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## C.V. find is hip bone from mastodon or mammoth

By CHRIS COUNTS

LOCALS GRUMBLE at the sight of an RV plodding along Carmel Valley Road, but once upon a time, there was something even slower — and likely just as big — trudging along the same path.

A new exhibit that opened last week at the Carmel Valley History Center showcases a startling discovery:

See **MASTODON** page 21A



PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

## OLD-TIMER DIES IN REMOTE HOUSE FIRE

By CHRIS COUNTS

AN ELDERLY man with deep roots in the history of upper Carmel Valley died last week in a house fire. Jean Cahoun was 86.

“A lot of people who made this place what it is are gone now, and Jean was one of the last of them,” said Mark Stromberg, the former resident director of the Hastings Natural History Reservation, which is located nearby. “His family built the original ranch house at Hastings in the 1890s, which is still there. They were

See **OLD-TIMER** page 10A

## McInchak's sudden death adds to turmoil at city hall

By MARY SCHLEY

SUSPENDED FROM his job nearly a year-and-a-half ago and put through a 13-month criminal investigation that led to no charges, City of Carmel IT manager Steve McInchak died of a heart attack early last Wednesday morning, leaving behind his wife of 43 years, Karen, and their son, Kevin. He was 63.

“He was very well liked — I don’t know that he had an enemy in the world,” Karen McInchak told The Pine Cone Monday. She extolled his “easy-going disposition, which is exactly the opposite of me. He was very even tempered.”

Born July 29, 1951, in Seattle, Wash., McInchak attended Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash. — where he also met Karen. The couple moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1975, and he worked as an engineer in the private sector until joining the City of Carmel in July 1997. They traveled all over the world, visiting Japan, Russia and other countries where she was a judge at cat shows.

“Traveling was a big part of things,” she said, adding that he was “an avid

sports fan,” who particularly favored the Giants and the 49ers. “He got to see the first game of the World Series” Tuesday night, before he was struck ill, she said. “They won.”

“He was a friend and a coworker and a hardworking guy,” commented retired building official and reserve police officer Tim Meroney. “He worked all those years for us on a limited budget, and he did with it what he could.”

Among his other accomplishments as the city’s chief computer network expert, McInchak is credited with getting the system and software in place to allow the city to webcast meetings of the city council, planning commission and other boards.

“What a tragic ending to a sad chapter. As we watch city meetings, we will be viewing a living memorial created by Steve as IT manager,” said former Mayor Sue McCloud. “It was he who not only launched televised city meetings, but brought the process to reality.”

Former city councilwoman Paula Hazdovac worked with McInchak on getting the meetings broadcast on public-access television.

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PHOTO/COURTESY KAREN MCINCHAK

Steve McInchak, whose death last Wednesday shocked the city.

## Council OKs Forest Theater renovation plan

By MARY SCHLEY

AN ARCHITECT’S plans for adding disabled seating, pathways, ramps and lighting to the aging Forest Theater, as well as shoring up its stage, proscenium walls and lighting towers, can move ahead — with some more tweaking — the Carmel City Council decided Wednesday night. The discussion was a continuation of a lengthy meeting the week prior, and the vote marks a significant step toward reopening the theater, which was closed in April due to health and safety hazards.

“This doesn’t mean the facility will be 100 percent code compliant,” explained Monique Wood, with Cody Anderson Wasney Architects. “We’re bringing the facility to the point where there will no longer be distinct hazards.”

The new layout would have three pathways to emergency exits onto Guadalupe, Seventh Avenue (also known as the Josselyn Lane walkway) and Santa Rita, as well wheelchair seating and new aisles. While councilwoman Victoria Beach last week suggested the disabled seating be placed in the orchestra pit, Wood told the council that option wouldn’t meet the spirit of the ADA, which calls for giving handicapped patrons “as much choice as regular patrons — equal to or better than.”

The Wasney plan provides wheelchair spaces and companion seats just below the new path that would traverse the audience, which would give the disabled seating similar to what everybody else has, but would also place the wheel-

See **THEATER** page 12A

## \$31.25M Pebble Beach home smashes county record — for price and taxes

By PAUL MILLER

AN ESTATE overlooking the 13th Green of the Pebble Beach Golf Links — with magnificent views of Carmel Bay, Carmel Beach, Carmel Point and Point Lobos — set a new record for a home sale in Monterey County when it closed escrow last Friday for \$31.25 million.

The price topped the previous record by more than \$3 million.

The news is exciting not only for owners of other high-end homes in the Monterey Peninsula and the real estate agents who specialize in selling them, it’s also bound to create excitement at the tax collector’s office, because the home’s property taxes had been just \$2,700 a year, but now they’ll be more than \$315,000 annually.

“That’s the biggest jump I’ve ever seen, and it could be the biggest ever in California,” said Monterey County assessor Steve Vagnini.

Under California’s famous tax-limiting measure, Prop 13, a home’s taxes are limited to one percent of its value in 1975, plus a maximum increase of two percent a year. Only when it sells can it be reassessed to its true value.

The seller last week of the record-breaking home was a trust established by billionaire Richard Mellon Scaife, who

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The home purchased by the Stephens’ (at yellow arrow) overlooks the 13th Green of the Pebble Beach golf course and also has an inimitable view of ocean, beaches and headlands.



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The owners of what is now the most expensive home in Monterey County are Harriet and Warren Stephens, of Little Rock, Ark. In their home state, they are very active in business, golf and charities.



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

It's all about MeMe

FOR THE first six-and-a-half years of her life, she was an only child, and she made it abundantly clear to her parents that she loved her life in their spotlight and had no interest in sharing it. Her parents didn't cooperate. After her sibling arrived, she spent the next few years saying, "Me, me; what about me?" Years later and all grown up, she recognized that same, sad longing in the eyes of the little Maltese Poodle she saw pleading with her through the cage at the pet store near her favorite coffee shop. She didn't want a dog. She had cats. But she was drawn to the desperation she saw in the little white dog. So she forked over \$1,500 – a dollar a pound, she likes to say – and named her "MeMe." Having long since reconciled with her mother for the injustice of giving her a sibling, she chose to honor her by giving MeMe her mother's name, Elizabeth, as well. Although MeMe and her family live in Chicago, the Maltese, now 7, recently made her 11th trip to Carmel. Her person fell in love with the area in 1991 when she came out with her bicycle to spend a week touring around town. What began as once a year grew to twice and then thrice and ultimately five visits a year to their home away from home, by the sea. "The first time I brought MeMe to Carmel, she was 12 weeks old," her person says. "I enjoyed a copy of the Doggie Gazette, so we wrote a letter about how much we appreciated it. They offered MeMe a column, which she has been writing for seven years. It was in the Gazette that we saw an ad for Poodle Day in Carmel. We've been back for every single one."



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AIM for Mental Health Walk in P.G. Sunday

AN EVENT to raise money for mental health research for children and young adults will happen at Lovers Point Park in Pacific Grove this weekend. On Sunday, Nov. 2, AIM for Mental Health will host the Walk for Kids' Mental Health, a 2-mile walk from Lovers Point Park to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and back. "Through this walk," according to AIM, "we want our entire community to learn about the early symptoms of mental/behavioral disorders, to educate our children, to erase the stigmas surrounding mental disorders, and to raise awareness of the tremendous increase in mental illness among our youth." Registration for the event is from 8 to 9 a.m. The walk starts at 9:15 a.m. There will be activities for kids, information in the park from 10 to 11 a.m. and a free t-shirt for registrants. A light breakfast will be served. Registration fees are \$10 for those under 18 and \$25 for those 18 and older. For more information and registration, go to www.aimformentalhealth.org.

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# Aquarium custodian claims racial discrimination, illegal firing

By KELLY NIX

A LONGTIME custodian at the Monterey Bay Aquarium has filed a lawsuit against the popular tourist destination alleging he was fired after asking aquarium CEO Julie Packard for a raise.

In a suit filed Oct. 28, former worker Bradley J. Clinton not only alleges a host of employment violations against the aquarium, but says he was harassed, and retaliated and discriminated against, before being fired on Sept. 11.

Though Clinton doesn't specify why he believes the aquarium discriminated against him, he indicates in an Oct. 23 letter to the state's Department of Fair Employment and Housing it was because of the color of his skin.

"I was harassed and discriminated because of my race and language," according to the letter, which does not specify his race.

Clinton also alleges hostile work environment, retaliation and intentional infliction of emotional distress in the lawsuit filed in Monterey County Superior Court by his attorney,

John Klopfenstein.

The aquarium declined to comment.

Clinton said his troubles at the aquarium began after a June 25 conversation with aquarium CEO Julie Packard about a "potential raise," since new aquarium workers were being paid a starting wage of \$11 per hour while Clinton — after nearly 10 years of employment — was making only \$11.56 per hour.

"Packard told [Clinton] that 'she did not believe in seniority,'" according to Clinton, who said the two spoke while walking to a parking garage. "After this conversation, Clinton was put on a week's administrative leave and then eventually fired."

While he was still on leave, Clinton said he also tried to speak to aquarium board member Peter Bing about his salary and the new wage increase, and how the aquarium was "wasting money" on its recycling program. The conversation with Bing, who is also named as a defendant in the lawsuit, also worked against Clinton, he claims.

Clinton "believes these two incidents led to his illegal fir-

ing in violation of his First Amendment right to free speech, discrimination, harassment and retaliation," the suit says.

Clinton also names aquarium facilities services manager Chris Sanchez and vice president of human resources Teresa J. Merry as defendants in the suit, which seeks an undisclosed amount in damages. All of the defendants, Clinton alleges, participated in "harassing conduct."

As a result, Clinton has suffered loss of wages, salary, lost future earnings, intangible benefits, loss of reputation among employees at the aquarium and other things, the suit says.

The former custodian "was subjected to derogatory, offensive, and oppressive comments and slurs by his supervisor Sanchez because [Clinton] 'blew the whistle' on the custodial department ...," according to the suit.

Clinton said his aquarium supervisors also violated employment law by requiring him, for instance, to work shifts of 5 hours or more in a single workday without providing 30-minute uninterrupted meal breaks and work breaks. The aquarium, he said, also did not properly pay him for working overtime.

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# Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

## Man surprised that his 2-year-old left

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

**Carmel area:** Suspect was observed traveling southbound on Highway 1 near Carpenter Street. He traveled over the fog line for a significant distance and drifted. He was stopped and found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. The 74-year-old male was arrested.

**Pacific Grove:** Person on Briggs reported a female came out and was trying to prevent work from being done on the premises.

**Pacific Grove:** Unknown suspect(s) egged

a vehicle that was parked in front of a house on Gibson near the north curb line while the owner and her husband were home. The husband washed the debris off the vehicle.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A subject was observed at 2215 hours walking in and out of traffic on Highway 1 and appeared to be dis-oriented. Contact was made, and the subject was determined to be lost. Directions were provided, and the subject was sent on his way.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Minor traffic collision

involving two motor vehicles on San Carlos Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a DUI driver on Monte Verde Street at 2239 hours. The person who notified police was following and stopped the driver. Contact was made by CPD, and the 49-year-old female driver was arrested for DUI.

**Pacific Grove:** Man on Lighthouse Avenue reported his son grabbed him, causing him to bleed.

**Pacific Grove:** Resident requested help with noise on Bayview. A band was practicing, and the resident wanted the music to stop. Officer contacted two subjects at the Bayview location who were playing the guitar. They agreed to stop their band practice for the day. Nothing further.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Laurel Avenue turned in property he believes to be stolen.

**Pacific Grove:** Junipero resident reported a white powder coming through his front window screen. The resident heard a "blowing noise," and then white powder came into his living room. It was not known what the white powder was, but it appeared harmless. The resident has no enemies and believed it may have been a prank. Since there was no damage to his property, the resident only wanted the incident documented as a precaution.

**Carmel Valley:** Resident on Center Street reported a physical domestic violence incident. Victims included a 2-year-old female, a 3-year-old male and a 33-year-old female. Suspect was a 33-year-old male. Case continues.

**Pebble Beach:** Seventeen Mile Drive resident reported her daughter used threatening words toward her. Resident also requested

information on property the daughter left behind.

**Carmel Valley:** Driver stopped his vehicle in the middle of Carmel Valley Road and blocked a vehicle from passing. He then pointed a handgun at the family in the vehicle he was blocking as they drove away. An extensive area check was made, but the driver was not located.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Credit card found on the sidewalk on Dolores Street. Owner contacted and will pick up after work.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen reported an unknown driver to have struck and damaged their parked vehicle in the downtown business area on Mission Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Retractable dog leash found on beach.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen reported the loss or theft of clothing somewhere between the business area and the Carmel Beach between 1015 hours and 1200 hours on Oct. 13.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Traffic collision on 10th Avenue.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Blood found on sidewalk of Monte Verde Street. Area check conducted; no injured subject(s) located in the area and no medical emergency requests.

