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PG&E reassures about gas tanks near CHS

By CHRIS COUNTS

LOCATED JUST steps away from Carmel High School, three large tanks will supply residents with natural gas while PG&E conducts strength tests on gas mains beneath Highway 1. But one resident wonders if the methane gas — which is stored in liquid form — poses a public safety threat.

“This is crazy,” suggested Carmel Valley resident Frank Koucky, a financial advisor who told The Pine Cone he once worked as a fire safety officer for an industrial welding company — and as a result, he said, is well versed on the risks of storing and using large quantities of gas.

“Methane is very scary stuff. Why would they put this next to a school, a highway and hundreds of residences? This is a disaster in the making,” Koucky said. “I don’t know why Carmel isn’t up in arms after the house blew up on Guadalupe Street.”

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PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

Just a short walk from a resident’s mail box near Carmel High School are three large methane tanks PG&E officials say pose no safety risk.

Corruption alleged in Monterey public works

Workers accused of stealing signs, poles, metal for scrap

By KELLY NIX

TWO MONTEREY public works department employees have been placed on administrative leave amid allegations they were involved in an illegal scheme to peddle city-owned street signs, poles and other scrap metal parts for cash.

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Mayor defends city as some ask for recall

By MARY SCHLEY

AS THE petition calling for the resignation of city administrator Jason Stilwell gains signatures, and a march is planned on Carmel City Hall before the Aug. 5 council meeting, some residents are discussing a recall election of Mayor Jason Burnett and the city council — especially in light of Burnett’s repeated comments that he and the council should be held responsible for the problems in town, including secrecy, the withholding of public records, wholesale personnel changes at city hall and the bungled criminal investigation of a department manager.

“I think people are getting tired of being patient and wait-

Lawyer forces P.D.’s hand in McInchak case

By MARY SCHLEY

WHY DID the city announce last week it was dropping the investigation of IT manager Steve McInchak?

According to McInchak’s attorney, Richard Rosen, the move came because he was getting ready to ask a judge to order the city to return McInchak’s property seized by the city during a raid of his house more than a year ago.

“I sent a letter to the Carmel P.D. telling them that more than a year had passed since they served the search warrant and seized McInchak’s property, and there had been no charges,” Rosen told The Pine Cone. “And I cited the case law that says they can’t just hold onto it without cause — there has to be some criminal action pending.”

Since no charges had ever been filed against McInchak, despite a long and expensive investigation, Rosen said the court has the authority to issue an order compelling the police department to return a person’s property.

“I demanded they return the property or we were going to court to get an order requiring them to return it,” he said.

Last Thursday, Calhoun issued a statement announcing the investigation was closed because computer expert Mark Alcock couldn’t find evidence of any criminal wrongdoing.

“The investigation concerned allegations that Steve McInchak unlawfully gained access to personnel files and information,” according to Calhoun’s statement. “The examiner was unable to provide sufficient information to proceed further with the investigation. Based on the inability to further the investigation, the police department has closed the case.”

Rosen said the case “also raises a lot of questions about this private forensic computer examiner, Alcock, because he was the one who looked at McInchak’s computer and said that he thought there were signs of wrongdoing. It was based on those allegations of Alcock that [the city] was able to get

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ing for answers,” said Paula Hazdovac, who was a member of the city council that hired Stilwell in 2011 but has since left the council after 18 years in office. “And it didn’t help to hear the mayor saying it’s wrong to blame it on an employee. That’s pretty much fueling the fire for a recall election. The subject definitely comes up.”

But Burnett, who has steadfastly supported Stilwell’s per-



Jason Burnett



Jason Stilwell

formance as city manager, said his point is that people should come to the council with their concerns so the governing body can take whatever action it deems necessary to correct them.

“I understand that people are concerned, people are upset, and the city council very much wants to hear those concerns in whatever way people feel best communicating them to the council, and we’ll work diligently to address them as best we can,” he said.

“The main pushback that I have had is that I don’t think it’s generally productive to take issue with the staff that serve this community,” Burnett continued. “The council was elected to represent this community, and it’s our responsibility to make sure we’re reflecting the entire community and to make changes if things are not going appropriately.”

Former Mayor Clint Eastwood agreed with Burnett that the council has to be the place where all the controversy is settled, but he also criticized it for not taking action sooner.

“I don’t know why the council doesn’t get together on it,” Eastwood told The Pine Cone. “I’m sure their hearts are in the right place, but they’ve got to take command of the ship.”

Longtime businessman Jody LeTowt also agreed that Burnett is responsible — but perhaps not in the way the mayor would hope.

“I don’t know Mr. Stilwell, but I do notice the mayor tends to defend him, saying he’s only doing what the council tells him to do,” LeTowt said. “Well, then, maybe the problem is Burnett, not Stilwell.”

See **TURMOIL** page 24A

WHERE’S THE BEEF? FOR CONDORS, IT’S IN THE HILLS JUST OUTSIDE TOWN

By CHRIS COUNTS

EIGHT MONTHS after the Ventana Wildlife Society announced plans to establish a feeding site for California condors at the Mitteldorf Preserve, the massive birds

have been photographed there having a meal.

The Mitteldorf Preserve is located south of Carmel Valley and west of the Santa Lucia Preserve. The 1,057-acre property, which features Monterey County’s largest redwood tree, is owned by the Big Sur Land Trust.

The VWS, which introduced condors to the Central Coast 17 years ago, is setting up a number of feeding sites from Carmel to San Simeon in an effort to attract the endangered birds to coastal areas where dead marine mammals can provide them with an

ideal diet.

When they travel inland to find food, they are more vulnerable to lead poisoning, which is their leading cause of death.

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A condor discovered a new feeding site July 17 at the Mitteldorf Preserve in Carmel Valley (left photo). The following day, she returned with some of her friends (right).

PHOTOS/COURTESY VENTANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY



Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Vet faces lawsuit after dog bites client

By KELLY NIX

A VETERINARIAN who runs an emergency clinic in Ryan Ranch is the target of a lawsuit by a man who was injured after being bitten in the face by the woman's dog.

Kenneth Holt alleges in a suit filed in Monterey County Superior Court that while at the Monterey Peninsula Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center in July 2012, a dog named Mac owned by Dr. Katja Herrmann bit him without provocation.

"While [Holt] was on defendants' premises," according to the lawsuit, filed July 17, "the bulldog dog (Mac) suddenly and without warning viciously and violently attacked and bit [Holt] on the face."

However, Holt's attorney, David Churchill, told The Pine Cone that Holt, a pet owner himself, has largely recovered from the dog bite. Churchill also said Holt holds Herrmann and her vet clinic in the "highest regard."

"It is just something that happened, but it doesn't [reflect] on the quality of veterinary care" Herrmann provides, Churchill said. "I think the community is very fortunate to have an emergency clinic there."

Churchill said the lawsuit is a formality and that there's a high probability it will be worked out soon.

"I would say within a couple of weeks we should have it resolved," he said. "If you don't file [a lawsuit] an insurance company will say they won't pay anything."

The lawsuit, which seeks an unspecified amount in monetary damages, says Holt, of Pacific Grove, was attacked when he entered the property" at 20 Lower Ragsdale Drive. Churchill said he didn't know precisely where Holt was when he was bitten, but that he was at the clinic to do computer work.

Herrmann, who until a few years ago offered the only 24-hour, seven-day-a-week emergency animal clinic for pet owners in the Monterey Peninsula area, has owned it since 2004. She did not respond to a message seeking comment.

Churchill said Holt had to undergo "relatively minor" plastic surgery to fix a "divot" on his face from a puncture wound but is otherwise OK.

"As a result of the attack by the dog, [Holt] was hurt and injured in his health, strength and activity, sustained injury to his nervous system and person," the suit says, "all of which injuries have caused and continue to cause plaintiff great mental, physical and nervous pain and suffering."

Though the suit also says Holt will be prevented from working in his usual occupation, Churchill said he's now back at work.



Lulu liked the Jack Russells; the ranch, not so much. So he pulled the thistles and burs from her long fur and brought her to work as a present for one of his employees.

"I fell in love with Lulu immediately," her person says. "She's a skittish little girl, but she doesn't bark or bite. And she's gotten so sweet and calm, but she is a bit of an escape artist."

In less than a year, Lulu has escaped from her yard 10 times. Although her family has fortified their fence to resemble the one around Fort Knox, Lulu manages to dig her way out. Her person thinks the neighbors just might have her cell number on speed dial.

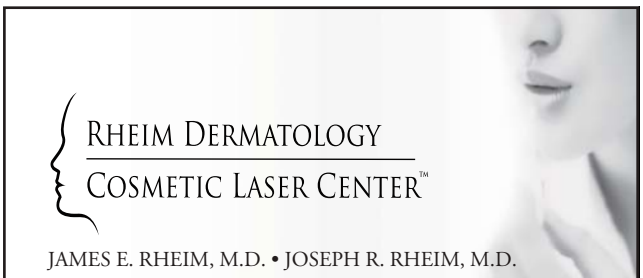
For this reason, Lulu was kept on a leash during her first few visits to Carmel Beach. Now that she's willing to come when she's called, she's allowed to run free. She doesn't care so much for shorebirds or waves, but she is smitten with seaweed. Mostly she likes to socialize among other dogs of similar stature. It's where she feels most at home.

Escape artist

DRIVING HOME through the deep darkness of River Road, a man noticed a little yellow animal up ahead, bouncing in and out of the beam of his headlights. Once he caught up with it, he realized it was a dog, perhaps the smallest dog he had ever seen. He pulled to the side of the road to see if he could collect it to keep it safe.

The tiny dog was elusive. He flagged down another driver to help him. Still no surrender. With six cars sidelined and 10 people playing "dodge dog" in the dark, the tiny pooch, which turned out to be a female, suddenly gave in, just before they gave up.

After a concerted effort to find her family, he named her Lulu and decided the little Yorkshire terrier should settle in among his Jack Russell terriers on his ranch.



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COURTS WILL DECIDE WHETHER CARETAKERS OWN JAMESBURG SCHOOL

By CHRIS COUNTS

A COURT decision July 18 put ownership of the Jamesburg School and its 11 acres back in the hands of its board of directors, reversing an earlier court ruling that awarded the property to its former caretakers.

Jim McNeely, president of the Jamesburg School's board of directors, told The Pine Cone he was "totally shocked" to discover April 22 that the school's former caretakers, Robyn Adcock and Brad Dubin, had filed for adverse possession — and a judge had declared their claim valid.

One of two attorneys working for the board, Eli Salameh, described the events that unfolded that day.

"The caretakers appeared on the property with sheriff's deputies," Salameh explained. "They posted no trespassing signs, changed the locks and claimed possession."

A short time later, the property was listed for sale at \$689,000.

Caretakers since 2000, Adcock and Dubin moved away in 2011. The following year, they filed for adverse possession, invoking a California law that permits someone who occupies a property without permission for at least five years to sue for its title. And because the school's board of directors never contested that claim, a judge in 2013 ruled in their favor.

But McNeely said the board never had a chance to

respond to the claim because they were never notified of it.

"Whether it was fraud or a mistake, there was a breakdown in the chain of knowledge," Salameh said.

The board's attorneys filed a motion with the court to set aside the 2013 ruling, and on July 18, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Susan Matcham determined that the dispute will be decided on its merits — and not on a technicality because the board failed to respond to the caretakers' claim.

"We wanted the board to have its day in court, which is what has been accomplished here" Salameh added.

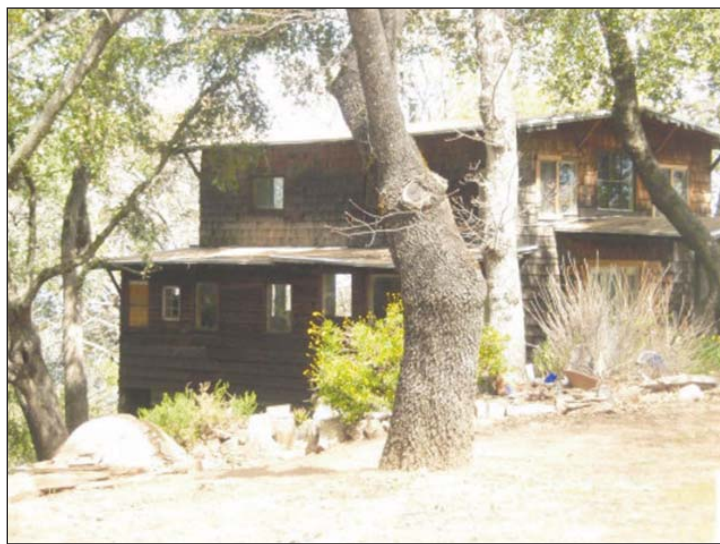
Adcock and Dubin are being represented by Hussein Safuori of the Ramsey Law Group in Lafayette. A representative from the law firm said it had no comment on the case.

