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Election results put smiles on winners' faces

■ Mayor focuses on next two years; Austin plans to be well involved

By MARY SCHLEY

INCUMBENT MAYOR Jason Burnett, who was virtually unopposed in the April 8 election, handily won with 734 votes, according to results announced by city clerk Daryl Betancur. Fifty voters wrote in other candidates, and 225 residents left the mayor's race blank on their ballots. Overall voter turnout, not counting provisional and mail-in ballots, was 38 percent — a figure that's not surprising, considering that the election held little drama.

Newcomer Steve Dallas received the most votes with 757, council incumbent Carrie Theis received 686, and challenger Lucas Austin got just 242.

Despite the fact he did not have to campaign as hard as if he'd had a worthy adversary, Burnett said he appreciated the chance to get out and hear what voters had to say on the



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The outcome of the election was known as soon as the results from absentee ballots were announced shortly after 8 p.m. Tuesday, leaving council incumbent Carrie Theis (right) very pleased as she realized she had been reelected. Later, Mayor Jason Burnett, who won a second term against token opposition, congratulated council newcomer Steve Dallas (above, at left).

street, at their doors and during the two candidates' forums.

"I think that people are generally happy about the direction that things are going. They appreciate that we're taking

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P.G. MAYOR UNDERGOES TRIPLE BYPASS SURGERY

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE Mayor Bill Kampe is "up and walking" after undergoing triple-bypass heart surgery Tuesday morning at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.



Bill Kampe

The surgery was necessary to repair his heart after Kampe's physician found out during a routine examination a couple of months ago that the mayor had some arterial blockage.

"I'm doing great," Kampe, 69, told The Pine Cone Thursday morning from the intensive care unit at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. "I think my doctors feel that they did what they wanted to

do, so I think in that sense, it was a success."

Heart surgeon Gregory Spowart performed the roughly five-hour procedure to mend Kampe's heart problem, which was discovered about two months ago.

"It was an annual physical, and I guess the doctor, my general practitioner, picked up on some things that caused him to ask some questions," Kampe explained. "We started exploring, and as we went through the steps, we began to realize the situation was significant and needed some action."

But Kampe, who is often seen walking or bicycling around Pacific Grove, said there were never any signs indicating he might have a heart problem.

"The thing that is mostly surprising is they kept asking me

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Doris Day delights fans at 90th birthday party

By CHRIS COUNTS

SINCE SHE rarely is even sighted in public, nobody expected Doris Day to show up at her 90th birthday celebration at Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley last Thursday.

Not only did "America's Sweetheart" make a surprise appearance at the party, she stuck around long enough to meet nearly every person who attended the event.

"I was thrilled that all these people wanted to see me, and I wanted to see them and thank them," Day told The Pine Cone.

Denny LeVett, who owns the Cypress Inn on Lincoln Street with Day, swears he had no idea the film star would come to the celebration, which he estimated was attended by "200 to 250" people.

Doris Day, ninety years young, at her birthday party April 3 at Quail Lodge, flanked by Denny LeVett and his wife, Jeanne. When asked how she stays so young, she said, "All I can tell you is that I am what I am, and I haven't made any changes in my wellness routine."

Hanson getting ready to sue city

By MARY SCHLEY

FORMER BUILDING inspector and a decorated veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, John Hanson, says he was illegally fired from his job at city hall last summer and that, since he was terminated, city officials have been blocking his efforts to find a new job elsewhere. This week, his attorney, Michael Stamp, notified city administrator Jason Stilwell that a lawsuit is impending.

"If the city is interested in resolving this claim, or in mediating or discussing this claim, please feel free to contact me," Stamp told city hall. "Thank you for your anticipated courtesy."

He notified the city after Hanson received the go-ahead from the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing to sue Carmel-by-the-Sea for allegedly violating the Fair Employment and Housing Act by discriminating against him due to age, "association with a member of a protected class," medical leave and medical condition, and military status.

In the claim he filed against the city last December that the city rejected, Hanson, a 25-year employee, said after Stilwell was hired in September 2011, he and other officials

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Enviros oppose deal to free up Odello water

By KELLY NIX

A PLAN to divert water from Clint Eastwood's property east of Highway 1 so it can be used by Carmel residents and businesses for small projects such as installing extra bathrooms, adding more restaurant seats and building affordable housing, while also restoring flows to the Carmel River, is drawing opposition from groups contending it will harm fish and other wildlife in the river.

In 2013, Eastwood offered to provide more than 80 acres of the old Odello artichoke fields he purchased in 1995 to the Big Sur Land Trust so the land could be used to channel

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Murder suspect nabbed

By MARY SCHLEY

A SEASIDE man suspected in an execution-style double murder last summer in San Jose was arrested March 28 after Carmel police pulled over the car he was riding in for expired registration. Another passenger was arrested for possessing heroin and ecstasy, and both men were taken to Monterey County Jail.

Carmel P.D. detective Greg Johnson had rookie officer Michael Bruno in his car for a training shift on patrol that afternoon, when Johnson noticed expired registration on a gold Infiniti and stopped the car on San Antonio Avenue near Seventh.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Commending Comet

ON HIS days off, Comet likes to go for a run on the beach or get in a swim at Lake Nacimiento, and then maybe engage in a little tug of war, or climb a couple of ladders. It keeps him alert and agile for his job as a certified disaster search-and-rescue dog.

The tri-color Border Collie came to his person – called a “handler” on the job – at age 2 from the National Search Dog Foundation, which breeds dogs or rescues them from shelters and trains them to find people buried alive during disasters. Comet was donated by a Los Angeles firefighter who did “backyard breeding” with her own search dog.

“Comet’s a busy guy, and he likes it that way,” says his handler. “In the beginning, when he was just learning, we had to be strict, so there was not as much play until he got pretty solid. He has a good off switch. He takes his job seriously but hangs out at the house and plays with people, and lives like a pet. Still, we work him a little each day. And, a couple times a week, he travels to different parts of California for formal search training.”

Comet is a very sophisticated dog, and he knows it,



particularly compared to the Labradors he lives with. “Comet is a Corvette,” says his handler, “and the Labs are Chevys.”

As Comet turns 12, he is still mentally and physically agile, but his certifications are expiring, and his handler would rather he retired while feeling fit and injury free. On April 3, Comet was one of two retiring search dogs honored at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey.

“These search-and-rescue dogs are amazing,” says Comet’s person. “We just pick up their poop, feed them and give them love. They do all the work.”

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Talk on decreasing risk of falls by seniors

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

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Melanie Franke and Kelly Sheehan, physical therapists from Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula's Peninsula Wellness Center, will show attendees how to how to decrease their fall risk “with purposeful movement, considering your risk factors for falls and your environment.” Their presentation will review strategies for making safe and balanced choices to help prevent falling, which can be gravely injurious as bones age and become more brittle.

The talk is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. Space is limited to 100 guests. The Carmel Foundation, a nonprofit that provides classes, meals, low-cost senior housing, medical equipment loans, field trips and other services for its members, who are age 55 and older, is located on the southeast corner of Eighth and Lincoln. For more information, contact Nettie Porter at (831) 620-8717 or nporter@carmelfoundation.org.

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Juvenile very lucky to be alive

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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported minor damage to the rear bumper of his parked vehicle and believed a vehicle and driver that just left a parking space on Mission Street caused the damage. The registered owner of the other vehicle was contacted and responded back to the scene. A measurement of the front bumper and license plate frame of the vehicle that returned did not match up to the minor damage discovered on the rear bumper of the parked vehicle. Both parties were advised of the final outcome. The location of where and source and time of the damage to the rear bumper of the parked vehicle are unknown.

Pacific Grove: Woman reported her brother barricaded himself in his bedroom on Pico with a loaded gun. Subject was placed on a 72-hour evaluation hold, and all weapons were confiscated for safekeeping.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle parked at Sunset Center towed for being parked in a no parking area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A business on Monte Verde Street reported receiving harassing communications believed to be from a subject

whom was served legal notice to vacate.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported an act of indecent exposure on Santa Rita.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found sunglasses on Dolores Street turned over to CPD.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to suspicious activity on Junipero Street. Resident stated someone put live crabs on his and his neighbors' cars. Arrived to find large dungeness crabs on the windshield area of three cars in the block. No suspect information. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on Carpenter Street reported hearing and observed someone on the rooftop while using a flashlight as seen through a skylight window. An area check was conducted and met negative results. There were no signs of any suspicious or unusual activity. A close patrol was conducted throughout the night.

Carmel area: Hatton Road resident reported that her mailbox was stolen.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to the Bixby Bridge for a suspicious vehicle report. The occupant had committed suicide.

Big Sur: Clear Ridge resident reported a suspicious vegetation fire, which occurred two days ago. Residents were able to extinguish before becoming out of control. Investigation continues.

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Carmel police department’s rookie is home grown

By MARY SCHLEY

‘HE REMINDS me a lot of me,’ Carmel Police Chief Mike Calhoun said of his department’s newest officer, Michael Bruno, when he introduced him to the city council last week.

“He’s from the Monterey area — he was born and raised here,” Calhoun said. “We’re really proud to have him and honored to have him in our department on our team.”

Bruno, who worked as an electrician for his family business for seven years, grew up in Monterey and often visited Carmel. “What drew me to become a police officer in Carmel was my thought that law enforcement here is community oriented,” Bruno told The Pine Cone. “I wanted to be in a community-oriented type of department, and that’s what Carmel has to offer.”

He recalled having an interest in law enforcement from childhood. “I was always fascinated by it, and it’s something I always wanted to do,” he said. But he wasn’t convinced it would be a good fit until he started doing ride-alongs with working officers, and then he was hooked.

Bruno put himself through the police academy and said CPD Cmdr. Paul Tomasi visited his class one day and told the students the department would have openings for reserves.

That, he said, meant an ideal opportunity to get his foot in the door, and he had originally planned to serve as a reserve officer in town for a few years until CPD had a job opening.

“It was something I knew I wanted to do full-time — I was just going to wait it out,” he said.

Then, after Cpl. Steve Rana announced he was retiring late last year, he said, Tomasi encouraged Bruno to apply for the full-time job. “It was open for a short time, and I got it. It was just the right timing.”

Bruno was sworn in during a ceremony at city hall March 20. He said he’s the first entry-level officer to join the department since Ricardo Mendoza was hired in February 2007.

Bruno is in the middle of his 16-week field training, which should wrap up around the end of May, and has been riding along with various officers on day and night shifts.

“Every day, I learn something new. It’s getting out there, getting comfortable, trying to take as many calls as you can, trying to gain as much experience as you can,” he said.

During training, he handles the DUIs, burglary reports, domestic disputes, thefts, drunks in public and other calls while the training officer watches and critiques. “It’s kind of like a grading system: After we go through the call, he tells me all the things I did well, things I did not do well, and the things I did so-so, and he grades me on everything,” he explained, adding that everyone in the department has been very helpful and wants him to succeed.

Bruno tries not to act like he’s new but said he suspects people see it.

“It is a stressful job — you’re being critiqued, you’re being watched,” he said. “You want to give the citizens the best service you can.”

He’s already had to testify in court about a public drunkenness case and had some other good hands-on experiences, including the traffic stop with CPD detective Greg Johnson a couple of weeks ago that ended up with two suspects under arrest — one, who was later identified as a murder suspect, for carrying a loaded gun (see story, page 1A).

He’s also taught DARE — Drug Abuse Resistance Education — with Cpl. Ken Shen. “And he was my DARE officer when I was in fifth grade at Monte Vista and he was working with Monterey,” he noted. “Now fast-forward 12 years, and I’m teaching DARE with him at Junipero Serra. It’s enjoyable; it’s nice to go out there and make contact with the kids.”

Overall, Bruno said, he’s focused on one of the main objectives of police work in Carmel: getting out and talking to the public.

“That’s the main thing that we do. As for crimes, I haven’t dealt with too many, yet,” he said. “There’s so much to learn, you never stop learning. It’s one of those jobs that after 30 years, you’ll never master it.”

At the council meeting last week, Calhoun told the mayor and council, “He understands value and service to the community.”



Michael Bruno

Joan Johnson

May 20, 1935- March 28, 2014



Joan Johnson long-time resident of Carmel passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones. She was involved in many social and charitable organizations, including Casa Abrego, the Salvation Army and St. Dunstan’s Episcopal church.

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Local doctors earn big money in Medicare reimbursements

By KELLY NIX

WHEN THE Obama administration Wednesday released data showing how much doctors received in Medicare reimbursements in 2012, it ended a longstanding debate on whether or not the information should be made public. But it started the debate over whether doctors are paid too much.

The data, which covers more than 880,000 doctors, therapists and labs, showed that there are plenty of doctors who each year receive hundreds of thousands of dollars, even millions, by billing the national social insurance program for treating patients 65 years and older. In all, Medicare paid \$77 billion to provide for elderly patients in 2012.

According to federal statistics, only two physicians on the Monterey Peninsula made \$1 million-plus for Medicare-reimbursed procedures, however, there are many others that made very significant sums from Medicare. The statistics do not include private insurance and reimbursement from

Medi-Cal, the federal program that provides free medical care for the poor.

