VISITORS AND

Firefighters shave heads to raise cash for cancer

By MARY SCHLEY

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NINE FIREFIGHTERS — including a female Cal Fire captain — had their heads shaved outside the Carmel Hill station Sunday to raise money, and awareness, for a nonprofit that fights cancers afflicting children. Organized by firefighter Seth Marston, whose nephew died of a rare form of cancer when he was just shy of 3 years old, the event raised \$6,500, but crews still hope to raise more.

The inaugural "C is for Crocodile Head Shaving Event" was launched to honor Caemon Marston-Simmons — who succumbed to juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia in February 2013, despite undergoing multiple rounds of intensive chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant — and to support St. Baldrick's, a charity that funds more grants for childhood cancer research than any other organization except the U.S. government.

"The Carmel Hill event was a satellite event to a main event taking place in Northern California near Sacramento," Marston said. "In total, we raised nearly \$6,500 of a \$10,000 goal, with a majority of the fundraising coming out of the Carmel Hill event." Marston set the target at \$10,000 to establish a "hero fund" through the foundation.

"Basically, the hero fund directs the money we raise at any event in Caemon's name toward the specific disease research that Caemon had," he said. Donations can still be made at www.stbaldricks.org/events/cisforcrocodile.

The money will help St. Baldrick's fund research, including possible cures for JMML, which is difficult to detect and diagnose, and is uncommon, afflicting 1 in 1.2 million kids

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Cal Fire Capt. Noelle Bahnmiller laughs as she gives up her locks to Mary Schemper's clippers – all in the name of raising money to fight

Costly park's parking lot to be built quickly — or not

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO GET a \$250,000 grant from taxpayers for a parking lot at Palo Corona Regional Park, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District has less than a year to finish it.

But after the parking lot is built, the park district will likely have to wait at least two years to open it so it can save the public an additional \$500,000.

If the park district gets approval from Monterey County to construct the parking lot, which will take a month to build, it could be finished by early winter. But officials need to act fast because the money they plan to use to pay for the work a grant from the California River Parkways Program expires at the end of the May 2015.

Getting the parking lot built isn't going to be easy, as some residents have voiced their opposition to where park officials want to put it. They've asked for an environmental

impact report.

Furthermore, even if the parking lot is built, it can't be opened to the public until a stretch of Highway 1 that fronts the park is widened and a left-hand turn lane is created so motorists can safely enter the park. That work will cost an estimated \$500,000.

But if the highway improvements are done right away, their benefits would be short lived, because the same stretch of highway will need to be torn up as part of the Lower Carmel River Floodplain Protection and Enhancement Project, which won't break ground until at least 2017.

And if the widened stretch of Highway 1 needs to be torn up, another \$500,000 would have to be spent to redo those improvements.

The floodplain project's timetable isn't the only hurdle

See PARK page 13A

Stilwell: Most secretive gov't. official in state?

By MARY SCHLEY

An AWARD-WINNING investigative reporter — who also teaches graduate students at UC Berkeley about the Public Records Act and heads a committee on freedom of information for the Society of Professional Journalists said Thursday he's encountered more resistance from Carmel city administrator Jason Stilwell than almost any other government official when asked to comply with laws requiring disclosure of public documents.

His experiences are similar to those of The Pine Cone, which has repeatedly contended with redactions, delays and outright denials after asking for city records.

Thomas Peele, who works for the Bay Area News Group and other media outlets, and has been publishing salary information of Northern California cities, counties, school districts and special districts for the past six years, sent Stilwell a routine request for information about city salaries - the same request that many cities and counties receive on April 30.

But instead of getting a spreadsheet of the data as he expected, on May 16, Peele was sent a pdf with numbers that can't be sorted or evaluated for different criteria, such as the highest-paid worker, or the person who earned the most overtime. And when he specifically asked for a spreadsheet or other electronic database, his request was ignored.

"The issue boils down to the fact that the city provided a record in a pdf, when what we asked for was an electronic record — a spreadsheet or, exactly as the PRA says, 'the records in the electronic format in which they are held," Peele said. "A pdf is a static copy of an electronic record. It's a silly response by the city to release a pdf."

Special counsel just for records requests

The result sparked a heated back-and-forth between Peele and the Santa Barbara lawyers Stilwell hired to process the city's Public Records Act requests.

"I don't recall ever encountering a city that has a special counsel for PRA requests," Peele said Thursday. "That immediately gives me pause — and certainly creates the impression that the government is being recalcitrant."

The firm, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, was paid \$30,883.71 in February, according to city records, and the budget for outside legal services in the 2014-2015 fiscal year is \$275,000, on top of the \$90,000 paid to city attorney Don Freeman. The total spent on legal fees is estimated at

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Eastwood brings 'Jersey Boys' to screen

By PAUL MILLER

IF YOU loved the Broadway Show, "Jersey Boys," you're probably also going to love the movie version, which was directed by Clint Eastwood and opens Friday across the



indefatigable Eastwood directed and will be released by Warner Bros. this week.

Clint Eastwood, Erich Bergen and John Lloyd Young on the set of 'Jersey Boys,' which the

That's because, unlike other film versions of successful Broadway shows, most of the stars of "Jersey Boys" are the same people who played their roles on the stage.

"It's been a tremendous hit in New York for nine years, and I saw the play there and in San Francisco and Las Vegas before we made the film," Eastwood told The Pine Cone. "I

> picked most of the cast out of the plays, and some of them have done their roles more than 1,000 times, which means they're very schooled in the music, and singing it."

> Not only does that make the musical performances "really good," Eastwood said, it brings a lot of authenticity to the story of the singing group, the Four Seasons, and its lead vocalist, Frankie Valli, who rose from the streets of New Jersey to international fame in the mid-1960s.

> "The guys start out as delinquents and all of a sudden make good — against all odds," Eastwood said.

> Some of the location shooting was done in the same Newark, N.J., neighborhood where members of the Four Seasons grew up, including the very apartment where Valli was raised.

> The falsetto-voiced heartthrob is played by John Lloyd Young, who won a Tony Award for originating the role of Frankie Valli on Broadway. He's joined by Erich Bergen, Michael Lomenda, Renée Marino and Erica Piccininni — all veter-

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Making babies in plain sight



If it's baby cormorants you're looking for, a quick trip to the Monterey Coast Guard pier should be your destination these days, as several hundred pairs of Brandt's cormorants (Phalacrocorax penicillatus) are nesting there and proudly hatching young in great numbers – with some of the nests very close to easy vantage points. A local cormorant expert says the proliferation is something that's occurred only in recent years. See page 10A

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f AS HE wandered the fields, lost and alone and a little bit muddy, he was sick of strawberries and certain he was going to die. His hope had washed away with the rain as he sat, shivering and sad. But someone spotted him beside the berries and brought him to Animal Friends Rescue Project in Pacific Grove, where people specialize in hope and home.

Meanwhile, his person-to-be had hinted to coworkers that she might be ready for another dog. She didn't mention that it had been 30 years since she'd lost her last one, or that she hadn't told her husband she wanted one again.

Soon after, her coworker arrived at work with a 6month-old puppy AFRP had named Ben and said, "I've found your dog."

Five years later, the perky poodle mix has a little weight problem, as people bring him too many treats at Meals on Wheels, where he has become the unofficial mascot. His person, who runs the operation, parks her Poodle on the back of her chair while she works, but he slides into the seat as soon as she steps out.

"AFRP saved Ben's life, but he saves mine at work every day," his person says. "He calms me down. I don't know what work would be like if I didn't have him. He is so sweet and easygoing - a really relaxed, gentle dog in the midst of all kinds of activity. I think he must have been around very old and very young people



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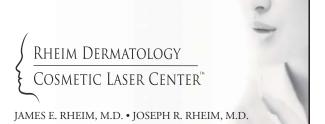


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By Lisa Crawford Watson



before. He is so comfortable with both."

Ben doesn't often get to the beach, because the visit must be followed by a bath. But he loves to splash around in the surf and chase after his ball as fast as his little legs will go. He'll even bring it back - if there's a treat involved.

"Ben is the most spoiled dog in the world," his person says. "And he deserves every bit of it."

Chamber holds open house

THE CARMEL Chamber of Commerce's visitor center on San Carlos Street will hold an open house Friday, June 27, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The annual event offers the opportunity to meet the staff and volunteers who welcome people at the center, as well as to pick up copies of the new "Guide to Carmel," enjoy refreshments and win raffle prizes.

The Carmel Visitor Center is located on the west side of San Carlos between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Call (831) 624-2522 for more information.

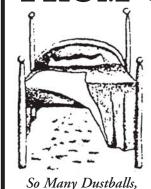
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AGHA AND P.G. NO LONGER DISCUSSING MOSS LANDING DESAL PROPOSAL

By KELLY NIX

NEARLY TWO years after the Pacific Grove City Council decided to partner with local developer Nader Agha to make his long-sought Moss Landing water project a reality, the effort appears to be moribund.

In July 2012, the council approved a preliminary agreement to be the public agency leading the way for Agha's proposed desalination plant in Moss Landing — which he's long hoped would supply the Monterey Peninsula with water instead of the plans from Cal Am and Deep Water Desal.

However, Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Kampe told The Pine Cone that the city hasn't had discussions with Agha on the project for more than a year.

"We have had really no interaction with Agha," Kampe told The Pine Cone last week. "And there has been no progress."

At a June 12 Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority meeting, Kampe briefly outlined to the other five Peninsula mayors the stagnant relationship Pacific Grove has with Agha. The businessman, who made most of his fortune in real estate and owns buildings in downtown Monterey and Pacific Grove, has long promised his water project could be built quickly and would mean much lower rates, but those claims have been met with skepticism.

Though Agha was not at last week's meeting, his attorney, David Balch, confirmed the pause between Agha and Pacific

Grove. But Balch said progress has been made and indicated that a draft Environmental Impact Report for Agha's desal operation is nearly complete.

Balch also said Agha intends to provide water to North Monterey County, though he didn't offer details.

In order for the city to continue dealing with Agha, Kampe said Agha needs to provide the city with the results of various environmental and technical tests to show that the project is viable

C.V. meet on short-term rentals

MONTEREY COUNTY released separate draft ordinances three months ago addressing short-term rentals in the coastal and inland portions of the county. The ordinances would allow short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods, but would limit rentals to seven days a month, cap the number of rentals to one per 15 acres, and charge applicants \$4,500 for an administrative permit fee.

County officials say the draft ordinances are simply a starting point for negotiations

A public meeting on the proposed ordinances will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 23, at St. Philips Lutheran Church, 8065 Carmel Valley Road. The documents can be viewed at www.co.monterey.ca.us/pla nning.