While McNeely was encouraged by the July 18 ruling, he realizes the court battle isn't over yet. And he's concerned about the mounting costs of legal help.

"We're looking at \$35,000 to \$40,000 before it's over," he said. "We're just starting to get into fundraising mode."

Founded in 1979 and located at 40379 Tassajara Road, the school once served as a classroom for local youngsters. But in recent years, the non-profit insti-

tution has functioned more like a adult education center. McNeely said the site has hosted dance classes, fire prevention classes, weddings and community Christmas parties.



The Jamesburg School is more of a community center than a school. Ownership of it is in doubt after a rather unusual court order that former caretakers got title because of "adverse possession."

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Stabbing victim wouldn't cooperate

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.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

Pacific Grove: Neighbor reported subjects had entered a house on Laurel Avenue which was deemed uninhabitable by the city. Officers arrived and found a man inside the residence despite the multiple posted signs prohibiting entry. Man had been told he could go on the property to do repairs. Man re-secured the property and left without incident.

Carmel area: Deputies conducted a welfare check at the request of family. The person was found deceased.

Carmel Valley: Resident in the 100 block of Chaparral Road reported attempted fraud via the Internet through PayPal. Suspect address from Naples, Fla.

Carmel Valley: Verbal domestic disturbance between father and daughter.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Police fire and ambulance responded to Carmel Beach on a report of a coastal incident. It was determined to be a misunderstanding.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man stated he was walking his dog on Torres Street when another large dog approached his dog. The dogs sniffed each other, and then the large dog bit the man's dog on the neck. He stated the other dog was off leash and was in the roadway. After separating

the dogs, he obtained the other dog owner's information. Pictures of the dog were taken, and there were no visible injuries. Additionally, the dog was not in pain and appeared to be fine. He stated he would wait to see if any injuries appeared, and if so, requested that the other dog owner be liable for the injuries.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A verbal dispute over a parking stall on San Carlos Street. One driver kicked and damaged the side-view mirror on the other vehicle. Victim requested no prosecution but wanted the incident documented.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to reported annoying/harassing phone calls, emails and text messages on Monarch Lane. Contacted victim, who provided copies of all correspondence from the ex-boyfriend. Ex-boyfriend does not want the relationship to be over.

Pacific Grove: Patterson Lane resident reported theft of the spare tire taken from her vehicle.

Pacific Grove: Solo motorcycle accident with injury on Sunset Drive at 2240 hours.

Carmel Valley: Brookdale resident came home and discovered her husband was deceased.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An intoxicated subject was transported to CHOMP via ambulance after consuming too many alcoholic beverages at a location on Lincoln Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen reported a barking dog on Camino Real. No violation heard during the time the animal control officer responded. Notice left for dog owner and later contacted for information. First time dog was at the residence; ordinance discussed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed for

SUNDAY, JULY 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported that his son was missing.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Smartphone lost in the commercial district.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Purse lost in the commercial district.

Pacific Grove: Driver backed a vehicle into another vehicle on Ransford. No injuries.

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The Rev. Jerome Foute Politzer

The REV. JEROME F. POLITZER died on July 27th, 2014 at home.

Rev. Politzer, or Father Jerry as he was also known, was born in San Francisco to Jerome Politzer and Augusta Foute Politzer in 1926. He grew up in San Francisco with his brothers Robert and Alexander, both deceased, and his sister Mary and attended Lowell High School. After serving in the Navy during the war, Rev. Politzer graduated from Stanford University and received a Bachelors of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary and a S.T.M. from the Pacific School of Religion.

Rev. Politzer was ordained in 1952 and moved to Salinas, California, where he founded St. George's Episcopal Mission in Alisal (now St. George's Church in Salinas). He was also the founding Vicar of Good Shepherd Church, Corral de Tierra and Trinity Church, Gonzalez and was instrumental in establishing Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Salinas. Rev. Politzer was a faculty member of Golden Gate University, San Francisco, and a Founding Trustee of York Preparatory School in Monterey, California.

In 1968 Rev. Politzer became Rector of St. John's Chapel, Del Monte, Monterey. Following retirement he served as Rector Emeritus until his death. In response to growing theological concerns within the Episcopal Church, Rev. Politzer developed The Prayer Book Society in 1981 and served as president until 1991. Rev. Politzer built The Prayer Book Society into the largest extant Episcopal lay society. Rev. Politzer published a series of books of his sermons and was at work on another at the time of his death.

Rev. Politzer is survived by his wife of 61 years, Beverly Reeves Politzer, his sister Mary Haney, his three children Jerome (Rose) Mary (Laurent Pradier) and Ann (Martin Rosenberg) and grandchildren Jerry, Paul, Jean, Thomas, Amelia and William.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. John's Chapel, 1490 Mark Thomas Drive, Monterey, California 93940, on Friday, August 1 at 11 A.M. The family would suggest that memorial contributions be made to St. John's Chapel Foundation, 1490 Mark Thomas Drive, Monterey, California 93940.

Neutra house 'eligible' for national historic designation

By KELLY NIX

A 1950s Pebble Beach house has been deemed eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, a designation that could further hamper the owner's wishes to demolish the building and replace it with a larger house.

Massy Mehdipour wants to raze the run-down, concrete house designed by celebrated architect Richard Neutra that she owns at 1170 Signal Hill Road so she can build a home nearly three times its size in its place. But she's faced steady resistance from neighbors, preservationists, county officials and Neutra's two sons.

And now there's another stumbling block. In June, the NRHP determined the Connell House — as it's called for its first owners — is "eligible" for historic designation. The 1958 house has already been listed on the California Register of Historical Resources.

In order for the house to appear on the national historic register, Mehdipour must give her permission, which is unlikely to happen. However, the fact that it's eligible will make it more difficult for Mehdipour to tear down the house.

"This raises the bar to an even higher level as far as efforts to assure that the house is not demolished," said Sally Aberg a local resident who is trying to prevent the home's demolition. "There is now no argument regarding its significance, which supports the fact that it should be retained."

Mehdipour's attorney, John Bridges, told The Pine Cone in an email that his client is

traveling this week and that she was not able to comment, but said she would consider talking to The Pine Cone for a future article.

In a July 11 letter, state historic preservation officer Carol Roland-Nawi informed Anthony Kirk — an architectural historian who determined in 2011 that the house is historically significant — that there are no restrictions placed upon the owner "with regard to normal use, maintenance, or sale" of a property that's been determined eligible for the national historic register.

"However," Roland-Nawi wrote, "a project that may cause substantial adverse changes in the significance of a registered property may require compliance with local ordinances or the California Environmental Quality Act."

In August 2011, the Monterey County Historic Resources Review Board said an environmental impact report would be required before demolition of the home could be considered.

Neutra's son, Raymond Neutra, told The Pine Cone this week he's pleased the state and federal officials are on the same page as architectural preservationists that the home has historical value.

"I am hoping that this will give the current owner pause and motivate her to act in a neighborly way [and] sell the property to someone who appreciates it," he said. "She should then find another property upon which to build, hopefully also in a way that enhances the Monterey Peninsula."

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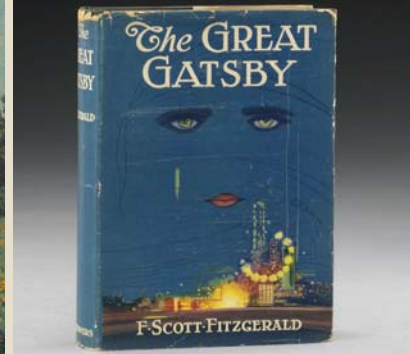


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This run down, 1958 concrete house is coveted by historians, preservationists and the designer's sons, but not so much by its owner, who wants to tear it down and replace it with a much larger structure.

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Recycled water project talks failing

By KELLY NIX

THOUGH IT hasn't officially been declared dead, the recycled water project Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley officials have been trying to agree on for more than a year might as well be.

Following a two-hour meeting Wednesday morning, officials from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District left the table following a three-hour meeting after it was clear that officials with the district, the county water agency and the City of Salinas wouldn't see eye to eye.

Water management district general manager Dave Stoldt told The Pine Cone that he and two other district board members told the group they didn't think the parties would ever reach an agreement.

"The water management district was basically willing to declare it dead in the meeting," Stoldt said.

However, that decision by water district officials, Stoldt said, evoked a quick response from the other groups, "and the reaction around the room was, 'No, there seems to be a deal here, let's try to work on it,'" Stoldt said. "Our answer was 'Sure.'"

The parties, which include about two

dozen members of the county water resources agency, City of Salinas and the Monterey Regional Pollution Control Agency, then countered with a call for smaller groups to continue to discuss the sticking points.

Though water district officials agreed to go to the table one more time, no meetings have been planned.

The meetings are not open to the public and Stoldt declined to identify the two water district directors who accompanied him to Wednesday's meeting.

The recycled water project would provide millions of gallons of water per year for Peninsula water users and to irrigate fields in the Salinas Valley through the advanced treatment of mostly Salinas-area wastewater. Stoldt said the unresolved issues include the amount of water the Salinas Valley would get in the arrangement, though he added that an agreement could still happen.

If the project — a collaboration between the water district, the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency and California American Water — fails to come to fruition, a desalination plant planned in Marina will have to be sized considerably larger to make up for the loss of water.

A lane is not a street, supes say, as P.B. project moves forward

By CHRIS COUNTS

DESPITE objections from one of their neighbors, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors agreed with a Pebble Beach couple who want to build a new home that a lane is not a street.

The unanimous decision July 22 by the supervisors paves the way for Bruce and Susan Herman to demolish an existing one-story single family home and replace it with a 3,223-square-foot two-story single family home and a 417-square-foot attached garage.

Their neighbor, Kevin Dunne, had objected to the Hermans' plans to build a new home that would only have a 10-foot setback from the lane that runs between their properties. The minimum setback from a genuine street required by zoning rules in Del Monte Forest, on the other hand, is 20 feet. Both homes are on Rodeo Road.

The lane, which looks like a paved footpath, lies on land owned by the Pebble Beach Company, which does not consider it a street, according to a report by county planning staff. Like others in the neighborhood, the lane is used for pedestrian and golf cart access to the Monterey Peninsula Country Club golf course. It is not used for cars. At this week's hearing, Dunne's attorney, John

Bridges, said a county rule change in 1997 required that "lanes" and "streets" have the same setbacks.

He also called the lanes, "a critical component of neighborhood character."

But the Hermans' attorney, Tony Lombardo, brushed aside Bridges' argument, calling it "revisionist history."

Dunne told supervisors he "probably wouldn't have bought his property" had he known the Hermans would be allowed to build a home with a 10-foot setback from the lane.

Bruce Herman disputed Dunne's contention and urged supervisors to back his project. "We have abided by all the rules," he insisted.

Former county administrator Sally Reed came to the Hermans' defense.

"This is about fairness," Reed testified. "The Hermans have worked hard to develop a good plan."

Supervisor Dave Potter made it clear where he stood on the issue.

"This is not a lesson in planning, but a lesson in dueling lawyers," he said. "Common sense says these lanes are not being used as roads and are not intended to be roads. There's no earthly way these lanes represent any kind of road."

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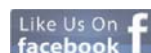
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COUNCIL TO DISCUSS BEACH FIRES, PG&E AND FOREST THEATER

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL City Council is set at its Aug. 5 meeting to vote on a contractor to take on the Forest Theater renovation, let the forest and beach commission know if it's on the right track where further regulating beach fires is concerned, and hear from PG&E officials on added safety measures they will use while replacing gas mains in town, according to Mayor Jason Burnett. The council will also consider amending its policy on Public Records Act requests to require city attorney Don Freeman sign off on each one of them. That change will help ensure the requests are fulfilled on a timely basis and in conformity with state law.

Regarding beach fires, Burnett said, "It's hard to judge how long a conversation that will be."

"It's really a check-in from the forest and beach commission," he said. "They want to know whether the city council believes they're headed in the right direction." Recently, the commission discussed the possibility of installing fire rings on the beach to confine fires to certain areas.

On the Forest Theater, which was closed in April due to health and safety hazards, a committee comprising residents, theater users and city staff unanimously selected the contractor that made the best presentation on plans to restore the historic theater and get it reopened. The firm's name, as well as anticipated costs and other details, will be reported at the meeting, and the council will be asked to vote on the agreement.