Two Monterey oncologists, Jerome Rubin and Nancy Rubin, of Monterey Bay Oncology in Ryan Ranch, took in the biggest Medicare reimbursements. The senior Rubin was paid \$1,601,773 while his daughter, Nancy, was paid \$1,040,687 for various procedures including an injection to prevent infections during cancer treatments in which the average Medicare reimbursement was more than \$2,200.

Heart doctors were also reimbursed well for procedures. Monterey Cardiologist Riaz Ahmed was paid \$665,437, Nicholas Chee was paid \$643,492, M. Serio received \$487,269, Michael Galloway got \$320,547 and Gregory Spowart — the cardiologist who performed heart surgery on Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Kampe this week — was reimbursed \$126,490 from Medicare in 2012.

Here is a list, sorted by type of medical practice, of other physicians in the Monterey Peninsula that received, in many cases, substantial Medicare reimbursements.

Ophthalmologists

- Eric Del Piero \$524,457
- Leland Rosenblum: \$467,545
- Charles Whisler: \$394,928
- Philip Penrose: \$379,348
- Ronald Friedman: \$360,712

Urologists

■ Aytac Apaydin, the Salinas urologist who was sued by two former patients this month for an alleged over billing scheme, received \$580,949 from Medicare

- Stephen Worsham, Apaydin's medical partner, took in a whopping \$893,459
- John Shaheen: \$506,470
- Jerry Parker: \$352,064
- Donald Goldman: \$268,397

Dermatologists

- Richard Hambley: \$582,571
- Jacob Lo: \$501,176
- Stephen Lee: \$355,879
- James Rheim \$494,776
- Melvin Gorelick: \$313,644

Radiologists

- Patrick Feehan: \$186,959
- Bradley Tamler: \$176,526
- Robert Gardner: \$121,682

- Frederick Ziegler: \$23,621
- David Holley: \$787

Oncologists/Hematologists

- Roger Shiffman: \$962,530
- John Hausdorff: \$656,375
- Arina Golubeva-Ganeles: \$577,695
- Thomas Bradley: \$296,710

Orthopedic Surgeons

- Christopher Clevenger: \$290,343
- Christopher Meckel \$267,008
- Mark Howard: \$200,042
- Sohrab Gollogly: \$181,211
- Jeffrey Carter: \$129,484

Correction

In last week's article about former Carmel physician Carl Bergstrom's upcoming civil trial, attorney Art Hudson was incorrectly reported as the legal partner of Bergstrom's attorney Robert Ponce.

The line should have stated that Hudson — an attorney for victim Jane Doe — is Hugo Gerstl's legal partner in the case.

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Plans in the works to scrape hotel, replace with homes

By MARY SCHLEY

AN AMBITIOUS plan to demolish a motel on Carpenter Street and replace it with more than a dozen homes received frank feedback from the Carmel Planning Commission March 25, when members worried the development wouldn't look right, with its rows of 1,800-square-foot houses on 4,000-square-foot lots.

Planning director Rob Mullane pointed out the commission's review was extremely preliminary, considering the developer hadn't provided any architectural drawings or plans.

"It's really an opportunity for the applicant to present to the commission what they would like to do and get feedback from the commission," he said. "It is a rather large development for the city of Carmel. We're not at a point now where we have enough application materials to even know what the environmental review path is."

The Carmel Resort Inn has 25 motel units and a manager's unit, and has operated at its Carpenter Street site north of Second Avenue since 1968. But the land is zoned for residential use and contains 16 lots, and the owners want to demolish the buildings and build 16 new homes on the site. Their styles, number of stories and setbacks would vary.

Representing a group of investors, Jonathan Sapp asked

the commission to consider the project as a whole, rather than on a lot-by-lot basis,

"The overall concept is to receive planning commission approval of the homes at the same time, rather than going through design review for each lot," he said. "In this way, all of the proposed homes will be plotted on individual site plans

for each lot and on a comprehensive site plan for the block, so that staff and the commission are able to assess the interplay between the homes."

He pointed out the owners could submit home plans lot by

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An inn consisting of separate cottages has been operating on Carpenter Street near Second since the 1960s but will be replaced with 16 homes if the owner gets his plan approved by the city.

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Big Sur man gets big birthday surprise

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE SOME of the things Ray Sanborn lost in December's Pfeiffer Fire can be replaced, he never thought he'd see the old beloved truck he lost in the blaze, a Datsun pickup he bought brand new in 1970. The vehicle was a familiar sight along Big Sur's twisting roads for more than four decades. But thanks to the generosity of his family

and friends, Sanborn is once again rambling up and down the coast in a vintage Datsun truck. Shortly after he turned 69 in March, Sanborn was invited to join some friends at the Roadhouse restaurant. When he arrived, there was a big crowd outside. At first, he assumed somebody was getting married.

See SURPRISE page 31A

Salinas man falls and dies at Jade Cove

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WHILE HE was collecting rocks near Jade Code in Big Sur April 8, Robert Lewis, Jr., of Salinas fell from a cliff about 150 feet and was killed. He was 52. Sgt. Keith Wingo of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office told The Pine Cone that the

Search and Rescue team was dispatched to the scene at 12:47 p.m. Also responding were Calfire, the California Highway Patrol and the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade. A popular destination for jade collectors and rock hounds, Jade Cove is located 59 miles south of Carmel.

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A Table Affair hopes to raise \$\$\$ for new search dog

By MARY SCHLEY

TWO SEARCH dogs were feted at a retirement ceremony held in Herrmann Hall at the Naval Postgraduate School last Thursday night, and the group that raised money to help those canines will hold another fundraiser April 24 with an eye toward training and assigning a new dog to a local fire department. The 11th Annual A Table Affair will be held in the conference center at the Lodge at Pebble Beach from 2 to 6 p.m., with nearly three dozen exquisitely and creatively decorated tables, refreshments and a no-host bar.

Presented by the Pebble Beach Co. and the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation — which will receive every dollar donated by guests and others at the event — A Table Affair is free to attend, and no

reservations are required. Instead, representatives of the charity will be there to share their mission and accept donations.

The NDSDF turns rescue dogs into life-savers by training them and their handlers to locate victims trapped in wreckage caused by manmade or natural disasters, and the training is arduous, dangerous and challenging, according to event organizer Averil Nero. The 2006 Table Affair raised the thousands of dollars necessary to train and sponsor Comet, a border collie, and his handler, Salinas Fire Capt. Michelle Vaughn, and they obtained FEMA status.

But Comet officially retired at Thursday's ceremony, and Nero said Table Affair organizers want to raise money for a new search dog. Also at last week's event, Lola, a black Labrador who served at Salinas Fire Department with firefighter Johnny Subia,

retired.

During the ceremony, handlers and their dogs walked to the front of the room to "Scotland the Brave" as they were greeted with applause from the crowd and firefighters. For their retirement, Cody and Lola each received a medal for heroism, a new patterned leash that definitely represents play more than work, and official retirement certificates. On behalf of the dogs, their handlers thanked the Search Dog Foundation, A Table Affair and everyone for their support over the years. Subia said Lola was also grateful for her life, since, at the shelter, she had been slated for euthanasia due to kennel cough.

To learn more about the NDSDF, visit www.SearchDogFoundation.org. To find out more about A Table Affair, call Nero at (831) 644-0833.

Dognapper sentenced

THE MATH teacher who pleaded guilty to stealing his neighbors' dog was sentenced Thursday morning to serve at least 30 days in the county jail and take anger classes.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Wendy Duffy ordered Greg Perkins of Monterey to serve 180 days, part of which may be served through home confinement. Duffy also ordered Perkins to pay \$1,400 in restitution and undergo 52 weeks of anger-management classes.

Perkins stole his neighbors' Labrador, Candy Cane, twice, the most recent time in summer of 2013. The dog hasn't been found.

Perkins' defense attorney James Newhouse blamed his client's actions on sleep deprivation and the dog's barking, Duffy said she believed Perkins may be suffering from mental health and possibly alcohol issues.



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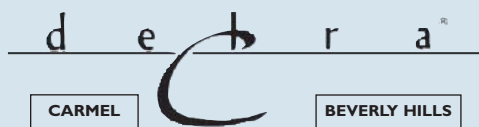
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KAMPE

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to describe symptoms, and I said, ‘I don’t have symptoms, I feel fine.’”

Kampe, who was perfectly lucid when talking to The Pine Cone just two days after the surgery, said the procedure included “triple bypass and a couple of other things I can’t remember how to pronounce.”

His wife, Cheryl, said he’s in ICU, but doctors had planned to move him to a regular room sometime Thursday.

Kampe said he’s happy with the care at the hospital and that nurses are making sure the intense pain that can occur after heart surgery is minimized.

“They are liberal with the pain medication, which is good, because there are a lot of things you have to do with the recovery that are very physical,” he said. “The philosophy seems to be oriented toward controlling pain.”

It could take up to eight weeks for Kampe to make a full recovery. In the meantime, councilman Robert Huitt told The Pine Cone he had already started fulfilling his other role as mayor pro tem by attending a United Way Monterey County awards ceremony meeting Tuesday night and an Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments meeting Wednesday.

“A lot of these things I would be doing anyway,” Huitt said. “But I will be there as acting mayor instead of council member.”

Huitt said he will preside over next week’s Pacific Grove City Council Meeting while Kampe is recovering.

Councilwoman Casey Lucius told The Pine Cone she would fill in for Kampe on the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority board. Lucius said she would attend the Thursday, April 10, meeting and expects to speak in Kampe’s absence at a California Public Utilities Commission meeting concerning Peninsula water issues later this month.

“Bill just asked me to fill in for these two meetings, and then we’ll see what other support he needs,” she said.

HANSON

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created a “hostile work environment.” He was summoned to the police station by Stilwell and Chief Mike Calhoun on Aug. 5, 2013, and fired.

More than a dozen city employees have left since Stilwell became city administrator.

Hanson claims the city violated his rights under the California and U.S. constitutions, and state and federal laws, as well as local law, by putting him on leave without cause or notice, preventing him from doing his job, not allowing him to be heard and unfairly interrogating him, and wrongfully terminat-

ing him. He also named administrative services director Susan Paul, who is in charge of human resources.

Further, he said, city officials made “defamatory and slanderous statements” indicating Hanson was guilty of misconduct and lacked proper credentials for the job, causing “irreparable loss of his reputation in the community.”


And then, when he sought work elsewhere, city officials “improperly and unlawfully interfered” with his attempts to get gainful employment, preventing him from getting hired.

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by STEPHANIE W. RUSKELL in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that STEPHANIE W. RUSKELL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held on in this court as follows:

Date: June 4, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: Probate (16)

Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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WATER

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flood water to the Pacific Ocean. The plan, which first needs approval by a state agency, also calls for some of the potable water that has been used to irrigate the property to be put back in the river, and the rest made available to Cal Am and property owners in Carmel and Carmel Valley.

The idea has largely drawn support from Carmel residents, and it also has the backing of Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett, who said the water would mean an end to the moratorium on new water connections until a new water project can be built in 2018.

“It would mean the ability to build on a couple of empty lots in town and add a few apartments in the downtown area — development we want to encourage but that can’t be built in Carmel because of the water moratorium,” Burnett told The Pine Cone.

However, several parties are now protesting the project, including the National Marine Fisheries Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, which caution that, even though the project includes adding water to the river that has been used for decades for agriculture, diverting some of it would mean less flow for fish — especially because some of the water would be moved outside the Carmel River watershed. Part of the City of Carmel is in the Pescadero Canyon watershed.

In a March 28 protest letter to Kathy

Mrowka, an official with the state water board’s Division of Water Rights — the state agency that will eventually decide on the project — the Department of Fish and Wildlife argues the plan will continue to reduce river flows and will impact the steelhead population and other species such as the red-legged frog, Western pond turtle and tide-water goby.

“The department believes that the annual appropriation of up to 85.6 acre-feet of water for municipal use outside of the Carmel River watershed, may result direct and cumulative adverse impacts to fish and wildlife resources of the Carmel River,” the protest letter said.

The agency also says the project violates a 2009 state water board cutback order against Cal Am that states, in part, that the private water company “should be prohibited from further degrading conditions in the river by diverting water from the river for new service connections.”

Concerns heard

At a meeting last week at the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District offices in Ryan Ranch, Mrowka provided an overview of the environmental review for the project, and heard comments about the petition Eastwood filed with the water board in December that seeks to split the current existing Odello water right license of 131.8 acre-feet license in two.

If approved, the deal would allow the 85.6 acre-feet of water to be used for municipal

and irrigation uses, while 46.2 acre-feet would stay in the river for fish and wildlife enhancement.

The meeting drew Carmel City administrator Jason Stilwell, attorney Russ McGlothlin and Carmel Vice Mayor Ken Talmage.

It also drew Roy Thomas, who argued that even though Eastwood’s plan calls for about 46 acre-feet of water to be set aside to enhance Carmel River habitat, the water wouldn’t much help the steelhead fish and other habitat.