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"If we are going to be the public agency, we would really need to oversee a lot of the [environmental] studies" for the project, Kampe said. "He has chosen to find other parties to sponsor those studies, and if we are not party to them, we really can't vouch for the results."

Kampe said it's possible the city council could back out of the agreement with Agha, although he said it would likely first seek legal review before doing so. City attorney Dave Laredo did not respond to an email message regarding the legalities of canceling the deal with Agha.

City councilman Dan Miller, who supports Agha's water project, told The Pine Cone that Pacific Grove is obligated to uphold its agreement with Agha, but said that city manager Tom Frutchey and Kampe don't seem to be interested in doing so.

Instead, Miller said, Frutchey has concentrated most of his efforts in the city's own small water projects, which would irrigate the city's golf links and cemetery with recycled water.

"The mayor's action on the water authority also shows that he does not support the actions taken by the majority of the council," Miller said.

Agha's desal proposal has taken some unusual turns through the years. In December 2012, Donald Lew, the owner of a Concord-based private equity firm, announced before an astonished Pacific Grove City Council that Agha was no longer involved in the desal proposal and that he had

taken control of it and renamed it. However, Agha later said he was back in control of the project.

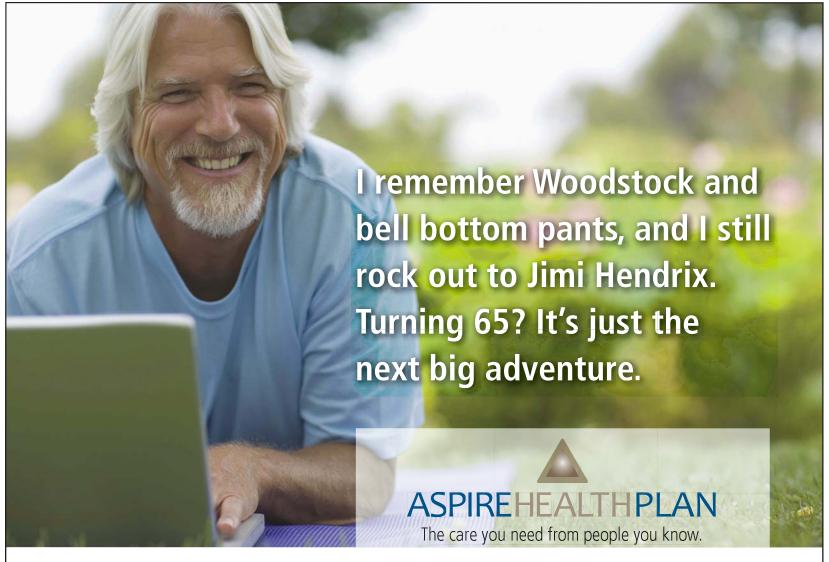
In April 2012, Agha sent a 900-word email message to Monterey Peninsula Water Management District general manager Dave Stoldt, ordering him to apologize for "bad mouthing" his desal proposal. He also told Stoldt to stop making "misleading or slanderous statements" about the project.

And in February, Agha sued public relations man David Armanasco, alleging Armanasco stole trade secrets to provide to a competing desal company.

Agha's water proposal was struck a peripheral blow on June 3 when voters defeated Measure O, a campaign he was instrumental in financing that sought an eventual public takeover of Cal Am's Peninsula water system. Agha's backers believed it would be easier to develop his project if the Peninsula's water system were publicly owned and operated.

Carmelita Garcia was the mayor of Pacific Grove and Kampe was a councilman when the P.G. council voted to partner with Agha in 2012. Kampe defeated Garcia in the November 2012 election, and Garcia went to work for Agha.

Despite uncertainty in finding a public partner for the project, Agha still has a core group of loyal supporters. Just last week, water activist Ron Weitzman wrote a letter to the Herald, claiming Agha's desal plant would save customers "hundreds of millions of dollars" in profits, interest and taxes.



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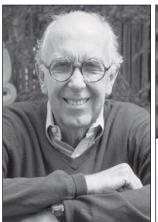
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Man complains, and then locks himself out

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.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

Pacific Grove: Complaint of loud music coming from the 800 block of Gibson. Officers contacted the resident, who was celebrating his birthday. Resident agreed to turn the music down and bring his guests inside the house.

Pacific Grove: Person on 17 Mile Drive reported receiving a call from an unknown subject claiming to work for the IRS. Caller told resident they owed taxes and needed to pay, or law enforcement action would occur. Resident said they knew it was an attempt to defraud them of money and spoke with the caller until the caller hung up on them.

Pacific Grove: Man advised his kayak was stolen last year in Big Sur. Today he was driving by Forest and Pine when he saw a kayak that was similar to his. He stated the kayak was redish orange/faded red with metal trim on both sides. He stated the trim was bent just like his was, and he left a note on the subject truck informing him he thought he was in possession of stolen property. He provided the officer with the vehicle license plate number. The registration came back to a resident

in Pacific Grove. Officers responded by the location but did not see the kayak that the caller referenced.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject stopped on Crossroads Boulevard at 0126 hours after he was observed colliding with the curb and flattening his right front tire. The 62-year-old male driver was found to be very intoxicated and subsequently arrested. He provided a blood sample and was lodged at Monterey P.D.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported concerns for a cat's welfare. Officer contacted the cat owner and checked the cat. The elderly cat appeared to be doing well for its age. Grooming and flea control were discussed. The owner will be taking the cat in for its checkup with the veterinarian and will provide the officer with the information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man on Lincoln Street reported a verbal dispute with a male subject who aggressively pounded on the driver's window of his vehicle. The male subject was gone on arrival, and the person requested the incident be document-

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman requested CPD conduct a welfare check on her sister. The subject was determined to be OK and able to care for herself.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported losing a camera in town around May 15.

Pebble Beach: Palmero Way resident reported harassing text messages from her ex-boyfriend.

Carmel Valley: Paso Cresta resident reported a civil dispute with a hair salon.

Pacific Grove: Items taken from a home under construction on Laurel Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Lawton resident discovered the gas caps on two of his vehicles were left open. When asked to check if there was any gas taken from either of the two vehicles, he checked both vehicles and discovered no gas was taken. Nothing further.

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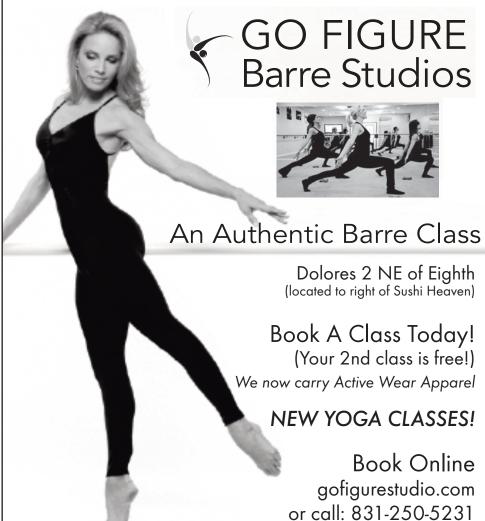
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Building Beautiful Bodies That Last!

City hires new garbage company

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER MORE than 30 years serving residents and business owners in town, Waste Management will be replaced by GreenWaste Recovery, the Carmel City Council unanimously voted Tuesday. The new franchise agreement will begin next summer and run for 15 years, at an overall cost of about \$30 million to customers.

The contract is the culmination of eight city council meetings, city administrator Jason Stilwell said at the start of the June 17 hearing, and is the result of a collaborative effort by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Waste Management District and six of its member cities that began three years ago. Carmel is the first city to adopt the new franchise agreement that resulted from those negotiations.

GreenWaste will provide garbage, recycling and yard waste services for residents and businesses throughout the city, including the premium service that allows people to leave their cans in their yards, rather than rolling them out to the curb for pickup. Most residents will see their rates increase by 14.4 percent over what they pay now, according to public services director Sharon Friedrichsen.

When the council voted to enter negotiations with GreenWaste Recovery in

February, the estimated rate increase for residential customers was 44 percent, but that number was reduced "through a combination of options, with the largest cost saving accruing from GreenWaste Recovery assuming more of the risk and costs associated with maintaining backyard service and extending the term of the franchise agreement from 10 to 15 years," she said in her June 17 report to the council.

The hauler will also be responsible for picking up trash and recycling from the beach trashcans along Scenic Road and will provide a full-time "beach and village superintendent" to ensure everything stays tidy five days a week.

The council spent a couple of hours discussing the draft agreement at its June 3 meeting, asking for revisions that were provided at this week's hearing, including increasing the beach superintendent's job from part time to full time, raising the franchise fees paid by GreenWaste to the city from 10 percent to 13 percent of its gross profits, and exploring the idea of a cap on rate adjustments made based on the Consumer Price Index.

But GreenWaste would only accept a cap—set at 6 percent—if a floor of 2 percent could be imposed, too, and the waste management district's consultant recommended

against that, since the CPI often drops below 2 percent and rarely reaches 6 percent.

Rather than imposing a low limit and high limit on increases based on CPI, the council decided to use another West Coast inflation index that tends to be a little more conservative and is not as affected by prices in the San Francisco area, where it can be more expensive to live. Any rate adjustments will be based on that and the Employment Cost Index, as well as on gas prices and the fees charged by the landfill.

In addition, three other cost-based adjustments can be made, based on an extensive list of requirements and factors, during the life of the agreement. Either the city or GreenWaste can request one of those adjustment.

The contract will take effect July 1, 2015, and run through June 30, 2030, after which it could be extended. The council's action this week allows the company to begin the process of procuring enough equipment and staff to take over garbage services for the city.

GWR President Richard Cristina thanked the council for voting for the contract and said he hoped it would serve as an impetus for the six other Peninsula cities that are participating to follow suit.

"We are very proud of the service we give all the places we service, and we do a very good job," he said. "You'll be extremely happy with Carmel and the way we treat it. You deserve it."

Mayor Jason Burnett said he had asked public officials in other cities and counties served by GreenWaste for their opinions of the company and had received good feedback.

"You got very good reviews from your existing customers," he said. "So we're trusting that you're going to provide that quality of service." Then, he said, he will be able to offer a positive review to anyone who calls and asks him.

"This is probably the single largest decision, in monetary terms, that this council will make," Burnett continued, though he noted it's residents and business owners, not the city, that will be paying most of the bills. "The city has the discretion to refine what we want and ensure we are getting what is in this agreement."