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# Plan for liquor sales at golf course restaurant raising the usual hackles

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE has had a delicate relationship with alcohol. In 1969, it became the last city California city to end prohibition. And now, there's a petition drive to prevent the restaurant at the city's golf links from serving its customers mixed drinks.

Point Pinos Grill operator Dory Ford wants to serve hard alcohol, which would increase sales and draw more patrons to the restaurant. Its license currently allows it to sell just beer and wine, but in May, Ford applied to the state's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for a distilled spirits license.

Just as it did when the restaurant first opened, a group of residents is fighting the change and predicting that whisky, vodka and rum will cause a host of neighborhood problems.

"The Point Pinos headlands is the most spectacular open space in Pacific Grove," said Lee Willoughby, one of the sev-

eral residents opposing liquor at the grill. "We need to protect and preserve it from the intrusion of more commercialism."

Willoughby said she and others have collected about 75 signatures from residents opposing the idea of booze being served at the Pt. Pinos Grill. One resident even hired an attorney to stop it. The problems, they say, will include drunk driving, increased noise and bad behavior. The petition, Willoughby said, will be delivered to the city council Nov. 5, when it will weigh the grill's liquor application.

The opponents, which also include Lorna Torkos and attorney Susan Goldbeck, have a city councilman on their side. At an Oct. 15 city council meeting in which the idea of serving liquor at the grill was discussed, Dan Miller said he's operated about 15 establishments that offered hard alcohol, and it's his opinion that liquor at the grill would be problematic.

"I've run small bars," Miller said, "and I can guarantee

you that any place that serves hard alcohol will have more problems than [places that serve only] beer and wine."

That was in contrast to the opinion of longtime police officer Cassie McSorley, who worked in Salinas before being hired as a Pacific Grove police commander in February. McSorley said crime doesn't tend to go up when a restaurant that serves beer and wine is then permitted to serve liquor.

"If the nature of the business stays the same," McSorley told the council, "I really have not seen a difference in beer and wine, and distilled spirits."

Community and economic development director Mark Brodeur said restaurants with full bar service are common at most golf course club houses in Monterey County.

The arguments against serving liquor at the grill are similar to those made in 2011 and 2012 when the city, which owns the restaurant building, allowed the Pt. Pinos Grill to

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10:00 a.m. <b>Peninsula Wellness Center</b> 2920 2nd Ave., Marina	2 p.m. <b>Mee Memorial Hospital</b> 300 Canal St., Rm 19 King City		10 a.m. <b>Carmel Mission Inn</b> 3665 Rio Road Carmel		10 a.m. <b>Vista Lobos</b> Torres between 3rd /4th Carmel

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# Council to hear from city administrator, attorney, public

THE CARMEL City Council wants to hear from residents, business owners — and anyone else interested in commenting — at its regular meeting Tuesday, Nov. 4, starting at 4:30 p.m. Specifically, councilwoman Victoria Beach said she is eager to know what people have to say about the council’s role in the city’s operations, including the controversial contracts and firings, during the three years since Jason Stilwell, who resigned this month, was hired as city administrator.

The meeting will also include reports from new city administrator Doug Schmitz on the state of the city, “good, bad and ugly,” Beach said, and an update from city attorney Don Freeman on the investigations he’s launched regarding the issuing of outside contracts and complaints by city employees.

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# HILL

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tinue to disregard, passenger safety.”  
Despite the outcome in her favor, Hill said there was no predicting what the jury would decide. She pointed to the legal battle her Monterey attorneys had to wage against the

auto giant, which had a team of lawyers in court during the trial.  
“If you were there, you could see how tough it was, with my lawyers fighting a huge corporation — five attorneys in the courtroom and unlimited funds,” she said. “I am very appreciative the jury saw that what happened to me was the fault of the lap belt.”  
Furthermore, Hill said she and the other

passengers, Ahmad Mahmoud, Eric Miller and Matthew Wheeler, “have taken responsibility for” their “mistakes and have moved on in life.” Corn served time in prison for the alcohol-fueled crash before Hill successfully advocated for his early release.  
For all the cynics, Hill said she has received an enormous number of email messages, texts and phone calls of support, and she thanked those who took the time “to truly understand what this case was actually about and not forming opinions or assumptions based on limited or wrong facts.”  
Though settling the case with Toyota in lieu of going to trial was a legal option, Hill said she rejected that idea because she wanted to send a message. (Toyota has yet to say

whether it will appeal the case.)  
“I told myself win or lose, what Toyota and others did at the expense of unknowing passengers had to be made public,” she said. “And now it is.”  
Hill also thanked her Monterey attorneys, Bob Rosenthal and Andrew Kreeft, and Dr. Robert Lieberman for saving her life. The physician, she said, “thought I was going to die in his arms.”  
A talented dancer before the accident, Hill said that the jury’s decision ultimately won’t change her physical circumstances. “No amount of money is worth my having to live the rest of my life in a wheelchair,” she said. “I would gladly give back all the money in exchange for the use of my legs.”

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## Karl Wagner

1924-2014

Karl Wagner son of Newton and Isabel Wagner was born March 8, 1924 in Evanston IL., enlisting in the Army in 1942. He landed in France shortly after D-day and was in close contact with the enemy across France, Belgium, including the Battle of the Bulge, The Netherlands and Germany. In Germany he was a Captain and his jeep driver was Sergeant Henry Kissinger.

After the war he graduated from Harvard and then spent his entire career in the CIA. He was headquartered in Washington DC, but was assigned to Korea in 1952. It was there that he met another staffer, Mary Bottomley. They fell in love and were married in New Jersey in 1955.



He could never talk about his particular assignments in the CIA, but at the time of his retirement he was executive assistant to the deputy director, Vernon Walters. One time the agency did recognize his work, although not publicly, by presenting him with a plaque mounted with a wrench and a whistle which represented “Blowing the Whistle on the Plumbers” in response to his finding evidence to convict some of the people in the Watergate Conspiracy.

He retired in 1976 and he and Mary moved to Jackson Hole, Wyoming in 1980. He always loved the mountains and spent his days hiking, canoeing and especially fly-fishing. He and Mary both became experts on the local birds and animals and supported

They moved to Carmel Valley Manor in 1997 and Mary died in 2007. Karl cut back on activities but enjoyed reading and was always interested in history, government, and politics. He had no children but was a loyal, generous friend to many and will be missed. Survivors include his sister, Janet Morse, Carmel; nephew, Charles Rodgers (Isabel), Los Altos; Niece Ann Redd, McMurray, PA, three great nephews, one great niece and one great-great nephew.

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# 'DRACULA' DEBUTS HALLOWEEN NIGHT ON MPC STAGE

By KELLY NIX

THE CLASSIC vampire tale will be told on a Monterey Peninsula College stage Halloween night, but don't expect the MPC production of "Dracula" to portray vampires as they recently have been on film. MPC theatre director Gary Bolen prefers his teathy, bloodthirsty undead to be "old school."

Though scores of vampire stories have played out on the stage and screen, the MPC production of "Dracula" is appropriately based on the 1924 stage adaptation by Hamilton Deane from the book by author Bram Stoker. Produced in England, the play was revised by John L. Balderston for the 1927 Broadway version before William McNulty adapted it in 2008.

Bolen said he wants to stay as true to McNulty's chilling adaptation as possible, avoiding the depictions, for instance, of vampires in movies such as "Twilight," in which they merely sparkle when exposed to sunlight.

"I just don't get the sparkly vampires that are apparently just fine with being out in the sun," Bolen joked.

However, Bolen said the MPC production will be less melodramatic than the original theatrical script.

"What attracted me to this version of the old story," he said, "was the modern sensibility about the inherent sexiness in the attraction to Dracula, and what happens when that takes hold with the animal part of the creature."

The story centers around a stranger, the Count, who takes

residence at the abandoned Carfax Abbey — his home in England not far from Dr. Thomas Seward's insane asylum. After Dracula's arrival, the inmates of the asylum, notably Robert Renfield, start behaving more oddly than usual and people disappear.

Vampire hunter Abram van Helsing, at the request of his friend Seward, arrives to track down Dracula, whom he realizes is responsible for the strange happenings.

The script calls for a good amount of special effects, many

involving blood, that are integral to the show. The MPC crew worked around the challenges, Bolen said.

"We've got a great team that has been working overtime to find creative solutions to some of these staging problems," he explained.

The show's costume designer, Gloria Mattos Hughes, worked with set designer Carey Crockett and special effects

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A production of "Dracula" will play out beginning Halloween night. The play runs from Oct. 31 to Nov. 9.



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# OLD TIMER

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some of the original homesteaders in the area.”

Cahoon lived at 39201 Carmel Valley Road, not far from a landmark pond and a place that is known locally as Cahoon Summit in honor of his family’s legacy. The summit marks the highest point on the road from Carmel to Greenfield.

Jaime del Valle, a volunteer battalion chief for the Cachagua Fire Protection District, told The Pine Cone he got word of the fire Oct. 21 at about 8:15 p.m. When he arrived at the scene, the house was engulfed in flames. The blaze had spread to about a half acre of vegetation, but aided by relatively high humidity, firefighters quickly extinguished it, del Valle said. The following morning, Cahoon’s body was found in the ruins of the house.

Cahoon was, for the most part, living alone when he died, his stepson Tom Nix told The Pine Cone.

“The house is in a remote area,” said Nix, who lives in Fresno. “Unfortunately, there apparently were no emergency systems in place to alert anyone to the fire.”

Stromberg, who now lives in Sonoita, Arizona, was saddened by Cahoon’s passing.

“He was one of the gentlest, most wonderful guys you could imagine,” he explained. “We would meet every day at the mail boxes and talk about stuff like the sighting of a mountain lion or bear in the neighborhood. I miss him.”

Cahoon was a real homebody, according to Stromberg. “I don’t think he ever left Monterey County,” he said.

Much of the history of Upper Carmel Valley perished in the fire as well. “He had so many historical documents and a lot of artwork,” Stromberg noted.

Nix said his family played a key role in Carmel Valley’s history. “The Cahoon Ranch dates back to the 1850’s when [it was] founded by the Finch family,” he explained. “At one time it included 1,500 acres.”

Two brothers, Charles and Burritt Cahoon, migrated from California to Ohio, sometime after the Civil War. Each married a daughter of James Finch. Together the brothers owned what became known as the Cahoon Ranch.

Burritt was postmaster at the “Carmel Post Office” in present-day Carmel Valley Village from 1893 to 1899.

Charles Cahoon had five children, including a son, Levi, who was Jean’s father. In 1972, Jean married Martha Payne and became the stepfather of her three children, Betty, Tom and Jim. Martha passed away in 2007.

Calfire investigator Katey Trenner said the cause of the fire is still under investigation.



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# DRACULA

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coordinator David Rigmaiden to find ways to meet the demands of the production and expectations of the audience. For instance, they built reinforced bodices to withstand the impact of a stake “through the heart” while protecting the actress — and the costume — from being drenched in blood.

“This is the only production I’ve been involved in on any level where we’ve had to have special ‘blood meetings’ during which we decide if we want blood to explode from the top of

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Proceeds from the tour help the nonprofit Central Coast Lighthouse Keepers maintain and restore the Big Sur lighthouse, which opened in 1889.

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a stake or spray out the sides,” Bolen said.

Dracula features Matthew Pavellas in the title role with Dale Thompson as Dr. Seward, and James Brady as vampire hunter Abram Van Helsing. Taylour Matz plays the role of Lucy while Anjolie Johnson is the doomed Mina.

Matt Pardue plays the manic inmate, Renfield, and Lauren Hoelscher is the loyal — until Dracula turns her — doctor’s

assistant, Margaret Sullivan.

Dracula runs Oct. 31 to Nov. 9. Tickets are available from MPC Box Office, which is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and two hours prior to performances. Call (831) 646-4213 for information.

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THEATER

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chairs low enough to preserve the views of people sitting on the regular benches behind them.

Her plans also suggested that boardwalks be used throughout the property, with or without railings, depending on their slope, but councilman Steve Dallas said he would prefer asphalt, since the only boardwalks in the city are found at the beach and might seem out of place at the theater.

