second Heart free when you buy one. Limited to the first 100 customers. Cannery Row Antique Mall, 471 Wave Street, Monterey.

Feb. 8 - Monterey Bay Charter School welcomes families to tour their school campus and meet the faculty on Saturday, February 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. MBCS is a K-8 tuition-free, public charter school utilizing Waldorf-inspired teaching methods. Enrollment applications now being accepted. Located at 1004 David Avenue in Pacific Grove. Please visit www.mbayschool.org or call (831) 655-4638. Se habla Español.

Feb. 8 - Ensemble Monterey presents "Sparrows" by Joseph Schwantner, with soprano Lori Schulman, Saturday, February 8, 8 p.m. at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 8070 Carmel Valley Road in Carmel, and Sunday, February 9, 7 p.m. at Peace United Church of Christ, 900 High Street in Santa Cruz. The program also features works by local composers John Wineglass and Stephen Tosh. \$32 general admission, \$25 students and seniors. Tickets and information at www.ensemble-monterey.org or call (831) 333-1283.

Feb. 11 - A one hour orientation meeting will be held Tuesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. at State Parks Monterey District Office, 2211 Garden Road, to discuss a two month training program to become a volunteer at Pt. Sur State Historic Park and/or Pacific Grove's Point Pinos Lighthouse. At this meeting we will present information on the Volunteer Program and answer any questions you might have. For additional information email info@pointsur.org or call (831) 649-7139. See "Become a Volunteer" at <http://www.pointsur.org/> for the class schedule.

Feb. 13 - Join us Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. for a Pre-Valentine's Day Celebration. Cibo Will Be Transformed To Celebrate Pink. Complementary passed appetizers from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Entertainment by DJ Estaban until 1:30 a.m. Signature Pink Cocktails. Dinner Menu available until 11 p.m. For more information and tickets call or go to: cibo.com/blush.

Feb 14 & 15 – "From Russia...with Love" Baum & Blume's Romantic Valentine Dinner. Menu inspired by the 2014 Olympics and elegance of the Romanoff Empire. 98.50/for two. Seatings begin at 5:30 p.m. Baum & Blume, 4 El Caminito Rd., Carmel Valley. Reservations required. (831) 659-0400. To view menu go to www.digitalcarmel.com/baumandblume.

Feb. 14-16 - Exhibition and sale of John Lennon's drawings and song writings will be shown at Carmel Plaza, Garden Level. A portion of the proceeds will go to support the Monterey County Food Bank. Ms. Yoko Ono Lennon created this program with the specific intent of helping local non-profit. Ocean Ave. & Mission St. (831) 624-1385.

Feb. 15-16 – The 25th Annual Whale of an Art Show returns to Monterey's historic Custom House Plaza state park, Saturday and Sunday, February 15 & 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contemporary artists and craftsmen showcase their latest creations across from Fisherman's Wharf. Event is free. Information: (831) 625-0931.

Feb. 17 - Monday, February 17, at 2 p.m. Carmel Women's Club presents Myra Goodman, founder of Earthbound Farm and Sarah LaCasse, Chef, Earthbound Farm. Enjoy a special cooking demonstration by Sarah and hear Myra discuss how Earthbound changed how we eat today. Myra's new cookbook will be available. Everyone welcome. San Carlos & 9th. Guests \$5. Members Free. (831) 646-0242 or (831) 624-2866.

Feb. 22 - Central Coast HIV/AIDS Services 12th Annual Crystal Ball, February 22, 5-11 p.m. at the Seaside Embassy Suites. Join us in commemorating 25 years of meeting our mission! Evening includes champagne reception, hosted by Sinnet Winery, a three-course dinner, live music and dancing, featuring Clicktrax Jazz Orchestra and a silent auction. \$100/person. Call (831) 394-4747, ext. 601.

Feb. 22 – Monterey Regional Waste Management District's Greener Gardening free workshop, Saturday, February 22, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Vermicomposting: Compost with worms. For more information and to register: www.mrwmd.org, (831) 384-5313.

Feb. 22 & 23 - Pajaro Valley Quilt Assn. 36th Annual Quilt Show, February 22-23, 2014. Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 2601 East Lake Avenue Watsonville, CA 95076. See www.pvqa.org for details.

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EVENTS

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Seatings begin at 5:30 p.m. in Baum & Blume at 4 El Caminito Road in Carmel Valley Village. Reservations are required by calling (831) 659-0400. Go to www.digital-carmel.com/baumandblume.

■ And across the street

Cima Collina's tasting room, also in Carmel Valley Village at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road, will hold a St. Valentine's Day dinner catered by Aqua Terra Culinary chef/owner Dory Ford. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a reception featuring Cima Collina wines, appetizers, and tasting with winemaker Annette Hoff Danzer, followed by a three-course dinner.

Tray-passed appetizers will be crispy rolls of salsify with Parmesan and prosciutto, and Italian sausage-stuffed baguette with mustard thyme sauce, paired with 2010 Tondre Grapefield Dry Riesling. The first course of the sit-down dinner, which start at 7 p.m., will be dungeness crab salad with marinated fennel, local citrus, avocado fritters, winter chicories, crème fraiche and citrus vinaigrette, served with 2012 Tondre Grapefield Chardonnay.

For the second course, Ford plans to make prosciutto-wrapped pheasant breast with braised lentils, shaved Brussels sprouts with confit, wild mushrooms and natural jus, to

be paired with 2010 Tondre Grapefield Pinot Noir, and the third will be seared beef rib cap with celery root and potato gratin, oxtail croquette, prune ketchup, broccolini and kale chips, with 2008 Tondre Grapefield Pinot Noir. Dessert will be a dried apricot and bleu cheese tart with thyme pastry, candied walnuts and honey ice cream.