More limits on beach fires considered

By MARY SCHLEY

BEFORE THEY take their seats behind the dais in city hall this Wednesday, members of the Carmel Forest & Beach Commission will visit the beach for an hour in order to get a better idea of how any changes they make to policies on burning fires there would look in reality.

While they're acknowledged as a timehonored tradition and are fiercely defended by many, beach fires are also maligned by opponents as smelly, dirty and otherwise invasive, as smoke drifts onto Scenic Road and charred debris dirties the sand. Fires covered with a thin layer of sand have also seriously burned pedestrians and dogs who walked over them unaware.

At 3:30 p.m. June 25, commissioners will meet at the 13th Avenue cove, where they'll arrange cones and markers to indicate where they might locate fire rings or baskets. The baskets have routinely been discussed as a means of controlling fires' locations and debris on the beach, and commissioners will place the markers at 50-foot intervals and at least 25 feet from the bluffs to get an idea of how they might look.

The Carmel Municipal Code requires fires on the beach to be burned only south of 10th Avenue and to be at least 25 feet from the bluffs, but often visitors don't know

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'Cutting edge' wastewater project could aid steelhead in river lagoon

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Treated wastewater is being used to keep golf courses green in Pebble Beach, and may soon be used to improve habitat for steelhead in the Carmel River Lagoon.

Like the wastewater that's used on golf courses, the wastewater that would be added to the lagoon would be treated with micro filtration and revere osmosis. Unlike the water that's sent to Pebble Beach, the water destined for the lagoon would have a slight saline content.

While the saltier water isn't suitable for watering golf courses, it's fine for steelhead, said Barbara Buikema, general manager of the Carmel Area Wastewater District. "We believe it's better quality water than what's already in the lagoon," she said.

Buikema said she's encouraged by the potential of the project, which she described as "cutting-edge." "We love the idea of reusing the water," she said. "Every little bit [we can add to the lagoon] helps the fish."

Lorin Letendre, president of the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy, agreed the treated wastewater would improve the water quality in the lagoon. For one thing, it isn't nearly as salty as what's already there. "The water in the lagoon now is too warm and too salty," Letendre explained. "It's not very favorable to raising steelhead."

Like Buikema, Letendre would like to see the project move forward.

'We'd love to get this project done," he said. "It's a high priority for us."

Before the project moves forward, though, a series of studies will need to be

Nearly \$1 million has been spent on studies so far. The studies were funded by money from a 2006 settlement agreement between the National Marine Fisheries Service and California American Water in which the latter agreed to mitigate impacts to steelhead caused by diversions to the Carmel River.

The studies showed that even after micro filtration and revere osmosis, the wastewater contained trace amounts of pharmaceuticals and personal care products, Buikema report-

The studies also looked at how - and where — the water would be delivered to the

Next, she said, a study will need to determine if the trace substances will have a negative impact on steelhead. And if they do, another study will need to explore how they can be taken out of the water.

Buikema said California Coastal Conservancy officials contacted her this week about funding such studies. If the funding is approved, it would again come from the 2006 settlement.

California Fish & Wildlife official Jeffrey

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The Carmel River Lagoon in 2004

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By KELLY NIX

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m Y}$ OU HAVE to look no further than The Pine Cone's police log to know that seniors can make easy prey for rip-off artists. From phone and Internet scams, to phony home repairs, to outright theft, stealing from the elderly is more prevalent than ever.

Fortunately for seniors on the Monterey Peninsula who become victims, there's a valuable resource at their disposal — free legal help. "We provide full legal representation to seniors in Monterey County for those 60 years of age and above at absolutely no cost," Kellie Morgantini, attorney and Legal Services for Seniors' executive director, told The Pine Cone. "As long as you're a resident of Monterey County, we can help represent

Besides fending off swindlers, the nonprofit, which has offices in Seaside and Salinas, can help with disputes involving Social Security, health care, housing rights, wills, probate guardianships and other conflicts. Most of Legal Services for Seniors' clients are low and very low income.

"What we want to tell people is that elder abuse appears in many different forms," Morgantini said. "It can be financial, it can be physical, or it can be a combination of both."

However, about 30 percent to 40 percent of their cases every month involve consumer affairs issues, including Internet and phone fraud, Morgantini said. "The standard runof-the-mill scam," she said, "is that a senior has won the lottery, \$14 million, for instance, and that all they have to do to collect the money is send a slight processing fee of \$3,000 to \$4,000 and [the scam artists] will transfer the \$14 million into their bank account."

To elude the possibility of a victim canceling a check or credit card, scammers now often ask their victims to send them prepaid

Morgantini recalled a recent case where a woman contacted the office saying she had won some sort of foreign lottery but was asked to send about \$3,000 in "transfer costs" before she could get the cash. However, the woman didn't realize the lottery didn't actually exist.

"Our client was not upset thinking that she got scammed," Morgantini said. "She came in because she was mad at the card company because the prepaid Visa card she purchased wasn't working right."

Morgantini said she convinced the woman that she hadn't really won any money and prevented her from sending her funds to the scammers. Morgantini also called the prepaid Visa card company and get the woman's cash transferred from the credit card — which she wouldn't have used otherwise — and back into her bank account.

How ever fraud or deceit is manifested, Morgantini said LSS wants its clients not to be ashamed to ask for help.

"It's not your fault that you have been identified as a potential victim," she said. "It's because there are bad guys who are trying to separate you from your money in the worst way."

Legal Services for Seniors has three fulltime attorneys, including Morgantini. The organization's attorneys will appear in court with a victim or go to court hearings in their place.

The nonprofit, which operates on a roughly \$500,000 budget, gets money from the state bar association, local and state governments, and private donations.

Legal Services for Seniors also hosts free monthly outreach sessions at The Carmel Foundation, the Sally Griffin Active Living Center in Pacific Grove and other locations on the Peninsula. For details, call (831) 899-0492.





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CHS SENIORS GET \$180K IN SCHOLARSHIPS

MEMBERS OF Carmel High School's Class of 2014 received about \$180,000 in scholarships from almost 40 different organizations, religious institutions and individuals during the Senior Awards & Scholarship Night last month.

The Carmel High School Foundation gave out scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,800 to 43 different seniors, while the Carmel High Scholarship Committee distributed about \$39,000 in scholarships this year. A Super Bowl Raffle sponsored by CHSF and Padre Parents raised \$50,000, \$5,000 of which went to the Class of 2014 to give out three \$1,000 scholarships to classmates.

Major donors included the Pebble Beach Co., the Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club, the Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary Club, AT&T 3M essay contest, the Carmel Valley Women's Club Foundation, the Warren and Pamela Wilcox Innovation Scholarships, the Mark Stefan Memorial Scholarships, Carmel Masonic Lodge, Fishwife and Turtle Bay restaurants, and the Rotary Club of Carmel Valley. The Mark Stefan Memorial Scholarships, named for the late CHS science teacher, are endowed by his family.

Not included were scholarships that seniors received from colleges and universities. Christine Walker, for instance, received a four-year appointment to the United States Naval

Academy valued at \$450,000.

Based on having at least 13 honors and AP classes, and straight-A grades in every class for the entire four years, Molly McNeely was announced as class valedictorian, while co-salutatorians included Chad Calnon, Preston Evers, Elisa Gonzales-Smith, Kaitlyn Kelly, Peter Mellinger, Alexandra Polovneff, Jonah Svihus, Scott Weismann and Timothy Westerman.

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Single said the project is worth considering, but he agreed more studies should to be completed. Single also conceded that something needs to be done for the lagoon and the fish it supports. "We definitely need more water," he added. "That's a given."

Buikema told The Pine Cone that about 300 acre-feet of water — nearly 100,000,000 gallons — would be available to put into the lagoon each year. The water is currently sent to the ocean. She said about 1,100 acre-feet is used annually to water golf courses.

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Europe and Canada before studying fine art at California College of Arts and Crafts in Berkeley, which had previously been the historical Treadwell family residence where Claudia's father, James, grew up. Claudia was a successful artist and fiction writer, and her paintings were shown in Bay Area galleries throughout the 1970s. She was also a gifted healer and massage therapist, with a thriving practice. For many years Claudia was the therapist-in-residence at the Highlands Inn in Carmel, which had been her mother Donna's family business for many years. Claudia was happily married to the love of her life Harry Neumann, a former naval officer and sailboat charter captain, until his passing in 2006. Claudia loved orchids, tea, Persian kittens, the Catholic Church, Buddha and her many swimming friends at Spanish Bay and Pebble Beach. A compassionate, generous soul and an optimist at heart, she loved Carmel and the storybook cottage she lived in for the past 17 years. Claudia passed away peacefully in her sleep on Memorial Day, May 26, 2014. She is survived by her mother Donna, sister Amy, step grandmother Pat and many cousins and friends. A memorial mass and service will be held in her honor on Friday, June 27, at 2:00 p.m. at Carmel Mission Basilica main church.



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Hundreds of nesting cormorants putting on quite a show at Monterey pier

By PAUL MILLER

THE ROCKS at the end of the Coast Guard pier in Monterey were once the Kingdom of the California Sea Lions yearround, but over the last 10 years, they've become a favorite nesting spot for Brandt's cormorants — those ubiquitous, large black birds you see over Monterey Bay and diving under water to catch fish.

So numerous are the cormorants, they've actually succeeded in keeping the sea lions at bay during the spring as they turn the pier into a giant cormorant nursery. And so bold are they that they've started nesting just a few feet from public vantage points at the end of the pier which offer unique opportunities to see the ungainly birds hatching and then caring for their young.

"I've never seen the babies up this close," said Darriel Johns of Seaside, who was fishing from the Coast Guard pier this week, and said he'd been doing so for years. "It's pretty

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According to local bird expert Don Roberson, whose books include "Monterey Birds," and "Atlas of Breeding Birds of Monterey County," both published by the Monterey Audubon Society, the first cormorant nest on the pier was spotted by naturalist Alan Baldridge in 1991. By 2006, the number of nests had grown to more than 200, and there are hundreds — all carefully and formidably constructed of kelp — on the pier right now.

On some, the parents are still roosting, waiting for their babies to emerge. On others, newborns are covered with grey fluff, while elsewhere, youngsters about 6 inches long awkwardly snuggle up to their moms or demand to be fed.

"Except for a tiny handful on the Coast Guard jetty in the 1990s, none bred there in the 20th century," Roberson noted. "I don't have an explanation why there are so many now. My guess would be that it relates to food resources, but I don't have data on that."