"My understanding is that it's a unanimous recommenda-

tion from the panel that interviewed candidates, and people involved in that process provided feedback that it was a robust process," he said.

Finally, the council will hear PG&E's proposed added safety measures for working on gas mains in town, with the idea that an accident like the explosion that destroyed a house at Guadalupe and Third won't happen again.

"I would like to get to a point where we could authorize the resumption of the safety work replacing the pipes, because that work is being done precisely because there are concerns about the safety of those pipes," Burnett said. "We need to figure out a way that we can safely resume work."

And on Monday, the council will hold a special session, rather than its usual workshop, so members can discuss the initiatives they set for 2014 and reduce them in order to ease the workload on city administrator Jason Stilwell so he can better focus on running the city.

"It will be to address or modify goals because we were too ambitious when we set them in January," he said. "We'll focus on the highest priorities."

The special meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, and the regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 5, will start at 4:30 p.m. City hall is located on Monte Verde south of Ocean. For a complete agenda, visit www.ci.carmel.ca.us.

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CHURCH KIDS LOG MORE THAN 300 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

By MARY SCHLEY

A TEAM of 13 students from local middle- and high schools spent a week teaching youngsters, feeding the poor and learning about those in need during the Mission to Monterey organized by First Presbyterian Church last week, according to Greg Carper, director of the church's youth ministry.

"Over the course of five eight-hour workdays, our youth logged a total of 327.25 student service hours," he said, and those who took full advantage of the opportunities logged more than 40 hours each.

Each morning, the students led a Vacation Bible School program for elementary and pre-school children at the Monterey church, and in the afternoons, they worked with a different community-service organization each day, according to Carper. At The Salvation Army's Good Samaritan Center, for instance, they did food prep, laundry service and cleaning of the facility, and for Save Our Shores, they participated in a

cleanup effort at Del Monte Beach. At Interfaith Outreach of Carmel's Joining Hands Benefit Shop, the kids learned about the organization and its operations, and for the City of Monterey, they picked up trash at Dennis the Menace Park and around Lake El Estero. Finally, at Shelter Outreach Plus' Hamilton House emergency shelter for women and children, they did yard work.

Then, during the evenings, Carper said, they helped the homeless by making and delivering food to the men in the the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program, known as i-HELP.

"They were also engaged in street ministry," Carper added, "making and delivering food to homeless people they met in downtown Monterey."

The kids were gratified by their work and surprised by what they saw and learned.

"I thought it was great to go out and help all the people in need. I learned anything, whether big or small, can make a difference. Even little things such as helping organize a

pantry or cleaning a yard can cheer someone up," said seventh-grader Craig Lensegrav. "I was surprised by how many people in the area are homeless. It was fun to walk around the community and help as many people as we could."

Sixth grader Ailana Lensegrav said she was glad to know so many volunteer organizations exist, and she was surprised by a transient named Joanna who refused to accept money from people. "She preferred to

receive food," she explained. "Most people think homeless just want money, but Joanna didn't."

Several of the students were caught a little off guard by how many pets the homeless people own, and sophomore David Callaway said he realized the importance of withstanding a little discomfort.

"I learned that, as a group, people can do

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These local middle and high school students recently led a Bible school program for elementary and pre-school children in the mornings before doing good deeds, such as feeding the poor, in the evenings.



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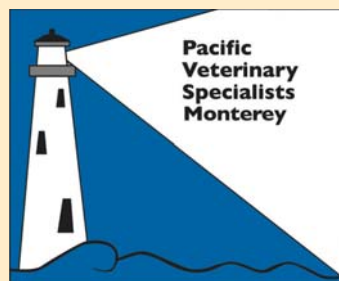
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BEACH HOUSE DOWNSTAIRS DELI, STORE GET INITIAL PERMIT

By KELLY NIX

THE FOLKS behind the successful Beach House Restaurant at Lovers Point in Pacific Grove are trying to open a new eatery and retail space on the first floor of the building, an idea that garnered initial permits from city planners last week.

On July 23, the city issued a permit to allow the Beach House to expand its operations in an 816-square-foot space directly below the main restaurant. The area will host a delicatessen, kitchen and small retail space that will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Owner Kevin Phillips has said he also envisions a coffee lounge with WiFi access and al fresco dining.

"We are still in the posting period," Phillips told The Pine Cone Thursday of the city permitting process. "I don't know if anybody has written a protest to the city yet. We are kind of waiting for [the posting period to end], and also the final nod from the coastal commission."

Pacific Grove contract assistant planner Ashley Hobson told The Pine Cone Thursday that there's been no formal opposition to the project. The period for the public to comment and to request a public hearing on the project ends Friday, Aug. 1, at 5 p.m. A notice of the project was posted on a window of the space on July 23.

"To date, the planning department has not received any written comments," Hobson said.

However, there's a lot to be done before its doors open. Hobson said that the deli and retail business needs a permit from the California Coastal Commission. It also needs a city building permit for interior work and for the addition of an exhaust fan on the roof of the Beach House building.

And as a condition of the city's administrative use permit and prior to approval of a certificate of occupancy, the owners must add three additional parking spaces in the public parking lot at the corner of Ocean View Boulevard and 17th "or other location acceptable to the executive director of the California Coastal Commission," according to city.

The commission had said it didn't want parking spaces at Lovers Point intended for beachgoers to be occupied by diners, and the Beach House was prohibited from opening for lunch. The parking near Lovers Point, the state agency figures, is for "coastal access," not "visitor serving" uses. However, The Grill at Lovers Point — a fast food restaurant owned by Joe Cavallaro that offers burgers and sandwiches — has operated there for a long time.

In June 2013, coastal commissioner and San Mateo County Supervisor Carole Groom took a walk-through of the Beach House restaurant and met with Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Kampe, Councilwoman Casey Lucius, and City Manager Tom Frutchey at Lovers Point in an effort to show Groom the Beach House's new downstairs proposal.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject, a 61-year-old male, backed into a parked vehicle at Dolores and Fifth at 1153 hours and was found to be heavily intoxicated. He was also found to be on probation for a prior DUI and public intoxication convictions. He was later booked into county jail and his vehicle impounded for 15 days.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a non-injury collision on Dolores Street involving a suspected DUI motorist. An investigation was conducted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of a wallet while in the commercial district.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person received a voicemail filled with obscene and foul language from a resident in Carmel. Information documented at this time in case the issues continue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision involving a parked vehicle on Fourth Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Man on Central Avenue stated that he was contacted by a male subject who was collecting signatures for a petition. The subject did not have a booth or any signage for the county in which he was collecting the signatures for. He initially gave the subject his name and address; however, after further consideration, he withdrew the information, and the subject became upset. He stated the subject did not verbalize his frustration, but according to him, it was apparent. He was concerned that the subject may be trying to obtain information on individuals so he can commit other crimes (e.g. burglaries). He obtained the license plate number to the vehicle the subject left in. He had no further information to provide.

Pacific Grove: An unknown person used the victim's name and had some bank checks made with an account from Santa Cruz Community Credit Union. Thereafter, the subject passed a bank check in the amount of \$677.37 at Costco utilizing the victim's membership.

Pacific Grove: TRO served to restrained persons on Arkwright Court.

TUESDAY, JULY 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subsequent to a traffic stop on San Antonio Avenue, driver found to be in possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana. The driver was cited.

Pebble Beach: A male resident on Cormorant Road, his wife and their daughter were contacted in reference to a suicide threat the daughter made.

Carmel Valley: Citizen in the 27000 block of Rancho San Carlos Road reported an unknown subject stole her wallet and attempted to use her credit card at a gas station.

Pacific Grove: While on patrol on Granite at 0100 hours, officer observed a vehicle with its front passenger door ajar. It did not appear as if the vehicle was rummaged through, because the glove compartment and center console were closed, and nothing was thrown around. When officer attempted to contact owner, a woman inspected the vehicle and advised that nothing was missing. She then said that the registered owner lives with her and that she believes he left the door open when he came home. She was advised to contact the P.D. if she determines any items were stolen.

Pacific Grove: Woman stated she was walking with her daughter while smoking her e-cigarette on Ocean View Boulevard. She heard a male's voice calling her a "bitch" for blowing smoke at his face. Woman said she was not aware the subject was walking behind her and did not do it on purpose. He said he was going to call the police, but she stated she told the subject she would call the police for him.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to a medical call for someone who had cut herself but was not trying to commit suicide. The woman stated one of her patients is a person who physically harms herself by cutting her body. The patient is an outpatient. Officer spoke with the patient, and she advised she did not want to commit suicide — she was having an episode of PTSD. She was transported to the hospital by a caretaker for stitches.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD units assisted CHP and Interpol with contacting a possible theft-of-gas suspect on Scenic Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported losing a purse at Mouth of the Valley.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD, fire and ambulance were dispatched to a walking path area on Junipero on a report of a male subject in need of medical attention. Male subject found to be intoxicated in public and taken into custody. Subject, a 29-year-old male, was transported to Monterey County Jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Sheriff assisted with vandalism to a vehicle that occurred on 17 Mile Drive in Pebble Beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A dog wandered into a San Antonio Avenue residence. The homeowner called to report the loose dog. The dog was chipped, and a responsible was contacted. Dog placed in kennel, owners later paid kennel fees, and the dog was released.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A Lincoln Street business reported two customers failed to pay their bar tab. Once contacted in front of the business, the couple paid for their tab and were asked not to return to the establishment. Business did not request prosecution and only asked that the incident be documented.

Carmel Valley: A traffic stop was conducted for vehicle code violations. The driver was arrested for DUI.

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It has also been suggested that a mounted traffic officer be stationed near the public school, at the expense of the county.

■ 75 years ago — August 4, 1939

Fashionable Del Monte Dog Show brings \$100,000 worth of aristocratic canines to the Peninsula

The 16th annual Del Monte Kennel Club show at Hotel Del Monte grounds Sunday is one of the fashionable season's top events. For this show, \$100,000 worth of aristocratic canines are being brought in under special permit of the county which waives the rabies quarantine on this occasion for dogs actually entered in the show.

Between 500 and 600 dogs will be benched during the day, starting at 10 a.m., but Miss Marion Kingsland, show secretary, promises that the program will be concluded by 6 o'clock.

Carmel's bonded indebtedness low, amounts to \$4.72

The city of Carmel owed a bonded debt of \$4.72 for each man, woman and child at the close of the fiscal year 1938, according to a study of the bonded debt of 280 California cities recently made public by California Taxpayers' association. Just some figures: Monterey County was second only to San Mateo county in growth between 1930 and 1939, according to a survey over the state. San Mateo was up 42 percent as against 39 for this county. A chamber of commerce would be elated over these facts and figures, but because we don't have such an institution here, we are taking it upon ourselves to inform the public.

■ 50 years ago — August 6, 1964

High school site purchase made

Purchase of the \$31,000 22-acre Hatton Ranch site for the proposed Carmel high school was made late yesterday afternoon at a special meeting of the board of trustees. The following statement regarding the purchase was immediately issued:

"The land purchase was decided upon notwithstanding the ratio of cost to total project, because the board needs to own the site as a condition of filing a WPA application, and because the board has regard for the need for obtaining a site of adequate area. The budget of \$82,238 was also passed at this meeting.

Going are the days of haphazard talk about our weather

Weatherwise, Carmel is going to be on the map. The city never did suffer from lack of attention to its weather. Citizens and visitors have always found it a prime topic of conversation. All over the country people have discussed it and sought information about it. But this information was apt to vary according to what did or did not ail someone ... perhaps sunburn, shivers, or even the shakes.

But those days are going fast: soon Carmel will have an official weather station. All weather information will be unemotionally and accurately recorded by equipment of the city's weather station, and relayed to the U.S. Government Weather Bureau. As soon as it's operating, everyone, everywhere will know just how much fog, rain and sunshine we do or do not get and this knowledge, probably, won't make the least bit of difference to all the differences different people differ about, weatherwise, in Carmel and nationwide.

But Carmel will be on the weather map! Hi! Washington, D.C., you'll be hearing from us!

■ 25 years ago — August 3, 1989

Cañada reservoir proposal clears major hurdle

The proposed Cañada de la Segunda reservoir jumped a major hurdle this month when California American Water Co. officials were informed it would not need a federal permit.

The water district's proposal for a dam on the river has met with vehement opposition from both federal and state officials, who prefer the off-stream Cañada reservoir concept.