The cost is \$95 per person (\$75 for wine club members), and reservations can be made by calling (831) 620-0645 or visiting www.cimacollina.com.

■ Sweets and scents

On the day after the lovers' holiday, Bernardus Lodge will host a Valentine Sweets & Scents Luncheon Saturday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tapping into the facts that colors influence moods, and scents are powerful and captivating, the lunch's special guests, consultants from Green Valley Lab in Carmel, will "walk you through their collection of all natural essential oils to find which color best speaks to you and your partner."

And, because taste and aroma are intrinsically linked, chef Cal Stamenov has designed a menu capitalizing on the aromas of herbs, flowers and spices "to positively affect the body and palate."

Treats planned for the day include warm rosemary focaccia bread, goat cheese with wildflower honey and lavender, chilled oysters with ginger mignonette, roasted beet salad with Marcona almonds and cara cara oranges, local chanterelle and potato gratin

with spices and leeks, beef tenderloin with coriander chimichirri and arugula, Moroccan spiced Sonoma chicken with grilled lemons and mint yogurt, sea bass with shellfish and garlic-saffron aioli, cinnamon bread pudding with bourbon caramel, lemon cardamom cookies, red velvet cupcakes and classic poundcake with vanilla-scented pineapple.

Live acoustic guitar and Bernardus wines will round out the afternoon affair at the lodge at 415 Carmel Valley Road at Los Laureles Grade in the valley.

The cost is \$95 per person, including tax and gratuity, and reservations may be made by calling (831) 658-3550. www.bernardus-lodge.com

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TAKEOVER

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and energy. It distracts from the real issue of finding more water.”

The latest group to call for a takeover of Cal Am, Public Water Now, collected 8,000 signatures to place an initiative on the June ballot asking voters if they want to acquire Cal Am's Peninsula water system. If it passes, the initiative would mandate a nine-month study to determine the cost of acquiring Cal Am, followed by acquisition of the water company if the analysis determines the acquisition would benefit ratepayers.

While some organizations contend that even if public ownership may eventually be a good thing, they say it's not a good idea now in the midst of trying to secure a desperately needed new water project for the Peninsula — something the State of California has ordered Cal Am to do.

In an effort to cutback pumping from the overdrafted Carmel River, Cal Am has proposed a desalination plant in North Marina, water storage facilities and a project that turns wastewater into drinking water — facilities that are expected to cost \$320 million.

Last week, the board of the Monterey County Association of Realtors — which has been active in local water politics — voted against the takeover idea.

“It is the belief of our organization that the Public Water Now Initiative could distract from the focus that is required to solve the immediate water availability challenges facing Peninsula ratepayers,” according to Kevin Stone, MCAR's government and community affairs director.

Another group, the Monterey

Commercial Property Owners Association, opposes the public takeover effort, with its vice president saying last week “Government has never done anything cheaper than the private sector.” The Coalition of Peninsula Businesses, composed of various restaurants, hotels and other visitor-serving businesses, also opposes Public Water Now's efforts.

In fact, voters have said No to public ownership of the Peninsula's water system at least three times before, including in 1965, in 2005 (when voters overwhelmingly rejected a ballot measure calling for a study of the takeover idea) and in 2011, when the water district board rejected pursuing a takeover bid.

While Cohen wouldn't identify his list of supporters, saying the list wasn't public and that he would release it at the “appropriate time,” he said the group is reaching out to other groups and organizations to spread the word.

“We are making presentations to groups to garner support and will continue over the next few months,” Cohen said.

But Cohen questioned the organizations that have spoken out against the Cal Am acquisition plan.

“Those groups you speak of, have any of them heard our presentation?” Cohen asked. “How can they have already taken a position? How credible is that? How relevant is their opinion?”

And he said that once they hear what Public Water Now has to say about its takeover goals, he's confident they will support the idea. He pointed to the 8,000 individuals who signed the initiative petition to get it on the ballot.

“Do the math,” Cohen said, “we are more

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than halfway way there. And we've barely begun to fight."

Cohen accused The Pine Cone of "trying really hard to make us look bad before the game has even begun" by writing a story about local organizations' positions on his efforts.

The Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the local chapter of the League of Women Voters, two other prominent local organizations, have not taken positions on the Public Water Now initiative, but plan on doing so.

"We are going to bring it to our government affairs committee next week," Monterey chamber president Jody Hansen told The Pine Cone this week.

Elected officials

Local city council members and mayors who responded to questions about Public Water Now's efforts are mixed in their opinions. While some say it might be beneficial, others say it's counterproductive.

"I can't think of anyone that is seriously working on water — other than George Riley — who thinks the timing is right," Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett told The Pine Cone.

Riley, a longtime water activist who's also calling for the takeover of Cal Am, sits on the technical advisory committee for the water group that's composed of the six Peninsula mayors, including Burnett.

Carmel council members Ken Talmage and Carrie Theis also said they believed pursuing a public takeover is misguided, with Talmage saying that considering the state water board's order, the drought and other factors, "this is not the time to change the Peninsula's water strategy."

Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Kampe said pursuing Cal Am now "is very much a distraction. "I think the timing is very bad and will not serve any of the primary needs of the peninsula at this point," he said.

Pacific Grove Councilman Robert Huitt, said that "in concept" public ownership might be desirable, but "It would be a mistake to pursue the proposed public takeover at this time," and it would "doom" the proposed water project.

However, P.G. Councilman Dan Miller not only supports a takeover bid but believes it should happen immediately.

"I want it to be as soon as possible as I believe the (Peninsula mayors' group) is in the bag for Cal Am and is not keeping an open mind as to other projects," Miller said. "I do not believe that Cal Am now, or ever for that matter, has done what is in the best interests of the people."