Of course, this year, there has also been a significant increase in the squid population in the bay, and lots of harbor seal pups have

Whatever the cause, it's fun to see the babies in their various stages of development. It's also interesting to speculate how something so ugly could be so cute (see photo,

Most of the boulders at the Coast Guard pier have a cormorant nest – made of carefully tended kelp and occupied by an egg or a hatchling or two - on top.



Lawsuit alleges gallery took painting

By KELLY NIX

A MAN who consigned a \$40,000 painting for sale with a well known but nowclosed art gallery in downtown Carmel is suing the business, claiming it refuses to return the piece of art, according to court documents filed last week.

In a lawsuit filed June 12 in Monterey County Superior Court, Charles H. Jesser alleges that in September 2007 he gave Simic New Renaissance Galleries a painting entitled "Visit to Giverny."

But instead of selling the painting and giving Jesser part of the proceeds from the sale, he said, the gallery kept the painting.

Jesser "attempted to contact [Simic] to demand the immediate return" of the artwork, according to the suit, "but defendants failed and refused, and continue to fail and refuse to return the property."

Simic, which had been on San Carlos and Sixth, closed in the last year.

The lawsuit accuses Simic of theft, breach of contract and fraud. Jesser is seeking \$40,000 for the value of the painting and at least \$13,240 in interest for the three years he said he's tried to collect the artwork, plus attorney's fees and damages - including punitive damages, which can be awarded in cases where a defendant commits intentional fraud or acts with malice.

Jesser, who filed the suit individually and as trustee of the Fred W. Brzozowski Trust, also names gallery owner Mario B. Simic as

Monterey attorney Bryan P. Kerney is representing Jesser.

'No intention of doing so'

The court filing contains a one-page consignment contract the Brzozowski Trust made with Simic in 2007. The painting measures 6.25 feet by 11.6 feet, and was painted by "Yanush," the lawsuit says.

According to the contract, if the artwork remained unsold after the consignment period, the gallery was permitted to continue to offer it for sale "unless written request for return of art work is initiated by owner." Simic, Jesser alleges, took the painting sometime during the three years before he filed suit, which is long after the consignment period had expired.

Simic "represented that they would keep safe and offer the painting for sale at their art gallery," Jesser's lawsuit says. "In fact, however, [Simic] had no intention of doing so. The defendants' true intent was to convert [steal] the painting," the suit claims.

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EASTWOOD

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ans of "Jersey Boys" on Broadway or its national tours.

In the film, Christoper Walken plays mob boss Gyp DeCarlo, who helps protect Valli and the young singing group as they're getting started. He and veteran actor Vincent Piazza are the only major characters in the film who didn't come from the play.

Another Eastwood touch is that all the musical numbers in the movie are done "live" instead of being lip synched to studio versions.

"I don't like that thing where you lip synch along," Eastwood explained. "It's impossible to get it 100 percent right, and audiences these days are too hip to what's going on to buy into it."

The film also begins in signature style, with a hint of sepia to the color.

"When they're struggling in the beginning, the film is somewhat desaturated, but as they become more successful, it becomes more contrast-y," he said.

'Not ready to hang it up'

Eastwood, who said he's been spending a lot of time in Carmel-by-the-Sea, did the initial cut of "Jersey Boys" in his edit room at Mission Ranch. While it was going through post-production, he also filmed his next project, "American Sniper," starring Bradley Cooper.

Meanwhile, he was a presenter on the Tony Awards broadcast last Sunday from Radio City Musical Hall — a frenetic, live broadcast he described as "insane."

This week, he'll be promoting "Jersey Boys" — which has a screenplay by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, music by Bob Gaudio and lyrics by Bob Crewe — when it premieres at the Los Angeles Film Festival. Soon, he'll take three weeks off, he said, before diving into the editing of "American Sniper."

Since he's 84 years old, and has achieved more than most people could do in 100 life-times, you might think he was planning to slow down

LETTERS

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that the Sunset Cultural Center board is going out to bid for the refreshment booth at the theater. For the past 28 years, the Friends of Sunset have staffed, supplied and served the patrons of the theater. The Friends group contributed over \$240,000, just these last 10 years to help defray operating costs of Sunset Center.

Giving up a neighborly group of village volunteers for a commercial company would take the pleasure out of buying a glass of wine, cup of coffee or something sweet to eat and the chance to say hello to old friends like Diane and Chuck, Ken, Adam, Wendy, Dave, Terry and Bob and the dozens of other volunteers who work to man the booth. For the non-resident patrons, there is the experience of patronizing a volunteer group that is making money for the Sunset Center Cultural board. I say to the board, negotiate with Friends of Sunset, tell them where they may be lacking or how you want the menu to improve. Work with them, not against them.

Keep the village involved; keep the neighborly spirit alive and well in Carmel by-the-Sea.

Barbara Livingston, Carmel

'The real owners of Sunset' Dear Editor;

I recently voted at Sunset Center. I was surprised that the two rooms that for years held the local polling places were locked and arrows led to the basement. Both polling groups were in the same room. I asked the mostly local group of workers if they had been banished. They said they did not think this move was good for the voting public or them. One of them said they had spoken to city hall and the mayor and were told the city did not run Sunset Center and could not help. Now, I know Carmel owns Sunset Center and pays hundreds of thousands of public dollars to pay the management group. Both the management, and the city should be more responsive to the needs and wants of

Problems in P.G. Dear Editor,

In last weeks issue you published an article indicating that Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Kampe and councilman Bob Fischer intend to run for election in the November election. Both of them, along with councilmembers Robert Huitt, Ken Cuneo and Alan Cohen have been mere puppets of the unions, the city manager and the city attorney for the entire length of their terms.

During that time, Pacific Grove has farmed out its museum, fire department much of the police department and planning duties. The library and services for seniors and children have been slashed. CaLPERS, its pension administrator, has just announced additional pension increases for cities like Pacific Grove that have reduced the number of employees vis a vis retirees. In the case of Pacific Grove, the number of employees has been reduced from 234 to about 70, while there are over 225 retirees. The new cost will be material. Services will decline even more.

One of the town's most honored and influential police officers (Nyunt) is now in federal prison for, among other things, operating an identity-theft scam out of the police station, including the use of confidential infor-

mation. Yet, Kampe et al., back the city manager and police chief without reservation. The council just gave the police chief a vote of confidence!

Over Kampe's terms, the city pension liability has risen from about \$30 million to a termination liability of about \$120 million. He voted against every pension reform proposal brought before the council and undermined every effort by local citizens to get pension relief for taxpayers.

On the other hand, one must admit, that because of his expertise in marketing, Kampe is an expert in getting elected. His duplicity in explaining the financial condition of Pacific Grove, in my view, shows a cunning that only a few, such as trial attorneys, accountants, and financial experts can readily identify. And, of course, the local newspaper, The Cedar Street Times, and also The Herald, readily print his "stuff" without reservation. Only The Pine Cone prints the other side.

I refer you to the Pine Cone archives for 2014, wherein you will find my 14 ads entitled, "Out of The Woods — A Voice For Pacific Grove Taxpayers," for the details (facts).

John M. Moore, Pacific Grove Taxpayers Ass'n.

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slow down. "No," he said. "I like working, and I'm not ready to hang it up." The real owners of Sunset Center ... the people roughly ready to hang it up." Roy Thomas, Carmel Council voted to dedicate an additional \$47,000 to the enforcement of beach rules, as well as to its maintenance and cleaning.

those rules, and locals who do know tend to ignore them.

Those two requirements are not likely to change, nor is the rule that they must be extinguished by 10 p.m. Enforcing that law has typically been left to police officers, though the city recently started paying a private security company to patrol the beach between 6 and 10 p.m., telling people about the laws and asking them to comply. When it adopted the budget June 10, the Carmel City

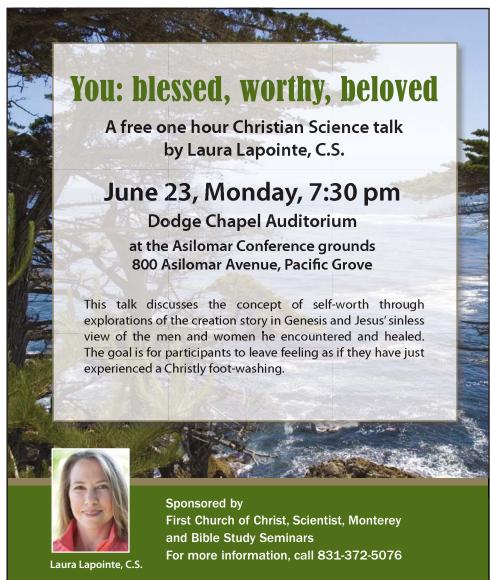
street and dump into a storm drain where it winds

up polluting the ocean and waterways.

Furthermore, city officials are contemplating how to improve signs in the area so people can easily identify the rules. Debate over their content and appearance has been tied up at the planning commission, which last discussed the issue May 15.

After their visit to the beach, which is estimated to last about an hour, forest and beach commissioners will return to city hall on Monte Verde Street to discuss the policies and how they might be updated. Any changes in the code would also be considered by the planning commission and the city council.

into the ground is also a good option.



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SECRETS From page 1A

\$476,019, compared with \$265,175 the previous year.

In his email exchange with attorney Allison Burns, Peele wrote, "The bottom line is that the City of Carmel has failed to release the electronic records requested of it."In his email exchange with attorney Allison Burns, Peele wrote, "The bottom line is that the City of Carmel has failed to release the electronic records requested of it."

Describing Stilwell as "incompetent or recalcitrant," Peele said that if the city wouldn't give him the records he wanted as a spreadsheet, its only other option would be to "release its 2013 payroll data in the electronic format in which it holds the information" — language which comes directly from the California Public Records Act.

Two weeks later, with no response from the city or Burns, he emailed her again, and copied Mayor Jason Burnett and all members of the Carmel City Council.

"The City of Carmel is not immune to the Public Records Act, although it certainly is acting as if it is," he wrote. "I will remind you that the burden of complying with the request is solely upon the government, as the courts have held."

He also reminded her and city officials that the California Constitution specifically states they must "take the broadest possible view of the disclosure of government records."

And, conversely, officials must take the narrowest possible view of the nondisclosure of public records.

"The city has been listed in a database of recalcitrant public agencies," he warned.

During the past year, The Pine Cone has encountered similar experiences, including receiving contracts with their entire meaningful contents removed, and emails between members of the public and elected officials with almost every word blacked out.

It resorted to suing the city to obtain the resume of planning director Rob Mullane, and also had to wage public battle for the right to see the contents of emails sent between former councilwoman and Carmel Residents Association President Barbara Livingston, Mayor Jason Burnett and Stilwell.