Carmel Foundation senior complex ready for occupants

The first two residents will soon move into the Carmel Foundation's new 24-unit senior housing complex at Dolores and Fifth.

The opening of the \$1.35 million complex ends a long process that began when Charlotte Townsend was mayor.

In 1981, the city purchased the two lots for an unspecified purpose. In 1984, the Townsend council purchased three additional lots, specifying that the land was to be for a senior housing complex.

Later, the Carmel Foundation asked the city to let it take over the project, and the Clint Eastwood council leased the property to the organization for \$1 a year.

— Compiled by Christopher Good

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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

KICKING OFF three days of fun and fundraising, the Carmel Valley Fiesta's annual Hoopla Barbecue will be presented Friday, Aug. 1, at the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club.

In addition to offering a feast of chicken, tri-tip steak, salad, corn, chili, bread and dessert, the barbecue features live music and a fundraising auction. The event starts at 5:30 p.m., and tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under.

The Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club is located at 85 Garzas Road.

Over the next two days, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2-3, Carmel Valley Community Park will be the site of the Fiesta in the Park. The celebration includes pancake breakfasts (Saturday and Sunday at 8 a.m.); a classic car show (Saturday at 9 a.m.); a dog show (Sunday at noon); a wild animal show (Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m.); and a raffle drawing (Sunday at 5 p.m.). The event also features live music, food and a marketplace of arts and crafts.

The Fiesta in the Park is free. Community Park is located at Carmel Valley and Ford roads.

The Carmel Valley Fiesta has been presented by the Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club since 1989. Proceeds from the event have benefited a variety of local charities, particularly youth scholarships. For more about the Carmel Valley Fiesta, visit www.cvkcclub.org.

METHANE

From page 1A

Residents are understandably cautious after a gas leak from a PG&E main caused a house at Guadalupe and Third to explode March 3. The incident came four years after a pipeline explosion killed eight people and destroyed 35 homes in San Bruno.

But PG&E spokesman Greg Snapper insisted the testing "is a universally accepted standard for assessing the strength of pipelines."

He also called it "a safe operation and a common practice."

Snapper said the methane tanks are designed to ensure safety.

"These types of tanks are used across the country and

manufactured to the highest standards," he said.

Snapper said PG&E has taken extensive safety measures to ensure the project poses no threat to the public — and the company shared details of its safety plan with CalFire battalion chief Jude Acosta. "We went out and reviewed their safety measures," Acosta confirmed.

The tanks are located on land owned by Caltrans. Snapper said PG&E employees or security will be on site at all times to keep an eye on the equipment.

Because the gas won't be there for more than 30 days, PG&E wasn't required to obtain a permit to use or store it.

Caltrans announced the project could cause delays along Highway 1 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday through Friday, until it is complete.

Snapper said PG&E sent out letters to residents and hosted local meetings to give the public advance notice of the gas line testing project. He said if anyone has any concerns about it, they can call the company at (800) 743-5000.

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‘Red’ makes appearance downtown

■ ‘How did that chair get there?’

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN BETH Colt snapped a photo of a red chair on a frozen pond behind her Cape Cod bed and breakfast three years ago, she had no idea where it would lead. After a West Coast photographer who was struck by the image appeared at the inn and asked to borrow the chair — which she photographed in various spots before returning it — an idea bloomed to have “Red” visit B&Bs around the country.

After traveling throughout the East Coast in 2012, Red started its national journey in June 2013 and has been on the road ever since. Last week, the chair spent a few days hosted by the Vagabond’s House, where innkeeper Thomas Rogers ensured it visited all the most popular spots.

Before the chair arrived, Rogers waxed poetic about his expected visitor. “Long considered simply a place to rest, the lowly wooden chair has been elevated to celebrity status, and is being welcomed at inns and B&Bs throughout America,”

he wrote.

And when the chair arrived, the innkeeper and his staff ensured a lively itinerary and all the comforts of the historic downtown Carmel inn, which is best known for being the place where best-selling author and artist Don Blanding penned his California novels.

“Red’s first day was busy. It sat at the head of city council, made friends outside city hall, toured downtown Carmel-by-the-sea and stopped at the Cottage of Sweets,” he reported last week.

The chair visited the white sands of Carmel Beach in the afternoon “before settling into a nice bath back at The Vagabond’s House,” where Red read through the book chronicling its travels before being tucked in for the night, according to Rogers.

“Next day, Red took a hike up Botchers Gap and Skinner Ridge in Big Sur for a Pacific view from 3,000 feet,” Rogers reported. And then his guest of honor took part in a wine-

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Like the garden gnome in the film, “Amélie,” a chair named “Red” has a penchant for travel.



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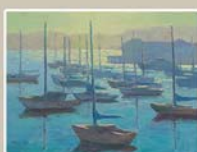
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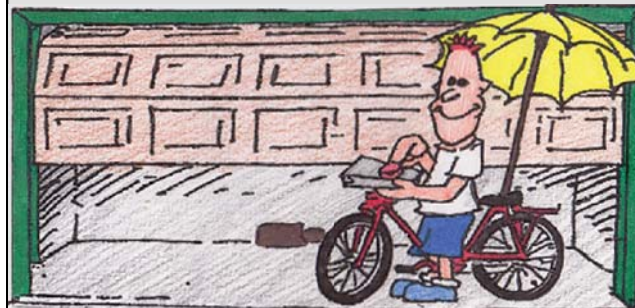
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'Hooked on headlights,' photographer takes a close look at the beauty of lenses and mirrors

By CHRIS COUNTS

ZOOMING IN on the colorful reflections of automobile headlights, photographer **Bert Ihlenfeld** creates unusually striking images.

An exhibit of Ihlenfeld's work, "Life in the Headlights," goes on display Wednesday, Aug. 6, at Sunset Center's Marjorie Evans Gallery.

From dealer show rooms to city streets, Ihlenfeld photographed hundreds of headlights up close.

"Photography has always fascinated me," explained Ihlenfeld, a graphic designer who lives in Pacific Grove. "But since shooting headlights, I became obsessed with documenting their magic and powerful visual effects. Every day I

To help fund its many exhibits and programs, the nonprofit Carmel Art Association presents its annual Miniature Painting Raffle Friday, Aug. 1.

"It's a fun event that brings people into the gallery for a chance to win a painting by a favorite artist," said the CAA's **Nicki Ehrlich**.

"This year we have a record number of paintings, plus some from artists who haven't participated before," Ehrlich said.

Raffle tickets are available for \$5 each or five for \$20. The last day to buy tickets is Aug. 31, and the winners will be notified the following day.

The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 624-6176.

Concours Week dinner will benefit youth mental health research

By KELLY NIX

ACCORDING TO the National Institute of Mental Health, more than 20 percent of children ages 13 to 18 have or will have a seriously debilitating mental disorder, an astonishing figure that many say is on par with a rise in mental illness among young people.

To raise awareness of the increase in psychiatric disorders among the nation's youth, Pebble Beach resident Susan Stilwell has started a new charitable organization, Aim for Mental Health, that kicks off with an inaugural fundraising dinner during Concours Week.

The Aug. 15 event will raise money to support medical research for children and young adults who suffer from mental health issues, and to help fund medical research to help them, Stilwell said.

"For far too long, mental illness has been in the shadows, kept there by the stigma many attach to it," she said. "We are determined to bring mental health issues out in the open and to focus on cures rather than palliatives."

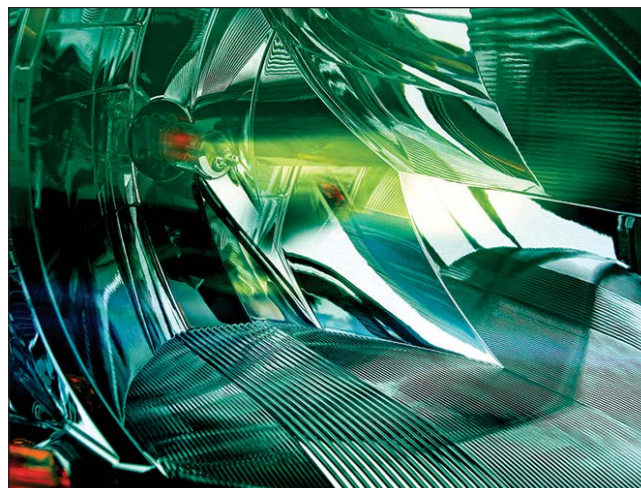
The Concours week kickoff dinner will be held at the "Home of the Bentley," a private home near The Lodge at Pebble Beach that Bentley Motors reserves each year during the week of the Concours d'Elegance. It will offer "an exquisite menu," Staglin Family Vineyard wine, music and other festivities.

"Our goal is to create a charity supported not just by families affected by mental illnesses," said Stilwell, wife of Pebble Beach Co. executive Mark Stilwell, "but by a broad cross-section of the community."

The dinner, Stilwell explained, will honor vineyard owners Garen and Shari Staglin, "for their dedication and support of mental health research over many years." The two have raised millions of dollars for mental illness research. When the Staglin's son was diagnosed with schizophrenia in 1990, they formed the International Mental Health Research Organization with the goal of finding cures for mental illness.

In 2011, Garen Staglin, with the assistance of former Rhode Island Congressman Patrick Kennedy, also launched One Mind for Research Campaign. It's under the umbrella of those organizations collectively called

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By zooming in on the headlights of contemporary automobiles, photographer Bert Ihlenfeld illuminates a dazzling world of light, color and forms. A show of his work opens Wednesday at the Marjorie Evans Gallery.

discover new and exciting reflections, from realistic mirrored images to brilliant color abstractions. I am hooked on headlights."

The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show continues through Aug. 29. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

■ Art raffle kicks off

Nearly 100 paintings by some of the Monterey Peninsula's most talented artists will be raffled off by the end of the month at bargain prices.

■ Sexy cars exposed

From Bentleys and Duesenbergs, to Porsches and Maseratis, cars have long been described as sensual. An exhibit, opening Friday, Aug. 1, at the Cherry Center for the Arts, "Auto Erotica: An Intimate Look At The Automobile," examines the subject.

Featured in the show are images by **Edna Bullock, Richard Cannon, Dixie Dixon, Rita Costa-Hollman, Les Ellis, Eduardo Fujii, Will Furman** and many others.

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Nearly 20 years after Jerry's passing, the Dead is alive, well and acoustic

By CHRIS COUNTS

NOT ONLY will Dave Holodiloff present his fifth annual musical tribute to the late Jerry Garcia Friday, Aug. 1 at Bay of Pines restaurant in Monterey, but the gifted mandolin player unveils a CD that pays tribute to the legendary Grateful Dead guitarist.

Garcia passed away in 1995 at 53.

Featuring acoustic covers of Grateful Dead favorites like "Uncle John's Band," "Friend of a Devil," "Franklin's Tower" and "Scarlett Begonias," "The Grateful Dead Bluegrass Tribute" is backed by **Gene Mason** on vocals, banjo and guitar; **Peter Mellinger** on fiddle; **Rick Chelew** on vocals and bass; and **Steve Uccello** and **Bill Sullivan** on bass.

"Whether you are a new listener, seasoned 'Deadhead,' or lover of quality acoustic bluegrass, there is something for everyone to enjoy on this tribute recording," Holodiloff suggested.

Mason and Uccello join Holodiloff Friday at Bay of Pines.

Too young to have actually been a Deadhead ("I was in single digits when he passed," he explained), Holodiloff — like

many of his musical contemporaries — has embraced the Grateful Dead's eclectic blend of rock, blues, folk, jazz, country and psychedelia. "The music is timeless," he said.

In addition to presenting annual tribute concerts, Holodiloff has incorporated Garcia's music into his live repertoire. It was inevitable that songs of the those performances would make it into the recording studio.

"People have been asking us to record a CD of Jerry's music," he explained. "We finally got around to it."

Besides releasing the new CD, Holodiloff has a few surprises for the audience Friday.

"I like to do add unique elements each year to keep things fresh," he added. "This year is no exception, including new songs, improvisational jams and arrangements, plus a new lineup."

The music starts at 9 p.m. and there's a \$5 cover. Bay of Pines is located at 150 Del Monte Ave. Call (831) 920-3560.

■ 'Bring your dancing shoes'

In the second installment of Carmel Plaza's annual Summer Live Music Series,

Steve Ezzo & The Monterey Bay All-Stars serve up a mix of R&B, funk, Motown and classic rock Friday, Aug. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.