Monterey Councilwoman Libby Downey, called public ownership "vitally important," and she and P.G. Councilman Rudy Fischer said an acquisition should happen before Cal Am's desal plant is built, which Cohen also believes.

Carmel City Councilman Steve Hillyard signed Public Water Now's petition but said he's not sure if or when a takeover should happen. However, he said the California Public Utilities Commission, which regulates Cal Am, has a "tendency to side with the company," and doesn't believe, as many do, that eminent domain proceedings will be distracting.

"Cal Am and its parent [company] should be able to manage its consultants designing the desal plant while managing its political consultants fighting the initiative," Hillyard said.

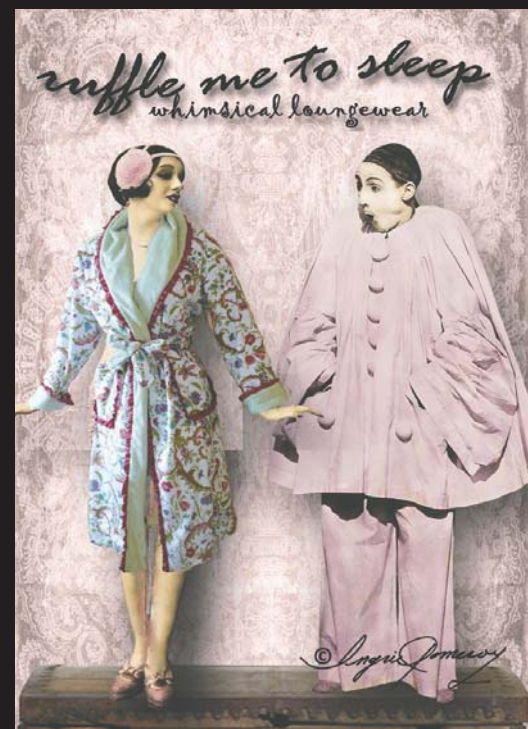
Monterey Councilman Alan Haffa said he hasn't taken a position on a Cal Am takeover but said the majority of water companies in the country are publicly run.

More doubts

Pacific Grove Councilwoman Casey Lucius said that while she understands the frustration from customers about rising water rates, she's not sure if the risks associated with a buyout "would assure longterm benefits or short-term stability for Peninsula residents."

She added that the water district and mayors have addressed the issue well by making the water projects a private-public partnership, where a big chunk of the projects will be publicly financed. On Monday, Sen. Bill Monning introduced legislation to authorize use of low interest, public water bonds to reduce the price of Cal Am's desal plant by as much as \$66 million.

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City planning commission to meet Tuesday

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

BECAUSE WEDNESDAY is Lincoln's Birthday, and the Carmel Planning Commission usually meets on the second Wednesday of each month, the commission's meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 11, instead. It will begin at its usual time of 4 p.m.

Before commissioners get down to any decision making, they'll hear a presentation on the Carmel River and Lagoon Sand Bar Management Plan from Carl Holm, deputy director of the Monterey County Resource Management Agency.

They are then set to consider applications for new homes at Lincoln and Third and on Carmelo three southeast of

Fourth, alterations to houses on Santa Lucia and on Monte Verde three northeast of Eighth and two business signs for the new Dawn's Dream tasting room near the northwest corner of San Carlos and Seventh.

Also, a remodel of the exterior of Anton & Michel Restaurant on Mission Street, and wine shops with tasting rooms on San Carlos Street — one southeast of Fifth Avenue and one southeast of Ocean Avenue.

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Mud closes Sycamore Canyon Road, earthquake shakes things up

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN ADDITION to creating soggy conditions at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, rain wreaked havoc along Sycamore Canyon Road in Big Sur Thursday.

“I left this morning to go have breakfast at Deetjen’s and there was a bunch of debris and mud coming across the road,” said Michelle Cumming, who lives along the road and works as a paramedic for the City of Carmel.

Blaze Engineering removed about 100 cubic yards of mud and debris from the road and cleared the same from culverts. The road was temporarily closed to motorists.

Located just south of Pfeiffer Ridge — where a fire in December destroyed 34 homes and scorched over 900 acres — the road and the homes located along it are considered particularly vulnerable to mudslides

this spring because so much erosion-controlling vegetation was lost in the blaze.

The house Cumming and her family live in barely escaped the fire, and now they have to worry about debris flows inundating the property. “We’re bringing in k-rails next week,” which she worries, “is not soon enough,” especially with more rain expected this weekend. “All that debris is going to start coming down,” she added.

Small rockslides were reported near Big Creek and Nepenthe restaurant, as well as flooding on Highway 1 near Deetjen’s. A Caltrans official said her office was not aware of any delays for motorists.

Also, an earthquake that registered 4.1 on the Richter scale was centered about nine miles southwest of San Simeon. The tremor occurred at a depth of about 2.2 miles. The incident happened just before noon. Three other smaller earthquakes were recorded in the same vicinity over a 20-minute span.

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Jean Wisely Rudolph

Jean Wisely Rudolph, 84, of Carmel, CA passed away January 25, 2014, in Palo Alto, CA. She had moved there in 2011 to be closer to family. Jean was born January 1, 1930 to Kathryn and Horace Wisely in Hollywood, California. She was raised in Salinas. She graduated from Stanford University and returned to the Monterey Peninsula to raise a family in Carmel. She taught in the Carmel School District for many years and especially loved her time at Captain Cooper in Big Sur. She volunteered with many organizations, including The Junior League of Monterey, National Steinbeck Center, and Community Hospital. Jean was a voracious reader and an enthusiastic world traveler. She especially loved to go on snorkeling trips.