The city council responded to The Pine Cone's suit by promising to construe the Public Records Act broadly in favor of public disclosure. But the stonewalling has continued.

Most recently, a request for the contracts with a workplace investigations firm called EXTTI, Inc. and another outside law firm working with Carmel Police Department, was completely denied by the city.

"Please be advised that the city has determined that the entirety of both the foregoing letters of engagement is attorney work-product created in preparation of litigation and therefore must be withheld from disclosure pursuant to the Attorney Work-Product Exemption codified in California Code of Civil Procedure section 2018," Stilwell responded.

Peele, whose career has included uncovering government corruption, has received more than 50 journalism awards and became an expert on reporting about freedom-of-information issues after moving to the West Coast and working for the Contra Costa Times. "In 2005, we sued Oakland to force it to disclose the salaries of government workers. The California Supreme Court eventually ruled unanimously for disclosure; it's been called the most significant open-government victory in the state in a generation," he wrote in his bio.

Regarding the citation of attorney work product by the city, he said, "The thinking there is you can run anything by an attorney, and then claim attorney-work privilege and not release the documents."

"To me, that's a big red flag over local government secrecy," he commented.

In response to Peele's email to Burns and the council, Stilwell wrote June 13, "Mayor and Council: The city responded to the Public Records Act request below within 10 days. We created a document in order to fulfill the response. The recipient was not satisfied with the format of

the document, assuming there was a report we generated off the city's system that was producible (there is not). The information requested has been provided in the breakdown requested."

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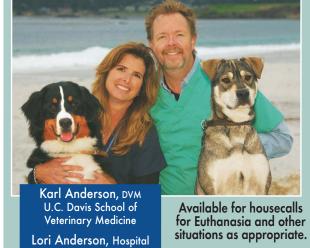
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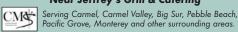
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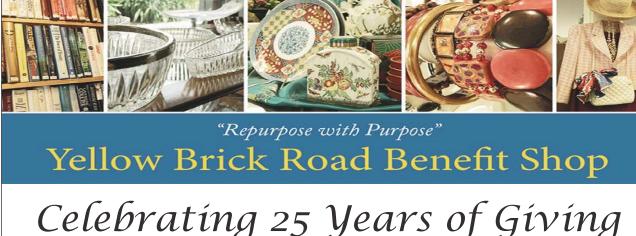


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facing the parking lot plan. A handful of residents have submitted letters objecting to it.

Representing Diana Fish, who lives on a 93-acre in-holding above the parking lot, attorney Christine Kemp said the parking lot would create "numerous significant environmental impacts and unmanageable activities."

Kemp said the parking lot will "desecrate" the viewshed and dramatically increase the number of visitors coming into the park. She estimated up to 570 visitors a day will enter the park, bringing dogs, leaving behind trash, impacting an existing cattle grazing operation, and increasing the risk of illegal camping — and with it — the risk of dangerous fires.

Another opponent of the parking lot plan is Skip Lloyd, who wants to see the park district do an environmental impact report. Lloyd is a onetime board member of the Big Sur Land Trust, which played a key role in establishing the park. "The parking lot pro-

posal has the potential to degrade the quality of the environment in a substantial way," he

But Tim Jensen, the park district's planning and conservation manager, defended the plan. He conceded more people will visit the park — that's the idea, after all — although he doubted the numbers would come near Kemp's estimate. But he said increasing the number of park visitors is a worthy objective.

"The park district takes its role of making the park accessible very seriously," he said.

Jensen said the parking lot will help reduce overcrowding at other parks in the area. He pointed out that Point Lobos State Reserve and Garrapata State Park receive heavy visitation but lack adequate parking.

Jensen countered concerns about the viewshed. He said the site of the parking lot has long been used as a "boneyard for farming equipment" and the project "would not blight an unadulterated landscape."

We're not paving paradise," he said.

And he also noted that the viewshed is defined by what can be seen from Highway 1 — not from private property adjacent to the

Jensen said before the site for the parking

lot site was chosen, a number of other sites were considered but proved infeasible.

The park district's board of directors approved the parking lot plan at its June 2 meeting. Next, the project will be reviewed by the Carmel Highlands Land Use Advisory Committee before being considered by the Monterey County Planning Commission. The

public will have an opportunity at both hearings to weigh in on the subject.

Until the parking lot opens, visitors are only able to access the 4,300-acre park on a limited, reservation-only basis. The land was purchased in 2002 with \$37 million of taxpayers' money and transferred to the park district two years later.



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HOMEGROWN BIG SUR FILM PREMIERES AT HENRY MILLER LIBRARY

By CHRIS COUNTS

A SHORT film that seeks to capture the wild and untamed spirit of Big Sur, "The Old Man and the Mountain Lion" debuts Monday, June 23, at the Henry Miller Library.

friends and neighbors donated the rest.

"We spent almost all the money on equipment," Harrington explained. "The Big Sur Bakery donated food, and we didn't have to pay for the locations or the housing. The community really pitched in."

The film takes viewers on a trek along the

Big Sur Coast. It was shot in Andrew Molera State Park and Sycamore Canyon, up the Big Sur River Gorge and along the Old Coast Road.

To create footage of the old man's pursuit of the lion, Decker, Harrington and the film crew walked up some of Big Sur's famously steep trails. "It was a challenge," said Decker, who works at Knapp Hardware in Carmel when he isn't acting. "We did midnight shoots. Sometimes we hiked six to eight miles a day."

Harrington, though, said the actor took everything in stride.

"One time we finished at 2:30 in the morning," he recalled. "But Keith still had a

smile on his face."

Now that the short film is completed, Harrington is looking forward to entering it in a few film festivals — and sharing it with those who helped make it possible. He called the June 23 screening "as much a celebration as a premiere." "It's a chance to thank the community and give something back to them for allowing this film to be made," he added.

Preceding the film will be a performance by **The Range of Light Wilderness**, a trio from Big Sur that brings together pop, folk, rock and psychedelia. They play at 7 p.m.

Showtime is 8:45 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The library is located on Highway 1 about 28 miles south of Carmel. Call (831) 667-2574.



Keith Decker stars in a new short film about a Big Sur recluse who seeks revenge on a mountain lion that

Fifty years after performing for the first time in a student play at Pacific Grove High School, **Keith Decker** plays an aging Big Sur recluse whose closest companion, a cat, is devoured by a mountain lion. Angered by the loss, the old man grabs a rifle and resolves to kill the offending feline.

The screenplay was written by Big Sur resident **Michael Harrington**, who directed the film as well. The story is was inspired, at least in part, by a mountain lion who killed more than a dozen pets on Pfeiffer Ridge in 2007. The mountain lion was eventually shot by a man who had lost his dog to the cougar the day before.

Harrington told The Pine Cone the 29-minute film was produced on a shoestring budget of about \$6,400. An Internet fundraising campaign generated about \$5,000, while his

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Singer honors famous dad by playing his music

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHEN SHE returns to the Monterey Peninsula this weekend for three shows, Kiki Ebsen will showcase her latest recording, "Scarecrow Sessions," which pays tribute to her famous father, late actor Buddy Ebsen.

The singer-songwriter performs Saturday, June 21, at the Bay of Pines Restaurant in Monterey (6 p.m.), later the same evening at Jack London's (8 p.m.), and Sunday, June 22, at Chateau Sinnet Winery in Carmel Valley (2 p.m.).

Ebsen's father is best known for playing Jed Clampett in the comedy television series, "The Beverly Hillbillies," and the title character in the detective television series, "Barnaby Jones." The easy-going, loose-limbed performer's career on stage, on television and in films spanned seven decades.

The name of the CD refers to the Scarecrow in the Wizard of Oz, which her father was set to play. "He was the original Scarecrow," Ebsen declared.

Ray Bolger was later given the role he is now famous for, and her dad was asked to play the Tin Man instead. But the production crew prepared him for the role by covering him with aluminum-based makeup, and he was hospitalized.

The official story was he couldn't perform in the movie because he was allergic. But Ebsen said the story was "spun." "He actually inhaled aluminum dust for days, and the dust

was toxic. He was sent to emergency room," she said. Ebsen released the new CD last week, on Father's Day. The recording features a mix of music that was close to her father's heart. Some of the compositions come from musicals or films he starred in, while others he wrote or were personal favorites. The song selection marks a dramatic departure for the singer-songwriter, who was raised on classic rock.

"He always wanted me to sing standards and jazz," Ebsen told The Pine Cone. "But I was more into Led Zeppelin, Aerosmith, Heart and music like that."

After her father died in 2003, Ebsen discovered a tape with a song he wrote titled "Missing You," which she sang at his funeral. From there, she found herself drawn to the music

"He was right," Ebsen conceded. "My voice does lend itself to jazz. I've learned to appreciate the songs he loved as I've grown older, because they're so beautiful. I miss my parents, and I can feel their presence through the music.

Bay of Pines is located at 150 Del Monte Ave. Call (831) 920-3560. Jack London's is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 624-2336. Chateau Sinnet is located at 13746 Center St. Call (831) 659-2244.

■ Live Music June 20-26

Terry's Lounge at Cypress Inn — pianist Gennady Loktionov and special guests (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); pianist

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Shooting endangered African animals

By CHRIS COUNTS

 Υ HEY MAY be the largest land mammals on the planet, but a Carmel Valley man who travels to Africa to photograph elephants is worried they could be extinct in a decade due to the increasing demand on the black market for the ivory that comes from their tusks.

Elephants and other African wildlife are the subjects of an exhibit — simply titled, "Africa" — by photographer **Doug** Steakley opening Friday, June 20, in Sunset Center's Room

"The more I travel in Africa, the more I become aware of the huge problem that exists from poaching," Steakley told The Pine Cone. "About 25,000 elephants are being killed each year. That's one every 15 minutes. In 1980, there were 1.2 million elephants. Today, the number is down to about 470,000. They could possibly be extinct in the next 10 years."

Steakley's display also includes images of cheetahs, lions, zebras and giraffes — all of which are threatened by poaching. The photos were taken by Steakley in Tanzania, Kenya and Rwanda, where he leads photography tours.

In addition to bringing attention to the plight of the animals, Steakley aims to capture their beauty and grace.

"We are thrilled to present Doug Steakley in this spectacular and inspiring show," executive director Paulette Lynch

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Bassist Kanoa Mendenhall (far left) joins pianist Dick Whittington June 21 at Cypress Inn. Singer-songwriter Kiki Ebsen (left) unveils her newest recording this weekend at three venues on the Monterey Peninsula.