“They claim they are leaving 46 acre-feet for in-stream uses,” Thomas, a member of the Carmel River Steelhead Association board of directors, told The Pine Cone after the meeting, “except the in-stream uses occur 50 to 100 feet below ground. There is no habitat there. I think it’s disingenuous to say you are leaving water for the environment when the river never sees it.”

Steelhead association president Brian LeNeve told The Pine Cone the organization had originally objected to Eastwood’s plan but has since withdrawn its protest.

The National Marine Fisheries Service, in a protest letter addressed to Mrowka, outlined its concerns as to how the project might affect steelhead habitat in the river and lagoon.

Talmage, though, reiterated the support of the plan, telling Mrowka it would allow a small amount of water so homeowners could add a bathroom or fixture, allow the city’s roughly six dozen lots of record currently without water to have some, and give restaurant owners an opportunity to add a few extra tables. It would also provide water for mixed-use projects.

“This is an interim water source,” Talmage told The Pine Cone this week. “It won’t be a longterm solution to Carmel’s needs, but we are hopeful to build on the progress.”

The water would also allow for workforce and affordable housing in the city, the type of development Burnett has long championed for Carmel and the Peninsula.

“The Monterey Peninsula has more jobs than it has workforce housing,” Burnett said.

“That forces a lot of people to live in the Salinas Valley and do long commutes to the Peninsula. If they live here, they shorten the commute time and reduce wear and tear on the county’s roads, and they add, overall, to the community.”

Cal Am, the Big Sur Land Trust, the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy, and the Citizens Advisory Council also support the project.

Surrounding area improved

The property where the Odello artichoke fields lie had been approved for more than 80 homes before Eastwood and his former wife, Maggie, purchased the land in 1995 from the Odello family. Two years after buying it, the Eastwoods donated about 50 acres to the Big Sur Land Trust.

Eastwood also removed a large amount of debris that had been impeding the flow of floodwaters across the Odello and notched the levee along the south side of the Carmel River — two steps that greatly reduced the flood risk at Mission Fields, The Crossroads, Carmel Rancho and other development on the north side of the river.

The new project will also entail removing an additional half mile of the levee to allow the floodgates to open from the river to the land immediately south, and the removal of a berm that carries Highway 1 across the Odello land, replacing it with a causeway so water can travel freely to the ocean. Furthermore, the land trust plans a network of trails connecting the north side of the river to the land Eastwood is donating, and then to Palo Corona Ranch and beyond.

Toward the end of last week’s meeting, Mrowka indicated that she would work with Denise Duffy — the consultant to the Division of Water Rights — to work on the environmental review for the project.

Burnett said he hopes the project will be under way in about two years, ahead of the completion of Cal Am’s proposed desalination plant in North Marina.

“We are certainly hoping this water becomes available before the 2018 timeframe for the desal project,” Burnett said.

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RESULTS

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on the challenges that we’re taking on,” he said. “They may disagree on some of the details, but at least we’re trying to confront the big issues.”

He specifically mentioned parking, and the council’s vote April 1 to begin making changes that could free up a crowded downtown, a topic of discussion for decades.

“The fact the council took such definitive action a week before Election Day — one might think the council might have shied away from it as they have in the past,” he said. Last week, members voted to make changes to encourage downtown workers to leave their cars in un-timed spaces out-

side the commercial core by opening up more all-day spaces, extending the enforcement period from 6 to 7 p.m., and experimenting with paid parking along Ocean Avenue.

The city is well positioned to face any number of worst-case scenarios, from a wildfire or earthquake, to another Great Recession, according to Burnett, mostly because it has such a significant amount of cash in reserves.

“It’s to weather a crisis, whether an economic recession or an earthquake or fire or other disaster,” he said. “Our reserves are a larger percentage relative to our budget than most other cities.” Carmel has \$10 million in reserves, compared with an \$18 million budget, more than 55 percent. The minimum recommended is 8 percent.

He also said the city has a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan to deal with disasters, though he acknowledged running the Emergency Operations Center, located in the basement of the police station, may have to be reviewed, since some of the people who would respond after hours to work in it are no longer employed by the city or commute from out of town.

During his campaign, Burnett said one of his roles is to help the council stay focused on the goals and initiatives it chooses to tackle each year.

“If we’re talking about one of our 10 key initiatives, I don’t care if we talk all day and all night if it helps us reach a decision on that key initiative,” he said. “What I want to avoid is spending a lot of time on something that’s not one of our key initiatives, or if we end up taking up staff time on something that’s not one of our key initiatives.”

But as with any group of decision makers, things don’t always go as planned. “It’s a constant management challenge, because, of course, there are five of us,” he said. “And any of us may come up with an issue midway through the year.”

As might residents or business owners. “At the same time, we want to be responsive to the community,” he said. “You don’t want to be stubborn about it and inflexible.”

Since Burnett became mayor and Victoria Beach joined the council two years ago, the regular meetings have become famously long, with the January session running a record eight hours. One of the council’s annual goals is to have the meetings average four hours in length — something that has-

n’t occurred even once since March 5, 2013, when the meeting lasted two hours and 39 minutes. Burnett said a potential solution is reminding decision makers they should focus on the “what,” and let city administrator Jason Stilwell, his department heads and other employees figure out the “how.”

“We as the policy makers want to be focused on the goals we established, and, broadly speaking, should be allowing staff to accomplish them,” he said. “We should be saying what we want to do, but not telling staff the details of how we want to accomplish it.”

Finally, Burnett said he’s looking forward to welcoming Dallas to the council, and to working another term with Theis.

Burnett said one of his first priorities will be to fill the vacancy on the planning commission left by Dallas’ election to the council. “Getting a fifth person on that planning commission is certainly important to me,” he said. “I would encourage anyone who’s interested in applying to fill out an application at city hall.”

Austin eyes planning commission

Austin said he would like to replace Dallas on the commission, which is the most important board of appointees in the city.

“If I’m a good fit, I’d love to take that position,” he told The Pine Cone. “But I want to support the community how ever I can. It’s important to be very active the next two years, so I have a proven track record the next time.”

He said the process of campaigning helped him learn the details he needs to know in order to refine his understanding of the issues and his opinions. During the past few months, he’s been a regular attendee of council and planning commission meetings.

“A lot of the issues that are important came to the forefront in the election,” he said. “It wasn’t until I really got into the campaign that I got all the nitty gritty details to refine my stance on things.”

Considering few people knew Austin six months ago, he wasn’t discouraged by his capturing 14 percent of the votes, compared with Theis’ 41 percent and Dallas’ 45 percent.

“We’re not discouraged at all,” he said. “We made some good connections and know next time I run what we’re getting into and how to go about the process.”

One of his favorite moments of the campaign season, he said, occurred Monday, when he, Dallas and Theis were all standing together in front of the post office talking to potential voters. The post office is a popular spot for campaigning and getting in touch with residents, since most people have to go there to retrieve their mail.

“Steve kept the volume up and kept it exciting. Out of everything I did with the campaign, I had the most fun with that,” he said. “We kept it amicable — we were all able to stay friendly with one another. We all know that in the future, we’re going to be working together in some capacity.”



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Busy week offers eclectic calendar — from Chopin to Pink Floyd

By CHRIS COUNTS

THERE'S SOMETHING for everybody this week at Sunset Center, which presents an improvised musical comedy, a piano tribute to composer Frederik Chopin and a Pink Floyd laser show.

Offering the audience a say in what happens on stage, "Broadway's Next Hit Musical" plays Friday, April 11.

Starring **Debbie Rabbai**, **Rob Schiffmann**, **Robert Z. Grant**, **Kobi Libii**, **Stefan Schick** and **Rebecca Vigil**, the

show kicks off with a mock musical awards ceremony. The crowd picks four song titles and the cast does the rest. Later, the performers create a musical based on the winning song.

"The entire show is improvised from audience suggestions," Sunset Center's **Natalie Hall** told The Pine Cone. "All the performers are stellar. It's hilarious."

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$29 to \$49. Call (831) 620-2048.

Two days later, Canadian pianist **Louis Lortie** plays all 27 of Chopin's musically rich and technically challenging

Études, Sunday, April 13, at Sunset Center. Lortie has drawn critical praise for his performances of the 19th century Polish composer's work.

"We're extremely lucky he's able to come here," said **Anne Thorp** of the Carmel Music Society, which is presenting the event. "The program he's playing is the one he's world famous for."

The concert starts at 3 p.m. **David Gordon** offers a pre-

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Singer-songwriter Kristin Andreasson (far left) plays at the 7th annual Big Sur Fiddle Camp Concert, while two pianists, Louis Lortie (left) and Seymour Lipkin (right), perform at Sunset Center and All Saints Church.



Photographer aims to reduce global strife one image at a time

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO SOUTHEAST Asian countries with fascinating cultures and troubling histories are the subject of an exhibit by photographer **Richard Murai** opening Friday, April 11, at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

The show, "Dancers, Deities and Demons," features images taken by Murai in Myanmar and Cambodia. The photographs document the plight of people in both countries "seeking to reconcile ancient traditions with conflicting modern values," he explained.

While there is considerable strife in the world today over cultural, political and religious differences, Murai said he believes much of it can be alleviated. "Becoming sensitive to unfamiliar cultures can quell much of this anxiety and may encourage tolerance and compassion," he said.

Photography can play a role in bringing people together, Murai suggested. "The act of picture making enhances my understanding of the world, and the final photographs provide a reaffirmation of the oneness of the human spirit," he added.

Also opening Friday at the art center are shows by photographer **Jerry Takigawa**, painters **Cheralynn Johnston** and **Robert Lewis**, and **The Padre Trails Camera Club**.

■ Zen and the art of photography

Photography isn't just an art form for Takigawa, who unveils an exhibit titled "Landscapes of Presence." It's a meditation that calms his mind and allows him to focus with greater clarity and purpose. "Photography is one way that I am able to appreciate the present moment," the photographer explained.

Takigawa assembles objects like old photos, feathers, stones and leaves, and photographs them. His images often look like a Photoshop creations, but he insists they're not. "It's terribly low-tech," he said of his technique.

When he's creating a photograph,

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This photo of a fisherman in Cambodia was taken by Richard Murai, who presents an exhibit of images captured in Southeast Asia at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

Cherry Center hosts women's poetry celebration

TRIO of local wordsmiths — Kate Aver Avraham, Laura Bayless and Jennifer Lagier — present "Women's Voices: The Stories We Keep" Saturday, April 12, at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts.

Avraham is poet and children's author whose work has appeared in many journals and anthologies. Bayless has authored three books of poetry, and her writings

have been featured in local and national publications. Lagier is a retired college librarian who has written eight books and published a variety of literary journals.

Music will be provided by Jeanne McCombs.

The event starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe..

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Inside P.B. Food & Wine, two years of Crema, and tax relief

AS SENIOR culinary liaison and event coordinator, Dorothy Maras is also known as the “chef whisperer” of the Pebble Beach Food & Wine, this year running through Sunday, April 13, drawing thousands of visitors to eat, drink, be merry and learn from the world’s top chefs and wineries.

“In a nutshell, my job is to search, find, provide everything and anything to make the culinary side of the event equation run smoothly, and to do whatever it takes to make our chefs comfortable and happy during their stay,” Maras said this week, just days before the four-day festival kicked

soon,” Maras said. “I ate dinner at Trotter’s in Chicago in the early ’90s, when it was THE place to be. I will never forget the exquisite use of each ingredient, his use of unusual plate ware that played off the character of the dish, the warm and genuine hospitality that was extended, and finally, meeting Chef Trotter as well.” Years later, Maras personally welcomed Trotter to the fledgling PBFW, which is now in its seventh year.

The dinner features dishes by several star chefs — David LeFevre from M.B. Post in Manhattan Beach, Paul Bartolotta

Guy Fieri and Robert Irvine, both dominant TV personalities. “The menu is insane, and these two guys together doing one event is going to be a complete hoot! Talk about a fun event!” She described it as “a little more casual than most of the dinners we usually do,” but the food, wine and talent are of the all-star variety. Menu items include hors d’oeuvres of broiled Malibu oysters, crispy shrimp and petite grilled cheese and tomato soup shooters, crispy tuna tots, fig Balsamic lacquered duck, Asian glazed short ribs and cappuccino chocolate tart. Maras also noted the dinner sold out, but a dozen tickets were freed up at the last minute.

Of the numerous wine seminars, Maras focused on “The Five Decades of Mayacamas,” a Napa-area landmark winery. “I had the opportunity to taste through some of the eight vintages of wine that will be served, and they were monumental,” she said. “What a great way to taste the terroir and expression of a winery that spans 50 years of history.”

On Sunday morning, Andrew Zimmern, “who travels the world eating all kinds of strange things on his show, ‘Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern,’” will be demonstrating two dishes: Jaternice (a Czech sausage) hash with hot sauce, and fried quail and *Ouefs Sanguinette*.