Jean’s survivors include her five children Stephen (Mary) Rudolph, Menlo Park, CA; Mark (Jenifer) Rudolph, Salem, OR; Daniel (Diana) Rudolph, Castle Rock, CO; Kathryn (Tim) Saeli Scottsdale, AZ; John (Kathy) Rudolph, Elk Grove, CA; her brother John Wisely, Sacramento, CA, and her 13 grandchildren: Lynn, Ben, Paul, Clare, Lauren, Nick, Corey, Madelyn, Kristen, Daniel, Rachel, Sydney, and Jack.

Jean will be remembered for her strength, generosity, humor, and love of family. The family wishes to thank all the caring staff at The Palo Alto Commons and her many lifelong friends for their love, attention, and care shown to Jean.

At Jean’s request, a private service was held. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the National Steinbeck Center, One Main Street, Salinas, CA, 93901.

Seaside caregiver enters plea in elder abuse of P.B. woman

A SEASIDE caregiver this week pleaded no contest to financially abusing an elderly client he was caring for, according to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office. Javier Arango Vazquez, 22, who was employed by Victorian Home Care to provide caregiving services to the unidentified 70-year-old Pebble Beach woman, stole several checks of her checks and used her credit card.

Vazquez wrote and cashed checks to himself totaling more than \$4,000 and used the woman’s credit card to purchase a phone,

pizza and other items, the district attorney’s office said. Arango will be placed on formal probation and faces up to one year in jail when he’s sentenced on March 12 by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Russell D. Scott. If he violates the terms of his probation, he faces up to four years behind bars. Anyone who believes that he or she has been the victim of elder abuse should contact local law enforcement or Adult Protective Services at (831) 883-7565. The district attorney’s office encourages seniors to review their monthly statements carefully for suspicious activity. Locking checkbooks, including those not currently being used, is also a deterrent, it said.

FAMILY

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host Steve Harvey for the first time. After some chit chat with Harvey, they performed a musical roll call and then a crowd-pleasing rhyming rap, in which the ending goes “We partied with Steve Harvey ’til 8 in the mornin’.” The married Harvey jokingly responded with, “That’ll be another divorce.” During the contest against the first family they competed against, the women were too smart for their own good. “One of the questions was ‘What’s the hardest thing you’ve had to tell someone?’” said Tracy, the director of sales for a high-tech company in Silicon Valley. While she said the answers included “You’re ugly” and “I don’t love you anymore,” she responded with “You’re fired.” “But it wasn’t up there, and I got a big X,” she said.

After the first episode, the sisters went on to compete against two other families. To watch, turn to KCBA (Comcast 702) Feb. 13, 14 and 17 at 3 p.m. To see a preview of the first show on YouTube, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7X-vQLYevA&app=desktop>.

Logo picked for city’s centennial

CARMEL WILL celebrate a century of existence in 2016, and a committee established to oversee the festivities hired designer Paige Johnson to create a logo to mark the occasion. On Tuesday, the city council approved the logo, which library director Janet Bombard said “captures what the committee feels is the essence of Carmel-by-the-Sea: the beach, forest and village.” Johnson created the image to keep its detail when reduced to as small as 2 inches in diameter, as well as reproduced in black and white instead of color. “It is the centennial committee’s intent that the logo will be a unifying factor for the celebration in 2016, and they will make it available to community organizations for use throughout the year,” Bombard said in her Feb. 4 report.

Joan Lehmann



Joan Lea Lehman was born on November 1, 1928 to Vesta Kincaid and Clarence Delayhouse, and raised by her grandmother Eula Kincaid in Brentwood, CA. The East Contra Costa County of the 1930’s and early 40’s was a vastly different place than today: a region of orchards, small towns, old families and tight friendships, where everyone knew everyone else. Joan graduated from Liberty Union High School shortly after the end of World War II, embarking on a working life that would span six decades. Her occupations were many: dental technician, legal secretary, lab tech, restaurant chef, retail store manager, and business owner, among others. In 1978, at age 50, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of moving to the Monterey Peninsula, an area she had learned to love from childhood visits with her family.



Joan had wide-ranging interests and became expert in many of them. She loved animals (raising champion dogs and rabbits) and gardening (she grew prize-winning roses and iris). Her interest in textile arts led her to learn to weave, spin, dye, knit and sew. Cooking was a particular passion; she studied and worked professionally in the field for a time and enthusiastically kept up with the Monterey area restaurant scene. She enjoyed collecting many types of antiques and art, and she had a keen interest in real estate, architecture and interior decorating. Joan was also an avid reader, amassing a small library’s worth of books on her many interests. Even at 85, she never stopped learning.

Joan enjoyed Christmas Eve with her family in Monterey and passed peacefully at home on December 26, 2013. She is survived by husband Stan Lehmann; sons Randall Matamoros (Nancy) and Richard Lee (Rodica); grandson Tyler Lee; and cousin Carolyn Fertado and family. Joan’s ashes will be scattered in a private ceremony. Her family requests that in lieu of flowers, well-wishers consider a donation to The Carmel Foundation or their local chapter of the SPCA.

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LETTERS
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Herald: The Carmel Youth Center should be a place for the kids of Carmel to have their own space.

Growing up in the Carmel area with working parents, the Carmel Youth Center was a second home and a place of comfort. This has changed in the last few years and is a clear reflection of why the volunteers are not returning.

Before 2011 the CYC was financially secure, so where has the money gone? As a former employee I witnessed the change in board and, as a result, a change in priorities, spending, and treatment of long-term employees. Volunteers then began to be harder to come by, and why is that? Who is on the board? Why are there no new programs? Why is the daily attendance down? And let's circle back to my original question: where has the money gone if not to improve the center?