The Beatles' 'mythic impact'

AN AUTHOR who coproduced a documentary on the subject, Steve Wagner looks at the mythological implications of the Beatles Sunday, June 22, at the Carmel Woman's Club.

Titled "All You Need Is Myth," the event is being billed as "an immersive multi media experience." Wagner will lead the audience "on an exciting exploration through the Beatles' deep mythic impact, showing how their legendary story contains archetypes, symbols and narratives of the past while offering a new mythic vision for the modern age."

The event starts at 3 p.m. The Carmel Woman's Club is located at Ninth and San



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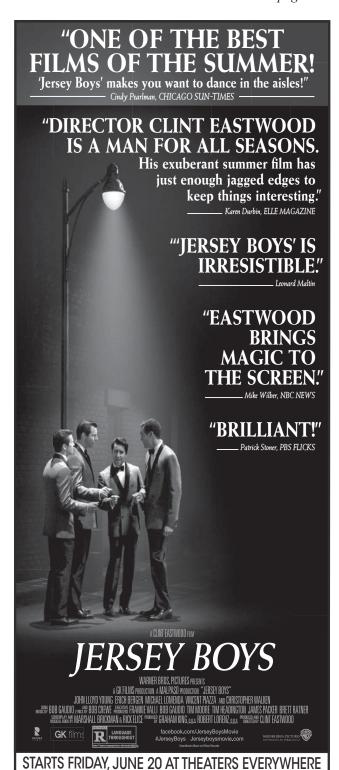
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McIntyre at work, Pour Your Heart Out, and plenty of Pinot

A LOT is happening these days for Steve McIntyre: He's selling his premium grapes in the Santa Lucia Highlands to select winemakers, the wine he makes under his own McIntyre label keeps selling out before the new releases are ready, he's preparing to move his tasting room from Monterey to the Crossroads shopping center, and he's collaborating on another wine label, called Sostener, with a couple of longtime colleagues.

A little more than a quarter-century ago, McIntyre was working for Smith & Hook/Hahn as winemaker when a vine-yard up the road had to be sold — or be abandoned — and there weren't any buyers. It was late winter, the vines hadn't been pruned, and the land was looking ratty, but McIntyre decided to go for it.

"We got it for a song: \$5,400 an acre," he said Tuesday, as he opened some of his wines for tasting during lunch at Anton & Michel in Carmel. When escrow closed in March 1987, he and his crew "rushed in and pruned it," and as they prepared for their first harvest in the 60-acre vineyard, he called Jerry Lohr and begged him to buy grapes. The fruit sold for \$300 per ton.

"We struggled for a while, and I thought about selling it a couple of times, and my wife told me not to," McIntyre recalled. "And things started to take off."

Now, the grapes he grows in that estate vineyard go for \$3,000 per ton, and he only sells some Chardonnay to Morgan and some Pinot Noir to Wrath, keeping the rest for his own wines. He produces eight different wines from the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir he grows, including the special 25th Anniversary Chardonnay from 2012.

The brand-new 2013 rosé of Pinot Noir uses fruit from the oldest block of Pinot Noir in the Santa Lucia Highlands, at 40 years, producing a bright and juicy, but dry, pink wine. The 2012 Pinot Noir includes fruit from the estate and the newer Escolle vineyard, and its soft black fruit and ripeness are attributable to the presence of the Swan clone of Pinot Noir, according to McIntyre.

"Swan is one of maybe a half dozen clones that a layper-

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

son could see and taste the difference in the grape," compared with other Pinot Noir clones, he said.

He also owns Kimberly vineyard, where he grows Merlot.

"The Merlot is the chip on my shoulder, because at Hahn, we struggled to make Bordeaux varietals that didn't taste like asparagus," he said, due to the area's cooler climate. "But this vineyard is warm and out of the wind, so it works."

True to form, the 2012 Kimberly Merlot has lovely fruit and spice, and enough of a tannic backbone to give it good structure and finish.

McIntyre said his winery will begin bottling its 2013 wines in three weeks, and next year will see a 20 percent increase in production. "We've been blessed by strong sales," he said, adding that his wines are available in California and Hawaii, but will soon appear on the East Coast. Presently, the operation is just 3,500 cases.

"That seems so small," he said. "But our day job is selling grapes." (He leases two other vineyards, and sells all the grapes grown there, too.)

The Crossroads tasting room, meanwhile, should open in mid-August, after the remodel is done and he's cut through all the necessary red tape. His daughter, Kristen, is managing the tasting room at the Hyatt Regency and will move to the new location, which is across the street from Taste Morgan.

And he's also collaborating on a new project, Sostener (pronounced "sosten-air," meaning "to sustain") with Michael Thomas of Wrath and Eric Laumann of Cambiata to produce a Pinot Noir using sustainable practices. McIntyre has known Laumann — who was winemaker for Bonny Doon and Edna Valley, among others, and is now working for the much larger Castle Rock — for more than a decade. The two launched and made Poppy for several years before selling the label.

McIntyre described Sostener as having "Highlands fruit with a little bit of Wrath grit," and said the project was launched in October. Through J&L, the 2012 vintage is being offered in New York, Texas and Florida for \$20 per bottle.

"I really like collaboration — it spreads the risk — and the creativity that comes from Michael Thomas, who's an art history professor (as well as winemaker at Wrath), and Eric, who's into music as well as winemaking," he said. "And it's a lot of fun."

McIntyre wines can be found in the tasting room at the Hyatt Regency, as well as at Lopez Liquors in Carmel and Monterey, Bruno's in Carmel, Terranova in Monterey, and Star Market and Zeph's in Salinas. They'll also be featured at an Aug. 7 dinner at the Rio Grill.

■ Pour your heart out

Speaking of Wrath, the winery's tasting room in the Carmel Plaza will host a fundraiser for the YWCA Friday,



Steve McIntyre has helped launch a new label, is upping his own wine production and is working to open a new tasting room in the Crossroads – but still has time for lunch at Anton & Michel.

June 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. The nonprofit's Pour Your Heart Out event will feature Wrath's red and white wines, paired with hors d'oeuvres, all for a suggested \$10 donation to benefit the YWCA, which serves women all over the Monterey Peninsula — including Carmel.

According to executive director Cheryl McCormick, many cases of domestic violence in Carmel go unreported to police, "because it's a small town, and there's a lot of stigma associated with DV within this demographic/social stratosphere." She said many women from town call the YWCA's crisis line "just to talk," but they refuse to report incidents of abuse, "because their husbands/partners are well known in the community."

Statistics provided by program director Molly McMills show 29 women in Carmel called the crisis line in 2012-2013, nine sought counseling, and five needed legal advocacy. Police reported seven domestic-violence-related calls in Carmel in 2012. She said clients who call the line but do not involve the police when they are abused tend to live on the Peninsula, are white and do not have a safety plan. Nationally, women are more than four times likely to be beaten, six times more likely to be slammed against something, and nine times more likely to be hurt by choking or suffocating than men.

Overall, the WYCA is "dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all." Locally, it operates a shelter, fights domestic violence and violence against women, offers women's health programs, and provides job training and other services. It also issues scholarships.

To learn more about the YWCA, visit www.ywca.org. Wrath's tasting room is on the bottom floor of the Carmel Plaza on Ocean between Mission and Junipero.

■ Pinot, pinot, pinot

Zeph's One Stop at 1366 South Main St. in Salinas is holding one of its owners' favorite tastings of the year Friday, June 20, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. During that time, some of Monterey County's many local Pinots will be offered for guests to sip and scrutinize.

"We throw a great Pinot tasting — there will be food and good company and great wines — you're in for a treat," they

announced, before noting their monthly tasting is on a different day of the week this time around. "And our guests said Fridays would be a nice change, so we've swapped the night. Come start your weekend off right!"

The tasting costs \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the event. Call (831) 757-3947 to reserve a spot.

■ Kraftzech at C.V. church

Marta Kraftzech, winemaker for Scheid, will lead a talk about wine and offer tastings at Carmel Valley Community Chapel Saturday, June 21, at 1:30 p.m. A certified sommelier who holds a master's degree in winemaking from UC Davis, Kraftzech became the first female winemaker in Monterey County when she entered her profession 31 years ago.

She'll discuss her experiences and lead guests through tastes of her wines at the community chapel located at the intersection of Paso Hondo and Village Drive in Carmel Valley Village.

The cost is \$25 per person, which benefits the chapel. To reserve a spot, call (831) 659-2278.

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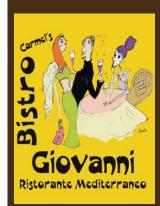
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■ Fifi's tasting

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■ Burritos on the move

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■ New tasting room opens

Denis Hoey, who makes Odonata wines in Santa Cruz, is opening a new tasting room in the winery recently sold by Marilyn Remark. The grand opening will be held Saturday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the new room at 645 N. River Road in Salinas. The party will feature Uncie Ro's wood-fired pizza, roast pig and other treats.

Hoey, a UC Santa Cruz graduate who learned winemaking under Jeff Emery at Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyard, creates small-batch wines — including a Rhonestyle white blend, sparkling rosé of Sangiovese, Malbec, Syrah and Sangiovese. They'll be available in the new tasting room, which will be open every weekend from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tasting costs \$5.

To learn more about Hoey and his wines, visit www.odonatawines.com.

■ Yum, ice cream

KaiLee Creamery in the American Tin Cannery teamed up with Peter B's brewpub in the Portola Hotel to create a special ice cream made with brewmaster Kevin Clark's Stout Resistance, a full-bodied oatmeal stout. The custom Espresso Stout ice cream is available at Peter B's in a sandwich with ginger snap cookies and chocolate shavings.

To learn more about Peter B's, go to www.portolahotel.com/dining/brewpub. It's located at the back of the Portola Hotel at the foot of Alvarado Street.

■ Morgan at IlFo

Il Fornaio restaurant in the Pine Inn at Ocean and Monte Verde will host winemaker Dan Lee for an evening with Morgan Winery Thursday, June 26, at 6 p.m.

The lineup includes smoked-salmon flatbread, deep-fried vegetables and crostini with grilled pears and goat cheese, paired with 2012 Sauvignon Blanc; tomato and cheese antipasto with 2012 Double L Chardonnay; risotto with shrimp, crab, tomato and dill with 2012 Cote du Crow's; and main-course choices of pistachio-encrusted cod or grilled and breaded lamb chops, served with 2012 Double L Pinot Noir. Dessert will be key lime custard with amaetto cookie crust and 2012 Double L Riesling.

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

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

The Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula multi-instrumentalist Dave Holodiloff, singer-songwriter Lillie Lemon, keyboardist Eric Rowe and drummer Nik Bortolussi (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 4990 Carmel Valley Road. (831) 624-8595.