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PHOTOS/PATRICK TREGENZA(LEFT)/COURTESY DOROTHY MARAS(RIGHT)

TV personality Gui Fieri is an entertainer with lots of culinary skills, to boot. He’ll collaborate on a dinner with another culinary star with attitude — Robert Irvine — on a dinner during this weekend’s Pebble Beach Food & Wine. Dorothy Maras (right) ensures every chef is happy.

off with a celebrity golf tournament and opening-night reception Thursday.

Proof of her unique level of knowhow need go no further than her job duties.

“I’m in charge of gathering all of the chefs’ grocery orders, menu course descriptions, equipment orders, chef coat sizes, names to put on credentials and all culinary-related communications,” said Maras, who for years managed the former Old Bath House restaurant on Lovers Point and has

from his namesake restaurant in the Wynn Las Vegas, Charles Phan from the Slanted Door and Michael Rotondo from Parallel 37, both in San Francisco — with Trotter-inspired dishes like beggar’s purses with lobster, crème fraîche and avocado, crostini with red mullet and artichoke, terrine of Grimaud Farm Guinea hen and lacquered squab. For dessert, Michelle Gayer from Salty Tart Bakery in Minneapolis, Minn. will prepare inverted Pavlova. Each course is paired with wine, of course.

“If I could be in two places at once on Friday night,” Maras said, she’d also go to “Dinner in the Kitchen” with

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

held multiple other positions in the local food scene, while also stumping for charities like Meals on Wheels. “Additionally, I interface with all of our culinary sponsors to source products for our chefs and place the orders for all of our 114 participating chefs. I also proofread the chef bios and culinary-related portions of the Epicure Magazine that is produced as the event program, as well as the event’s lunch and dinner menus.”

But Maras is quick to point out she’s not alone in taking on the extensive logistics and multitude of tasks that make up one of the country’s foremost food-and-wine events.

“Of course, this isn’t a one-woman show,” she said. “There is a very capable and experienced team of culinary professionals that I am honored to work with that make things happen.”

When the chefs arrive from near and far, she and her “team of culinary angels” distribute their coats, credentials and itineraries. Collectively, they “basically play the role of Culinary Concierge.”

Given all that, she knows more than practically anyone about the festival’s ins and outs, and must-see events, and she shared her thoughts and what she would attend if she weren’t working 24/7.

“It’s tough to say which is best and why, because all of the events are way over-the-top and extraordinary, but here are a few of my favorites this year,” she said.

The first she mentioned was Friday’s “Restaurant Australia” lunch with Sierra Mar executive chef John Cox and chef Jordan Toft from Eveleigh in Los Angeles. “Interesting ingredients appear in every dish — things I’ve never eaten, or had to source, for that matter,” she said. “Also, I am so very proud to have our local chefs like John Cox shine in the PBFW spotlight.”

Some menu highlights include green abalone with young coconut and red coriander, fire-roasted Australian goat with dark chocolate-wattleseed truffle, raw John Dory with sorrel juice, finger lime and burnt white soy salt and picked crab with spring garlic water, sea urchin aioli and spot prawn roe, all paired with interesting wines from Down Under.

Friday night’s “Tribute to a Legend — Charlie Trotter” dinner will be “a culinary masterpiece and a touching tribute to a man that fostered so many great talents and left us all to

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concert talk at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$40 to \$55. Call (831) 625-9938.

Rounding out the week’s lineup at Sunset Center is the Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular, which will be presented Thursday, April 17.

With Pink Floyd’s “Dark Side of the Moon” and “The Wall” providing the sound-track, state-the-the-art lasers create a daz-zling light show.

“We’re happy to have them back,” Hall said. “They sold out the last time they came here. It’s the ultimate experience for Pink Floyd fans. It’s a really cool show.”

The event starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$29 to \$49.

Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048.

■ A fresh take on classical music

Part performance and part discussion, “Piano Institute 2014” brings together three pianists — **Seymour Lipkin**, **Suzanne Macahilig Lehrer** and **Chuck Fuery** — Friday at All Saints’ Episcopal Church.

The event, which Lehrer said was a big hit at UC Berkeley when it was staged there last year, offers the audience a fresh perspective on classical music.

“This is not your typical concert subscrip-

tion series,” Lehrer explained. “We’re trying to get a new dialogue going.”

Lehrer, who was born and raised in Carmel, looks forward to seeing Lipkin play in her hometown. She called the pianist a national treasure.

“He’s just incredible,” she said. “People will be blown away.”

Lipkin performs Beethoven’s Sonatas, Opp. 110 and 111.

“You will not hear the late Beethoven Sonatas performed like Seymour does,” Lehrer suggested. “Most pianists don’t play them because they’re so demanding.”

The music begins at 4 p.m. The event is free, although donations are encouraged. The church is located at Dolores and Ninth.

■ Fiddlin’ around in Big Sur

One of Monterey County’s best kept musi-cal secrets is the Big Sur Fiddle Camp Concert, which returns to a private ranch down the coast for its seventh year Saturday, April 12.

Bringing together an impressive mix of world class acoustic musicians, the concert caps off a week-long music camp for about 50 youngsters. This year’s lineup includes **Laurie Lewis**, **The Bee Eaters**, **Casey Driessen**, **Winifred Horan** and **Mick McCauley** (of the Celtic folk band, Solas), **Kristin Andreasson**, **David Grier** and many others.

“The teachers are top professional musi-cians who put on this concert for the commu-

nity,” said Lygia Chappelet, who is hosting the event. “Some are classical musicians, while others play music from other genres. They come to teach old time, bluegrass and picking styles for a whole week of intensive instruction.”

The proceeds from the concert pay for scholarships so all of the students can afford to attend the camp.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 to \$25. Seating is limited. Call (831) 667-0109 for reservations and directions. Be sure to bring a flashlight and sturdy shoes.

■ Live Music April 11—17

Terry’s Lounge at Cypress Inn — pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.); singer **Andrea Carter** (“folky jazz and jazzy folk,” Sunday at 11 a.m.); gui-tarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 5 p.m.); and pianist **Dick Whittington** and bassist **Robb Fisher** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

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

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Julia’s restaurant in Pacific Grove — gui-tarist **Rick Chelew** and accordionist **Elise Leavy** (Thursday at 5:30 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

The Inn at Spanish Bay —**The Dottie Dodgion Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.), **The Don Roseff Trio** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.) and singer-songwriter **Bryan Diamond** (Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.). Also, a bagpiper plays every evening at 5:45 p.m. 2700 17-Mile Dr. in Pebble Beach, (831) 647-7500.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M127369.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, KRISTOS PARAS KEVER and DIANA VODA KEVER, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A.Present name: CHRISTIAN ROBERT VODA
Proposed name: CHRISTIAN ROBERT KEVER

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: May 23, 2014
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: April 4, 2014
Clerk: Ken Torre
Deputy: Carmel B. Orozco
Publication dates: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2014. (PC414)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M127033.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, MARIA ISABEL MUNGUIA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A.Present name: MARIA ISABEL MUNGUIA
Proposed name: ISABEL MUNGUIA

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for

the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: May 9, 2014
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
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Clerk: Ken Torre
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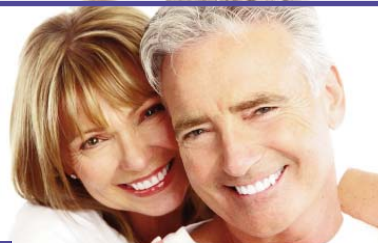
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■ Marilyn Remark alive and well

Marilyn Remark winery owner and wine-maker Joel Burnstein has sold his winemaking facility and land on River Road, he said this week, but he will continue crafting and selling wine, and operating the tasting room in Carmel Valley Village.

“I want to take this opportunity to address some rumors that have been floating around lately,” he said in a newsletter to fans of his Rhone-style wines. “Marilyn Remark winery is alive and well. We are not shutting down, and there will be new wines coming out for the next several years.”

Burnstein and his wife, Marilyn Remark, decided to sell the winery property and building at the north end of the River Road wine corridor in order to ease a few burdens and give them more time together after she retires this month.

“We are going back to those days of not having to take care of five acres of land, maintaining equipment and paying a big

mortgage every month,” he said. “We will pay for someone else to do the work, but I am still the winemaker.”

He can still make wines at the facility if he wants, and his license will remain active there. “The change will not affect anyone except those people that pick up their wine club shipments on River Road, and we will be contacting you on some options.”

The tasting room is located at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road. For more information, visit www.remarkwines.com.

■ Chef Todd takes over Tarp’s

Tarp’s Roadhouse has named Todd Fisher as its new executive chef, which bodes well for the future of the Highway 68 restaurant and its patrons. The inimitable Fisher, whose style and flair showed through when he ran his Hullabaloo restaurant on South Main Street in Salinas, and later at Sticks in Spanish Bay, worked years ago as a sous chef at Tarp’s sister restaurant Montrieo in Monterey, so it’s a homecoming of sorts. In the interim, Fisher also had a television show focused on bacon and ran The Kitchen in Sand City.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Fisher started cooking at the age of 15, and he arrived on the Peninsula in 1996, when he went to cook at Stillwater Bar & Grill in the Lodge at Pebble Beach. He’ll take over the kitchen at Tarp’s starting April 14. To see what he’s up to, stop in at the restaurant at 2999 Monterey-Salinas Highway. Call (831) 647-1444 for information or reservations.

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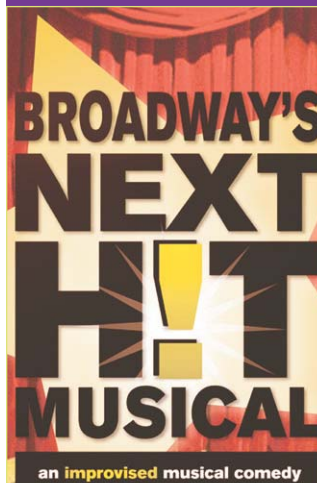
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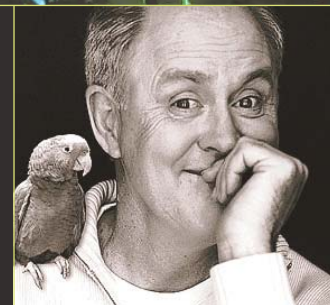
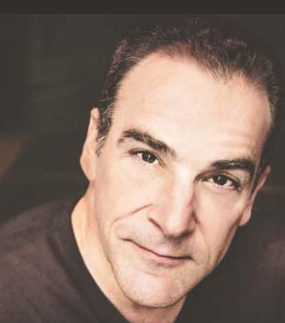
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ART

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Takigawa relies as much on his intuition as he does his practical mind. And he tries to enjoy the creative journey rather than worry about the end result.

“Practicing presence places an emphasis on the doing rather than the result,” Takigawa added. “It’s my hope that the viewer, as well, experiences stillness and peace.”

■ Exploring ‘visual deceptions’

An abstract painter as well as an art teacher at Salinas High School, Johnston presents a collection of her work titled “Gratitude.”

“My goal as a painter is to create dimensional pieces that invite the viewer to explore visual deceptions,” explains Johnson on her website. “Within each flat canvas, a variety of paint applications form layers waiting to be excavated.”

While most artists present work they are trying to sell, Lewis does just the opposite with his new show, “Private Collection.” The display includes more than 30 of his favorite pieces. “I hope you come, enjoy the exhibit, and don’t worry about buying,” the artist posted on Facebook.

Founded in 1948, the Padre Trails Camera Club offers a group exhibit titled “Photographic Perspectives: Individual Visions.” Featuring more than 20 members, the club presents discussions, field trips and “friendly competitions.”

A reception starts at 7 p.m. The shows will be on display through May 22. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. Call (831) 375-2208.

■ Wine, art and classic rock

The Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce presents its latest Wine, Art & Music Walk Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.

New to the walk are **Taft and Teak**, which recently opened at 581 Lighthouse Ave., and **Bana Home Decor**, which just relocated to 510 Lighthouse Ave. Also stay-

ing open late are **Glenn Gobel Custom Frames** (562 Lighthouse Ave.), **Strouse and Strouse Studio Gallery** (178 Grand Ave.), **Tessuti Zoo** (171 Forest Ave.), **Artisana Gallery** (612 Lighthouse Ave.), **Sun Studios** (208 Forest Ave.), **Crema** (481 Lighthouse Ave.) and **Butterfly** (207A 16th St.).

Featuring a lineup of eighth graders from All Saints’ Episcopal Day School in Carmel Valley, **Everest** plays classic rock at Glenn Gobel Custom Frames.

The event is free, and art walk maps are available at the chamber and participating venues.

■ Botanical art in bloom

The flora of California’s Central Coast is the subject of “Botanical Meditations,” an exhibit opening Friday at the Cherry Center for the Arts.

The show includes paintings by **Edith Hillinger**, **Andrea Johnson**, **Susan Manchester** and **Ed Martin**, and flower arrangements by **Emiko Belt**.