My passion comes from the sense of home that the center represented before 2011: before the noises of the CYC changed from laughing children to screaming board members.

The fault of the financial collapse shouldn't be placed on volunteers who refuse to work for corrupt individuals.

Sierra Braccio, Carmel Valley

What judges should do

Dear Editor,

The Jan. 24 editorial, "Why we have courts," states that many voters don't know the purpose of courts or the qualities of a good judge. Perhaps we don't, but the editorial is no help and is often misleading. It warns that crime is all around us. It says the court's job is to protect us from this danger, and that we should vote for judges who will do so. It seems to presume that all people who come before criminal courts are guilty. What happened to presumption of innocence? To due process? Isn't the main job of judges in criminal courts to protect rights guaranteed to the accused by the Constitutions of California and the United States? The editorial clumps the functions of police, prosecutors and courts together. It says they were "invented" to track down criminals and punish them. What happened to separation of powers? To checks and balances? Isn't one of a judge's jobs to protect people from illegal searches and arrests by police?

I and other voters may be ignorant of how courts operate and the qualifications to be a

judge, but we do know when fear tactics are being used in an editorial to influence our votes, and we do know what we want in a good judge: We want judges who interpret laws fairly, who make just decisions about the guilt or innocence of the accused, and who work hard to protect everyone's Constitutional rights. We don't want judges to be police or prosecutors, as the editorial suggests.

Peggy Michael,
Monterey

The cost of contracting

Dear Editor,

I am writing to inform the citizens of Pacific Grove of some things going on in their town. The city has embarked on a mission to eliminate more jobs and contract out more services. The employees have been trying to negotiate with the city on the need to contract out these services, but it seems that the council has made its mind up and the city is proceeding no matter what. Over the past couple of months we (the employees) have tried to obtain information from the city such as the proposals provided to the city by the competing contractors so that comparisons can be made to the current cost for services, the city's calculations for the services that we currently provide, the reason for the need to contract out and many other pieces of information. All of our requests have been met with complete silence even though the city is obligated by law to negotiate with and freely exchange information with the affected employee groups.

The areas the city plans to contract are in public works and include the sewer maintenance work, the cemetery mowing, park mowing, street stripping, tree work and of course the big one, the lease of the golf links. The city's target is nine full time positions and up to 20 part time positions, the bulk of which will come from the golf course. The council provided direction to the city manager to negotiate with the contractors to ensure that affected employees are offered jobs with the new contract company's and that no employees get "thrown under the bus." To date only 4 jobs have been identified, and no details about the wages or benefits have been disclosed.

The people who are being cut are members of your community. Their children attend school with yours, they may go to the same church you do, they have kids in sports programs but most importantly, they have all worked for years in this community to serve you. These people are not overpaid as shown in the recent Carmel Pine Cone story detailing how city workers here are paid less than in any other city in the area, or as also shown

in a recent city sponsored salary survey which compared us to other cities and private sector companies as well as not-for-profit groups and businesses and also showed that most positions were underpaid. These are just regular people trying to make a living and support their families.

The employees have been put in an unfortunate position and now in order to protect their jobs and at least get a fair shake we

have had to file charges against the city with the state for violating state and federal labor laws. We are truly sorry to the citizens of Pacific Grove because we know that it is ultimately you that will have to pay the bill for the upcoming litigation, but we have tried all other options and the city still refuses to budge.

John Goss,
Pacific Grove General Employees Assn.

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Golf is an easy game, especially at Pebble Beach

I SHOT a 76 at Pebble Beach the other day. Not a boast. Just a fact. It was really quite easy, my 4-over par. The score could have been better, sure, but I haven’t been out there in quite a while, and my putter petered out on the back nine. Also, my caddie was drunk. I tackled the Pebble Beach Golf Links in preparation for this week’s big pro-am golf tournament, the one with the con-

beyond the realm

By JOE LIVERNOIS

volved name that no one can remember. The phone company is involved somehow. It was nice that celebrity announcers Scott Van Pelt and Kelly Tilghman introduced me on the 1st Tee. I didn’t realize Scott is still doing golf. Threw me off my game. Came up short on the par putt and settled for a bogey to start the round. I did recover nicely on the wicked par-5 second hole with a birdie. As I stepped to the tee on the 4th, Kelly announced that “4 would be an excellent score on this hole.” She was right. Ended up in the trap and overshot a 15-foot putt by 10 feet. Damn! Another bogey. I wish the caddie would sober up. Pars on the next three holes, including the 6th, where I got confusing advice from Scott Van Pelt. Assessing my 30-foot putt, Scott announced that “he can make this putt, but it won’t be easy.” Then he announced, off-handed, that “there is nothing really tough about this putt.” I left it 5 feet short, and Scott had the gall to announce that it was “a poor excuse for a putt.” Thanks, Scott. Cashed in with a birdie on the terrifying 8th Hole. I hate that place. Too much ocean, not enough fairway. Pulled up 3 feet short of the hole on my second shot, though. Felt awfully good about it. Finished the front nine at even par filled with confidence and a delusional sense of skills. Isn’t that Kid Rock on the tee behind us? Wanted to ask him what it’s like to be Pat Boone’s natural successor at the tournament with the convoluted name. Pat Boone isn’t invited anymore, so he’s forced to sponsor his own celebrity tournament. Sure hope Kid Rock sticks with it at Pebble Beach. More Republicans needed. Back to golf. My game went to hell at the turn. Kid Rock broke my concentration. Also, I had to stop the caddie from removing his trousers after the 9th Hole. Sliced my second shot on the 10th into the ocean. Fatal mistake. Overshot the green with a four-iron on the next shot. Ended up with a double bogey. Suddenly in a deep hole.