Complaints from thespians

While the Wasney plan received many favorable comments, it also brought criticism from the leaders of some local theater groups.

"I am fraught with angst today, because we also want to get it right. We have the option of getting it done on time balanced against how much we think we're going to get right," Pacific Repertory Theatre executive director Stephen Moorer said. "I'm for getting it right."

He said he liked having the transverse aisle partway up the seating area, as proposed, so people wouldn't walk in front of the stage in the middle of the show, but asked for a different way to get disabled actors onstage rather than from a ramp on the front at stage left, as proposed.

Other theater users, including Walt deFaria of the Forest Theater Foundation and Yvonne Hildebrand-Bowen of the Forest Theater Guild, echoed Moorer's sentiments, including a willingness to take longer to get the work done.

That tone marked a significant shift from the May workshop on the theater in which users and the public largely demanded the minimum of work be done to get it reopened as soon as possible. As a result of that meet-

ing, the architect was hired to provide a first-phase "triage approach" — the bare minimum to get the theater open again — and a second-phase renovation that's more complete.

Councilwoman Victoria Beach observed the three components of any project are price, speed and quality. "Pick two," she said. "We can alter the contract with the architect and say what we've learned from the 'triage approach' is we don't like the triage approach, or we move ahead with the triage approach."

"It's a fair observation to say we've heard a somewhat different message from groups and individuals than we heard a few months ago," agreed Mayor Jason Burnett. "I hope we provide the go-ahead to work on the documents."

Councilman Ken Talmage emphasized the need to move forward, rather than ask the architect to return with more plans for more discussion.

"We need to approve a concept this evening," he said. "I think we have to stay here until we have a concept and sign off on the concept."

In the end, the council settled on a design that includes disabled seating for seven patrons and their companions along the cross-aisle, as well as three more ADA-compliant seats in the orchestra pit, which will be paved. Further, the new alternative will have the handicap ramp leading up to stage right rather than stage left, and the paths will be asphalt rather than wood, preferably brown in color so that they blends in better.

After council members agreed on that strategy and asked the architect to prepare construction drawings and bid documents, Beach proposed adding another job to Cody Anderson Wasney's list: designing the theater's entry, which includes the driveway, handicap parking, concessions, ticket booth and restrooms, to which everyone agreed.

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Lastly, as a reminder, the city will be installing paid parking on Ocean Avenue very soon. I am optimistic that this will help circulate the traffic through and around Carmel-by-the-Sea.

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*John Lloyd is the General Manager of the Pine Inn and the Tally Ho Inn.*

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## RIBBON CUTTINGS



Marvin Design Gallery by Truitt & White celebrated the opening of their location in Kitchen Studio Monterey by hosting a ribbon cutting. Shown are (L-R) Laura Lasnik, Carmel Chamber ambassador; Mark Pearsall, Marvin Vice President, Sales & Marketing; Brian Borchert, Marvin Design Gallery Manager; Jack Lamon, Marvin Territory Manager; Jillian Clark, Kitchen Studio Monterey owner; Monta Potter, Carmel Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer. Banner courtesy of Bob the Printer. Photo by Imagineer Design.



McIntyre Vineyards celebrated the opening of their new tasting studio location in The Crossroads Carmel by hosting a ribbon cutting. Shown are (L-R) Rob Pappani, Carmel Chamber board member; Kim, Steve, Tamara and Kristen McIntyre; Jeanie Sumners, Carmel Chamber board member; Monta Potter, Carmel Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer. Banner courtesy of Bob the Printer. Photo by Imagineer Design.



Carmel Chamber's Taste of Carmel 'Royal Bash' hosted record numbers at the Carmel Mission. Photo by DMT Imaging.

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# Veterans turn fatigues into fine art, CPA hosts pop-up show

By CHRIS COUNTS

USING CREATIVITY to ease their transition back into civilian life, a group of combat veterans have turned their uniforms into paper pulp — and ultimately, into art. An exhibit of their work, “Combat Paper — Transforming Veterans’ Experiences Through Art,” is on display the Carmel

Valley Library. The library hosts a reception Saturday, Nov. 1. The artists are veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. “Coming home from war is a difficult thing,” said Jennifer Smith, the library’s branch manager. “Veterans have used the transformative process of paper making to reclaim their uniforms as art and express

their experiences. Some of the images and words are pretty powerful.” “The uniforms are cut up, beaten into a pulp and formed into sheets of paper,” reads a description about the work on the Combat Paper Project’s website. The event will feature a talk about the work by Drew Cameron, who co-founded the Combat Paper Project. “He’s going to talk about the process of working with veterans

and why they started the project,” Smith explained. The event is the latest installment in the library’s “First Saturdays” series. “We’ve hosted the series for more than 10 years,” Smith added. “It’s a wonderful way to start your morning with something that is social and thought-provoking.”

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## Cowboys rock the village, dueling quartets honor great composers

By CHRIS COUNTS

OFFERING A foot-stompin' and boot-kickin' good time for all — and raising money for two local charities — the western-themed Party in the Village returns to Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley Saturday, Nov. 1. Proceeds from the third annual fundraiser benefits the Carmel Valley Historical Society and Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee.

Headlining the event is **The California Cowboys**, which feature **Bobby Black** of Commander Cody fame on steel pedal. Rounding out the band's lineup is singer and guitarist **R.W. Smith**, lead guitarist **Gary Potterton**, bassist **Cary Atkinson** and drummer **Hal Atkinson**.

"The Cowboys are awesome," said **Marj Ingram Viales**, one of the event's organizers. "Once they get started, it's hard to get them to stop. They're a fabulous band."

Opening for the Cowboys is singer-songwriter **Mike Beck**, a professional cowboy who moonlights as a well-respected local rock 'n' roller. "I dig the good old Carmel Valley vibe at Hidden Valley," Beck offered.

In addition to the "barn dance," the event will feature a

fundraising silent auction. Besides conventional prizes like vacation stays and dinners, this year's auction includes art by illustrator Jo Mora and images by photographer James Ziegler, who chronicled Carmel Valley's cowboy culture in the 1960s and 1970s. "We've got some great stuff this year," Viales added.

The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Hidden Valley is located at 88 W. Carmel Valley Road. [www.partyinthevillage.org](http://www.partyinthevillage.org)

### ■ Fleetwood Mask turns back clock

Paying tribute to a band whose 1976 album, "Rumors," was one of the best-selling recordings ever, **Fleetwood Mask** plays Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Performing Arts Center of Pacific Grove.

Based out of Dublin, the group bills itself as "the ultimate Fleetwood Mac experience," covering hits like "Dreams," "Go Your Own Way," "Sara" and "Landslide." The band is endorsed by none other than the real deal's namesake, co-founder Mick Fleetwood.

But the concert is no ordinary tribute show. One of its

organizers, **Marc Paulhus**, is calling it "one of the most interactive and engaging theatrical performances that's ever come to Pacific Grove."

For starters, students from two local youth music groups — **Dennis Murphy's School of Music** and **Samz School of Music** — will accompany Fleetwood Mask on some of its songs. And just so the audience doesn't feel left out, the winner of a Venetian mask contest will get a chance to share the stage with the band, specifically when it plays, "Don't Go."

If you don't happen to have a Venetian mask on hand, don't fret — **Melinda Collis** of the Cat's Meow in Monterey has been working overtime to make extras, Paulhus said.

The music begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. The performing arts center is located at 835 Forest Ave. Call (831) 582-7976 or visit [www.performingartscenterpg.org](http://www.performingartscenterpg.org).

### ■ Siblings & strings at Sunset

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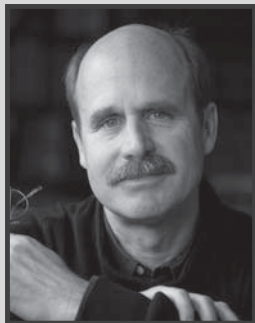
The California Cowboys (left) headline the third annual Party in the Village Nov. 1 at Hidden Valley Music Seminars. The event raises money for two local charities. Fleetwood Mask (right) performs the same evening in Pacific Grove.



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# Big Sur fun, Boos and Brews, and getting in the holiday spirit

DELUXE STAYCATIONS, fine art, top-shelf private dinner parties in amazing locations, and an enviable collection of magnum bottles of wines are among the auction items to be sold during Dinner with Friends, a key fundraising aspect of the upcoming Big Sur Food & Wine Festival slated for Nov. 6-8. Entering its sixth year, the festival kicks off with the Gateway to Big Sur at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands Thursday and concludes with the auction dinner at Henry Miller Library Saturday.

“It’s year six, and I never thought we’d survive this long,” said founder and festival president Toby Rowland-Jones. “And once again, it’s a fabulous auction. I’m really excited about the auction this year.”

While the auction will mark the weekend’s ending, the Gateway marks its start. Designed to recall the heyday of the Masters of Food & Wine — the first event of its kind when it was launched at the Highlands Inn three decades ago — the party has dozens of wineries and star chefs serving guests as they stroll throughout the picturesque Pacific’s Edge restaurant and adjacent lounges in the stunning cliffside resort. From 5:30 to 9 p.m., chefs from notable restaurants like 1300 on Fillmore, Dosa San Francisco and Cuvaision will appear alongside more local talent from Andre’s Bouchée,

Aubergine, Bernardus, the Big Sur Roadhouse, La Balena, Mundaka, Grasing’s and other Peninsula venues. Wineries set to be present include Birichino, Calera, Chappellet, Cold Heaven, Crocker & Starr, Foxen, Hartley Ostini, Kunin, Madeleine, McIntyre, Morgan, Pisoni, Tablas Creek and Wind Gap, among many others.

New this year, no one will be allowed to drive to the property. Instead, they will be shuttled by Land Rovers and Jaguars from the Chase Bank parking lot on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

The weekend’s sole wine tasting focuses on terroir — the aspects of the land and environment that contribute to the complexity and characteristics of grapes and, therefore, wines — with an esteemed panel that includes Master Sommelier Raj Parr, Paul Draper from Ridge Vineyards, and Josh Jensen of Calera, among others. Questions they’ll answer during the tasting, which runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., include which varieties grow best where, which wines show off their terroir the most, and how much it affects the finished product.

Rowland-Jones also mentioned the Pinot Walkabout — a must for fans of Pinot Noir — which will take place in the intimate Spirit Garden next to Big Sur Bakery on Friday from noon to 3 p.m., when “30 of the

most amazing” wines will be poured.

At Henry Miller Library that night, from 6 to 10:30 p.m., all things porcine will be celebrated during Wine & Swine. Chef Todd Fisher from Tarpy’s and Jonathan Roberts, aka PigWizard, will show off their skills and share their knowledge as they breaking down an entire hog, which will then be auctioned off. Chefs signed on to cook that evening include Dyon Foster of Hahn Estates Winery, Tony Baker of Montrio and others, with 20 wineries set to offer tastes.

“There’s always change going on, and this year, the Grand Public Tasting will take place at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park on Saturday instead of Sunday,” Rowland-Jones said this week. Some 50 wineries and 20 chefs will fill the tent in the heart of the park, surrounded by massive redwoods and sycamores, from noon to 3 p.m.

Dinner with Friends will follow at Henry Miller Library two hours later, starting with a cocktail and Champagne reception at 5. “This will be a Paulée-styled evening, so please feel free to bring a special bottle to share with your friends, old and new,”

including the winemakers and chefs who have been participating in the festival throughout the previous few days.

“This is perhaps one of the most unusual auctions to be found anywhere, with a collection of exquisite and sometimes rare and

## soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

unusual lots, such as intimate dinners at private homes in and around Big Sur, and trips to Santa Barbara, Napa and San Francisco, where the auction committee has obtained one-of-a-kind experiences,” according to organizers.

In addition to always changing, another characteristic trait of BSF&W weekend is that Big Sur area restaurants host their own events, and tickets are handled separately for those. While the Big Sur Roadhouse will have a Tuscan BBQ Friday and a Somm

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# FOOD & WINE

## FOOD

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Dinner Saturday, the Big Sur Taphouse will have a tap takeover for most of Saturday, and several restaurants will hold wine dinners.

For details on the full schedule, how to obtain tickets to the various events, prices and other information, visit [www.bigsur-foodandwine.com](http://www.bigsur-foodandwine.com).