Bernardus Lodge — pianist Martin Headman (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 415 W. C.V. Road, (831) 658-3400.

Hidden Valley Music Seminars — cellist Stephen Geber (classical, Monday at 7:30 p.m.). 88 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 659-3114.

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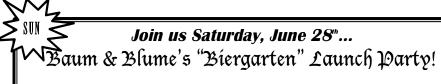
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with pianist Bob Phillips (Friday at 7 p.m.); The Jazz Trio with pianist Jan Deneau (Saturday at 7 p.m.); and singer-songwriter Bryan Diamond (Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.). Also, a bagpiper plays every evening at 5:45 p.m. 2700 17-Mile Drive, (831) 647-

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said. "Every image is gorgeous."

The gallery hosts a reception from 4 to 7 p.m. Steakley presents a slide show at 6 p.m. Multi-instrumentalist Jayson Fann will play music at the reception. The exhibit continues through Aug. 8. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 622-9060.

■ Art and wine in the park

Bringing together two of the region's favorite pastimes, the Carmel Valley Art and Wine Festival celebrates its 10th year Saturday, June 21, at C.V. Community Park.

About 40 artists representing a wide variety of mediums will display their work at the festival, including painters Patricia Qualls, Rolf Lygren and Sam Johnston, glass artist Alan Masaoka, photographer Brock Bradford and illustrator Will Bullas.

The celebration also includes live music, wine tasting, olive oil tasting and a BBQ by Valley Hills Deli.

The Grapevine Express will offer complimentary rides from the Monterey Transit

Plaza and the Carmel Rancho shopping area. The festival is presented by the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce. "Join the chamber in celebrating some of the wonder-

ful sights, tastes and talent Carmel Valley has to offer," suggested Elizabeth Vitasari Suro, the director of the chamber.

Admission is free, and wine tasting tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 the day of the event. The park is located at Carmel Valley and Ford roads. Call (831) 659-4000 or visit www.carmelvalleychamber.com.

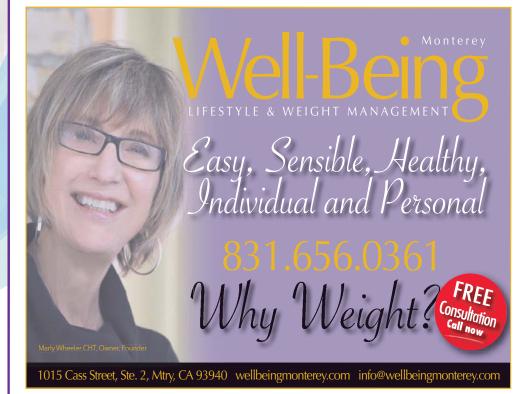
■ Meet the pet portrait painter

Just a short stroll from Community Park, pet portrait artist Ann Nall will greet visitors at the Carmel Valley Art Association.

Her afternoon visit is the latest installment in the gallery's "Meet the Artist" series.

"She seems to have a gift for capturing the personality of the pets she paints," gallery owner Shelley Allioti said. "People get really emotional when they see her paintings of their pets."

Home to nearly 40 artists whose creations include oils, watercolors, acrylics, photography, mixed media, mosaic and glass, the gallery is located at 2 Chambers Lane in Carmel Valley Village. Call (831) 659-2441.





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Everybody talks about global warming, but nobody does anything about it

DOES HUMAN activity warm the earth?

Of course it does, and we're not just talking about all those Carmel residents turning on their furnaces on foggy summer mornings — though that's part of it.

Yes, when you heat your house, you're also warming the earth.

Likewise, every minute of every day, you radiate heat from your body, just as does every warm-blooded animal.

And since humans have so many machines, they also cause a lot of warming indirectly. Pretty much everything that uses any form of energy converts at least a small part of it into heat. Furthermore, many of the machines humans use every day — or the generating stations that supply them with electricity — emit gases that can cause a greenhouse effect in the earth's atmosphere.

Considering all the above, it's also obvious that, as the human population increases, so does the warming.

The question is: How bad is that warming going to be? And what do we do about it?

Politics are in the way of reaching a consensus on the answer to that question, of course

But a bigger problem is that so much of the prosperity and convenience we enjoy in modern society depends on the consumption of energy, and even the most ardent environmentalists are reluctant to give any of it up — not only because their lives would be less fulfilling, but because they recognize that so many jobs depend on things being the way they are.

Next time you're at a big sporting event or concert, wait until someone near you starts going on and on about how horrible global warming is going to be, and making fun of anybody who doesn't agree with him.

And then ask, "If you think it's such a terrible problem, why are you here?" Same thing at the airport. While you're waiting in line for a flight to New York or Tokyo, and the know-it-all next to you launches into a condemnation of the human race for being so irresponsible, and starts lecturing about how important it is to Save The Planet, ask him why he's making the trip. If it's for any leisure or non-essential purpose, then your next question should be, "If global warming is going to be so bad, why didn't you stay home?"

We pose these questions not to be glib, or to cause fistfights at stadiums and airports, but to highlight the dilemma posed by the climate-change threat: Making any substantial reduction in energy consumption or the generation of harmful gases is going to come at a very steep price in terms of human happiness and wealth.

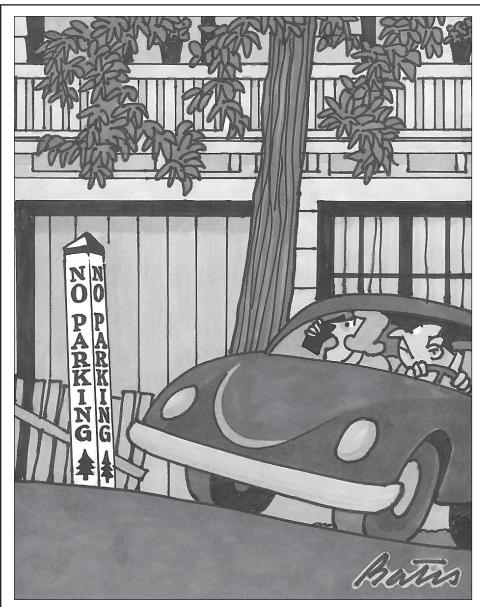
If everybody stopped going to sporting events or concerts so as not to use the energy required to attend, much less put on, these events, it's not just the entertainment that would be lost — so would millions of jobs. And if people stopped travelling except for the most essential purposes, the airlines would go out of business, and hotels and restaurants around the world would close.

Yet, if the alarmism expressed by people such as Al Gore (who won the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts) is even 50 percent true, the least we could do would be to stop having night baseball games. Somehow, the idea isn't even raised.

Are humans capable of the sacrifices that would be required to make sure Gore's apocalyptic vision doesn't come to pass? No. We're not even close.

The only option is to start making plans to cope with rising sea levels, increasing rainfall, and the changing patterns of vegetation if the earth heats up, because only a fool would believe we're going to be able to change our ways enough to make Mr. Gore happy.

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"I think we're at the corner of No Parking and No Parking."

Letters to the Editor

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Friends should have been involved

Dear Editor:

Since the Carmel City Council is pushing Sunset Center Cultural Center [the nonprofit that runs Sunset Center] to reduce the amount of support it gets from the city, we were surprised to learn from last week's Pine Cone that SCC has decided it needs to upgrade customers' food and beverage experiences at Sunset Center, and not "necessarily to operate concessions for financial gain." Since Friends of Sunset Foundation volunteers have operated and managed the food service for Sunset Center since 1989, and have raised over a quarter of a million dollars by serving a base of very satisfied customers, it would have been decent of SCC to share these goals with the foundation so that they could work closely with SCC to achieve their goal. One wonders if the city or SCC has considered the price of upgrading the kitchen to produce the type of expanded menu they dream of and to comply with health department regulations.

Lucia and Olof Dahlstrand, Carmel

'Always enthusiastic, smiling and helpful' Dear Editor,

Sunset Center is a beloved community treasure. The spirit of volunteerism on many levels has made, and continues to help make, it the jewel our performing arts center is today. I would hope that the Friends of Sunset continue to provide refreshments for the public prior to and during intermission of our theatrical events. They have proven to work diligently with the ongoing success of the center at heart. What profit-driven business could provide the level of funds for our city-owned cultural center that this totally volunteer group donates? These hard-working concessionaire volunteers are always enthusiastic, smiling and helpful as they provide snacks for the public attending events.

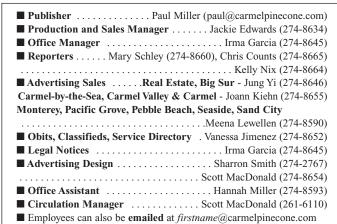
Concerning the quality of food and beverage, their offerings are certainly compatible with the venue, where there is no seating and very little time to consume while in the lobby visiting with friends. I do hope the Friends of Sunset will continue to provide this service to our center's patrons and support our city's jewel of a performing arts cen-

Mary Condry, Carmel

'Work with them, not against them' Dear Editor:

I was dismayed to read in The Pine Cone

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Now's the time to check out our Political Action Committee

ARE YOU sick and tired of the current political mess?

Do your temples throb and does your duodenum ache?

Do you miss the days when you could whittle on the back porch without some blustery county inspector showing up to regulate your shavings? Do you have a vague but growing awareness that local government officials have initiated a conspiracy directly against you?

We know how you feel. We are also frustrated. We are angry. And our temples are throbbing.

Would you like to fight back?

If so, today is your lucky day, because you finally have an opportunity to put your money where your paranoia is. We have launched the Monterey County Freedom and Democracy Enterprise Political Action Committee, also known as the McFade-PAC, which is now accepting contributions from like-minded temple-throbbers.

We have identified appropriate villains from among the local field of political numbskulls, and we here at McFade-PAC pledge to wage subversive campaigns against them. Because that is how democracy works.

Utilizing time-tested campaign-financing techniques that worked so well for the Koch brothers during their efforts to depose President Obama in 2012, McFade-PAC pledges to funnel your secret donation into secret campaigns guaranteed to smear the local villains with innuendo and BS.

And who are these villains we intend to demolish?

We'd like to tell you. But we can't. Our strategists have advised against being too transparent. The element of surprise is key to our success. But we are sure you know the villains we're talking about.

In fact, for the record and if anybody asks, let's just say that McFade-PAC was created to support some random judicial candidate. It doesn't matter which judicial candidate, really, because nobody really cares who gets elected judge until the indictments are served.

June 20, 2014

The main thing is, McFade-PAC supports a judicial candidate. That's our story. We're sticking to it, and so should you.