Would someone please fetch a cup of coffee for the caddie? The 11th was almost as bad. Fried egg on the beach, which apparently means something horrifying in golfspeak. Another bogey finds me three over. Ran into a streak of pars on the next five holes. Had a shot at birdie on the 13th, but my putt rimmed the hole. Caddie told me the grain runs left, but the ball broke right. Miscommunication. The 17th Hole at Pebble Beach was apparently designed by a 12th century dungeon master. Pacific Ocean to the rear, needless trap in front. My friend Scott Van Pelt commented that my shot off the tee was a “poor effort.” My putt defied the laws of gravity, he added. Another bogey. Now I couldn’t get Van Pelt to shut up. He was yammering something about the 18th Hole. Signature hole. Perhaps the

most famous finish in golf. Big long par 5 edged by large waves crashing against the rocks. Ridiculous. But I managed to crush the ball, sending it to the edge of the green in two. Three putts from there. “He’s got to be disappointed with that par,” Van Pelt said. Shut up, Scott. Still, a 4-over par at Pebble Beach isn’t bad. Especially considering I usually struggle to break three figures at the local executive courses. Also, I managed to finish the round in less than an hour. During my post-round interview, I expressed my gratitude to my Wii, EA Sports and Tiger Woods PGA Tour. They make my fantasies come alive. Now it’s time to nail Just Dance 4. *Joe Livernois welcomes your feedback at santalechuga@gmail.com.*

Monterey County Sheriff’s Memorial

COMMENTARY By COMMANDER MIKE BURNS

THE TIME has come for the fallen heroes of the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office to be honored. Eight brave men and women have died in the line of duty over the history of the sheriff’s office. It is time we tell their stories and honor their ultimate sacrifice for the safety of the residents of Monterey County. Since the sheriff’s office came into existence in 1850, eight deputies have died in the line of duty. The first two deputies died Nov. 10, 1855, and the last-in-line-of-duty death occurred in 1996. The deputies died in different ways: Being shot by suspects, trying to save fellow law enforcement officers and trying to control riot situations. Two were killed by a drunk driver in a head-on collision while responding to a burglary call, and one died when his patrol car skidded over a 400-foot cliff while responding Code 3 to a domestic disturbance call. A committee of sheriff’s office employees and community members has been formed to create a Sheriff’s Memorial Wall on which names of the fallen deputies will be prominently displayed. The wall will be located on the lawn in front of the sheriff’s office and will be a place of honor, reflection and remembrance. The wall will be open to the public and available for school tours and educational activities. The wall will also be a part of the sheriff’s office training program to emphasize the importance of officer safety. A groundbreaking ceremony was held Nov. 8, 2013. Sheriff Scott Miller welcomed government officials, surviving family members and friends to the event. We have received key support from important community members. Peter Kasavan has signed on for the design of this

30-foot-wide, 8-foot-high wall. Don Chapin has stepped forward with construction of the wall. However, we need to raise funds for the rest of the wall, which will include a granite, star-shaped monument. There will be benches, walkways, and flag poles. The Sheriff’s Memorial Committee must raise about \$120,000 to complete the wall. Public funds will not be used for this project; instead, all funds will be privately raised through donations. Our team may come to you or your business and ask you to help us reach our goal. Please visit the Sheriff’s Memorial website at www.montereycountysheriffs-memorial.org for donation opportunities. A law-enforcement career is not for everyone. It is difficult to get into this career because of the high standard and training we require. Those working for the sheriff’s office are expected to be exemplary in their conduct, and to take charge of dynamic and changing situations and yet be caring and compassionate for the communities they serve. The sheriff’s office protects and serves the citizens of Monterey County and anyone who visits here. It takes a special type of person to do this work. When violent situations, such as a shooting, occur, most people run for cover, but not the men and women of law enforcement. We run toward the danger because of our desire to act and protect our community. We do this instinctively and without having to be told to do so, because it is in our blood. Deputy Anthony “Tony” Olson was one of the deputies who died in the line of duty. Tony died Sept. 24, 1996. He was a friend of mine and a friend to everyone who met and worked with him. He was one of those people who made you

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Diehl’s reappointment delayed, but officials dispel dog center claims

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE REAPPOINTMENT of Martha Diehl to the Monterey County Planning Commission was deferred by the board of supervisors last week after a pair of residents complained that she and her two partners did illegal work on a Carmel Valley property where they want to create a dog training facility. But county officials back up Diehl’s assertion that she hasn’t done anything wrong.

Frank Emerson told the supervisors that “substantial work was performed [by Diehl] without the proper permits.”

While Emerson said Diehl has a “long record of beneficial service to the county,” he said “it’s important that the public be confident that a public appointee be held to the

same standards they are” and he would “fully support” her reappointment “once she is able to resolve the violations.”

Others have raised concerns about illegal grading they claim was done on the property at 8100 Valley Greens Drive. But planner John Ford and county spokeswoman Maia Carroll insisted there was no unpermitted work.

Diehl told The Pine Cone she and her partners did less grading work on the property than its previous occupant, Earthbound Farm. She said the work was done to “turn under invasive weeds” and level out a plateau Earthbound Farm established to grow micro greens. A reservoir was also created. She added that the work was stopped because of “the furor” it raised.

Diehl and her two partners want to estab-

lish a dog training facility on the 45-acre property. The project includes the installation of an 800-square-foot modular office trailer, a 600-square-foot restroom trailer, a 600-square-foot clubhouse trailer and a 400-square-foot electrical room. They also want

to dredge a 1.2-acre pond and create 200 parking spaces.