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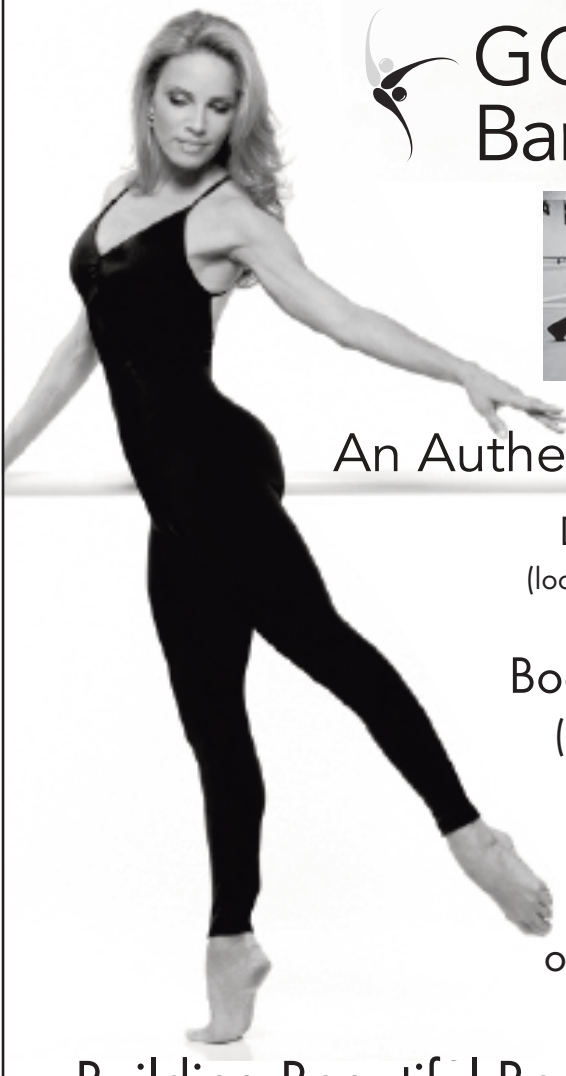



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NABBED

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When they approached the car, the officers could smell marijuana, which prompted them to ask all four occupants to step out so they could conduct a search, according to CPD Sgt. Mel Mukai. Two more officers, Joe Boucher and Cpl. Ken Shen, were requested to assist.

While two of the men were released at the scene, two others were not. Officers said they found 20-year-old Seaside resident Richard Singh in possession of a handgun and marijuana, and Seaside resident Eric Romero, 22, was carrying ecstasy and heroin.

“It was Mike Bruno who noticed the handgun tucked in the waistband, and he called it out,” Mukai said.

When an officer determines that a suspect is armed, he and the other cops on the call restrain the person and remove the weapon, Mukai explained. In this incident, Boucher and Bruno handcuffed and held Singh while Shen took the gun. The suspect did not resist.

“Greg pulled him out of the vehicle and handed him off to me, and I searched him and felt the handgun,” Bruno told The Pine Cone. The .380 semiautomatic was tucked into the rear waistband of Singh’s pants and covered by the T-shirt he was wearing. “It was loaded.”

Shen called CPD officer Jeff Watkins, who represents the city on the Peninsula Regional Violence & Narcotics Team, “due to these guys being from Seaside and a weapon

with serial numbers removed being located,” CPD Cmdr. Paul Tomasi said.

The investigation into Singh revealed he was a primary suspect in an execution-style double homicide in San Jose off Dumbarton Road in August 2013, according to Tomasi. The sheriff’s office requested Singh be turned over for further questioning regarding his involvement in other crimes and to talk with San Jose detectives.



Richard Singh



Eric Romero

Contacting Watkins, “led to the sheriff making the connection with other possible crimes, and I believe PRVNT made the connection to the San Jose case,” Tomasi said.

Singh was booked into Monterey County Jail on charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm and obliterating the identifying information on a gun, both felonies, as well as misdemeanor weapons-related charges and a misdemeanor drug charge for the marijuana. The sheriff’s office later charged him with murder, but sheriff’s Cmdr. John Thornburg would not comment at all on the allegations or investigation.

Romero, meanwhile, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and of narcotics, both felonies.

Tomasi noted that while the men’s intentions while in Carmel were unclear, “there was a clear potential for something bad to occur.”

“This is an example of our officers working to keep Carmel safe and an enjoyable place to live, work and visit,” Tomasi said. “The PRVNT team is an example of the collaborative work we are doing with our neighboring agencies to reduce and prevent crime in our community.”

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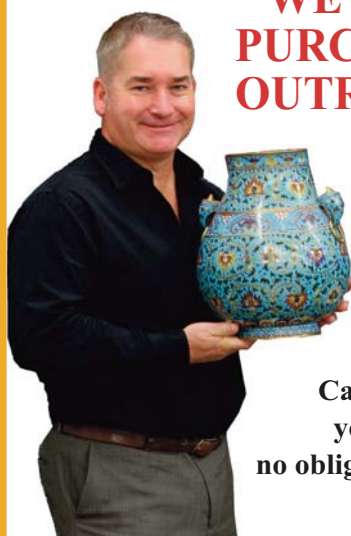
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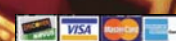
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Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM (Basilica) followed by Adoration (Blessed Sacrament Chapel) until 11:00 PM)

Good Friday ~ April 18,
Morning Prayer: 9:30 AM (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion; 1:00 PM (Basilica)
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Holy Saturday ~ April 19,
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Easter Vigil Solemn Mass: 8:00 PM (Basilica)

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7:30 AM Quiet Easter Mass
9:15 AM Easter Mass
11:00 AM Choir Easter Mass
12:45 PM Easter Mass
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The Great Vigil of Easter, April 19
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The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day, April 20
Service times: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 13
Masses: Saturday, April 12 • 5 pm
Sunday, April 13 • 8 am • 10 am • 12 pm

The Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)
April 17 — 7:00 pm

The Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
April 18 — 3:00 pm

The Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)
April 19 — 8:00 pm
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Easter Sunday — April 20
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April 11 - Piano Institute, All Saints' Church, Dolores 9th, Friday, April 11: 4 p.m. - Suzanne Macahilig Lehrer - Mozart, Schumann 4:45 p.m. - Chuck Fuery - 19th century improvisation 7:30 p.m. - Seymour Lipkin - Schubert, Walker, Beethoven Opp 110, 111; Saturday, April 12: 3-6:30 p.m. - Master Classes, CSUSJ students. Tickets not required, contributions accepted. Checks to: Fractured Atlas Memo: Piano Institute.

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April 13 - 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Elizabeth Murray talks about her new book, Living Life in Full Bloom: 120 Daily Practices to Deepen Your Passion, Creativity and Relationships. InterContinental - The Clement Monterey, Cannery Row. \$100 per person by April 1, then \$125/pp includes luncheon, artisans' marketplace and autographed book to benefit the Monterey Public Library. (831) 646-5632. www.monterey.org/library.

April 18-20 - 53rd Annual Wildflower Show Friday, Sunday, April 18-20, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the corner of Forest & Central in Pacific Grove. \$5 donation requested. Find out about additional events during the Wildflower Show: www.pgmuseum.org.

April 19 - An event for Rising International (a non profit organization that spreads hope and dignity by selling crafts made by women living in poor and dangerous places where hope is a radical act and creating beauty is an act of courage) 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at La Belle Galerie, 2 SW San Carlos & 5th hosted by Margot Kay. For more information contact Margot (831) 624-2800.

April 19 - Carmel Plaza presents their Spring Fashion Show, Saturday, April 19 Easter weekend from 1 - 3 p.m. "Hop into Spring" with the latest fashions for the season. Over 13 stores will showcase their latest spring fashions with more than 40 models walking the runway.

April 19 - Carmel Host Lions Club 18th Annual "Breakfast with the Bunny". Saturday, April 19, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Devendorf Park at Ocean and Junipero. \$5 for children, 12 years old and younger, \$8 for adults, \$23 for family of 4. Children are also invited to visit Bunnyland hosted by Bay School Preschool in Carmel. A \$5 Passport to Bunnyland includes all activities except breakfast. This is not an Easter Egg Hunt!

April 20 - Baum & Blume's "Easter Brunch with a Difference." This year's "Mediterranean Grill" menu

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April 24 - "A Table Affair" cosponsored by the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation and Pebble Beach Company takes place on Thursday, April 24 at the Conference Center, The Lodge, Pebble Beach from 2 - 6 p.m. No reservations are required and there is no admission charge for the event. Guests are respectfully requested to make donations, which will be used for the training of future Search and Rescue Dogs. For further information call Averil Nero at (831) 644-0833.

April 24 - A benefit for the Carmel Public Library Foundation, The Mystery Edition with internationally renowned bestselling authors, John Lescroart, Jeffery Deaver, Elizabeth George at Sunset Center, April 24, 7 p.m. \$55 per person purchase tickets at the box office, www.sunsetcenter.org or call (831) 620-2048.

April 25 - Chamber Music Monterey Bay presents the St. Lawrence String Quartet performing Friday,

April 25, 8 p.m. at the Sunset Center. For tickets visit www.chambermusicmontereybay.org or call (831) 625-2212.

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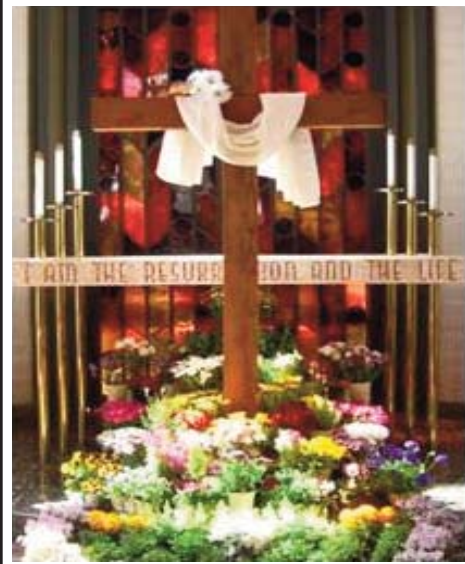
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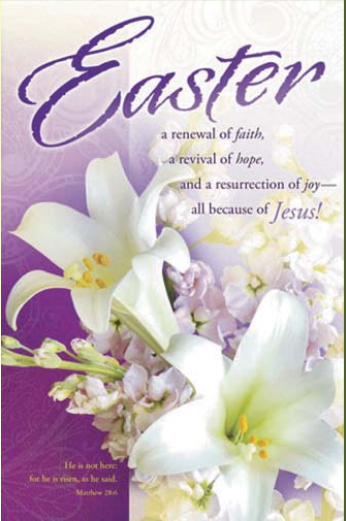
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Editorial

Who will the next victim be?

IMAGINE HOW it feels when you lose your job because you talked to a reporter.

Sure, if a CEO leaked confidential information about his company to a stock-broker, the firing would be understandable, even to the person who received the inside information. Or if someone at the CIA gave confidential national security information to al Qaeda, then anyone could see why the guy lost his job.

But when the person who got fired was a long time employee of the Carmel planning department, and the person she talked to was a reporter from The Carmel Pine Cone, you have to wonder whether the people who run city hall have lost their minds.

The Pine Cone, after all, is a very important Carmel institution — older, even than the city itself. It’s also one of the most famous and respected small town newspapers in this country and enjoys a wide reputation for thoroughness and fairness. Not to brag, but it’s true.

So why shouldn’t everyone at city hall talk to The Pine Cone, just for its own sake? Even more important: When the planning department employee gave information about planning department business to our most veteran reporter, she was just giving it to the public, which is what local government is supposed to do.

When we learn something, all we do is report it, and that’s one of the reasons why the public relies on The Pine Cone to tell it what’s going on in Carmel.

But in the topsy-turvy world that city hall has become since Jason Stilwell — an outsider from Santa Barbara — became city administrator two-and-a-half years ago, an employee in the finance department who stole food stamps was lavished with praise, but one who talked to a reporter was fired.

Meanwhile, the city council blithely goes about its business, never acknowl- edging the scandals that are piling up at city hall, and pretending it’s The Pine Cone that has the problem.

The whole sorry mess started almost a year ago, when the police chief and the city’s human resources manager raided the home of the IT manager and con- fiscated his personal computer equipment while investigating his supposedly illegal use of the city’s computer system. And what was the city’s public infor- mation strategy for disclosing that the extraordinary raid happened, and why it was justified? They tried to keep it a secret, plain and simple. We were unable to report it, and nobody except the people involved learned about it until we received a confidential tip.

That bizarre episode turned out to be the tip of the iceberg, because it was apparently the moment Stilwell, with the city council’s support, decided to keep everything he could get away with from the media and the public, to redact everything from documents he was finally forced to release, to cut off or dis- courage reporters’ access to key personnel at city hall, to charge the media for access to public documents, and to require reporters to pick those documents up at city hall instead of providing them electronically, as had been routine for years.

Meanwhile, a purge of city hall employees who were not part of Stilwell’s team also got underway. Anybody — and the total is more than a dozen to date — who revered, or even remembered, the pre-Stilwell era was apparently bound to be fired, put on leave, or forced to resign.

The food stamp episode — when this newspaper reported that finance depart- ment employee Deanna Allen had illegally obtained food stamps even while she worked at city hall, and had filed for bankruptcy three times since 1997 — elicited the most bizarre response of all. Stilwell had no idea that Allen had pleaded guilty to food stamp fraud until our reporter started making inquiries, and you’d think he might have been grateful for the information, and fully under- stood why the public would have questions about the propriety of such an employee being put in charge of the taxpayers’ money. Instead, his reaction was to lash out at The Pine Cone, calling our reporting an “attack” on a member of his “team.”