### ■ Halloween Boos and Brews

Still undecided regarding where to go for Halloween? Alvarado Street Brewery and Grill, which opened in May, is hosting its inaugural Boos and Brews Spooktacular costume party Friday, Oct. 31, starting at 9 p.m. DJ Groundscore will spin funk and hip hop until 11:30, and the brewery will offer drink specials throughout the night. The Pumpkin King Weisenbock will go for \$4 a pint, and four inspired cocktails will sell for \$5 apiece: Dos Diablos (vodka, cassis, ginger beer), Lion's Tail (bourbon, allspice, lemon), Apocalypse (rum punch) and Death by a Vampire (tequila, pomegranate, lime). The costume contest, with two \$75 Alvarado Street Brewery gift cards up for grabs, will start at 10:30 p.m.

There's no cover. The brewery is located at 426 Alvarado St. in Monterey. Visit [www.alvaradostreetbrewery.com](http://www.alvaradostreetbrewery.com) to learn more.

In downtown Carmel, Jack London's Bar & Grill will host a Halloween party and costume contest starting at 6 p.m., with prizes for sexiest, scariest and worst costumes.

Awards range from \$150 cash to a \$50 Jack London's gift card, and the bar is located in Su Vecino Court, accessible from either Dolores or Lincoln between Fifth and Sixth Avenue. For more information, call (831) 624-2336.

Mission Ranch at 26270 Dolores St., just outside the southern city limits, will also have a Halloween party starting at 8 p.m., with a contest for the scariest, most original and best costumes. Call (831) 624-6436 for more information.

### ■ B&B lights tannenbaum

Baum & Blume in Carmel Valley Village at 4 El Caminito will host its 47th Annual Lighting of the Tannenbaum and Holiday Open House Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 8-9, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The kickoff to the holiday season will include abundant hors d'oeuvres and samples from the catering kitchen, as well as tastes from local wineries and breweries. Live music and a photography exhibit will be in the mix, as well.

"This year's theme in the boutique is 'For the Love of Trees,' so there will be lots of woodland whimsy, plus gifts crafted from repurposed wood, glass, paper and metal, as well as holiday ornaments and cards, puppets, handmade soaps, cozy scarves, hats and gloves, and so much more," reported owner Deborah Wenzler.

Other treats will include handmade caramels and petits fours, Baum & Blume's famous handmade fruitcakes, preserves and spice rubs. B&B is located at 4 El Caminito Road, across from the Bernardus Tasting Room.



Toby Rowland-Jones founded the BSF&W six years ago, which combines gourmet food and wine with rustic surroundings.

### ■ Valley Hills open house

Valley Hills Deli & BBQ will open its doors for an open house Saturday, Nov. 8, from 1 to 4 p.m., when owner Nora Jones will offer tastes of the new Dr. Smoothie's 100 percent organic fruit smoothie bar, Café Essentials hot and cold coffee drinks, and street tacos and wraps, including gluten-free and veggie options.

Jones also this week introduced the deli's

7 a.m. express breakfast, with sandwiches of ham or bacon, cheese and egg on bagels and Kaiser rolls, and tri-tip, egg and cheddar burritos.

The deli is located at 7152 Carmel Valley Road in Valley Hills Center, and is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. Call (831) 293-0608 for more information.

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## Unconventional troupe visits Sunset, marks four decades

A WORLD famous theater troupe with an affinity for unusual masks, Mummenschanz performs Saturday, Nov. 1, at Sunset Center.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the Swiss troupe employs no sound, music or stage set, instead relying on the use of shadow, light, subtle choreography and the creative manipulation of objects. Its aim is to produce "a visually stunning spectacle of family entertainment that sparks the imagination and transcends cultural barriers."

The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$39 to \$59. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048.



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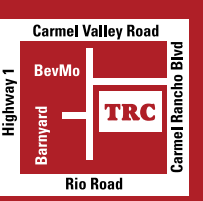
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# MUSIC

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Hagen String Quartet performs Sunday, Nov. 2, at Sunset Center. The concert is presented by the Carmel Music Society.

Founded in 1981 by four siblings, quartet still features three of its original members, violinist **Lukas Hagen**, violist **Veronika Hagen** and cellist **Clemens Hagen**. Violinist **Ranier Schmidt** rounds out the lineup.

The quartet will play Mozart’s “Dissonance” and “Hoffmeister” quartets. After an intermission, the ensemble will play Brahms’ Quartet in B-flat major, Opus 67.

The concert starts at 3 p.m. **David Gordon** presents a pre-concert talk at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$40 to \$55. Student discounts are available. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2040.

## ■ From Vienna to Monterey

Showcasing the music of four composers who belonged to what musicologists call “The First Viennese School,” the Monterey Symphony’s Chamber Players perform Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the Irvine Auditorium at Monterey Institute of International Studies.

The ensemble features violinist **Christina Mok**, flutist **Teresa Orozco**, violist **Vladimir Khalikulov** and cellist **Drew Ford**. The program includes Schubert’s String Trio No. 2 in B Flat Major; Beethoven’s Serenade in D Major, Op. 25 for Flute, Violin & Viola; Haydn’s London Trio No.3 in G Major for Flute, Violin & Cello; and Mozart’s Flute Quartet in D Major, K. 285.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. **Dr. Todd Samra** presents a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$10 for students and seniors.

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## ■ Chamber orchestra opens season

**The Ensemble Monterey Chamber Orchestra** kicks off its 2014-15 season Sunday, Nov. 1, at St. Philips Lutheran Church at 8065 Carmel Valley Road. The program includes Richard Strauss’ “Sonatina No. 1,” Charles Koechlin’s “Septet for Wind Instruments” and Gordon Jacob’s “Old Wine in New Bottles.” The concert begins at 8 p.m. Conductor **John Anderson** offers a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 to \$35. Call (831) 333-1283 or visit <http://www.ensemblemonterey.org>.

## ■ Live Music Oct. 31-Nov. 6

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

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

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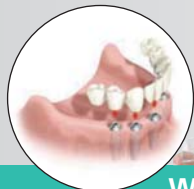


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# Robert Howe Walthour III "Coach"

Sept. 25, 1927 - Sept. 20, 2014



Coach Bob Walthour passed away peacefully at his Carmel home on September 20, 2014, just 5 days before his 87th birthday. Bob was a loving father and husband, beloved coach, teacher, friend and honorary dad to many.

Bob was born in New York City, and his family made their home in New Jersey. According to his birth certificate, his mother, Margaret, was a homemaker and his father, Robert Walthour, Jr., was a bicycle rider. This record is quite the understatement as his father was a champion racer in both the United States and Europe. During the Depression, as interest in bicycle racing declined, Bob's family lost their income source and their home. Living in their car, they set out for California and eventually settled in Santa Monica. Though he was young at the time, this upheaval made a lasting impression on Bob. When he built his home in Carmel fifty years ago, he built it with the intention to stay.

Although his family legacy of athletes originated in professional cycling, Bob was a waterman at heart. His athletic career began

on the beaches of Santa Monica where he served as a lifeguard and as an instructor for the very first Junior Lifeguard program. He attended St. Monica High School and then St. Mary's College where he played football, was on the swim team and graduated with a B.A. in Art. Bob loved to sketch cartoons and paint, but he loved the water even more. So, following his graduation, Bob returned to lifeguarding in Santa Monica where he met the love of his life, Joan. The couple met on the beach and tandem surfed on their first date. Joan could be persuasive. She encouraged Bob to return to school to earn a teaching degree. As most of our community knows, the rest is history!

Bob and Joan married in 1956. After a short stint in Sacramento, they relocated to the Monterey Peninsula. They secured jobs at Junipero Serra High School where Bob focused on coaching football. There he discovered his talent for motivating kids to push past the possible. He would say, "If it ain't broke, fix it!" which meant you can always do a little better than you think you can.

In 1962, Bob moved on to Carmel High School where he taught Physical Education. Just like a master musician can pick up and play any instrument, Bob could pick up and coach any sport. At CHS, he coached winning teams in cross country, football, track, wrestling, swimming, diving and basketball. He also created novel programs unheard of at most schools such as sailing, snorkeling, surfing and even water skiing in the pool! As a teacher, Bob was driven to make sure every student would learn to swim before graduation. This became a requirement for graduation that is still in place at CHS. He started the Barracuda Swim Club and finished his coaching career with the Carmel Master's Swim Club. His tenure as a coach lasted 50 years!

During his coaching years, all of Bob's teams were extraordinarily successful and won an abundance of championships. In his first thirty-two years of coaching, his teams won thirtyfour varsity league championships. The fledgling cross country team he started in 1963 won the league championship in their first year. In 1968, Bob received his Masters in Physical Education from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. All the while, his coaching legacy continued to grow. In 1983, headlines in the papers were covered with photos of his girls' swim team winning their 100th straight dual meet. This streak continued, adding up to 140 straight wins by 1987.

Bob always managed to incorporate a true sense of fun while his athletes suffered through his workouts. They could always look forward to a beach barbecue or end-of-season potluck. If you weren't hungry, you didn't work out hard enough! He encouraged discipline, integrity, and old fashioned hard work. His cross country runners will remember the "gut breaker." His swimmers will remember trying to squeeze 3,000 yards into an hour of practice. Most notably, Bob never cut an athlete from his team. He often woke in the middle of the night to strategize where to place his athletes to include everyone and to get the best out of each.

Bob had a humble pride when he was commemorated for his excellence in teaching and coaching. He was the recipient of the Allen S. Griffin Award for Excellence in Teaching and was voted Coach of the Century for Monterey County. He was also recognized when the new Olympic-size pool was named after him at Carmel High.

The traditions and practices of Bob's Catholic faith kept him grounded and provided a strong foundation for his philosophy of teaching and life. This strength was evident throughout his life. From his childhood, Bob battled several medical issues including polio, guillain-barre syndrome, rickets, and a heart murmur that led to surgery at the age of 48. Doctors had told Bob's parents their son would probably not live past the age of seven! Yet he lived his life to the fullest. He was a competitive, strong athlete and coach. He volunteered with the Red Cross for 50 years and continued to swim at 5:00 a.m. three days a week until he was 86 years old.

Bob was funny. He carried his sense of humor with him at all times, even near the end of his life. The serious doctor leans in and says, "Bob, I don't know how long you have to live." Bob replies, "Well doctor, I don't know how long you have either!" He kept us laughing.

Friendship was important to Bob. His relationship with his best friend, Art Verge, spanned more than 70 years. They made a commitment to each other to really live and follow through with their "bucket list"... and they did. There was never a cruise too short nor too long for them. Every trip, every meal, was "Wonderful!"

Bob will be remembered by his children and grandchildren as loving the simple things life has to offer—watering his plants, eating a snickers bar, building a sand fortress, feeding the birds, surfing, and sailing. Bob and Joan were their kids' biggest cheerleaders. In fact, they were everybody's cheerleaders. Wasn't our community lucky?

Bob definitely left us his legacy, but not just in awards and wins. He left a legacy of lessons in encouragement, persistence, faithfulness, humor, acceptance, spirituality, and how to be a father, husband and friend. Bob started out as a lifeguard to save lives. Many of his athletes feel he literally saved theirs. If you were lucky enough to be his student or athlete you were witness to someone truly gifted in the art of teaching. He made a difference in your life.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Joan, his brother, Dick, and his sister, Patty. Bob is survived by his children, Kathy (Ali) Moezzi, Krisi (Dave) Furbee, and Bobby (Kelly) Walthour, and his grandchildren, Jillian Moezzi, Ben, Nate, and Jacob Furbee, and Flynn and Kemper Walthour. Bob and Joan were also preceded in death by an infant son, Robert.

A Celebration of Life Mass will be held on Friday, Nov. 7 at 2:00 at the Carmel Mission. Reception will follow at Crespi Hall. The family would like to collect "Coach" stories to share at the reception. Please feel free to email a favorite story to [krisfurbee@gmail.com](mailto:krisfurbee@gmail.com). Memorial donations may be made to the Bob Walthour Aquatic Center at <http://carmelpool.org/>.

# Brian J. Coughlan

Brian J. Coughlan died of cancer, October 14, 2014 at the Cottages in Carmel, California at age 72.



Brian was born on February 19, 1942 in Fresno, California to Edward and Elizabeth Coughlan. He attended San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno and the University of San Francisco. He lived and worked in Alameda, Mendocino and Carmel, California.

Brian is survived by this brother Gary and wife Mary Cary of Naples, FL, his nephew Christopher Coughlan of Nashville, TN, his nieces Sarah Glunz of Paso Robles, CA., Laura Waldron of Jupiter, FL., Claire Coughlan of Denver, CO., and Moira Coughlan of Chicago, IL.

A memorial service and mass will be celebrated at 11:00am on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 9 El Caminito Rd, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. A reception will follow. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hospice of Central Coast, 2 Upper Ragsdale Dr, Suite D120, Monterey, CA 93940 or the charity of your choice.