With supervisor Dave Potter absent from the Jan. 28 hearing, supervisors agreed unanimously to postpone voting on Diehl’s reappointment until Feb. 11.

COMMENTARY

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smile and could lift the spirits of an entire room. He had only been with the sheriff’s office for 4 and one-half brief years, but I know people that still get teary eyed when we talk about him. Tony is still missed by many here at our office.

Tony’s parents have passed away now. They did not want Tony to get into law enforcement because it was too dangerous, and he was their only surviving child. Tony had a twin brother who had died in a car accident years before Tony came to work for us. Now, only his brothers and sisters in law enforcement remain as Tony’s family. We want a memorial for Tony and all of the fall-

en deputies of the sheriff’s office.

When a deputy or an officer reports for duty on any given day, there is no guarantee they will go home at the end of their shift. God willing they will go home and God willing deputies will have the training and equipment they need to do their job to go home at night. None of the deputies I have mentioned in this article planned to make the ultimate sacrifice, but they did and they left family and friends to deal with their sacrifice. It is up to us now to honor them and their sacrifice. It is time for a Monterey County Sheriff’s Memorial.

Mike Burns has been with the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office for 22 years and is in charge of the Professional Standards Division Prior to joining the sheriff’s office, he served in the United States Marine Corps.

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LOTS

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about a month, David Stivers, Pebble Beach Company’s executive vice president and chief administrative officer told The Pine Cone.

“We are pretty excited about having broken ground,” Stivers said.

After the initial phase of 32 lots, the remaining 58 new parcels in Del Monte Forest will be for sale in four phases between now and 2020. They are the result of more than two decades of debate over the P.B. Co.’s final buildout and preservation plan, which also includes a new hotel and other elements. The plan, approved by the California Coastal Commission in 2012 after years of negotiations with the P.B. Co., also sets aside 635 acres of Monterey pine forest as preserved open space.

“These 90 estate lots are the last ones that Pebble Beach Company will develop in Pebble Beach,” according to P.B. Co. CEO Bill Perocchi.

Lots on Spyglass Hill Golf Course, the equestrian center and other areas in Del Monte Forest will be available for sale in later phases.

The 16 lots that are available now are accessible via Poppy Lane, a new street across Lopez Road from the entrance of the Poppy Hills clubhouse.

“You can walk to the club house and grab yourself lunch or a beer,” Allen said. “While there is a community feeling, there is a lot of privacy between the lots.”

He expects there will be a mix of buyers including those who want to build their primary home in Pebble Beach or merely want a vacation spot there. Allen’s already received



This U-shaped area across from Poppy Hills Golf Course will eventually have 16 new homes. The Pebble Beach Co. just put new home lots up for sale there.

interest in the parcels and has shown them to more than 50 real estate agents.

“Its quite a unique product,” Allen said of the lots. “I’m not aware of anything like it in Northern California.”

There wasn’t any pushback from environmental organizations over the lots since concerns over sensitive environmental habitat were resolved with the coastal commission.

“They were viewed as appropriate infill development in the locations we had agreed on with the coastal commission,” Mark Stilwell, vice president of real estate for the company told The Pine Cone of the lots.

Coming up with values for the various parcels was an effort between Allen and the P.B. Co., Stilwell said.

“Tim Allen and his team have unparalleled experience in the residential real estate market in Pebble Beach,” Stilwell

explained. “They prepared a detailed market analysis, based on the size and unique qualities of each individual lot, and then we collectively decided on the final prices.”

The next set of lots up for grabs are located in three areas of Spyglass Hill Golf Course, including three lots under one acre each on the famed course, and 10 parcels on a secluded lane near the north shore of Pebble Beach just off 17 Mile Drive, fronting the sixth and seventh fairways. Those lots, part of Phase 2, will be on sale in 2015 to 2016, according to the P.B. Co.

Phase 3, available 2017 to 2018, includes seven parcels from .71 to .83 acres adjacent to the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center, and another 10 lots varying in size from .38 to .56 acres just off 17 Mile Drive and Sunridge Road in the hills of Del Monte Forest.

The fourth phase includes 14 lots about one-half acre each with “unmatched convenience to The Lodge, Peter Hay Golf Course, and the new

Pebble Beach Driving Range and Golf Academy,” according to the P.B. Co., and four large level lots adjacent to the new Pebble Beach Driving Range and Golf Academy. Those lots vary in size from .75 to .91 acres.

None of the lots are fenced, a decision that will be left up to buyers, Stilwell said. As for utilities, the subdivisions have utilities in the street fronting each lot.

“Lot owners will tie into these utilities when they design and build their own custom homes,” Stilwell said.

A website, www.thepebblebeachlots.com, offers details of the parcels.

Renovation of the Poppy Hills Golf Course, to be reopened April 4, included sand-capping the entire course to improve drainage and foster better playing conditions, renovating all teeing areas and relocating bunkers, and widening fairways and reducing angles of doglegs.

CONTRACTS

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\$1,000 per trip to the city, plus meals, hotel stays and “pre-approved miscellaneous expenses.”

“It seems to me that’s just excessive,” she said, wondering if the city could have found a more local company to do the work.

Paul responded that the provisions of the contract seemed standard to her, and council members commented that although it’s expensive, the company proved itself to be the best for the job, which is comprehensive and complex. Ultimately, they unanimously OK’d that contract, too.

LIU

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Liu’s announcement also came on the heels of a bid by Monterey County Commissioner Heidi Whilden, 51, who said she’s running for the judicial seat in Monterey to be left vacant by Superior Court Judge Kay T. Kingsley. Kingsley, who is not seeking reelection, will retire at the end of this year.