This situation probably has to get worse before it gets better and Stilwell quits or is fired. The only question is: Who else is going to get hurt before that day finally comes?

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. Letters cannot exceed 350 words, and must include the author’s name, telephone number and street address. Please do not send us letters which have been sub- mitted to other newspapers. We reserve the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication and to edit for length and clarity.

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McCloud asks council to reconsider restroom costs

Dear Editor,

This is an open letter to the members of the city council, asking them to reconsider the vote taken at the April 1 council meeting to accept the bid for construction of the new restrooms on the Scenic Bluff at Santa Lucia.

One of the council’s charges is to exercise fiduciary responsibility. This does not seem to have been exercised when \$889,000 was approved for a two-stall restroom. Two years ago the cost had been projected at around \$350,000.

During a break at the recent meeting, one council member explained to me that the cost was high as the council is requiring the builder to remove his equipment and materi- als each evening and bring them back each morning. The reason given was to ask how I

would like to look out my window at a con- struction site. Well, these days construction is all around us. In this case, there are only a handful of homes in either the county or the city that will be directly impacted ... and mainly during the daytime when actual con- struction is under way. This decision was not taken by the planning commission, and the council has not talked to the neighbors or the Scenic Homeowners Assn. If asked, the resi- dents would probably opt for the work to be done as quickly as possible, and not at the cost of additional traffic moving heavy equipment and materials in and out on a daily basis.

Why not rebid, cast a wide net and leave the bidders more time than the 5 days they had to respond? If all else fails, give the architect a NTE budget and see how he can cut costs — perhaps a starting point would be stone only on the façade that will face the weather, and the rest wood.

Pencils need to be sharpened so that the city can spread its funds as widely as possi- ble

Sue McCloud,
Carmel

FedEx or the postal service?

Dear Editor,

I don’t think anybody really believes gov- ernment is more efficient than private busi- ness. Don’t we all remember the famous \$45 cost for a nut and bolt for toilet seats by the Department of Defense, not to mention the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District spending \$150 million of taxpayer money over the last 36 years to find addition

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From previous page

water to augment our water supply ... how'd that work out? No substantial new water.

Now, a group called Public Water Now wants the water district, which has no experience operating a water distribution system, to take over and run the private company. By the way, private water companies have been successfully delivering water to our homes for about 100 years now.

Another million-dollar study, followed by millions and millions of more dollars and years and years in eminent domain proceedings, then hundreds of millions in acquisition costs, are you kidding me? How much do you think our rates will go up then?

Thinking government agencies are more efficient than the private sector is like thinking the United States Postal Service should take over and operate FedEx: Absoulute Looney-Toons. Please Vote No on O!

Lawson Little,
Carmel Valley

Getting rid of Cal Am worth a lot

Dear Editor,

The "Water Not Politics" group is trying to scare us with a claim that studying the feasibility of buying out CalAm might cost us a million dollars. Possibly a million dollars!

A million dollars is chump change compared to the \$152

million that we'll be paying Cal Am for the costs of removing the San Clemente Dam and the interest on the money Cal Am will borrow to pay for the dam removal. The dam which Cal Am negligently failed to maintain.

It will be worth a million dollars many times over to get rid of CalAm!

Larry Chile,
Monterey

No paid parking

Dear Editor,

Carmel's Dreaded Parking Monster has surfaced once again this year and Carmel's city council has voted to implement "push policies" and even "short-term trials of paid parking" in the business/commercial area to kill the ambience of our beloved Carmel!

Having personally enjoyed this unique California Area for more than eight decades (and my late parents having enjoyed many additional decades) I have always come to view Carmel as a charming, artistic, romantic, misty, elated, leisure community; and not as one where Car Areas Require Money Ensuring Lunacy!

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Can't the council just create satellite parking areas for employees (whether income generated or not) and leave the quaint atmosphere of downtown as it has always been? After all, we don't want the Ocean Avenue vicinity to become an area visitors view equally to Santa Cruz and Pismo Beach!

Bill Dunn,
Fresno

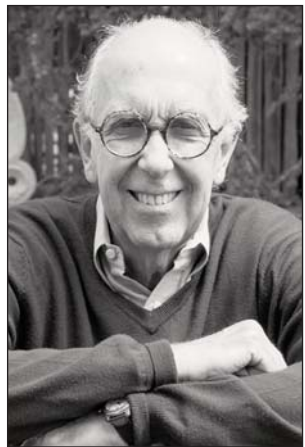

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looking man, isn’t he? You ought to see the tricks he can do with a volumetric flask and a pipet. You can get a better view of him at work if you point the binoculars in that direction.

beyond the realm

By JOE LIVERNOIS

Anyway, there’s a lot of dirt out there, and the hunger issue is only going to get worse before it gets better. And there are big mounds of dirt just waiting to be dedirtified. It’s only real if we make it happen now. By the way, it’s important to note that no dirt consumers, current or future, paid for this public-service message. Oh, and can I have my binoculars back? I’d like to have another look at my friend in the lab coat. Fade out. *Cue next commercial: Open jingle: “Fly Monterey, fly Monterey . . .”* Click.

Supes approved Jacks Peak lot line change

By CHRIS COUNTS

DESPITE OPPOSITION from neighbors who warned they were essentially creating a building site on Jacks Peak that shouldn’t exist, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 3 to 1 April 1 to approve a lot line adjustment that was previously OK’d by the Monterey County Planning Commission. Supervisors Dave Potter, Simon Salinas and Fernando Armenta voted to approve the new lot line, while Supervisor Jane Parker voted against it. Lou Calcagno didn’t vote because of a potential conflict of interest. The planning commission unanimously approved a request by Gordon and Sandra Steuck Dec. 11 to adjust the lot line between two properties they own at at 570 Aguajito Road. The vote transformed a 4.6-acre “northerly” parcel with a single-family home and an undeveloped 4.3-acre “southerly” parcel into a 4.6-acre “westerly” parcel with the house and an undeveloped 4.3 acre “easterly” property. Opponents of the lot line adjustment —

including Frank Chiorazzi, Eric and Theresa Del Piero, the Aguajito Property Owners Association and a group called Save Aguajito Forever — wanted the property owner to prepare an environmental impact report because they said the lot line adjustment is simply the first step in building a home. Opponents spoke out at the hearing, arguing there are many problems with building on the reconfigured “easterly” site, such as a lack of water, a lack of access and unresolved grading issues. But Potter disagreed and said new lot line should be approved. “If and when a project comes forward, then all the reasons that were brought up today are concerns I’m going to have,” Potter explained. “If there’s no water, if there’s no access, if there’s impact to public views, if the slope is in excess, if there’s non-mitigable resource impacts, and especially, if there’s a lack of compatibility with neighbors, I’m not going to support it. But this is not a project — it’s a lot line adjustment.” Dissenting was Parker, who said the property is too steep and has “huge” water problems.

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Trying to picture Phillips as a hard-boiled journalist takes more than a little effort, which is why it’s probably good that his first career choice got pushed aside when he was hired to

Great Lives

By **ELAINE HESSER**

work in the stockroom at Thinker Toys. The Carmel store had been open for about three years, and Phillips — who was born on Ft. Ord and raised in Seaside — had just graduated from Seaside High.

“I had a summer job at Golden West Pancake House just around the corner as a busboy. The partners from the store ate there and liked my work ethic,” he says. They hired him in September 1972. He thought he’d hang around for six months — maybe a year — and then head out to the University of Oregon to study journalism. He’d written sports articles for the Monterey Herald while in high school and enjoyed it, so it seemed like a solid career choice.

As it happened, Phillips really liked his new job. He says because it was his first full-time job, he became a real go-getter, and he often worked long hours just because he enjoyed it. Founding partner Robert Miller was a mentor to him — Phillips liked his management style, and it rubbed off.

“I was store manager at 18 years old,” he marvels. “I was managing people in their 30s!” He became a partner in Thinker Toys in 1975 at age 21. He’d been making the same \$2 an hour since he’d been hired; the owners couldn’t afford to give him a raise, so they gave him a share of the business. About that time, Phillips bought his first house in Seaside for the princely sum of \$26,000.

In 1978, he got married and, a few years after that, the first of his four children — two girls and two boys — came along. Needless to say, he never got to Oregon to study journalism. But he did go to MPC at night for many years during the 1970s, learning all he could about business, business law and accounting. While many things changed as years passed, Phillips was determined that one thing would not: the kinds of toys that he sold. When Miller — the only remaining partner — died in 1993, Phillips bought out his share of the business and decreed that no electronic toys would ever come into his old stockroom, let alone sit on his shelves.

“I’ve watched them over the last couple decades,” he says of video and computer games, “I think they’re detrimental to kids’ growth. They spend all their time glued to games that don’t stimulate their brains.” He wishes kids would play more baseball and basketball, and hang out with their friends as he did when he was growing up.

If you want to return to the days of Legos, Lincoln Logs, and, of course, Tinker Toys, or if you just need a smile, Thinker Toys is a great place to visit.

Phillips says of his employees, “The crews in both stores are just phenomenal and they love being here. We’re fortunate to have a job where we make people happy all day long.”



Mark Phillips and some of his crew at the Thinker Toys store at San Carlos and Seventh.

Meanwhile, Phillips divides his time between his family, his work, and First Presbyterian Church in Salinas, where he’s on the board of elders. Offering what from many folks would sound like a cliché, he says, “I owe this all to God.” He and his family live in Prunedale because he says his wife wanted some land and they wanted room to have horses.

The Carmel store is celebrating 45 years in business; the Del Monte store is just turning sweet sixteen. Phillips sees no end in sight to running what he calls “a shelter from real life” for his customers.

“I get up every day and know I’m not going to ‘work,’” Phillips says. “I’m going to be here until the day I die.”

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DAY

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here, although I had a hunch she was going to make it.”

When Day strolled into the inn, pandemonium broke loose. “People were screaming and cheering,” LeVett recalled. “Everyone had tears streaming down their cheeks — men and women. It was fantastic. I get choked up just thinking about it.”

The event offered anyone with a cell phone a chance to take a picture of Day — something that has eluded paparazzi for years. “I can’t remember the last time she was photographed,” LeVett said.

Day has co-owned the Cypress Inn for 28 years. At the suggestion of her late son, Terry Melcher, she went into business with LeVett.

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lot, but bringing them as a group would be more efficient use of everyone’s time.

Senior planner Marc Wiener agreed the redevelopment of the site should “be processed as a whole.”

“The project will require additional meetings, and such an approach would provide an analysis of the design of each of the 16 residences in the context of the entire development and surrounding neighborhoods,” Wiener said. The whole development and each house would have to comply with all of the city’s codes and policies.

Mullane reiterated the city would require individual design studies for every home, and the commission could impose specific requirements on each one if it wanted.

Nonetheless, he said, the magnitude of the project suggests “it would be good to have some conceptual plans to bring to the commission.”

Commissioner Keith Paterson worried the homes would look like a typical subdivision, “which is not Carmelian at all,” but Sapp said each would be individually designed to suit Carmel and looking as though it might have been there for decades.

Commissioner Jan Reimers was also worried about the housing-tract appearance, as well more driveways funneling onto busy Carpenter Street. She encouraged the developer to consider merging some of the lots so they weren’t all the same size, and not always building to the maximum floor area allowed by the law.

“This is an opportunity for a very creative housing environment,” she said. “There are many, many ways of planning this much property.”

“This is an opportunity for the developer to do a really good job,” Carmel Residents Association President Barbara Livingston said. “But it’s more an opportunity for you to do the right thing for our village. Development is a privilege, not a right.”

Sapp reiterated the project would fit the town.

“This isn’t Fresno, this is Carmel,” he said. “We want this to look like it’s Carmel and these houses have been there 50, 60, 70 years.”

“Terry and I were good friends,” LeVett explained. “One night we were having dinner, and he asked, ‘Would you consider being a partner with my mom?’ It would have been pretty difficult to say no to that.”

Things have worked out well for the two business partners. Last year, during a phone conversation, he told Day, “This is the best partnership I can imagine.” In response, she said, tongue-in-cheek, “I don’t think I’ve ever been with one man for 28 years.”

While LeVett has many fond memories of Day, it’s doubtful any can match what he witnessed at last week’s birthday

SURPRISE

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But as he stepped closer to the restaurant, Sanborn recognized his wife and other friendly faces. Soon, everybody was singing “Happy Birthday.” Then the crowd parted to reveal a shiny refurbished Datsun pickup.

“It was a mindblower,” said Sanborn, a volunteer extraordinaire who co-founded the Big Sur Health Center and has had his hand in countless charitable projects. “It looked like the exact same truck. No expense was spared in fixing it up. Everybody did a super job.”

Many people contributed to fixing up the truck and organizing the surprise, including Sanborn’s wife, Celia, his sons, Basil and Branham, and his sister, Madelyn van der Hoogt.

bash.