# John Cary Nicholas

1930 - 2014

John Cary Nicholas, resident of Carmel, CA died on October 18th, 2014 following complications of Alzheimer's disease. Born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, January 21, 1930, John spent his formative years in Highland Park, NJ. A graduate of Highland Park High School, John held degrees from Colgate University, '51 and Harvard MBA, '57.



As a Lieutenant in the US Navy, John served onboard the USS Irwin during the Korean conflict and brought honor to himself and to his country. Success followed John as an advertising executive for Chesebrough-Pond's and for Bristol Myers before he left to start his own company, The Cary Corporation, known for introducing "Chaser" one of the first hang-over pills in the country. John's wit and positive disposition also landed him an appearance on the TV Show, "What's My Line?"

Ultimately, John's career path changed to pursue his true passion, owning and operating an antique store, JJ Nicholas, first on San Francisco's artsy Sansome Street and later in Southampton, NY.

Mr. Nicholas is survived by his wife of 42 years, Joyce, his brother, Bruce, four children and five grandchildren all of whom inherited elements of artistic appreciation and creativity.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Mr. Nicholas' name to the Alzheimer's Association or the SPCA of Monterey County, CA. There will be a private family memorial.

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# MASTODON

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the left hip ball joint of either a mammoth or a mastodon. The fossil was found about 30 years ago near the Schulte Road bridge, but only recently identified as part of a Winnebago-sized mammal that went extinct thousands of years ago. It apparently eroded out of the riverbank during a flood.

“It’s very exciting,” said Donna Zahn, a board member of the Carmel Valley Historical Society. “As far as I know, nobody on the Monterey Peninsula has discovered a mammoth or a mastodon.”

To personalize the fossil, the staff at the history center have named it “Roy.”

Related to elephants, mammoths and mastodons went extinct in North America an estimated 10,000 years ago, at roughly the end of the Ice Age. One species that lived in California, the Columbian mammoth, stood 12 to 13 feet high and weighed up to 10 tons.

Mammoths and mastodons offered a king-sized meal for a band of early humans, who some believe hunted them off the face of the earth. Others argue the ever-changing climate, a meteor strike, disease or other environmental factors did them in.

Zahn said the only way we’ll ever know for sure whether the Carmel Valley ball joint belonged to a mammoth or a mastodon is by examining its teeth, which haven’t yet been found. The teeth differed because they had different diets. The mammoths grazed on grasses and herbs, while mastodons feasted on trees and shrubs.

For now, though, Zahn and her colleagues are focused on trying to determine how old Roy is. To do so, they’ll need to carbon date the fossil, which will cost about \$1,000. A fundraising campaign is underway to raise the money.

Besides the display of the hip ball joint, the history center recently unveiled an exhibit of indian stone tools donated by the late Lola Maskiewicz, who lived at Carmel Point and found more than 80 of the artifacts near the

Carmel River Lagoon in the 1940s.

Archaeologist Gary Breschini said there’s evidence that indians lived in the Carmel River Lagoon area as far back as 9,000 years ago.

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Located at 77 W. Carmel Valley Road, the history center is open Friday and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. Group tours are available by appointment. Call (831) 659-5715 or visit [www.carmelvalleyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.carmelvalleyhistoricalsociety.org).

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The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$39 to \$59. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048.

# Stevenson play brings Shakespeare into the 21st century

A NERD falls into a dream and turns into a cool kid in a student play that opens Thursday, Nov. 6, in Stevenson School’s Keck Auditorium in Pebble Beach.

The play is an adaptation of William Shakespeare’s classic “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

Presented by the Stevenson School of Performing Arts, the play will also be staged Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7-9. All shows start except at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday’s, which begins at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$7 for students, seniors and active military. The auditorium is located at 3152 Forest Lake Road. Call (831) 625-8389.

# ART

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The reception starts at 10:15 a.m. The exhibit will be on display through Nov. 30. The library is located at 65 W. Carmel Valley Road. Call (831) 659-2377.

## ■ A slice of PIE

Showcasing work of 26 different photographers and print-makers who have traveled from as far away as Toronto, Canada, to attend a workshop this weekend, the Center for Photographic Art presents a pop-up exhibit Saturday, Nov. 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The photographers and printmakers are participants in the center’s first “PIE Labs,” a four-day series of seven seminars aimed at helping artists discover “their unique voice in order to thrive creatively in today’s fluid artistic environment.” “PIE” stands for “Photography + Ideas + Experience.”

Part of the workshop’s premise is that there is more to being an artist than simply having the latest digital camera or some other creative device.

“Art needs to focus on the artist, not the technology,” explained Jerry Takigawa, the president of the CPA’s board. “The harder part is to go inside and find your authentic voice.”

While the creative process is often an inward journey, it also involves reaching out to others. “Art without an audience may be therapeutic, but most artists want to find an audience,” Takigawa told The Pine Cone.

The pop-up show will be on display Saturday evening at Carpenter Hall, just steps away from the CPA, which will host a reception at the same time.

The CPA is currently presenting its first “8x10” exhibit, which includes images by more than 40 photographers. In the spirit of the Carmel Art Association’s annual “Miniatures” show, the display offers the public an opportunity to take home an affordable piece of art and support a nonprofit arts group. The exhibit is on display through Nov. 10.

Carpenter Hall and the CPA are located in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-5181 or visit [www.photography.org](http://www.photography.org).

## ■ ‘The Heart of Steinbeck Country’

If you get a chance, be sure to check out a group show, “The Heart of Steinbeck Country,” that’s on display at Carmel Visual Arts. The exhibit features paintings and photographs from many talented locals, including Paola Berthoin, Rachael Short, Rolf Lygren, Michelle Magdalena Maddox and 24 others. Each artist has selected a passage by Steinbeck to accompany their work.

The display continues through Nov. 15. The gallery is located above the Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company in The Barnyard shopping center. Call (831) 620-2955 or visit [www.carmelvisualarts.com](http://www.carmelvisualarts.com).

## ■ Laura at La Piccola

A travel agent by day, Laura Lockett transforms into a watercolorist on weekends, joining friends for painting excursions around town. Lockett, a longtime Monterey Peninsula resident who works at Pacific Grove Travel, presents a collection of her colorful still lifes and local scenes at Joe Rombi’s La Piccola Casa in Pacific Grove.

The exhibit continues through Nov. 30. The restaurant is located at 212 17th St. Call (831) 373-0129.

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### Friday November 7 at 7:00 PM

1. *Underwater Dreams* (USA 85 minutes)
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### Saturday November 8 at 5:00 PM

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# RECORD

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died in July at the age of 72. He bought the home — which was renovated in 1994 and has 6 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms — in 1970 for less than \$300,000, public records show, and despite his wealth and the huge equity that built up in the house as home values in Pebble Beach soared, the property taxes he owed stayed low.

“But now that it’s been sold, we’ll be reassessing at the purchase price,” Vagnini said. Property taxes are paid to Monterey County, but are divided among numerous government agencies, with schools getting the lion’s share, he said.

## A mystery buyer

According to records at the county building in Salinas, the buyer of the record-breaking estate, located at 3392 17 Mile Drive, was “WAS & HCS PB LLC.” Nobody involved in the transaction would explain what the name meant or who owned the company. But a check of public records showed that the LLC was registered in Arkansas, and since many LLCs contain clues to the names of their owners, the buy-

ers are probably billionaire Warren A. Stephens and his wife, Harriett, who live in Little Rock.

A call to Stephens office at his financial services firm was not returned. However, Stephens and his wife have been extensively covered by the national business media and by local outlets in Arkansas. Not only do they have the money to buy such an expensive home — his net worth is reported to be about \$3 billion — they also have an active interest in golf.

Stephens, 57, whose uncle started his financial services company in the 1930s, owns a prominent Arkansas country club, is a member of Augusta National, and is also a major supporter of the First Tee, which helps young people learn life lessons through golf. His various businesses include banking, energy and high tech. One of his companies owns numerous newspapers around the country and is a partner in the parent company of the Monterey County Herald.

The agents representing Scaife’s trust were none other than Carmel Realty’s Mike Canning and his daughter, Jessica. The buyer was represented by Mary Bell, also of Carmel Realty, and the escrow company was Old Republic Title. The fees and commissions they received for handling the deal were

not disclosed.

In recent years, there have been two sales in Pebble Beach at \$22.5 million, and one at \$28 million — which was the record until now. Canning explained why the Scaife house was worth so much.

“I’ve never seen a home and a property together that better captured the soul of Pebble Beach,” he said. “There’s a timeless sense of almost historic elegance. The scale is very comfortable and understated, the grounds and the rose garden are wonderful, and it’s an extraordinary experience just walking around the place.”

He also said the view of the ocean and Carmel Beach was “just perfect.”

In addition, Pebble Beach has become one

of the strongest real estate markets in the state, fueled by fortunes being made in oil, computers and the stock market, Canning explained.

For the government, which collects far more from neighborhoods such as Del Monte Forest than it spends in them for services, the big sales at the high end have meant much higher revenues from property taxes.

“Before the recession, the average supplemental tax bill we sent out was over \$225,000, and then it went down to \$60,000,” Vagnini said. “Last year it was back to \$100,000, and now it’s back to \$200,000, and that’s happening because of all the sales of the homes for \$4 million, \$6 million, \$22 million and now even \$31 million.”



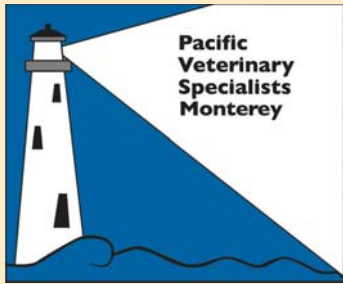
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Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 A.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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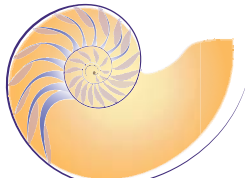
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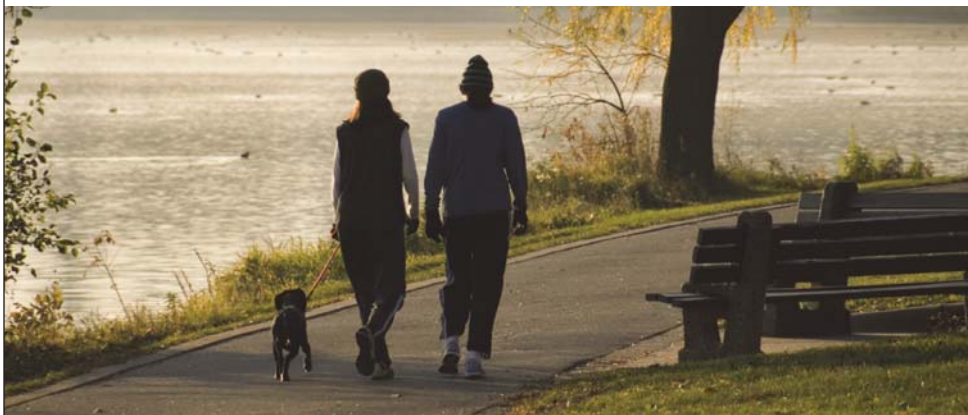
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# LETTERS

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condone Hill's choices, these sensational assertions are irrelevant and do not refute the defective belt. Does the editorial suggest that because a victim was drunk, disabled or even criminal, she does not deserve the protection of the law? Here, the defective belt failed to protect passenger. After all, that is why seat belts are installed: To protect passengers during accidents!

Editorial then fended off Toyota's response to its obligations, and compliance to regulations by not providing a safer belt in 1996. Any other suggestion is to "stretch logic, if not credulity." Again, the editorial did not address relevant facts: Was the belt defective? Did Toyota know or had a reason to know it was defective? Toyota's reasonability in performing its duties is not a valid defense, neither, compliance with applicable regulations. All drugs are approved by the FDA before sale. Does the editorial suggests that there should be no claims against harms caused by drugs because they were approved by the FDA?

It is outrageous to label this as distribution of wealth! The practice of joining multiple defendants to maximize recovery goes back to the inception of common law tort, centuries ago. This is a compensation issue and applies to all: Rich or poor (I dare to say Toyota has used the same law going after multiple defendants to recover maximum damages). There is no distribution of wealth, it is rather cost of doing business. It is cost-utility analysis: Toyota became aware of defect and had to make a business decision of either recalling all vehicles or take a chance in defending few accidents. Toyota

chose the latter. Was justice done? Yes, Hill proved (with evidence) the defective product, recovered means to move on. Toyota spent what is expected in making a business decision. The public was served by placing punitive mechanism to discourage reckless placement of defective products in stream of commerce.