As a guitarist, a bassist and a singer, Ezzo has shared the stage with Three Dog Night,

Tom Jones, Burt Bacharach, the Drifters and Coasters and many others. He'll be joined Friday by **Neal Banks** on lead vocals,

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Singer Neal Banks (left) and guitarist Steve Ezzo (right) rock Carmel Plaza Friday in the latest offering of the shopping center's annual music series.

The mysterious disappearance of Slim, a parklet, and a strawberry festival

WHERE'S SLIM?

For a decade, the wooden cowboy stood at the head of the little walkway guiding guests

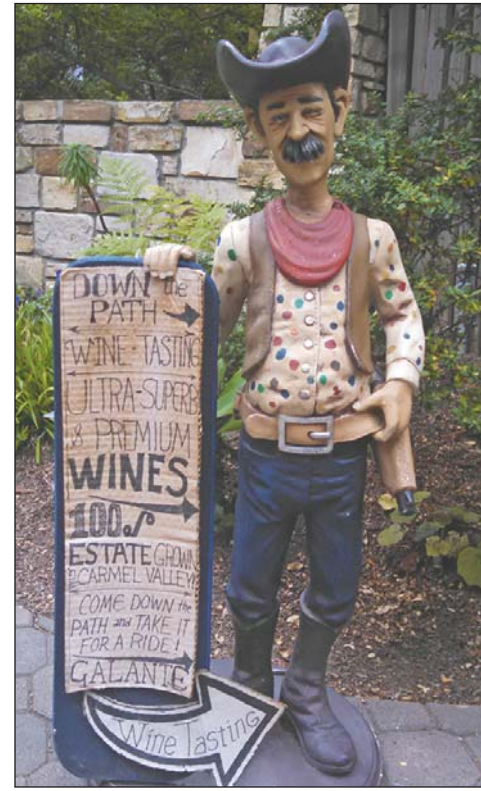
tasting room is off the beaten path a bit, and those who miss Galante's understated sign might notice Slim and find their way. According to Galante, Slim did his job well.

But now, the City of Carmel has deemed Slim illegal. Code compliance officer Al Fasulo stopped in the tasting room several weeks ago to say the cowboy violates the city's rules on business signs.

Now, Slim has been "exiled to a life

indoors after greeting and guiding visitors down our hidden alley to the tasting room for the past 10 years," Galante said. "He never bothered anyone, just grinned and greeted in a way only he could do from his little corner against a building on Dolores Street. It is hard enough getting folks to venture down our small alley with minimal signage allowed, and Slim quietly helped guide the weary adventurer."

Since Slim's banishment several weeks ago, business has dropped noticeably at the tasting room, according to Galante.



After greeting visitors to the Galante tasting room for 10 years, Slim the cowboy has been banished from the streets for violating a sign ordinance.

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

down to Jack Galante's tasting room on Dolores. Tucked behind an art gallery, the

■ First parklet celebrated

Pacific Grove's first "parklet" — a little outdoor area to hang out in front of a business — will be officially opened Sunday, when the owners and staff at Happy Girl Kitchen on Central Avenue celebrate the completion of their baby park, which they fundraised to build.

Wald, Ruhnke & Dost Architects designed the outdoor space to occupy two former parking spaces, and its trees and plants in raised, reclaimed wooden containers help provide a buffer from passing traffic

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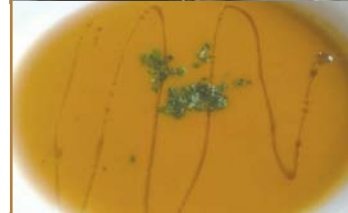


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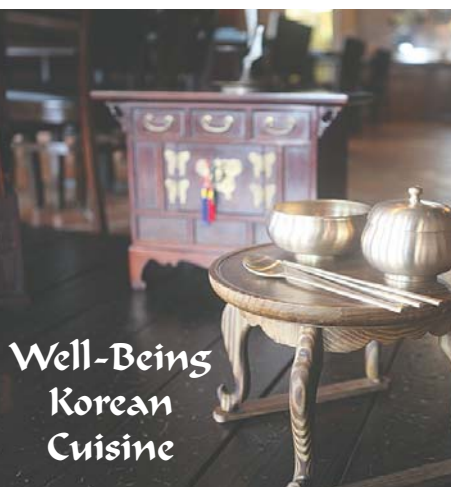
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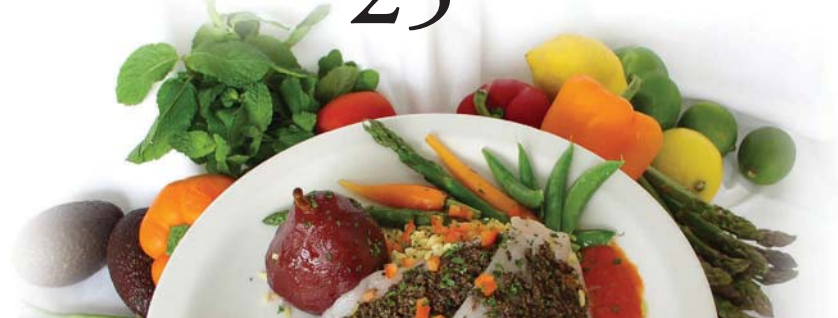
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FOOD & WINE

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and a small oasis in a busy area. HGK owners Todd and Jordan Champagne launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise money to build the baby park, which the City of Pacific Grove encouraged, and their efforts generated \$11,936.

The Aug. 3 festivities include live music, dancing, food and drinks from noon until 5 p.m. at 173 Central Ave.

■ Cima Collina's rosé soiree

Cima Collina in Carmel Valley Village will celebrate the release of two new wines — 2013 Chula Viña Vineyard Chardonnay and 2013 "Red Roses" Dry Rosé — at its upcoming Rosé Soiree.

The Chula Viña Chardonnay is aged in stainless steel instead of oak, producing bright fruit flavors and acidity, and is departure from the more traditional style of California Chardonnay that involves oak-barrel aging, according to Cima Collina winemaker and COO Annette Hoff Danzer.

The winery's dry rosé is a blend of Syrah, Mourvedre and Grenache, all Rhone varietals, and "is beautifully aromatic, fruity and a bit heavier than the previous vintage."

Both wines will be available for tasting starting Aug. 17, and the Rosé Soiree will take place that day and the following Sunday, Aug. 24, with special tastings and the introduction of Cima Collina's summer wines menu: Tondre Grapefield Dry Riesling, Cedar Lane Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay/Muscat Blanc Bouquet, the just released 2013 Chula Viña Chardonnay and 2013 the "Red Roses" Dry Rosé.

A \$5 tasting fee includes small bites. The evening soirees take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call (831) 620-0645. The tasting room is located at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road. www.cimacollina.com

■ Windy Oaks to open

The Windy Oaks tasting room in Su Vecino Court across from Jack London's on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth avenues has opened, showcasing the family-owned operation's wines made from Monterey and Santa Cruz Mountains fruit. Open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 7 p.m., the venue will hold a grand opening celebration Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-10.

Co-owner Jim Schultze said he would be offering estate grown Pinot Noir and Chardonnay; Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and a Rhone blend.

He owns the winery, which has small mountaintop vineyards, with his wife, Judy, who was born in Carmel. The winery itself is located in Corralitos, where their son, Spencer, is assistant winemaker. Their other son, James, is managing the Carmel tasting room.

For more information, visit www.windyoaksestate.com.

■ Strawberry festival

The 20th Annual Watsonville Strawberry Festival will take place Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in historic downtown Watsonville, with dozens of ven-

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MUSIC

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Richard Hall on bass and vocals, **Eric Rowe** on keyboards, and **Martin Binder** on drums.

Ezzo offered The Pine Cone a peak at Friday's set list, which includes hits like Earth, Wind and Fire's "September," Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean," Van Morrison's "Brown-Eyed Girl" and Pharrell Williams' "Happy." "Tell people to bring their dancing shoes," he suggested.

The music series also spotlights different local restaurants and wineries each week. Bistro Beaujolais serves appetizers this Friday, while Hahn's pours wine.

The music, which begins at 5 p.m., is free. Food and drink packages are \$15. Carmel Plaza is located on the north side of Ocean between Junipero and Mission.

■ Live Music Aug. 1-7

Terry's Lounge at Cypress Inn — pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Friday 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 **Maddalaine 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.

Jack London's Bar and Grill — singer-songwriter **Casey Frazier**, **The Julian Temple Band** (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.) and **Kiki Wow & Friends** (classic rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.). Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, (831) 624-2336.

Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley — pianist **Martin Headman** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley

Road, (831) 658-3400.

Julia's restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Generation Gap** featuring guitarist **Rick Chelew** and accordionist **Elise Leavy** (Thursday at 5:30 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

Monterey Bay Aquarium — **Terry Shehorn & the Hornets** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer **Julie Capili** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 886 Cannery Row, (831) 648-4800.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Dottie Dodgion Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.); **The Jazz Trio** with pianist **Bob Phillips** (Friday at 7 p.m.); **The Jazz Trio** with pianist **Jan Deneau** (Saturday at 7 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Bryan Diamond** (Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.). Also, a bagpiper plays every evening at 5:45 p.m. 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

Courtside Bistro at Chamisal Tennis and Fitness Club in Corral de Tierra — **Kiki Wow & Guitar Bob** (classic rock, Friday at 5 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Bryan Diamond** (Sunday at 6 p.m.). 185 Robley Road, (831) 484-6000.

Big Sur River Inn — **Andrea's Fault** with multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 2 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2700.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **The Evangenitals** (Americana, Friday at 9 p.m.) and **The Julian Temple Band** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). On Highway 1 about 25 miles south of Carmel. (831) 667-2422.

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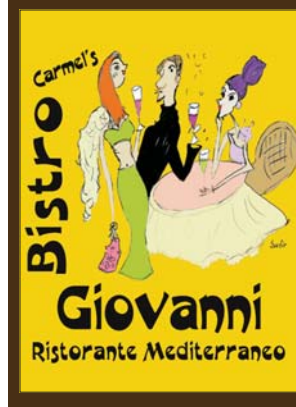
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■ Beach House deal

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As long as they are seated by 5:30 p.m. and order by 6, they can choose one of several entrées and pay just \$9.90. Dishes offered include panko-dusted sand dabs almondine, bacon-wrapped meat loaf, grilled king salmon filet, Lovers Point chicken, flame-broiled pork tenderloin and rigatoni with

basil cream.

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The Beach House Restaurant at Lovers Point is at 620 Ocean View Blvd., in Pacific Grove, and serves dinner and cocktails daily from 4 p.m. For reservations, call (831) 375-2345.

■ MEarth habitat is hiring

Like gardening and kids? Then the MEarth habitat project at Carmel Middle School might be the right place for you to seek a new job. The nonprofit is growing, according to executive director Tanja Roos, so it needs some qualified people to help further its success. Roos is looking for an administrative assistant and a NatureConnect program educator.

For detailed information about the jobs, visit mearthcarmel.org/get-involved/jobs/.

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Bernal gets sought-after endorsement from Deputy Sheriff's Association

By MARY SCHLEY

FACING A run-off election against incumbent Monterey County Sheriff Scott Miller in November, deputy Steve Bernal landed the coveted support of the Monterey County Deputy Sheriffs' Association.

The group represents deputies, sergeants, commanders and district attorney investigators, and, according to Bernal PR man Tom Shepard, the deputies cast 114 votes for Bernal and 54 for Miller, while 13 voted for no endorsement.

The association released a statement after the tally, which showed 63 percent of the 181 members who cast votes favored Bernal. Members selected the candidate "they believe will offer the citizens and public safety personnel of Monterey County the ethical, legal, and professional leadership and service it greatly needs."

According to his campaign, the vote means the DSA believes Bernal "has the ethics, professionalism, and leadership abilities to be the next Sheriff of Monterey County." The DSA did not endorse any of the four candidates in the primary election in June.

Bernal said he was grateful for the endorsement "of the men and women who serve our community as deputy sheriffs and put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe."

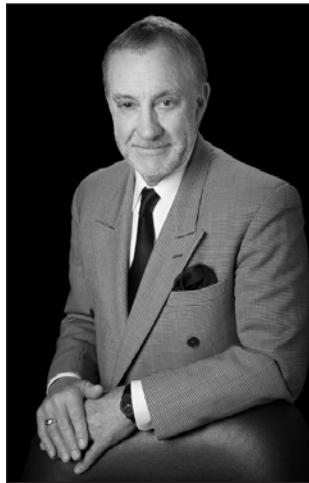
Shepard, who issued the statements about the DSA vote, said he is working as a consultant for Bernal, who previously had Brandon Gesicki representing him.

Shepard said an announcement would be made about Bernal's campaign manager in a few weeks.