Deputy D.A. Stephanie Hulsey is also running for a seat on the bench.

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To Make Monterey a Brigade Post

Monterey is desirous of securing an appropriation from this congress to increase the Presidio of Monterey to a full brigade post of cavalry and mobile artillery. To this end letters are being sent to the various state representatives in Washington as well as to the chairman of the committee in military affair. We wish Monterey every success in this endeavor to extend the government holdings, and the expansion of Uncle Sam’s monthly payroll in the county.

Now You Can Register

W.L. Overstreet, deputy county clerk, has just received a supply of registration blanks and is prepared to place your name on the great register. Call on him at the Pine Cone office and if for any reason you are not able to go to the office let him know and he will call on you.

The Supreme Court has ruled that voters may state their party affiliations when registering. The first election for this year will be the presidential primaries in May. In order to vote at this election voters should be registered 30 days before the date of the election. Register now before it is too late.

■ 75 years ago — February 10, 1939

\$2,400 Two-Way Police Radio Foreseen But Finances Present Major Hurdle

Recent tests made in Carmel by Alameda and San Jose police officers showed the possibilities for a two-way police radio and a bid of \$2,435 for a complete system to provide for sending and receiving between headquarters and patrol cars showed the reasonable nature of the price for such a system. The only hitch is in the financial arrangements. The budget was prepared without foreseeing anything better than a one-way system for the police department in the coming year, but from a consideration of the prices, it became apparent to members of the council at Wednesday evening’s meeting that the two-way system, whether entirely desirable or not, could be obtained at a feasible cost. It was stated that the one-way system would cost \$875 for the first year and

\$1,000 for the second as considered in the budget.

The only step toward establishing a police radio communication system so far taken was the passing of a resolution to apply to the Federal Communications bureau for a temporary license.

Don’t Spare Rod, Says FBI Agent

Parents can have a profound influence over the future of crime in America by not sparing the rod, according to N.J.L. Pieper, chief of the San Francisco field division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The lecture, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, was given before 120 persons at the American Legion clubhouse.

Pieper, one of the leading G-men in the country and one-time right-hand man to Edgar Hoover in Washington, declared that discipline in the home was an important factor in building up character, lack of which was largely responsible for the amazing growth of crime in this country. America’s parents, as much as those at the top of the social and economic scale as those at the bottom, were responsible for the large number of youthful criminals. And, Pieper emphasized, it was not necessarily the slums, but just as much the fair-faced small towns that bred those criminals.

■ 50 years ago — February 6, 1964

Movie Theater in Proposed New Complex

Carmel-by-the-Sea will again have its Carmel motion picture theater built by Carmel men. The building will be in the Carmel tradition; leased by Carmel men, its conduct and its presentations will be attuned to Carmel citizens. In addition to its presentations of first-run motion pictures, the theater will be available to all for community events. The Carmel Theater will occupy the focal point of Sunset Terrace. Sunset Terrace, Carmel’s newest commercial development is definitely a “‘home town’ product,” states real estate man Jack J. Miller and Francis Sparolini, the co-owners and builders.

The builders put their non speculative investment at \$250,000 plus. They expect to start construction on San Carlos street about April 1, with Steve Sassoon as engineer.

M.P.C. Will Consider a Lady Chemist

A position is open for a part-time laboratory instructor at Monterey Peninsula College, Milton Bristow, chairman of the chemistry department, announced today. Because the job offers only nine hours weekly, Bristow has in mind a qualified housewife – “perhaps a Navy or Army wife” – with extra time on her hands, or possibly a man who is semi-retired or working evenings in another profession. Applicants must have a recent bachelor’s or master’s degree in chemistry.

■ 25 years ago — February 9, 1989

Water board may have to change plans for dam

Faced with what appear to be insurmountable environmental hurdles, water district officials may be forced to drastically alter their plans for a New San Clemente Dam. Instead of building a 29,000-acre-foot New San Clemente Dam, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District may have to focus on a new Los Padres reservoir, which at its largest would hold 23,000 acre feet. The new site would inundate the existing Los Padres Reservoir.

Both federal and state agencies have consistently expressed their opposition to the New San Clemente Dam, stating that it blocks the natural migration of steelhead trout. The agencies are particularly interested in the Carmel River steelhead migration since it is one of the last unblocked runs on the West Coast and is the largest southerly population of that fish. Additionally, the land inundated by the proposed New San Clemente Dam contains important riparian vegetation, a type of ecosystem that is disappearing in California.

Winning is what matters to this Carmel High skier

Whoever said winning isn’t everything surely had someone else in mind besides Tony Boyd – the Carmel High School senior has his heart set on victory. And it appears that in alpine skiing, he has found his niche in achieving success in the sports world.

“To me, winning is what matters,” says Boyd, 17, who owns a varsity letter in track from the high school. “I’ve basically been running track for the past three years and, basically, I’ve been running in circles,” he explains. “That’s what makes this all the more bizarre.” The “this” that Boyd refers to is his newfound success in the NASTAR races at Lake Tahoe. NASTAR stands for Nationally Standardized Races and had several different levels of expertise. While Boyd has been skiing for more than seven years, he entered his first race last month, on a dare.

Boyd spent two days competing against 200 other skiers in the downhill slalom – so much for only winning medals in local events. “As luck would have it, I won two bronze medals and have a national ranking,” says Boyd. “My handicap is 37 percent, which means I am 37 percent slower than the fastest skier in NASTAR.” Later this month he plans to better his time in the downhill event. “I’m going up to Tahoe again and I hope to move up to a silver racer, with a handicap of 25 percent,” he explains. “I just think it’s odd that I was running track races all that time without realizing what I could have been doing in skiing.”

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