Nick Yaqub, Pebble Beach

## Hill jury 'bent the truth'

Dear Editor,

I seldom write a letter to the editor, and I often disagree with The Pine Cone's editorial positions. However, your editorial last Friday was absolutely correct and very well put. Of course, we all sympathize with that young woman. Still, it was her lack of judgment in being with a drunk driver (not to mention the drunk driver) that was the cause of her tragedy. Toyota, unfortunately, had the money and the jury, in sympathy for the girl, bent the truth in trying to provide for her future care. If society should provide life-long care in these situations, and I believe it should, we should all be responsible in providing care. We might even get serious about drinking and driving. Sweden did, and it works. There has to be a better way to deal with these sad cases than this farcical method you have detailed for us. Thanks for your excellent editorial.

Richard P. Wheat, Carmel Valley

## Hill should have asked for donations

Dear Editor,

The Pine Cone's Oct. 24 editorial about the Chelsie Hill \$12.5 million award against Toyota was spot-on, regarding the spreading, if not the omitting, of responsibility for reck-

less driving. In this case, it would have been preferable for Hill's family to establish a charitable trust for her ongoing medical care and asked the Toyota Corporation for a donation, rather than "holding" the company responsible for something it had no control over. It would also be appropriate for the State of California to rescind permission for such "deep pockets" cases to be brought against manufacturers, on the sole basis of spreading the blame to pay medical bills.

Chase Weaver, Monterey

## 'Toyota was not responsible'

Dear Editor,

It was refreshing to read your Oct. 24 editorial. As someone who grew up in the same environment that colored your rationale in this case, I felt that this "judgment" was a little far-fetched, and your perspective regarding seat belts from 1996, etc. obviously puts the situation in perspective. Toyota was not responsible.

Recently I was called for jury duty on a matter to determine how much Monterey County and a landowner owed residents for contaminated water. I told the attorneys and judge that, "I am too old to be on your jury: Government over-regulates our lives, but is not held responsible when they err; and whatever happened to self-reliance and personal responsibility?" I was, of course, dismissed!

Rich Watson, Monterey

## No way to explain 'absurd' outcome

Dear Editor,

I could not agree with your editorial about the Chelsie Hill case more. The judgment was not about restitution, but about wealth transfer by fiat. It was also about the "dialing for dollars" mentality of the plaintiffs' bar. I hope Toyota appeals to at least have the judg-

ment reduced, as "absurd" would be too kind a word to describe it.

These cases should remind us of the costs to us as consumers as those contingencies are baked into the cost of everything we purchase. It appears that concepts of personal responsibility are irrelevant in our society today. How else can you explain this absurd outcome?

Emmett M. Murphy, Dallas, Texas

## Stop the 'fuddy-duddies'

Dear Editor,

Barbara Brooks complained about Barmel having people drinking, smoking, laughing and talking outside in the courtyard, and music playing. Oh my God! People are having fun in Carmel. Let's outlaw that. Let's force all the people away from the Peninsula who want to have a good time. God forbid that anyone should have a good time and listen to amplified music in town. I can't believe that the ordinance says music cannot be louder than 55 decibels. That's nothing. I was on the P.G. planning commission, and our limit is 70 decibels. I thought that was too low. 55 decibels is ridiculous. There were members on our commission that didn't want anyone to have a good time in town. 55-70 decibels is just enough so that a singer can be heard throughout a room.

Barmel has wonderful gourmet food, but yet is down-home enough for people to come and have a good time. It's time for Carmel to change its ordinances to allow people to listen to some amplified music above 55 decibels and stop letting fuddy-duddies in town prevent others from having a good time once in awhile. I would rather see Carmel have some live music and fun rather than turning into a town of dogs everywhere.

Steven N. MacDonald, Pacific Grove

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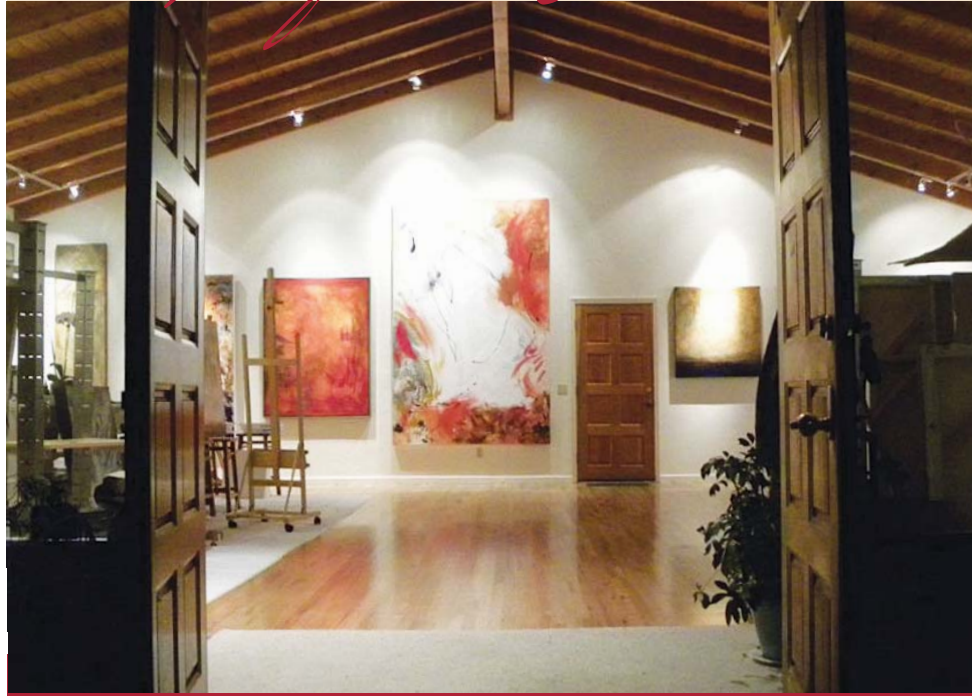
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## Re-elect Scott Miller

Dear Editor,

Joe Livernois’s article in the Oct. 24 Pine Cone was both humorous and frightening. The thought of Steve Bernal (Random Goofball) running the sheriff’s department with its \$92 million budget and 420 employees raises the specter of a rudderless ship. At age 49, he claims no leadership training or experience. He has none. He remains an entry level deputy after 14 or 15 years. His hired consultants/advisers crafted a campaign to buy the election through distraction from the lack of qualifications by personal attack, creating dissension in the department, high pressure tactics, misleading statements and outspending Scott Miller by about 8 to 1, using a lot of family money. His grandiose 10-year plan shows lack of understanding of the function of the sheriff’s department.

Miller has a B.A. in organizational behavior and an M.A. in management. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the California POST Command College. He served 17 years with the Salinas police department, rising to the rank of captain, and 6 years as the chief of police in Pacific Grove. He served on the Pacific Grove City Council. He understands how to work with the board of supervisors and is fluent in Spanish, vital for budget advocacy and interface with the public.

Miller brought a new perspective as the first sheriff elected from outside the department since 1960. The culture and some long-standing practices needed changed. Change does not come easy. A lot of progress has been made. Miller is still the “new sheriff in town” and we need his strong leadership to continue to fully implement the changes.

Jeanne Brehmer, Past City Clerk, Carmel  
George Brehmer, Past City Attorney, Carmel

## ‘I know and trust Scott Miller’

Dear Editor,

I was a deputy sheriff with the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office for sixteen years. I worked the jail, patrol and investigations in Monterey and Salinas. I retired as a district attorneys investigator III and would not consider myself qualified to be your sheriff.

I don’t know Steve Bernal. I do know and trust Scott Miller. I know the former sheriffs endorsing Bernal. I wonder what they would have said about Bernal’s qualifications if he were running against them. Sonne hired Bernal but never promoted him. Bernal worked for Kanalakis for eight years and he was not promoted.

If the Deputy Sheriffs Association is upset with Miller, why didn’t they find someone within their own department with supervisory and budget experience to run? I think there are hidden agendas and things we have not been told.

Bernal has personal financial problems. He hired and fired at least two consulting firms to run his campaign and is having problems with the third. If he can’t manage his own finances, and a political campaign, how can we trust him to run a sheriff’s department with a \$90 million budget?

Please join me and vote to re-elect Sheriff Scott Miller.

Paul E. Keene, Monterey

## Monarch butterflies and this election

Dear Editor,

Monarch butterflies are in peril, their numbers drastically declining. They travel from Canada to Mexico every year, and locally, we have overwintering sites in Santa Cruz and Pacific Grove. The safety of these sites is critical. Pacific Grove has an ordinance prohibiting harming monarch butterflies. Local cities use the monarch in marketing, and people visit this area especially to see them.

The Department of the Interior this year linked increased bird sickness and deaths to cell towers. Their radiation, which also negatively affects bees, humans and other species, should be considered a co-factor in the monarchs’ decline, and steps should be taken to reduce levels in and around the sanctuary. This radiation, also emitted byWiFi, cell phones, and smart meters, has known harmful effects across species, damaging DNA, the blood-brain barrier (which butterflies have, too), learning, immune function, smell, navigation, and ability to reproduce. There are higher cancer rates and illness around cell towers. The Pacific Grove City council has received this scientific data for several years.

Mayor Bill Kampe is a retired technology marketing professional. Pacific Grove Unified School District put an AT&T temporary cell tower next to the monarch sanctuary, to the surprise and opposition of neighbors and parents. When AT&T’s lease expired, mayor Kampe and city manager Tom Frutchey threatened a lawsuit against PGUSD if the district shut it down. When AT&T proposed permanent cellular antennas by the sanctuary, Kampe and councilmen Rudy Fischer (also from the tech world) and Ken Cuneo readily approved it. The scientific research, Pacific Grove’s monarch ordinance and community opposition were ignored. Only councilman Dan Miller opposed the project.

This is one example where Kampe, Cuneo, and Fischer have not represented the long-term interests of Pacific Grove. Support the candidates who do.

Nina Beety and Augustina Ursino, Pacific Grove

## Why indemnify city manager?

Dear Editor:

The City of Pacific Grove has rewarded a contractual clause to city manager Thomas Frutchey known as “indemnification” that not only allows wrongdoing but protects him

from legal punishment from such in perpetuity. What? Why?

“City shall indemnify, defend and save harmless employee against any tort, professional liability claim or demand or other legal action, whether groundless (innocent) or otherwise (guilty) arising out of an alleged act or omission occurring in the performance or employee’s duties as city manager.”

What on earth has he and the city done and in what magnitude, to justify such protection? Those of you who are supporters of, friends to, or just their neighbors, ask Mayor Bill Kampe, Rudy Fischer and Ken Cuneo, why this free pass? Should they say it’s just a normal employment ploy, wrong, it’s not. Even the President of the United States has no such clause, nor should he. If he did this would be North Korea.

I will never elect or re-elect anyone who supports the anarchy of indemnification in government jobs.

Everyone in America, the president included, must answer for their actions and to the law. Why is Frutchey the lone exception?

Renata Yundt, Pacific Grove

## The trouble with parking kiosks

Dear Editor,

We’d like to share our experiences with parking kiosks. We live primarily in Reno and also have a place here. On visiting Truckee we tried to use the parking kiosk. It didn’t work so we walked to the next block and that one didn’t work either. Tourists were frustrated and complaining that they couldn’t find one to work. We tired of trying to find one that worked so we left.

A few years back Reno decided to install parking kiosks. What a complete disaster! They never worked. Tourists were disgusted in trying to find one that worked. Locals were irate and parked without paying. The City of Reno had the company come back to fix the problem. They couldn’t. Reno lost over \$600,000 in parking revenue. It was frustrating to tourists and locals alike. Finally, Reno told the company to take them out and decided to go back to the original parking meters.

Hopefully Carmel will have better luck, but if not then you’ll have a bigger problem than Reno. People visiting downtown Reno were used to paying for parking. People are not accustom to paying for parking in Carmel. If the kiosks don’t work you’re going to have a lot of frustrated, unhappy people wandering around. Everyone will be trying to find parking on the side streets and Sunset Center. Good luck with that. The old saying is “Hope for the best but prepare for the worst.”

Steve and Maureen Keller, Reno, Nevada

## Steve Dennis for park district

Dear Editor:

For the first time in a decade, we have an election for the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (think Garland Park and Palo Corona at the headlands of Carmel Valley). The vote is for the board seat representing Ward 5, an area that includes Big Sur, Cachagua, Carmel, Carmel Highlands, Carmel Valley and part of Pebble Beach.