Imagine the look on the villains' faces when they turn on their televisions and realize that the one-minute commercial filled with innuendo and sludge is directed at them. Priceless!

You might also be wondering who we are referring to when we say "we." Who is behind McFade-PAC, exactly, and what is our agenda?

Again, we'd like to tell you, but we can't. If the candidates we are targeting get wind of who we are, they are likely to suspect our intentions, which would greatly compromise our campaigns.

Anyway, the law doesn't require us to tell anyone who we are or which villains we will target, so why should we tell you? All you really need to know is that we'll be filing our campaign disclosure statements in another county, so tracking us will be exceedingly difficult.

Suffice to say, we are a righteous group of bipartisan individuals with bipartisan principles and an insider's knowledge that certain partisan villains within Monterey County embrace an insidious agenda to destroy the country.

Some of us might be Democrats, and others could be Republicans, but you can rest assured that we are all career opportunists who will stop at nothing to bill McFade-PAC for our work as consultants to destroy the villains.

We will work tirelessly until we achieve success. Or until McFade-PAC money dries up.

By the way, you should know that these villains cause our temples to throb with righteous indignation, just as yours are doing

at this very moment. This county is a mess. Why, there are some children who are forbidden to wear certain shirts on campus! That's how bad it is. Also, what about that gang problem? We share your frustration. Which is why we established McFade-PAC.

We know what you're thinking. You're wondering what happens when the villains are defeated. While it's well and good to go negative against the obvious villains, who will replace them when the bums are voted out of office? Who's to say the winner won't be just another bad guy?

Good question. And we've got the answer. We have carefully recruited a couple of empty suits and lamebrains that McFade-PAC can prop up to challenge our targeted villains.

Our empty-suited candidates have been

coached to plead ignorance about who we are and what we are doing on their behalf. Feigned ignorance shouldn't be so very difficult for them, since they aren't all that intelligent to begin with.

Also, we have massaged their quivering

beyond the realm

By JOE LIVERNOIS

egos to the point that they are simply thrilled to have smart people like us on their side.

The main thing is that once the villains are vanquished, the brain trust at McFade-PAC will provide appropriate guidance to the empty suits.

That sort of attention to detail guarantees that you will receive "bang for your buck" for your contributions to McFade-PAC.

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In addition to the two printed proposals, one copy of the vendor proposal **shall be sub-mitted in the electronic format as posted online.** The machine readable copy shall be sub-mitted on media included with the printed proposal package at the time of submission.

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Finding Scott Carpenter

By LARRY WILDE

It's tourist season again.

In Carmel, that means downtown parking is a pipedream and your guest room has a revolving door. Our inaugural batch of visitors just left.

The first thing out-of-towners ask is, "Do you know Clint Eastwood?"

"No," I say, watching their smiles fade.
"We'd love to see his house. Do you know

"We'd love to see his house. Do you know where he lives?"

"Not since 'Play Misty For Me,' but that house got trashed, so I think he moved."

"How about Doris Day?"

"Don't know her either."

"We'd love to meet Betty White? Didn't you work with her on the Mary Tyler Moore Show?"

"I did. But Betty is always out of town."

"How about Joan Fontaine?"

"Sorry to say she's no longer with us."

I gave them the 50-cent driving tour of our local sights. As we slowly cruised Mission Ranch, I spotted a familiar face on the tennis court. I nearly ran off the road. It was astronaut Scott Carpenter.

Seeing him was a jolt. We have a long history, Scott and I.

I rushed home to tell my wife the thrilling news. "Honey," I shouted. "You'll never guess who I saw playing tennis today! Scott Carpenter!"

"I really doubt it," she said. "I read a while back that he died."

This was devastating news to me. Truly depressing. Scott Carpenter was responsible for one of the greatest moments I ever had in show business.

Let me interrupt myself to say how important applause is for a comedian. It's the mother's milk of our existence.

A shrink once told me that for most comedians, the laughter and applause of an audience is the same as love. I needed it more than anything.

I used to dream about being in the spotlight, letting a thunderous ovation wash over me. I fantasized about applause, cheering, whistling. It was like a drug. I had to have it.

I was living in Los Angeles at that time, and I was invited to a big sporting event at the Forum. The world's greatest Olympic gymnasts were giving an exhibition. Two friends — a reporter from the L.A. Times and an exec from RCA — had great aisle seats high up, so we could see everything.

Eighteen thousand people packed the auditorium. Between events, the announcer said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, we are honored to have in our audience tonight a great American hero — would you please welcome Astronaut Scott Carpenter!"

The applause was deafening. Spotlights swept the crowd trying to find Carpenter. After two or three passes they couldn't find him. The applause grew. Still no Scott Carpenter. The sound of the applause gave me goose bumps. Spotlights continued to sweep the audience. The sports editor said, "It doesn't look like he's here."

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Earth-shaking, tumultuous applause from 18,000 people just like in my dreams and no one there to get it. What was I to do? I couldn't let it go to waste.

So I stood up.

Suddenly all the spotlights were on me. A roar went up from the crowd. I raised my arms and waved. Milking it for all it was worth

Youngsters came running up the aisle asking for an autograph. I wrote on their programs, "For Billy, Good Luck with Girls, Scott Carpenter."

"For Michael, Mind your Mom, Love, Scotty."

"For Charlie, Always wear clean underwear, Scott Carpenter."

My two companions were so embarrassed they hid their faces behind their programs.

One of them spotted a security guard approaching. "We're in deep ##*%! now," one of them said.

The guard leaned over. "Is there anything I can do for you, Mr. Carpenter?"

"No, thanks," I said, "These guys hiding behind their programs are Secret Service. They're here to protect me."

Under normal circumstances that might be the end of the story.

But some years later I was invited to a birthday bash for a fellow comedian in Beverly Hills. The host led me over to introduce me his friends, a lovely couple, MR. and MRS. SCOTT CARPENTER.

Well. I'd had some misgivings about what I'd done that night at the Forum, so I decided to make amends. I said to the Carpenters, "Do you remember two years ago you were supposed to be at a gymnastic event at the Forum ...?"

His wife blurted out, "Are YOU the guy!!??"

She said, "We had an emergency that night and couldn't make it. We heard that some guy stood in for Scott. You saved our bacon!"

That's not the end of the story either.

Several years later, I was speaking at a dinner in San Diego, and I told the Scott Carpenter story.

After the program a man came up to me and said, "I was in the audience that night at the Forum. All these years I've been telling people I saw Scott Carpenter. And now I find out it was ONLY YOU!"

And here's the end of the story:

A few years later for my birthday, I received a special present from my nephew back East. A collector's item he bought on eBay. Paid \$75. A vintage program from the L.A. Forum autographed by Scott Carpenter.

I didn't have the heart to tell him the signature was in my handwriting.

This morning I drove our latest houseguests past the Mission Ranch. You'll never guess who I saw playing tennis.

Carmel resident Larry Wilde is the author of 53 books of humor. With sales of more than 12 million copies, the New York Times has dubbed him, "America's Best-Selling Humorist."

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and Lobos lounges, with their spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean. More than just geographically, it's a long way from his boyhood home 20 miles outside of Toulouse, France.

Melac was the seventh of 10 children born to a farming family. "Farm to table" wasn't even a catchphrase then, much less a well worn one. It was a way of life.

"I was never in a supermarket until I left home," he said.

The family had chickens, cows and butchered two pigs a year. "We had a little vineyard — and terrible wine," he chuckled.

Jacques Melac

Life was good and filled with hard work, which undoubtedly helped Melac develop both his present-day work ethic and his closely held belief in the importance of family time.

As a young adult, Melac moved to Toulouse and studied at the university there. After graduation, he went to photography school, then moved to Paris. While there, he

fell in love with Janet, an intelligent and passionate American woman who was studying at Le Cordon Bleu. She was the first woman to graduate first in her class from the cooking school, he told me proudly. They married

in 1984 and eventually settled in Pasadena, where they had a restaurant called Cuisine on the Green, situated on a nearby golf course. When Janet's parents retired to Pebble Beach, Jacques and Janet came to visit and were smitten.

"We could not find anything better than the beauty of the Monterey Peninsula," Jacques said.

They moved to Pacific Grove, where they've lived ever since. While Jacques soon found work with Patisserie Boissiere, Janet—the Cordon Bleu class valedictorian—ironically found herself fighting a long-standing bias that said women simply were not suited to be chefs.

The couple wouldn't let stereotypes stand in the way of Janet's love of cooking, however. They opened Melac's in Pacific Grove in 1988, with Jacques handling the front of the house and Janet serving up avant-garde French cuisine. They kept it open for the next 10 years, delighting locals and tourists alike with their hospitality. In 1998, with firstborn

Adrian about to head off to school and younger son Lucas on the way, they decided to close the restaurant to have more family time. Melac's next ventures included Cepage Wine Bar and Rancho Cellars. Along the

way, he said he was privileged to participate in the annual Masters of Food & Wine. He became acquainted with the late Robert Mondavi and Julia Child, and admired that "they were genuine hospitality people, doing what their hearts told them to do."

In 2011, Melac was hired by the Highlands Inn. Following his own heart means that Melac has a job that doesn't feel like work. He said he enjoys the challenges of dealing with a diverse customer base — international tourists and Highway 1 neighbors alike show up at the restaurant and lounges. He likes chef Matt Bolton's insistence on personally sourcing local ingredients from purveyors he knows — it reminds Melac of his youth on the farm.

Simplicity and passion are Melac's touchstones in his work and home lives. When he's at work, he wants to provide hospitality to his guests, whether they're Hollywood stars, or locals come to watch the sunset with a nice cocktail and an elegant bite to eat. "It's not about glamour," he said, "I just want people to be themselves."

On his two nights off, he dines with his wife and two sons. No cell phones, no television — just good, old-fashioned conversation over food at the family table, often for

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hours. He hopes his sons will learn by his and Janet's examples to follow their hearts. Adrian is already showing hospitality inclinations; he works at the Cheese Shop, and is charming and knowledgeable. Lucas is a student at Pacific Grove High School.

Melac told me that he and Janet don't try to push their sons in one direction or another; they just share honestly about their experiences in the industry.

In his spare time, Melac has run the Big Sur Marathon with Janet and Adrian. And in 2012, when the Highlands threw a party for the 100th anniversary of Julia Child's birth, Melac was surprised by an induction into the Disciples d'Escoffier, an international association of chefs, sommeliers, food producers and epicureans. He was both pleased and humbled by the accolade. It seems that being true to himself — and lots of hard work — have led to both happiness and success in a remarkably balanced life.

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