“She was absolutely at her most charming and most energetic,” he added. “She stayed here until 11:30 p.m. meeting and shaking hands with everybody. She was a real trooper. I’ve never been so proud in my whole life.”

Besides thrilling everybody who had a chance to rub elbows with their favorite movie star, the event raised more than \$90,000 for groups that rescue senior animals, help keep senior pets in their homes, and fund the Doris Day Horse Rescue Adoption Center. Also, the Doris Day Animal Foundation continues to support Spay Day every year.

Seeing the truck brought a big smile to Sanborn’s face. After losing it in the fire — which also destroyed his home — Sanborn tried to find another Datsun pickup, but after a while, he gave up. “Every truck I found was either too modified or too beat up,” recalled Sanborn, who ran the Ripplewood Resort for 20 years — and has lived in Big Sur since 1967. “I decided that chapter in my life was over.”

But his friends and family had other ideas. They found a well-used 1971 truck and gave it a makeover worthy of a reality show. “It was incredible,” Sanborn said of the gesture. “And it was such a healing thing for everybody who got to participate in it.”

Alan Perlmutter of Big Sur agreed. “There wasn’t a dry eye there,” he said. “It was a fantastic event.”

Permuter said Sanborn is well loved in Big Sur, where he holds a singular distinction. “He’s the only person in Big Sur without any baggage,” he added.

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Senior Life

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Senior prom offers a fun evening of do-overs for all

By ELAINE HESSER

FEW THINGS in a teenager's life are more fraught with anxiety than the prom. Especially senior prom. It was bad enough back in the day when all we worried about was an acne breakout or buying a corsage that caused an allergy attack. Today's kids have it even harder. Let's start with cost: Local high schools charge \$65 to more than \$100 for tickets to their proms (with a few schools listing package deals for all senior activities, including graduation, starting at \$350). And let's be clear: That's just the per-teen ticket price. Then there are chauffeurs, gowns, tuxedos, hair, makeup, flowers and (gasp) hotel rooms. Anything that costs that much had better be awesome, right? Then there's all the angst around finding a way to not drink, or smoke, or have sex with your date, and still be cool. Plus, what if you don't even have a date? Nowadays, a lot of schools' proms are "couples only." And, by the way, you're supposed to navigate all of this in an atmosphere where hormones outnumber oxygen atoms, and do it long before your

prefrontal cortex is fully formed and while everyone is telling you, "It's the best time of your life!" Whoopie. Now imagine heading out to prom in your finest evening garb — graceful pastel gowns and best white tie — armed with everything you know now about life and relationships, and not giving one hoot about what anyone thinks. Well, they can't give you your 18-year-old body back, but the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County can give senior citizens another shot at prom. Boys & Girls Clubs CEO and President Donna Ferraro said the event was born when club staff realized that many of their members were being raised by their grandparents. They wanted the kids to be able to connect with senior citizens in a different, non-parental way. "Our middle-school and high-school groups host the event," said Ferraro. "They set up food, dance with the seniors, and run the bingo game." This year, live music will be provided by The Casuals — a duo from Santa Cruz that can play "Moon River" and "The Lady in Red" as easily as "Runaround Sue."

Ferraro said that the seniors dance to all kinds of music. "They do the Chicken Dance, and they love line dancing," she said. Although the evening is really just about the seniors having fun, Ferraro noted there are some serious underlying themes. "It's great for seniors to see that what they read about kids isn't necessarily what they really are. The seniors love being with the kids, and the kids love being with the seniors." It takes from 10 to 20 teens to put the event together. They decorate the clubhouse and the food tables, then act as genial hosts. For their part, about 250 seniors don their best formal

A senior prom that's actually for seniors

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Aging priority: Protecting your precious sight

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

■ Glaucoma, a ‘silent thief’

GROWING UP, I was scared of the mysterious eye disease, glaucoma, which is caused by increased pressure in the eye and can damage the optic nerve, resulting in blind spots. If left untreated, it can even cause complete blindness.

My grandmother, a concert pianist, was diagnosed with glaucoma at age 70. We all worried that she'd lose her ability to play the piano, but she assured us she could play blindfolded.

I used to wonder, as I watched her caress the keys of her Steinway grand piano with her eyes closed, whether she could no longer see the keys so there was no need to look, or

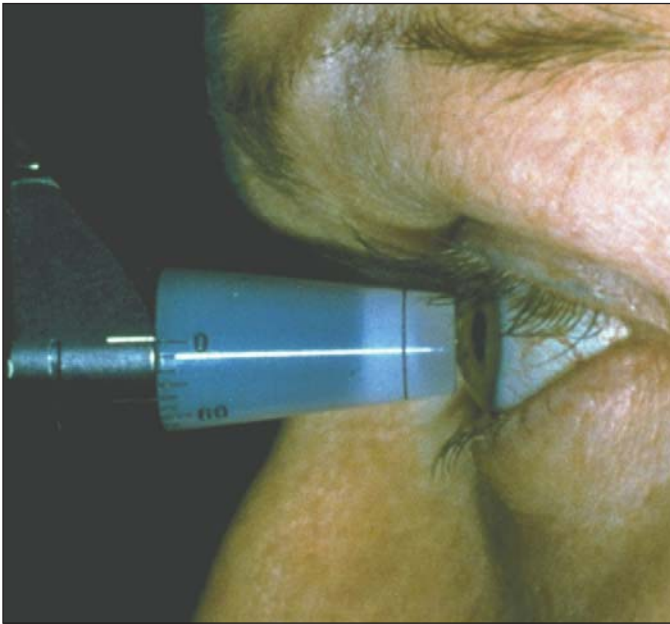
whether she closed her eyes simply because she was deeply feeling the music.

“Glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness, particularly in older people,” says ophthalmologist Leland Rosenblum ,who, with Roger Husted, established the Monterey Bay Eye Center in 1995.

To maintain a healthy level of intraocular pressure, a small amount of fluid has to flow through a microscopic drainage system inside the front of the eye. If the drainage gets blocked, pressure increases against the optic nerve, causing damage, which can sacrifice peripheral vision, Rosenblum said.

The good news, however, is that loss of sight can be pre-

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Marian Crawford (left), the author's grandmother, was diagnosed with glaucoma at age 70 but kept her eyesight, and her ability to see sheet music, until she died at age 90. The disease that could have taken her sight is diagnosed by a simple, painless test (above) that measures the pressure inside the eye.

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vented with early diagnosis and treatment, he adds.

The problem is that glaucoma symptoms usually don't show up until the disease is significant, when blind spots start to appear.

"Typically, people are not aware of the blind spots while they engage in their day-to-day activities — not until the optic nerve is significantly damaged, and the blind spots get bigger," says Rosenblum.

The two main types of the disease, he

says, are "open-angle" and "closed-angle" glaucoma. The angle is the area between the iris and the cornea through which fluid drains. In the first case, the drainage angle in the eye becomes less efficient, allowing fluid and thus pressure to increase in the eye.

With closed-angle glaucoma, the iris or colored-part of the eye is pushed forward, blocking the drainage angle completely. Closed-angle glaucoma is considered an acute eye emergency, causing considerable pain and discomfort, and often nausea, vomiting, and a swirl of rainbow colors in the visual field. Although vision loss can progress quickly, immediate medical attention can mitigate permanent damage.

The primary risk factor for glaucoma is advanced age. Additional risk factors, says Rosenblum, include elevated eye pressure, family history of glaucoma, African or Hispanic ancestry, high levels of farsightedness or nearsightedness, eye injury or surgery, and other health problems, such as diabetes, migraines and poor circulation.

"The best way to deal with glaucoma," says Rosenblum, "is early detection through regular eye examinations. These painless procedures measure eye pressure, look at the drainage angle of the eye, and evaluate the optic nerve. We also can also test the peripheral field of vision."

The most common treatment is eye drops, used on a daily basis, to lower eye pressure. Laser therapy also can be used to lower eye pressure, and, when appropriate, surgery is performed.

"People at any age who have a lot of glaucoma risk factors or symptoms should see an ophthalmologist for an eye exam," says Rosenblum. "Those with no symptoms or risk factors should have a screening exam around age 40. Anyone older than 65 should have an eye exam every one or two years to monitor eye pressure. I want to emphasize that glaucoma, if found early and treated, is usually a completely preventable form of blindness."

My grandmother, who used her eye drops religiously, never lost her vision and continued to play the piano to the end of her life at

nearly 90. But she continued to close her eyes as she played.

Maintaining independence with macular degeneration

TALL, DARK and Sean Connery-hand-some, with a lean, muscular build and intelligent blue eyes that sparkle with ideas, he likes to study risk management, dance to a good band, and drive sexy cars with one hand. At 85, he looks like he's still got it. Yet, as macular degeneration slowly takes his vision, Paul McKnight is reluctantly rethinking his pastimes.

Age-related macular degeneration is exactly what it sounds like: a degeneration of the macula, which is the part of the retina that is used for fine vision. You need it to read music, thread a needle, cut a diamond, pore over a book. Yet, as the tissues of the macula erode, patients lose their central vision, which also prevents them from safely driving a car, recognizing familiar faces or watching television.

"I actually started with glaucoma some 35 to 40 years ago," says McKnight, who divides his time between Carmel and other scenic cities. "That has been controlled by eye drops and operations at different times to reduce the pressure in the eye. But then, two or three

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Leland Rosenblum (left), whose office is at Ryan Ranch and Eric del Piero, whose practice is in downtown Monterey, are two of the Carmel area's top ophthalmologists. An important part of their work is helping older people avoid and common diseases of the eye, including glaucoma and macular degeneration.

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years ago, macular degeneration began. I actually believe it started a long time ago, but it didn't become a problem until it was significant."

Once a dark gray, brown or black spot forms in the center of the field of vision, it is irreversible and can be very debilitating.

"Young people are active, up and running around," says Dr. Eric Del Piero of Monterey County Eye Associates. "But older people tend to be more sedentary and rely on their eyes for their activity during the day — reading the newspaper, working on needle crafts or the crossword puzzle, using the computer or watching TV. With macular degeneration, they can no longer do these kinds of things. Plus, when you lose sensory input, you become isolated. On a social level, you can't recognize the faces of friends or family. That is, perhaps, the most tragic part of it."

Although macular degeneration usually is a result of aging, heredity can play a significant role in the process, as well. At greatest risk are those from Northern European heritage — English, Irish, Scandinavian, Russian, Northern Italian — with fair skin, hair and eyes. The condition affects more women than men, and affects smokers worst of all. Generally the most severe forms of macular degeneration are among female smokers.

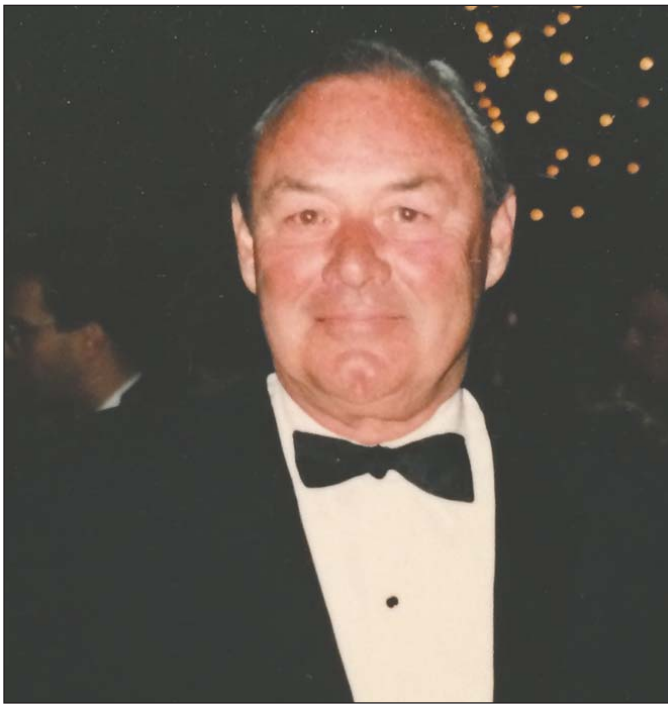
"One reason women are believed to get macular degeneration more than men," says Del Piero, "is that they tend to eat less meat and get less protein than men do. And the macula uses more protein and vitamins than any other tissue in the body. Our eyes are open and in use all day long. So a vegetarian Northern European woman with a family history of the disease has a tough row to hoe. We can't choose who our parents are, but we can do something to slow down macular degeneration."

While understanding what is required to keep the macula functioning at a high level is important at any age, as we get older or learn we have risk factors for macular degeneration, it becomes even more important to monitor our protein and

vitamin intake to help ensure we're getting the nutrients we need to keep our eyes healthy.

"The incidence of macular degeneration in America is exploding," Del Piero says. "It is the leading cause of vision loss in this country among patients over 55, alongside diabetes and glaucoma. As we get older, our bodies begin to break down and don't function as well. By taking vitamin supplements, enabling the gut to absorb the right vitamins and proteins, we can help keep the macula healthy. This is the primary treatment for macular degeneration. Nothing stops Father Time, but we would like to slow him down a little."