Steve Dennis is the new candidate, the highly qualified fresh face. I’ve known Steve since he left his career as a successful entrepreneur in Silicon Valley and moved here to give back to the community. The list of his service to local non-profit organizations in the environmental sector over the past 18 years is extensive and impressive. Particularly relevant for the park district position has been his work with the Point Lobos Foundation, the Big Sur Land Trust and the California state park system.

Besides full dedication to the park district, Steve offers his skill as a strategic planner, his collaborative manner, and his ability to follow up and implement plans – and get things done! His leadership will help in finally opening the Palo Corona park acquisition for public access, knitting together

the adjoining public lands to form a seamless regional system, and encouraging broader community use of the parks including robust educational programs for our area’s youth. For more information on Steve’s objectives, qualifications and endorsements, please visit his website at [voteforstevedennis.com](http://voteforstevedennis.com).

It’s time for a change. On your ballot, please vote to elect Steve Dennis to represent us at the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park.

Larry Bacon, Carmel Valley

## Yes on P.G. Measure A

Dear Editor,

I would like to encourage my fellow voters in the Pacific Grove Unified School District to vote YES on Measure A. Measure A will bring essential technology into our schools, providing our students with an opportunity to excel as they prepare to enter a world that is driven by technology. While PGUSD provides an excellent education with much improved facilities (thanks to Measure D) and second-to-none teachers and staff, the district cannot currently provide the technology necessary to place our kids on a level playing field with students from other school districts. In fact, the operating systems on most of the computers at the school sites are so out of date, regular updates will not even run on them. While the governor has recently released much needed, unrestricted, dollars to school districts throughout the state, PGUSD, as a “Basic Aid” district, receives none of this money. PGUSD must rely, almost solely, on local property tax money for funding. Unlike other, typical, school bond measures where only 50 percent of the bond money goes to the schools, Measure A uses a series of short-term, low-interest loans, in which more than 90 percent goes to the intended purpose. Measure A is such an innovative bond measure that even the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers’ Association endorses it. And, because technology is constantly changing, Measure A allows the district to keep up with these changes and provide the most current equipment to our kids. As usual, the opposition to Measure A provides zero facts and only opposes the measure on the “No New Taxes” platform and an opinion that the district misspent monies from Measure D by improving a dangerous stadium at the high school, a music building at the middle school, new windows, flooring, heating systems, etc, at the other facilities...exactly what Measure D was meant to do! Comically, they use the same signs in Monterey to oppose Measure P, just pasting a “P” over the “A.” Please, review only the facts, and, if you decide as I have, that our future generations of students are worth \$1.50 per month per \$100,000 valuation, vote Yes on Measure A.

Tony Sollecito, Pebble Beach

## No on Prop 46

Dear Editor,

Thankfully, our legal system affords us the presumption of innocence. This is a cornerstone of freedom. Unfortunately it does not apply to our medical system.

Current regulatory trends increasingly require doctors to treat any patient as a suspected substance abuser requiring vigilant monitoring. Time spent on arbitrary scrutiny is time stolen from patient care. Further, these regulations subject emotionally vulnerable patients to an environment of suspicion.

In addition to increasing the burden of patient monitoring, Proposition 46 would require doctors to be drug tested and their co-workers to act as informants. This will only fuel a toxic atmosphere of distrust which is the antithesis of healing.

If anyone deserves the presumption of innocence, it is our doctors who work tirelessly on our behalf and have sacrificed years of their lives to prove their extraordinary level of expertise and responsibility. Please vote no on Proposition 46.

Linda Williams,  
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# McINCHAK

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“The news of Steve’s passing left me shocked and saddened. In the late 1990s, he identified a funding source for televised council meetings and really encouraged us. Steve, Marshall Hydorn and I were the committee that researched and developed the

idea,” she said. “It took about two years, but we saw it through.”  
When she was on the council, Hazdovac said she appreciated McInchak for “his moral support and encouragement during some of the more contentious meetings.”  
“And I could always count on Steve for the latest updates during Giants baseball games!” she added. “I will miss him.”  
Before he was put on paid leave in sum-

mer 2013 when since-fired administrative services director Susan Paul, police Chief Mike Calhoun and others showed up at his Carmel Valley home and served a search warrant, McInchak was in charge of “managing the city’s computer system development and operations activities, and providing professional assistance to city staff in information systems development analysis,” according to a press release issued by the city this week regarding his death.  
“He also was responsible for coordinating, planning and evaluating operational systems, as well as the design, acquisition, installation, customization and documentation of all hardware and software for the city.” The release noted McInchak’s passing was announced by his attorney, Michelle Welsh.  
Mayor Jason Burnett said in a statement that he was shocked by the news of McInchak’s death. “On behalf of the city and the community he served, I want to express my condolences to the members of his family and his friends,” he said. “They are in my thoughts.”  
But many say they hold Burnett, the council and the city responsible in some way for his death.  
“Now we all know they had a reason for getting the IT manager out,” his widow said, citing lucrative contracts for overhauling and managing the computer network awarded to outside consultants.  
“It is tragic that the last year-and-a-half of Steve’s life was spent trying to right a grievous wrong and struggling to do so. I can only imagine the anguish and stress that he was feeling,” said former assistant city administrator Heidi Mazingo, who retired under protest a year ago. “I hope that city administrator Doug Schmitz can lead the mayor and council in doing what is ethically right for Steve’s family, as well as the community.”  
Meroney learned of McInchak’s passing while he was traveling in the South. “I started bawling,” he said. “He was an honest, upstanding guy. He never cheated; he never did anything wrong. But those people were out of control, and they ruined his life — and in my opinion, they’re to blame.”  
A year after his suspension, McInchak

sued the city, alleging discrimination, breach of contract and other charges. Welsh said his estate can choose to pursue the case, if his family chooses to do so, and Schmitz confirmed McInchak’s life insurance through the city includes a \$30,000 benefit.  
Welsh told The Pine Cone her client’s death is “a tragedy.”  
“He was a unique and very special man who cared deeply about his friends and his community. And he cared about justice, not just for himself, but for his fellow employees,” she said. The ordeal with the city was “extremely hard” on McInchak and his family, according to Welsh, who said he was grateful to criminal defense attorney Richard Rosen for his help getting the investigation of any alleged misdeeds closed, and “to the people of Carmel who showed us all how our community can demand justice from our elected leaders.”  
“The old adage ‘justice delayed is justice denied’ was never more true than in Steve McInchak’s case. His wife and son are committed to carrying it on, and I hope we can still find justice for him,” she said. “His legacy may be to help heal the wounds caused by the past administration. His passing reminds us that people’s lives are at stake.”  
Rosen was saddened that McInchak was deprived of the chance to clear his name.  
“He did everything he could to clear himself, and yet there remains over his head this terrible cloud, and it’s very much a part of the cloud that hangs over the head over the whole city of Carmel, not for only what happened to him, but for what happened to many,” he said. “The thing all these fired employees have in common is they were all fired by the same people ... for the same bad reasons.”  
Karen McInchak said no services are planned for her late husband, but anyone who wants to make a memorial contribution in his name can do so to a favorite charity.  
“I can not imagine a more tragic ending to this unfortunate and dark period of our community history,” commented councilman Steve Dallas. “My sincere condolences to his wife and son.”  
McInchak is also survived by his three grandsons.

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# LIQUOR

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open, when it extended its operating hours, and when it installed lights in the parking lot. Many of the same critics said it would increase noise, light pollution, and rowdiness and create a “circus-like atmosphere.” None of that happened, though, and police have only had to respond to the Grill and golf clubhouse twice this year for calls. The first time



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involved a burglary at the clubhouse and the second was a call regarding an intoxicated patron.

The process of obtaining a liquor license at the Grill is also being debated. Brodeur contends a “general restaurant” such as the Grill may apply directly to the ABC for a distilled spir- its license without having to go through the city, which would be more involved.

Ford, who leases the building from the city, echoed similar sentiments at the Oct. 15 meeting, telling the council it’s within his rights to pursue a permit for hard alcohol. He also encouraged the council to leave it in the hands of the ABC to decide on the liquor license.

### New permit required?

However, attorney John Bridges, who raised a stink during one of the Grill’s earlier permit applications and is again rep- resenting nearby resident John Troth, contends that in order to serve booze at the Grill, it would first need an amendment to its conditional use permit, which currently only allows the sale of beer and wine.

“An amendment of this permit is required in order for hard liquor to be considered by the ABC,” Bridges said.

Bridges also told the council it should send a letter to the state agency correcting Brodeur’s “incorrect representation of the law as it relates to this application and this property.”

In an Oct. 27 email to Willoughby, ABC representative Marilyn Lefler said the state agency is in a “holding pattern” regarding Ford’s liquor application.

The Nov. 5 City Council meeting is 6 p.m. at Pacific Grove City Hall, 300 Forest Ave.

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# Editorial

## Coastal commission to the rescue?

WE HAVE long complained about the California Coastal Commission’s excessive interference in matters of purely local jurisdiction, such as the size of homes and what people plant in their yards.

On the other hand, even we have recognized the commission’s vital role in overseeing projects of truly regional or state-wide importance, such as highways and power plants. In those cases, the coastal commission can — and sometimes definitely should — overrule local decision-making.

An example of that responsibility is coming up Nov. 12, when the coastal commission will be asked to reverse the decision of the Marina City Council to reject Cal Am’s permit for a desal test well at the site of a sand mine in the Marina dunes.

The test well is needed to determine whether a full-scale desal plant in Marina will work at all, and (equally important) whether it will interfere in the groundwater rights of Salinas Valley farmers. Both questions must be fully answered before the Monterey Peninsula can finally solve its interminable water shortage.

And how important an issue is that?

First and foremost, it’s the drinking water supply for a community of 100,000 people. Is that a regional issue? Definitely.

And, secondly, because it’s where we get our water now, the environment of the Carmel River is at stake — including all its unusual plants and rare animals. That one is a state-wide issue, for sure.

Meanwhile, Marina’s decision to stand in the way of a test well — which, by itself, means absolutely nothing to Marina or its citizens — was pure jingoism. If the people of Marina don’t want to be the site of a large desal plant, they can try to stop it when the question actually arises. But for them to stand in the way of a test well — which can do nothing but produce information as valuable to them as it is to us — makes no sense at all.

You see, while our water supply may not be Marina’s problem, it’s important for the citizens of that city to realize they have an important stake in the iron-ing-out of technical and environmental issues where desal is concerned. Clearly, near-shore wells that draw brackish water are a superior alternative to open ocean intakes, especially where protecting the environment is concerned, but the technology for using such wells needs to be perfected.

Getting our desal plant approved is going to be a long, tough process. Many questions remain to be answered, and we’re going to need the help of outside agencies, such as the coastal commission, to see them through.

In the meantime, the day when Marina needs a desal plant may not be far off, just as it may not be for much of the state.

The coastal commission can take a big step toward protecting the environ-ment, ending a critical regional water shortage, and solving everybody’s long-term water problem by approving Cal Am’s test well now.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Critics should speak out

Dear Editor,

Next week’s city council meeting agenda includes a public discussion of the council’s own role in the recent mess at city hall and how council can help avoid such troubles in the future. In hopes that the discussion will be lively and productive, I wanted to make sure that everyone knows how much the entire village depends on unfettered communication from citizens to council members.

I say this because I am worried that some folks may have misinterpreted my remarks on a clause in Jason Stilwell’s severance agreement to mean that, because the council has certain very narrow legal restrictions on making personal attacks, somehow I think this applies to the general public as well. Nothing is further from the truth. I simply wanted the public to understand that because they are now alone in their ability to speak completely freely, a frustrating imbalance in certain conversations could arise. I hoped that with understanding, we could push through that frustration, since these days the council is even more dependent on public candor to help solve our current problems.

Recent events certainly prove the truism that the foundation of good government is good information. In fact, I have been vocal-

ly critical of, and personally frustrated by, the restricted flow of information in and out of city hall since long before taking office. So, I welcome all city council critics to city hall next Tuesday and I hope that they will feel comfortable sharing any and every observation about how the council fell short over the last several months and how we can ensure that it won’t happen again. In turn, I will certainly share every observation that I can, save those very, very few that are prohibited by the now infamous “clause 9.”