Former Monterey County Sheriff Bud Cook, who served for a dozen years, has also

come out in favor of Bernal, who said he was "honored to have his support and counsel" and praised Cook for an administration that

"operated with transparency and integrity." Cook's endorsement came a day before the DSA chose its favored candidate.



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DINNER

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IMHRO-One Mind — which has an advisory board composed of “10 top brain scientists” — that Stilwell said she formed Aim for Mental Health.

The Aim for Mental Health Dinner will feature a 5 p.m. Bentley Exhibition, a 6 p.m.

cocktail hour and a 7 p.m. dinner and live auction, with tickets priced at \$500 per person. It will take place at 1528 Cypress Drive, next to The Lodge. The master of ceremonies will be comedian Bob Sarlatte.

To attend, contact Stilwell at (831) 624-8525 or sstilwell@comcast.net. To make a contribution, send a check to Aim For Mental Health, P.O. Box 4235, Carmel CA 93921. Donations will go directly to fund mental health research for youth.

ART

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The Cherry Center, which hosts a reception from 5 to 7 p.m., is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. Call (831) 624-7491.

The exhibit will also be accompanied by a film series. The first film, to be shown at 4 p.m. Aug. 7, is “Bullitt,” starring Steve McQueen.

■ ‘The Spirit in Motion’

Michael Furman presents a display of his automobile photography, “The Spirit in Motion,” at the Monterey Museum of Art’s La Mirada location.

Known for his extraordinary eye for detail, Furman creates studio portraits of the world’s finest cars, typically placing his subjects against a black background.

The show is complimented by a display of hood ornaments and other automotive jewel-

ry from a private collection.

The exhibit opens Thursday, Aug. 7, and continues through Aug. 18. The museum is located at 720 Via Mirada. Call (831) 372-5477.

■ Actor shows off photos

When the new boutique, Ami Carmel, celebrates its grand opening Friday, Aug. 1, photographer Jason Olive will unveil a display of his work.

While Olive has worked as a professional photographer for 15 years, he’s better known as an actor. His credits include co-starring in Tyler Perry’s “For Better or Worse.”

“Photography is a poet’s medium,” writes Olive on his website. “Simple yet profound, the photo has the ability to transcend material nature and transform both the viewer and the space.”

Ami, which hosts a reception from 5 to 8 p.m., is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 620-1600.



Tracy Valleau’s “Fender” is featured in an exhibit, “Auto Erotica,” which opens Friday at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts. Sixteen photographers are participating in the show, which explores “the sensual lines and forms of the automobile.” A reception begins at 5 p.m.

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McINCHAK

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a search warrant.”

In June 2013, a judge issued a warrant for the search of McInchak's home, based on information Alcock provided.

But McInchak “told me from the get go that nothing Alcock said was true,” Rosen said. “And now they've had more than a year to look at it and have found nothing.”

Indeed, Alcock, who has also been paid by city taxpayers to work on the city's computer network, has received \$273,486.29 as of May, much of it for his services as a “forensic examiner.” He is reportedly also responsible for investigating Leslie Fenton and Margi Perotti, who worked in the planning department. They were placed on leave last October and fired in March. Both are appealing.

“Why did they spend so much money on him for nothing? And why did it take so long? I think the citizens of Carmel are entitled to know more detail about what happened and what this guy was paid for and why it came up with goose eggs,” Rosen said.

McInchak picked up his computers and other electronic equipment at the police department Friday.

What now?

“This is the end of the criminal aspect of this case — there's never going to be any criminal charges,” Rosen said. “What it leaves unresolved, though, is the fact that he is still on administrative leave. He's being paid but isn't allowed to work, and they have never brought any type of disciplinary action against him.”

Pacific Grove civil attorney Michelle Welsh, who also represents Fenton and Perotti, said the lack of evidence of misconduct means the city has no basis for keeping McInchak on leave and preventing him from doing his job.

“That's up to the city — I have no idea what they are going to do,” she said. “They're in a legally difficult situation, now, to be maintaining someone on leave when the investigation yielded nothing.”

Meanwhile, the lawsuit McInchak filed against the city in June over his suspension and the confiscation of his property is still pending in federal court.

And the state Department of Fair Employment and Housing has initiated its own investigation of alleged discrimination based on the complaints of McInchak, Fenton and Perotti, the agency confirmed this week, though it would provide no further information since the investigations are ongoing.

“We must be careful to protect the privacy of the filers and don't want to compromise their legal rights,” a DFEH representative explained.

Former building official John Hanson, who was fired in August 2013, also sued the city in July, and his case is pending. He is being represented by Monterey attorney Molly Erickson.



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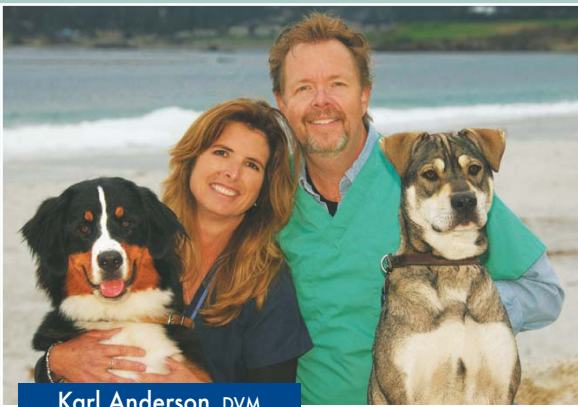
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TURMOIL

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Award-winning builder Chris Tescher said that, whoever is responsible, things in city hall are definitely a mess.

"The petition to recall Stilwell reflects the mood of many residents and certainly the business community as to the handling of longtime employees, and what that means to those of us who have to do business at city hall," Tescher said. "Human resources director Susan Paul came to town not with a scalpel but a rocket launcher! When the dust cleared, the entire planning and building department was gone save for one lonely soul. And, although there are more people working at the planning department than ever before, it takes twice as long to get things done. As little as a year ago I could walk into city hall and talk to a planner or building official. Not so today. I know change is difficult, but did they have to get rid of so many people all at once?"

"I don't believe in confrontation to get things done, I believe in sitting down to work together," said business owner Judie Profeta. "But the mayor and the city council need to understand that the business community thinks that things at city hall are definitely broken."

She said she was glad the petition to fire Stilwell got going, "because it validates the fact that a lot of people feel the same way — it's more than just a few business owners who are concerned."

But a civic leader who did not want to be identified wasn't very hopeful things would get better any time soon, because of the "dismissiveness with which the council and city staff have reacted to the voices of the community."

A long list

In his newsletter issued this week, Burnett took issue with the list of nine points

resident Carolina Bayne says justify the effort to force Stilwell to resign.

Despite the slow response to requests for public documents, as well as often providing them in severely redacted form, or not at all, during the past 18 months, Burnett said the city is not guilty of a lack of transparency, as Bayne contends. "The PRA policy complies with legal requirements," he wrote.

In response to Bayne's argument that city employees have been fired and replaced by outsiders, Burnett said department heads Sue Paul and Sharon Friedrichsen, both of whom were hired by Stilwell, "reside locally during the work week." He also contended that only seven workers have departed — two who resigned and five who were terminated — not the dozen claimed by Bayne.

According to a count maintained by The Pine Cone, Bayne's total is correct: Acting planning director Sean Conroy left for another job in September 2012; facilities manager Benny Martino retired in September 2012; Linda Macdonald was fired from the children's library in March 2013; assistant city clerk Molly Laughlin left around March 2013 (no one would say whether she was fired or quit); IT manager Steve McInchak was placed on leave in June 2013 (and remains on leave, though no disciplinary action has been taken against him), building official John Hanson was fired in August 2013; assistant city administrator Heidi Burch resigned under protest in October 2013; administrative coordinators Margi Perotti and Leslie Fenton were placed on administrative leave in October 2013 and fired in March of this year, Carmel P.D. Cpl. Steve Rana retired last December, CPD Sgt. Brian Pon was fired in January of this year; longtime community services employee and event planner Cindi Lopez retired in June; and short-lived city clerk Catherine Raynor was hired in June and fired in July.

'Not everything is great'

Bayne also criticized Stilwell for not getting enough money when selling city-owned

artwork, but Burnett said that was the result of action directed by the previous city council, of which he was a member.

As for splitting contracts to stay under the \$25,000 cap that requires council approval — as was done with computer consultant Mark Alcock — Burnett countered that it's "standard practice for separate services to be provided under separate contracts."

Speaking of Alcock, who has received some \$274,000 in tax dollars for his work with the city, Burnett said he provided "system support, a long-neglected security assessment of the city's computer system, and a forensic investigation that is necessary for accountability."

Contrary to Bayne's allegation that Stilwell has failed to set priorities for the repair and reopening of the historic Forest Theater and the disposition of Flanders Mansion, Burnett pointed out the theater is a top priority for the council, which has discussed it at every meeting since it was closed due to health and safety hazards in April, and Stilwell is simply following the guidance given by the council where Flanders Mansion is concerned. (Most recently, the council directed city staff to further research the potential of leasing it out.)

Finally, while she argued the city's \$24 million budget is top-heavy, Burnett said the recently added director positions "have reestablished appropriate levels of oversight over the city operations following inappropriate management cuts in the past," and he said the \$900,000 Scenic Road restroom project was long overdue and was awarded to the contractor who bid the lowest, as is required by the municipal code.

"It's not my judgment that everything is going great," Burnett told The Pine Cone Wednesday. "It is my judgment that considering the depth and breadth of what we have asked staff to do, they are doing, in aggregate, very well. Yes, there have been fumbles and bobbles and mistakes, and we want to learn from them. I want the organization to do better; I want to do better."

'Bizarre behavior'

Bayne's petition was drawn up before the two latest city hall mishaps: The illegal increase in the business license tax, and the dropping of the criminal case against McInchak.

And Hazdovac said she feels Burnett's "attack" on Bayne and her petition drive is "appalling on many levels."

"My opinion is that in the last 18 months, there's been very, very bizarre behavior from city hall, and I can't go anywhere without somebody saying, 'What the hell is going on

in city hall?'" she said. "It's a new council, and it's their responsibility, and I'm not going to meddle, but I have to say, sitting on the sidelines and observing what people ask me about, that people are fed up. They're tired of an administration that was supposed to be transparent and inclusive, and isn't."

The loss of so many longtime employees also means city hall is filled with strangers, she said.

"I can barely stand the thought of going to city hall," Hazdovac said. "You don't know anyone; you don't see a familiar face now."

Accompanying those changes is a lack of institutional knowledge and a subsequent decline in public service, including at the counter of the planning and building department, where several builders and developers who have long worked in the city are saying they can't get timely responses and are encountering resistance to their projects, rather than willingness to resolve problems.

Former city councilwoman Karen Sharp said she also worries about the town's future.

"I am concerned with the loss of so many key city employees who have resigned or been 'encouraged' to resign or have been terminated," she said. "Loss of institutional memory" was a term used many times by the CRA's spokesperson, Barbara Livingston, to the past council when several people retired. Where is that concern by that group today? Why are they not speaking out on the loss of so many respected long-term employees?"

Sharp, for one, hopes the mayor and council can get the city back on the right track.

"I hope that the elected officials and the administration listen to their public and act on the concerns of those who elected and hired them," she said. "The current turmoil is distracting from the business of running our beautiful city."

If, in fact, voters decide they are unhappy enough with Burnett and the council that they want to recall any or all of them, the proponents would need to draft a recall petition for each member and would have 60 days to get each signed by 25 percent of the city's 2,654 registered voters (as of the April election). If the petition drive was successful, the city would be obligated to hold, and pay for, an election, which would be held between three and four months after the signatures are certified and the vote is ordered to take place.

Bayne has said she probably won't be the one to take on a recall effort, if there is one, since her current petition drive has been a lot of work already.

As for the march on city hall, which will begin at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at Devendorf Park and proceed to city hall, she said, "It's taken on a life of its own."

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so much good in the society, but only if we are willing to step out of our comfort zones and get our hands dirty," he said. "And there is much to be done."

Fionnouala Ghinn, who is in seventh grade, found the people receiving food were friendly.

"I learned that even though the people were homeless, they would share with one another," she said. "And nothing was wasted."

Carper, meanwhile, said he realized that many of the transients craved human contact and conversation as much as they did food.

"Just taking the time to talk to them, to shake their hands, to look them in their eyes, and to acknowledge their worth as human beings seemed to mean a lot," he said.

Furthermore, he said, doing mission work at home means being able to help year round and establish relationships with the people he's serving.