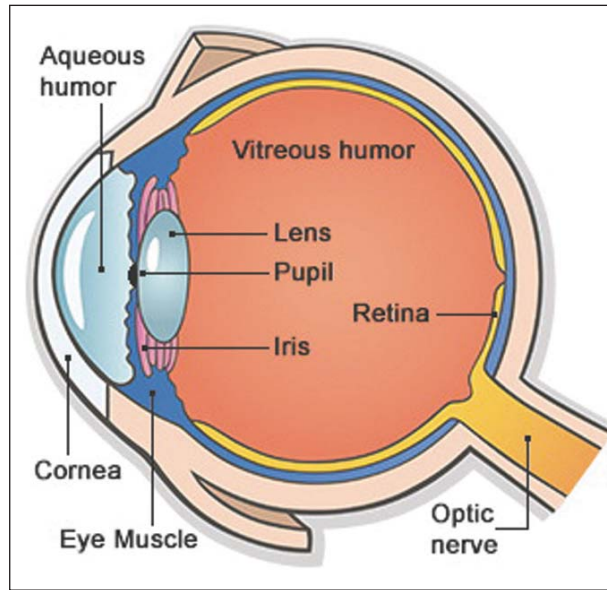
Macular degeneration manifests in two ways. The dry form, typically age-related, progresses slowly and is most easily addressed with vitamin supplements. More severe is the wet form, which results from the body's attempts to heal itself by growing new blood vessels that sometimes bleed in



the back of the eye. The iron in the blood damages the nerves, further exacerbating macular degeneration. The treatment for the wet form is one of three different drugs used to stop the bleeding.

Education, says Del Piero, is essential to slowing down the degeneration of the macula, and helping people navigate their lives despite their disability.

"My doctors have been watching me every month," says McKnight. "The last three or four visits, they've found my degeneration has hit a plateau, which is good news for me. I can't read very well, but I have an electronic magnifier that allows me to read my mail and morning paper. Sometimes, in poor light, faces are not well defined, but if there's enough light, I can see the facial features. I no longer drive at night, and I can deal with that, but I don't know what I'd do if I couldn't drive at all. I'd lose all my independence."



Paul McKnight (left) is slowly losing his vision — and facing possible loss of independence — because of a disease that affects the most important part of the retina.



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By KELLY NIX

A SALINAS urology practice that has been under fire since 2012 for allegedly over billing patients and using pricey and unnecessary procedures in lieu of less expensive ones faces two more lawsuits from former patients.

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The office and its doctors “engaged in a business pursuit, conspiracy and plan that used medical procedures and treatment as a means to defraud patients, insurance companies and governments, including Medi-Cal and Medicare,” according to the suits, which were both filed in Monterey County Superior Court by attorney Prescott J. Kendall

Were doctors using expensive treatments that weren’t needed?

The lawsuits, which seek monetary damages, allege the clinic and Apaydin performed procedures “that are not medically valid or correct.”

He “improperly and wrongfully used such techniques and procedures as radiation treatments, biopsies, imaging and lithotripsy to perpetrate their financial and profit making schemes,” according to the lawsuits.

Lithotripsy uses shock waves to break up stones in the kidney, bladder or ureter.

In June 2013, Kendall filed a suit against Apaydin on behalf of another client alleging similar fraud charges, and Chasco and Martinez’s lawsuits mirror each other. In a 2012 article, a Bloomberg reporter alleged that the Salinas urology clinic, Apaydin and his medical partner, Stephen Worsham, gave prostate cancer patients unnecessary treatments instead of using less expensive, and possibly more effective, procedures.

The new lawsuits contend that the clinic and Apaydin conspired to over bill patients and use medical procedures for longer than was necessary. For example, the suit says, they

would use multiple lithotripsies and laser treatments when just one would have been sufficient.

“This use of multiple procedures was intentional and done for the purpose of increasing billings and profits,” according to Chasco and Martinez.

Advanced Medical Surgery Center, a business within the same 1115 Los Palos Drive address in Salinas where the urology clinic is located, is also named as a defendant in the two lawsuits.

Chasco and Martinez allege civil conspiracy, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, battery, breach of contract and care, emotional distress and medical negligence. Each is seeking

an undisclosed amount in damages exceeding \$25,000.

Apart from alleging personal injuries as a result of the care Chasco and Martinez say they received from SVUA and Apaydin, the two contend they have suffered mental pain and suffering.

According to data released by the Obama administration this week, Apaydin received \$580,949 in Medicare payments in 2012 for doctor visits, tests and other medical treatments. The newly released figures only reveal Medicare billings and do not reflect how much Apaydin and other doctors earned from out-of-pocket payments and patients’ private insurance companies.

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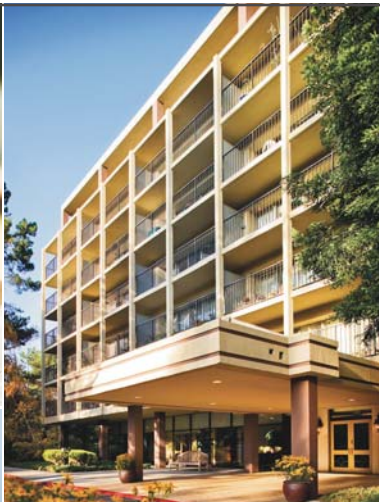
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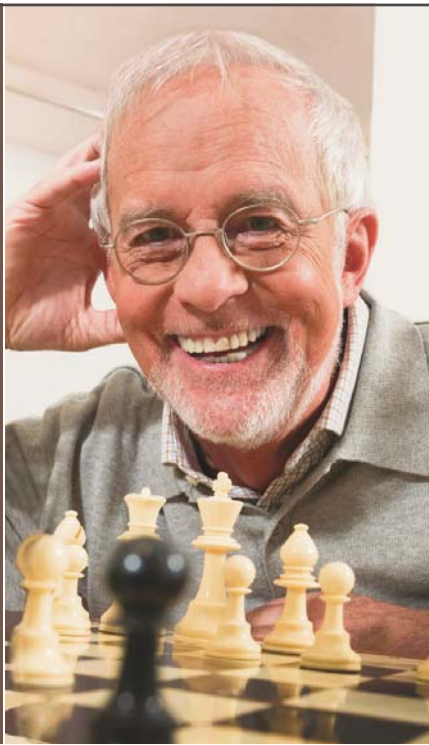
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SENIOR LIFE



The seniors prom has all the usual bells and whistles, including a live band (left) and happy couples in spiffy outfits (above).

PROM

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wear and show up to dance the evening away — and, unlike most proms, they can party for free, thanks to donations from sponsors.

This year's sponsors haven't been firmed up yet, but past supporters have included Union Bank and other local businesses, along with private individuals. Ferraro noted that some businesses provide in-kind donations of food and beverages.

This year's theme is Hawaiian — a luau kind of thing. Ferraro said, "It will be interesting to see what people wear."

The event is strictly first-come, first-served. Parking goes quickly, so seniors who want to attend should plan to show up early. Of course, unlike the high-school events, if the guests want to go out for a post-prom beer, no fake IDs will be necessary. Other than that, it's pure tradition from beginning to end. Ferraro said everyone gets a photo under a balloon arch, and a Prom King and Queen will be crowned, along with their court.

"The kids and staff watch everyone dance and rate them,"

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SENIOR LIFE

PARTY

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on standards that remain undisclosed, she explained. After the King, Queen and court have their coronation, they lead off the last dance.

“A lot of the seniors come year after year. It’s fabulous, and unless you’re there, you can’t really imagine it,” Ferraro enthused. “What I’m proudest of is that the teens are

there to honor the seniors and respect them.”

It sounds to us like a really fun evening — and we can’t wait until we’re old enough to attend.

The 15th annual Senior Prom (with bingo) will be held at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County Seaside Clubhouse, 1332 La Salle Ave., from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. Admission is free and on a first-come, first-served basis. For information on becoming a sponsor, contact Krystie Hemmings at (831) 394-5171, ext. 225, or khemmings@bgcmc.org.



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Teens are usually the beneficiaries of programs at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Monterey County, but for the annual seniors prom at the Seaside clubhouse they happily volunteer to do the planning and decorating, not to mention set-up and clean-up, and also serve the food.

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DEAR BETTY: Blueberries are a great addition to any weight loss plan. According to a 2009 study eating blueberries can help get rid of belly fat and stop other conditions that lead to diabetes. They also have phytochemicals which may reduce the risk of heart disease and cancer, are a great source of vitamins C and E, have manganese for strong bones, and one of the highest antioxidant capacities among all fruits and vegetables.

A one-cup serving is only 80 calories and the 4 grams of fiber will help you feel full. Try putting them on your cereal. Mixing them in your yogurt. Top a salad with them. Add them to low fat muffins for extra sweetness. Add them to your brown rice or quinoa for a sweet and savory dish. Blend up a yummy blueberry smoothie to cool down after your workout at In-Shape: Pacific Grove.

DEAR IN-SHAPE: I’m a CPA so April is a very stressful month for me. What can I do to manage stress and stay healthy? – **CHRIS, 36, CARMEL**

DEAR CHRIS: April is Stress Awareness Month. Many health experts agree that regular exercise is one of the best ways to reduce stress levels and

stay stress-free. When you exercise, your body produces neurohormones that boost your mood and improve cognitive function. To celebrate stress awareness month, try getting in a 30-minute cardiovascular workout at least 3 times a week. You’ll likely find yourself continuing this trend well into May and beyond.

Also, don’t forget to breath. If you’re feeling stressed, close your eyes, focus on your breathing, inhale and exhale slowly from deep in your diaphragm. Meditative breathing has a calming effect. Try a free yoga class at In-Shape: Carmel to help you feel more calm and centered.

DEAR IN-SHAPE: I love dancing and I go as often as I can. However I feel like I need to get more regular exercise. I think I’d like to try some group exercise classes. Do you have any suggestions? – **NICHOLE, 43, MARINA**

DEAR NICHOLE: Life is short, so do what you love! Try exercising in a way that resembles what you love doing naturally, but switch it up so you are exercising different areas of your body. If you like to dance, try a ZUMBA® class and have a blast while shaking off the calories. Slow it down with a Barrè class that combines the power and precision of ballet with the stretches of a dancer to burn, tone, and strengthen. Bring a work out buddy to motivate you and keep you dancing.

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Author uses novel to reimagine World War II

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

SHOWCASING A novel set in Scotland on the eve of World War II, Hugh Wilson signs copies of his book, “Caledonian Skies,” Tuesday, April 15, at Cypress Inn.

A self-described “amateur hobbyist historian,” Wilson explores what might have happened if the events leading up to the military conflict had unfolded differently.

“I have always been both frustrated and fascinated by the numerous missed opportunities to prevent that war,” explained Wilson, a pathologist who has a practice in Salinas. “It was fought on a scale and with a ferocity unknown to man before or since, and it has always seemed to me as entirely unnecessary. So I decided to change it.”

At the heart of Wilson’s story is Ian Mackay, a decorated World War I flying ace. “He is a sort of an Everyman with courage,” Wilson added. “John Wayne once said, and I will paraphrase, ‘Courage isn’t the absence of fear, it’s being scared to death but saddling up anyway.’ That’s Ian.”

The event starts at 5:30 p.m. Cypress Inn is located at Lincoln and Seventh.

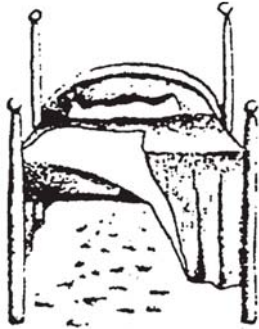
Book celebrates slowing down

Christian McEwen signs copies of her book, “World Enough and Time,” Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Pilgrim’s Way bookstore.

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Breakfast with the Bunny

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AS IS tradition in Carmel, Breakfast with the Bunny will be held in Devendorf Park at Ocean and Junipero the Saturday before Easter, April 19, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, offering pancakes and other morning fare, games, face painting, a puppet show — and live animals.

Presented by the Carmel Host Lions and the parents of the Bay School preschool, the 18th annual pancake breakfast — presided over by Mr. Bunny — will also include scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee, and afterward, Bunnyland will open for children's games and other kid-oriented activities, including live pets to play with. Opportunity drawings will be held every half hour from 9:30 a.m. to noon, offering the chance to win more than 30 prizes.

Event chairman Tom Korper said an average of 460 people attend the annual celebration, which is organized by Lions Club volunteers. As with many Carmel events, Breakfast with the Bunny embodies the efforts of many community organizations and businesses, including Carmel High School (tables and chairs), the Monterey Bay Chapter of the Red Cross, the City of Carmel-by-the Sea, the Little Swiss Café (pancake batter), Lugano Swiss Bistro (scrambled eggs) and Carmel Bakery which (coffee and hot chocolate).

The cost of breakfast is \$5 for children 12 years and under, \$8 for adults, and \$23 for a family of two adults and two kids. In case of rain, the event will be held at the Carmel Youth Center at Torres and Fourth.

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