Victoria Beach, Vice-Mayor  
Carmel-by-the-Sea

### ‘The cost of doing business’

Dear Editor,

The Oct. 24 editorial, which concluded that “the civil court system ... has devolved ... to redistributing wealth ... regardless of actual fault,” was unfortunate and wrong. It is unfortunate because it used sensational facts that are irrelevant to applicable law. It is wrong because it relied on the wrong liability law. This case is all about strict product liability, which deals with placing defective product in stream of commerce that causes injuries. It is not about Toyota obligations, reasonableness of performing its duties or its compliance with applicable regulations.

The editorial placed Hill in bad light by asserting her drinking and riding with drunk driver, which caused her injuries. Rather than any of Toyota’s fault. While I do not

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# A man’s life story can be told in a desk full of mementoes

HE USUALLY wears a coat and tie to his office, mostly because he spends a fair amount of his day outside the office, meeting with people on the Peninsula, which he has called home his entire life. But if you were to spend even a few moments at his desk, you would gain a pretty good understanding of the life and times, the priorities and passions of David Armanasco.

## Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

Sharpened pencils stand like sentinels on his orderly desk, in an autographed Johnny Carson mug. A trio of ducks take flight from a pedestal opposite his desk, a sculpture in bronze by Wolf. Framed paintings flank the walls, landscape watercolors by renowned Carmel artist Alicia Meheen. Armanasco, who was once her next-door neighbor, considers Meheen the best there is. And he might be right.

Adjacent a flat-screen TV, a white board with pens hangs on the wall at the head of a conference table for eight. Beside the table hangs a framed banner of the Universal Order of the Knights of the Vine, an international non-profit organization created “to promote American wines and wine- producing regions, to introduce and recognize quality wines from around the world, and to rekindle the respect of wine and wine culture for mankind and country.”

Behind his desk rises a bookcase, which

hosts framed photographs of Armanasco with each of his four children, Kimberly, Nick, Andrew and Catherine. Another shows him with Chrissy, his wife of 35 years, whom he calls, “my inspiration, my total partner, my incredible support system.” More frames show the family trips to Alaska and Hawaii, plus an American flag and, beside his desk, a photograph of him standing beside the USS Missouri battleship during a visit.

Although he was born at Monterey Hospital on Hartnell Street, which later became a satellite campus for Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula,

Armanasco’s first language, his mother tongue, was French. He actually spent some time in Paris with his beautiful French mother, whom he remembers as bright and energetic, and particularly active in community affairs – acting at the Golden Bough Theater, volunteering as a pink lady at the hospital, and entertaining graciously in their home on Shafter Way, which remained in the family for 40 years.

Armanasco grew up in the Carmel Unified School District, attending Carmel River School, followed by Sunset School and then transitioning into Carmel Middle School, once it was completed. From Carmel High School he graduated in three years after what he considers strong academics and an average performance in football.

Throughout his childhood, Armanasco’s parents enrolled him in local theater programs, which put him on the stage at Carmel’s legendary Circle Theater of the

Golden Bough Playhouse and the outdoor Forest Theater.

“It was always fun,” he says. “More importantly, I attribute the fact that I’ve always felt comfortable speaking in front of a group to that theatrical training and experience.”

Following high school, Armanasco attended Monterey Peninsula College for two years, while his father, a founding faculty member for the college, was still teaching in the Romance Languages department. “My dad was highly regarded at MPC,” says Armanasco. “But I wanted a sense of independence, so we kept to our separate paths. He gave me a lot of room.”

Armanasco went on to study business at San Diego State, chosen mostly for the warm weather and water. But he had to leave just before commencement when his mother succumbed to cancer. She was 44.

Armanasco was invited by family friends, the van Löben Sels, to live downstairs and help upkeep their property at their Carmel Valley vineyards. This was his introduction to the wine industry. Two years later, he had opened 64 accounts, selling wine to restaurants and stores. He also got in on the launch of the California Wine Festival which, in 1976, became the first multi-day wine festival in the country.

In 1979, Armanasco married Chris Durney, whose family, founders of the award-winning Durney Vineyards, he considers the true pioneers of Carmel Valley. He actually met the woman he calls “Chrissy” when he was 12 years old, on a sailboat in Stillwater Cove, Pebble Beach. She was crewing on board, and he was getting seasick, overboard.

“Just as I got the courage to sit next to Chrissy,” says Armanasco, “I started getting seasick. That was the end of that – until much later. Durney vineyards, which has garnered some very prestigious awards, brought great attention to Carmel Valley. I had the great fortune of serving as general manager for Durney Vineyards for five years. But even more fortunate was having such fantastic in-laws. I love them deeply.”

In 1985 with his wife’s encouragement,

Armanasco left the wine industry in favor of starting his own business, Armanasco Public Relations. For nearly 30 years, he has invested in community relations, crisis and event management, marketing and public affairs, to become one of the largest firm in the county.

“I had always wanted to see what it would be like to have my own business,” he says. “I talked with Chrissy, who said if it failed, I could always go back to the wine business. With her support, I started my business in a closet at home, with a two-drawer filing cabinet and a phone. Two months later, I opened an office in Monterey. I have thoroughly enjoyed the ride and the opportunity it has

given me to contribute to the community. I firmly believe our success stems from initial core values of unwavering devotion to honesty and integrity.”

Armanasco’s pride and passion is his family. Beyond that, it is his commitment to his community which inspires his philanthropic largesse, particularly in the arenas of education, conservation, agriculture, and the arts. He also has a grand fascination for trains, revealed in collections and cross-country travel.

His volunteer efforts are truly impressive: Among many other things, Armanasco has been chair of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Convention Bureau, director of the Economic Development Corporation of Monterey County, chairman of the Community Foundation for Monterey County. He has also been recognized for his contributions to the community both locally and nationally, including being named 2009 Citizen of the Year Award by the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and a “National Power Player” by Nation’s Restaurant News.

Whether he qualified for those accolades is beyond the scope of this column. But he definitely is one of the biggest power players on the Monterey Peninsula.

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David Armanasco

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## SHAPIRO

From page 29A

View law firm, for another investigation. And it’s looking for an independent financial auditor “to review all details of consulting contracts” and make recommendations. City Attorney Don Freeman says that the investigations will take two to six months, or more. That will cost a pretty penny. But the council remains undaunted; after all, it’s spending other people’s money.

It took me only a few minutes of reviewing city records — obtained under the Public Records Act — to determine that Alcock’s most recent invoices were all approved by Deputy City Clerk Deanna Allen, with some approved by Susan Paul as well. The same is

true of Public Consulting Group’s invoices. I may be naïve, but I’d probably just start with Ms. Allen and ask her what she did when approving payment of consultant invoices. It sure won’t require rocket science intelligence to spot the flaws in her procedures, and to fix them.

I know it’s a bit more complicated than that, but two to six months or more? Spending tens of thousands of dollars investigating how one spent tens of thousands of dollars seems akin to wolfing down doughnuts to lose weight.

And now the council has decided that we need to pay to park on Ocean Avenue. I guess that having spent our folding money on a bunch of outside consultants, it’s now after our loose change as well.

Neil Shapiro, an attorney, lives in Carmel.

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# The Poet's Game, adventures and reinvention

ONE MONTH ago, the San Francisco Giants were riding a 56-game losing streak. Everything was hopeless, yet they had enough skin on their teeth to somehow qualify for the screwy "wild-card play-in" thing.

This is not a sports column. It's the thing that gets me from my personal Point A to Point Z, so hang with me.

One month ago, Hunter Pence couldn't hit a beach ball with a coat rack. Brandon Belt was dizzy and concussed. Michael Morse was obliqued. Travis Ishikawa was hitting .009 and considering a life in min-

less. Its adherents, supplicants and toadies are to be pitied. Baseball attracts clodhoppers, hysterics, chumps, numbskulls, dreamers and poets.

The poets are the worst. The poets somehow manufacture a lot of metaphorical lessons and moralist tales from the random outcomes of a wearisome baseball game. Some Joe Doakes hits a ball over the fence, and the next thing you know he's the stuff of legend and lore, as if it really makes a difference.

But if the poets are correct — and I'm of the opinion that they are, more often than not — I suppose the Giants' 2014 season embraces the notion that we must take full advantage of our second chances, regardless the circumstances and failures and disappointments that brought us to a point in life in which second chances are needed.

The poets might say that reinventions are adventures that can lead to improvement, and contentment can follow change.

Few baseball fans — including most of the adherents and supplicants — expected the Giants to crawl out of a team-wide sump hole to end up in the World Series this month.

Up until the end of the regular season, the Giants' failures were dismal. But they were given a second chance, an opportunity to slide in through a back door, and baseball fans could witness the adventure that came with their reinvention. Travis Ishikawa became the Joe Doakes legend, and Hunter Pence rediscovered his inner wow.

I was a baseball fan long before I was a writer. When I read anything as a child, it was usually baseball magazines, sports pages, and massive analytical biographies about simpleton baseball players.

They were my avenue to literacy, the conduit to my career as a reporter, editor and columnist.

I've had a hand (or a fist, or a finger) in journalism most of my adult life.

That time is ending, at least for now, as I embark on the adventure of reinvention. This will be my final weekly column. I'll be off on a very different journey — still in Monterey County — and, with providence, I'll be making a much more positive contribution to the community.

I might still submit an occasional column for the editor's consideration ... and I may someday return to this journalism thing.

But I'll be off on another adventure in the meantime.

It's what I learned from the Giants this year.

## beyond the realm

By JOE LIVERNOIS

istry.

One month ago, Pedro Sandoval was a lollygagger who didn't care about his future. Angel Pagan couldn't possibly be replaced. Matt Cain was a missing milk-carton child.

A month ago, Joe Panik was a phenom who was scheduled for his mandatory Giants' flameout. The punch-drunk back-up catcher was escorted back to his hometown so he might try to remember his name. Joaquin Arias, who hits a baseball like he's playing the banjo, was a full-time infielder. A young infielder who shops for his clothing in the boys' section of Macy's felt like a valid option. Juan Perez was still learning which end of the bat to grip.

Making matters worse, one month ago the dreaded Dodgers were the odds-on favorite to sweep through the postseason to win the World Series, and Giants' fans were making travel plans for October, assuming they were able to pull their heads out of the oven.

Despite the dismal truth that plagued the team one month ago, the Giants eked and squeaked out a World Series championship on Wednesday.

This was not supposed to happen. The team shouldn't have gone this far. With 30 teams in Major League Baseball, at least 28 of them were baseballing better than the Giants a month ago.

No one can figure it out. I attribute it to the intervention of saints and angels. Or perhaps Buster Posey sold his soul to the devil, a small price to pay for a World Series appearance.

But this isn't a sports column. (I've now moved from Point A, and we've reached Point N.)

Sports is a vestige for life-wasting slug-guards, certainly.

And baseball is slow, tedious and point-

## Robert and Suzanne Cole were married at home in Carmel in May.



Mr. Cole received his baccalaureate in Economics from Stanford University. Mrs. Cole, the former Suzanne Paboojian, received her law degree from the University of California Law Center in San Francisco, Hasting College of the Law. After managing his family's travel business, Mr. Cole served as Executive Director of First Tee of San Francisco. After practicing law for 20 years, Mrs. Cole became a local real estate broker.

## WILDE

Froms page 29A

body puttin' it on their salad."

I was appearing in Las Vegas with Debbie Reynolds. Down the street at the Riviera, my friend, singer Tommy Leonetti, was opening for the *zaftig* comedienne Totie Fields. He mentioned my salads to her and she insisted on trying one. Her doctor had told her to eat more vegetables. She wanted to buy my bowl, but instead I offered to come over between shows and make a salad just for her. A week later she phoned me.

"It's all your fault," she huffed. "You made me break my frickin' diet."

"How'd I do that, Totie?"

"After all your salads I lost 3 pounds. So I had to eat a candy bar. If I lose too much weight, I'll have to get a whole new act and a new wardrobe. I just can't afford it!"

My next booking was in Pittsburgh with

Rosemary Clooney. Unbeknownst to me, Totie and Rosemary were friendly. Totie phoned her ahead of time and said, "Be sure to have Larry make you his salad."

When I was introduced to Rosemary at rehearsal, she stuck out her hand and said, "Did you bring your salad bowl?"

For the next two weeks I had a steady customer.

Sadly, all those friends are gone now. Peter, Totie and Rosemary.

I can't prove it, but I don't think my salads had anything to do with it.

Recently I read a little something about Rosemary Clooney's nephew. I believe his name is George. Apparently he got married in Venice.

I figured, what with the rigors of walking down the aisle, going on a honeymoon and fleeing the paparazzi, he might need a decent salad. I sent him a message: "Have salad bowl, will travel."

I'm still waiting to hear.

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