"I also learned that if you are almost 40 and live with a group of teenagers for a week and eat too many Oreos, you will gain a lot of weight," he added. "I still haven't got on the scale!"

Carper was impressed by the kids, including how comfortable they were talking to strangers and how hard they were willing to work.

"I shouldn't be surprised, because we have a great group of kids, and young people tend to have open minds and open hearts. They want to help people. They want to make a difference," he said. "And I think they could teach the adults in our church and in our community a thing or two about serving others."

RED

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and-cheese tasting in the inn's courtyard before writing a letter home — with assistance — on the inn's vintage typewriter.

Rogers also had some fun with Red during the downtime.

"I would randomly place Red on a street corner, in a shop, at the beach and watch how people interacted," he said. "They sat on Red and took photos with Red, and I could hear them wondering how Red came to be sitting there. Fun!"

After the chair's Carmel-by-the-Sea visit, staff from the hotel packed it up, along with its traveling suitcase and guest book, and drove it to its next destination.

CONDORS

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For the last several months, VWA staff has been baiting the Mitteldorf site with stillborn calves, which are donated by local dairies. The first condor to discover the site was a smaller female condor named "Tiny," who landed there July 17.

The word of Tiny's find must have traveled fast, because the following day, she was joined by five other condors. Also, condor sightings have increased in the Carmel area.

"We're very excited about this new development because it shows that our strategy is working to expand the condors' range to more coastal areas," said Kelly Sorenson, the VWS's executive director. "Condors have been seen in the Carmel area before, but now we're seeing them more often."

While the sight of condors soaring above the Monterey

Peninsula will no doubt be welcomed by many, it may also pose some risks to the birds. Could power lines, for instance, be a threat to them?

"We reviewed the surrounding area and looked at where power lines exist," Sorenson explained. "Because of the [remote and unspecified] location we chose for the feeding site, we are confident there are no immediate concerns. If they start hanging out in the Carmel Highlands, that would put them in closer proximity to power lines. But they tend to hang out where they're finding food."

Just this week, Sorenson received word of a large group of condors that discovered a dead sea lion along the coast near Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park. Apparently, the strategy of encouraging the birds to feed along the coast is working.

"Twenty-five condors were feeding on the sea lion," he added. "By the time they were done with it, you couldn't see it anymore. These guys are really efficient at cleaning up the landscape. They don't know where their next meal is coming from, so they're always cruising around looking for it."

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The Monterey Police Department began a criminal probe July 8, a day after city hall officials received an anonymous letter alleging the impropriety, which may involve other workers. Officers have since executed two search warrants, including one at the home of an unnamed employee, according to Assistant City Manager Hans Uslar.

"I can tell you that two of our employees have been placed on administrative leave, pending criminal and internal investigations," Uslar told The Pine Cone Monday, declining to identify the workers.

The first search warrant authorized police access to one worker's house and his financial records, while the second

warrant sought entry to an office at the city's corporation yard in Ryan Ranch. The facility is home base for the city's vehicle fleet, city equipment and street maintenance workers.

Because the investigation is still underway, Uslar said he also couldn't reveal what public works divisions the two employees were assigned to, the date the search warrants were served and what was seized. But, he said police detectives are doing a thorough job of looking into the matter.

"I can assure you that we are doing everything on all levels right now, with due diligence and due speed," Uslar said. "Our investigation is moving forward."

Included in the allegations are that the workers took signs, sign poles and other parts damaged as a result of vehicle accidents and other mishaps, sold the items and pocketed the cash. Uslar said the city won't know whether anything illegal occurred until the results of the inquiry are complete.

"We don't know right now," Uslar said, "if those funds have been used for internal department functions, i.e., they bought themselves bagels, if it was done for personal gain or if it was done for both. That is what we need to find out."

City protocol calls for workers to turn in any scrap metal they collect. The items are logged and then sold to scrap metal or recycling companies in Monterey County. The money from the sales is supposed to be deposited into the city's revenue account.

"The city gets paid when selling scrap metal to a scrap metal buyer," Uslar said. "If we discard [items] in the dropbox from the waste hauler, we do not get paid."

The Ryan Ranch-based Streets and Utilities department is responsible for replacing street signs, however, Monterey's public works department is large, with about 155 employees working in numerous divisions. Uslar declined to say whether the two employees were being paid while on administrative leave.

While a source told The Pine Cone that the practice of selling the city's scrap metal has been going on for years in the public works department, Uslar said that is an allegation police will look into. The source also alleged that at least one upper level manager within public works was involved in the scheme. It's unclear whether additional workers are also being investigated.

Uslar also said it's too early to say whether the city will seek prosecution if police find employees were involved in the alleged scheme.

"Let's first see what the investigation brings out," Uslar said, "and then we will cross that bridge."

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Editorial

Khosla joins Eastwood in lawsuit hall of fame

FOURTEEN YEARS ago, Clint Eastwood was hauled into civil court by a wheelchair-bound woman who claimed she'd suffered discrimination at Mission Ranch because of inadequate handicapped access, and she asked the court to order Eastwood to pay her millions of dollars.

The problem was, she made up her story of not being able to get into the ranch's office or find an accessible restroom, and the jury saw right through the tale when it caught her in a lie about when she was there. The award: nothing.

That happy result wouldn't have happened if Eastwood had buckled under and paid the woman at the outset to avoid the expense and trouble of trial. Instead, knowing her claim was BS, he insisted on seeing the lawsuit all the way through.

For his determination, Eastwood deserves the thanks of the Carmel business community — and, indeed, of businesses throughout the state. He exposed a phony ADA lawsuit, not only discouraging that particular plaintiff from trying it again, but making it harder for fake ADA suits to be successful anywhere.

A couple of weeks ago, we reported about another abusive lawsuit — this one filed by environmentalists against a Silicon Valley entrepreneur. The lawsuit's claim — that a business can be forced to stay open to the public even though its owner wants to shut it down — is ridiculous on its face. Still, the lawsuit is getting lot of attention in the media and from publicity-hungry politicians. Why? Because the business provided access to the beach.

It's true that most California beaches are open to the public, but only below the mean high tide line. Above that, many beaches are private property, and it's very well settled in state law that nobody has the right to cross private property to reach a public beach. Don't believe us? Try to cross El Sur Ranch (pretty much everything between Hurricane Point and Andrew Molera State Park) to get to one of the highly scenic beaches that are so inviting from Highway 1, and see how long it takes you to be cited for trespassing.

The beach that's the subject of the lawsuit is called Martin's Beach, which is not far from Half Moon Bay, and it was open to the public for many years, upon payment of a small admission fee.

But does that mean it has to remain open forever? No. No more than Disneyland or the local shopping mall has to remain open just because it always has been. And it doesn't matter at all how much the public enjoys going to Disneyland or to the mall — the owners can shut them down any time they want to.

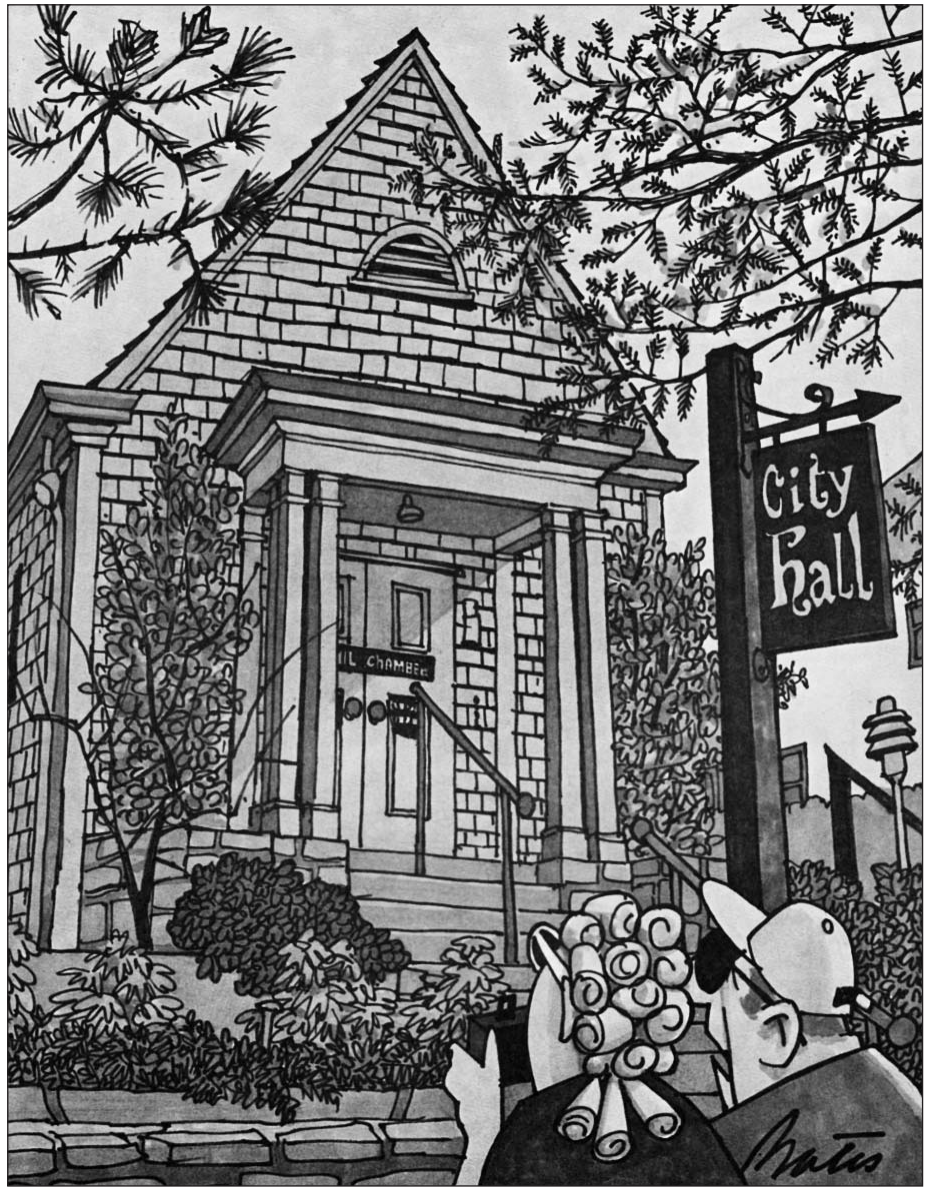
It also doesn't matter whether the public has been crossing private property to reach something that belongs to the public. One of the basic rights of property ownership is the right to decide who can set foot on it — regardless of how long it may have been open, or how desirable something is that's on the other side.

Since the law is firmly against them, the environmentalists who want Martin's Beach to be reopened have used every dirty trick in the book to try to intimidate the owner into unlocking the gate. But the owner — venture capitalist Vinod Khosla — has resisted their campaign of harassment and blackmail, and for that he is a hero.

Of course, it's true that access to beaches is a major public benefit, but it's not the only thing that matters. So does respect for private property and the law.

For his willingness to stand up for what's right despite intense pressure in the media and the courts, we hereby announce that Vinod Khosla has been selected, along with Clint Eastwood, for membership in the lawsuit hall of fame.

BEST of BATES



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Letters to the Editor

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Forest Theater doesn't belong on petition

Dear Editor,

If my reading of the petition to recall Jason Stilwell is correct, the group behind the petition cites the Forest Theater as a reason for recall.

As vice president of the Forest Theater Foundation, I feel the necessity to set the record straight. We have had nothing but encouragement and positive action from Stilwell to resolve the problems at the venue. The foundation has worked on the problem since 2000. Since then, different city administrations have tried to get something going but when the economy sank, so did any progress. The closing of the Forest Theater is the result of many, many years of neglect and postponements. You cannot blame any individual. Since Stilwell has assumed office, he has done all he can, sub-

ject to city council wishes, to find ways to repair and eventually preserve and upgrade this important Carmel fixture. I truly believe that we are now on a path to short term and long term solutions.

Walt deFaria, Carmel

Piling on never helps

Dear Editor,

Having perused the details of the petition to remove Jason Stilwell in last week's Pine Cone, I would like to address a major flaw that disturbs me greatly. I am referring to the mention of the Forest Theater, and the misguided attempt to blame city staff, specifically the city administrator, for a lack of plan for its re-opening. I am not familiar with many of the listed issues, but when it comes to the Forest Theater, I consider myself extremely well informed.

First, let's be clear: It was not the city administrator who closed the facility. It was our part-time building inspector from the City of Monterey. The city had a clear plan going forward — with renovation work expected in 2015 and 2016. This plan, unfeasible when the city lacked capital expense dollars, was made possible due to Measure K, whose passage can be credited to the current city council and staff. This was the first time in recent memory that fixing the Forest Theater was actually included in the city's annual goals and key initiatives.

The Stilwell budget included roughly \$1M for the theater in 2014-15, and listed another \$2M needed in 2015-16 to complete the work. Unfortunately, father time beat us to the punch. The old gal just

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Also, a good many couples come to our restaurant specifically to escape their own whiny and belligerent children, if only for a couple of hours if they can find a sitter because they just can't take one more minute under the same roof with those demanding little jerks and there are few other places in town where you can find peace and quiet and a good Long Island Iced Tea and a decent bowl of clam chowder because if they can't have their quiet time in our restaurant they shouldn't be held responsible for their actions and — dammit! — there's nothing wrong with that, is there?

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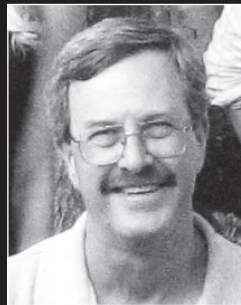
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Mary Louise Fleming Reynolds, born August 1, 1926, in Pacific Grove, died unexpectedly at Community Hospital on June 3 of a brief illness. She was 87.

Mary attended Pacific Grove elementary schools. When she was in the third grade, her family moved to Carmel, and she attended Sunset School. After several years, the family moved to Carmel Valley. They lived in the little brick house now known as Will's Fargo Restaurant, which was then off a dirt road. Mary attended Monterey High School, taking the bus to school every day and graduating with the class of 1944. After graduating from MHS, she attended Salinas Junior College (now Hartnell College), where she obtained an AA degree.



Mary was a good student and was very popular and had many friends. She loved art, always carrying a sketch pad for drawings and designing clothing.

The family home in Carmel Valley was a popular gathering place, as Mary's parents, Archie and Jessie Fleming, always welcomed the Valley kids into their home for meals and parties.

In 1946, Mary met Judd Morris Bradley on the beach in Pismo Beach while visiting one of her high school girlfriends. They fell in love and were married in Monterey shortly before he shipped out to Okinawa. When he returned from the war, they settled in Los Angeles. After a number of years there, Mary and her three children, Carol, Charlie, and Richard, moved back to Carmel Valley to be near her parents. She worked part-time at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital for several years before working as a bookkeeper for City Hall Garage in Pacific Grove, located across the street from City Hall. In the late 1950's, Mary was a fashion model working for the Mark Thomas Inn in Monterey.

Mary's second marriage in 1964 was to local realtor John Harrison Reynolds. John was well-known by all in town for his friendly smile and quick wit. He loved to stand in front of his real estate office (where Juice and Java is now) and visit with passersby. John had a kind heart and did not shy away from a pretty woman with three children. Mary then had her fourth child, Rosemary, in 1965.

In the late 1960s, Mary and John and a number of Pacific Grove locals had a vision and built Los Pinos facility on Congress Avenue for the mentally challenged. Today the facility is called Gateway Center.

Mary came from a family of Masons, Scottish Rite and Eastern Star members. She joined Pacific Grove's Ocean Spray Chapter (which is now Reveille) of the Order of the Eastern Star in December 1967, and became Worthy Matron in 1973. She remained a life-long member.

In the mid-1970s, Mary became involved with Herman Adrian Spruit in the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch--Malabar Rite (an independent Catholic movement). She ran the Sophia Divinity School and was the church's Matriarch for nearly 20 years. She was a talented seamstress and designed and handmade the church's vestments. She retired in 2006 from her church duties and was honored with the title Matriarch Emeritus. She loved the people and the devotion to worship. In her duties as Matriarch, she traveled the world to India, New Zealand, Australia, and other countries, as well as many trips to Hawaii and throughout the United States. She was known as Meri Louise Reynolds-Spruit.

Mary also lived in the San Jose area for a number of years and was employed as the Executive Secretary to the Mountain View Board of Realtors from the mid-1970s, retiring from that position in 1995. When she moved back to the Monterey Peninsula in 1997, Mary renewed her membership in the Pacific Grove First United Methodist Church, where she attended as a child and where she remained an active member until her death.

Mary loved music and to sing and dance and be with people. She often went to music concerts and big band dances with her daughter, Carol, when the famous old bands would come through town. She loved picnics in the park and long walks in the beautiful outdoors with her Border Collie, Liz. She enjoyed attending her class reunions and seeing her former classmates. She was a devoted volunteer and loved Pacific Grove's Feast of Lanterns, where she assisted her daughter, Carol, each year. She loved angels and had quite a collection, all shapes and sizes. Her beautiful smile and gentle, caring nature will long be remembered by all who knew her, for she was truly an angel in her own right.

Mary leaves her brother, Richard R. (Betty) Fleming of Salinas; her daughters, Carol Bradley Lauderdale of Marina and Rosemary A. Reynolds of Berkeley; her sons, Charles J. Bradley of Corning and Richard A. (Susanne) Bradley of Carmel Valley; her grandchildren, Jason A. (Gretchen) Bradley of Tacoma, Jennifer M. Bradley of Chester, Jessie R. Bradley of Corning, and Coty Burnett of Salinas; and her great-grandchildren, Mia Burnett of Salinas and Boaz A. Bradley and Eleanor G. Bradley of Tacoma. She also leaves her cousins, Marjorie Shafer Burton of Seal Beach, Shirley Ann Watson-Amos of Seaside, Charles (Lucia) Watson of Pacific Grove, and Jack Burnam of Monterey.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend a memorial service on Saturday, August 2, 2014, at 2 p.m. at the Pacific Grove First United Methodist Church, 915 Sunset Drive, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 and a Catholic mass on Saturday, August 30, 2014, at 2 p.m. at The Church of the Wayfarer, corner of Lincoln and 7th, Carmel, CA 93921. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either Animal Friends Rescue Project, P. O. Box 51083, Pacific Grove, California 93950 or to the SPCA for Monterey County, P. O. Box 3058, Monterey, CA 93942. To sign Mary's guest book and leave messages for her family, please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com.

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SUZANNE ALSUP loves being a mom — so much so that in 10 short years, she took care of 126 foster children. And if you're picturing June Cleaver, don't. Alsup's nurturing, yes, but she's also street-smart and tough as nails. The kids in her care needed every ounce of that, and so did she.

Alsup wanted to be a mother as long as she can remember. She married her husband, Michael, in 1985 and was soon

she could do with her life. Her mom, who'd fostered three children, suggested Alsup give that a try. Once she and Michael got their license, the first child — a 13-year-old girl — arrived in a few days. A few hours after that, an infant needed a home, and Alsup said, "Sure." From then on, she said, "We rarely had fewer than six kids living under our roof." With the help of her husband and grandmother, she kept the day care going, too.

Alsup preferred long-term placements of younger children, but she took in almost anyone for as long as they needed her.

"Social workers would call from my driveway at three in the morning to ask if I had a bed," she said.

Sometimes the kids only needed to stay the night; sometimes she would have them for months — or years. "Costco loved me," she said, noting that she often spent \$1,000 a month on diapers, wipes and other supplies. Of



The Alsup's in the early 1990s with some of their brood.

course, she had help from the government.

But taking her large, mixed-race brood shopping brought out the worst in some observers. "They'd yell, 'You sure must have had a lot of boyfriends!'" she laughed. It didn't stop her.

"We went everywhere," she said. Once, she and her husband hiked the Vernal Falls trail in Yosemite with twin infants strapped to them, two kids in strollers, and two on foot. Another favorite outing was the Fresno Zoo, where she'd buy season passes so that they could see Santa there at Christmas — a favorite time of year for everyone.

There was much sadness mixed with her joy. The cruelties adults inflicted on children horrified Alsup. She cared for survivors of abuse, rape, and molestation. Many had psychological and behavioral problems. She took in drug- and alcohol-addicted babies, and learned how to use specialized medical equipment. "Some of those babies never left my reach for two years. They were too frail. They slept on my chest, wired to tubes and oxygen."

Some babies she fostered weren't expected to live — but they all did. And then she had to surrender them to adoptive families. For her, that was the hardest part of the job — even when she knew it was the best outcome for the children. She was able to adopt fraternal twins — John and Alicia — in 1995. The two were born in 1993; they weighed in at three pounds each and required constant care.

Although she'd endured many gut-wrenching goodbyes, Alsup left the system in 1999 after another foster daughter she was going to adopt was taken away in a seemingly arbitrary last-minute decision. It broke her heart, and she soon surrendered her foster care and day care licenses. The family — Alsup, her husband, Christopher and the twins — moved back to Monterey.

Alsup's life hasn't been easy since her return; she's been plagued by injury and illness, and her marriage ended, but you don't get a sense that she's filled with self-pity. She's too busy. She and Christopher — now 27 — share an apartment, and she's taking college courses. She's fascinated by genealogy and archeology, and is an ardent fan of science fiction. She's also part of the Choraleers — an all-female singing group.

Some of her best days are when she hears from a former foster child. "They thank me, and sometimes they tell me that they've passed on a gift I gave them to their own children." It's almost as if she doesn't realize she gave 126 children the best gift of all — a safe haven when they needed it most.

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Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

pregnant with Christopher, her only child by birth. "It was a miserable pregnancy, and he weighed 10 1/2 pounds," she winced, "and that was the end of that!"

Soon after, they moved to Fresno to live in her grandparents' five-bedroom farmhouse. Her parents asked her to stay there while it was renovated, and gave her a great deal on rent in the bargain.

Alsup didn't want to take a job, so she could stay close to her son, who had developed some medical problems. But to help generate income for the family, she started offering day care. One day she was talking to her mother about what else



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LETTERS

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didn't have another year in her. The proscenium walls were literally ready to fall down. The electricians had no safeguards. Not to mention common amenities like adequate bathrooms and expanded handicapped access.

Upon receiving the red tag, I watched Stilwell work with the theatre groups to develop an emergency plan that would have allowed the 2014 season to continue. Temporary power, emergency lights, portable restrooms, and other challenges were going to be met. Unfortunately, neither the Monterey building inspector, nor the fire marshal, nor the city's insurance representatives would sign-off on the plan. Why? In this litigious world we live in, not one of these key officials would take responsibility (and frankly, who would blame them?). So it was back to the drawing board. The 2014 season could not be saved. The school would have to find other space. Now the city is focusing on 2015.

The point being ... to blame the city administrator, or any of the staff, is simply ridiculous. It's an uninformed accusation meant purely to inflame the public. It's called "piling on" and it's not helpful.

We just lost six invaluable weeks because the city council decided, for better or worse, to change architects mid-stream. This was a council matter, not a staff decision or even a staff recommendation. Stilwell's plan was stalled for six weeks, but he certainly didn't cause it. If blame is to be placed for the 20-year delay with the Forest Theater, don't look at staff.

Stephen Moorer, Executive Director,
Pacific Repertory Theater

Stilwell, council members should resign

Dear Editor,

As predicted, the nonsense and conduct at city hall may soon be coming to a head. The residents not only should be calling for Jason Stilwell's resignation, but should start with the recall of several sitting councilmembers, starting with His Highness (as he views himself) Jason Burnett.

I am so sorry I will be travelling Aug. 5, as I would love to speak to the petition presentation. The council and city administrator have a lot of work ahead of them trying to get their house in order.

Carol Butler, Former Interim City Clerk,
City of Carmel

Citizens fear retaliation

Dear Editor,

It is a sad day when residents and business owners are afraid of repercussions from city hall if they sign a petition to ask for any change in government. I had many people say they'd love to sign the current petition to request the resignation of the city administrator but they were afraid of retaliation from planning or city hall if their names were discovered on a list.

Afraid? I suppose that there is nothing to be afraid of if city hall decides to issue a search warrant to seize your home computer without any stated reason, or perhaps fires a distinguished war veteran with many years of outstanding service to the city. But then, I guess these things might happen to the people who were afraid to sign that petition. Who knows, their planning projects would get blacklisted? Their business licenses arbitrarily pulled? I guess they have a point.

I remember sitting in a city planning meeting last year when planning commissioner Jan Reimers said, "we are the planning commission, we can do anything we want." Go ahead, it's archived on the city video meetings.

So since when did we become afraid of our little Carmel by the Sea?

I thought it was government by the people, for the people? What is happening here?

Stephanie Ager Kirz,
Carmel

HISTORIC

From page 5A

Respected mid-century modern architect Jerrold E. Lomax, before his death in May at 87, also advocated for the home's preservation, joining a petition campaign to stop its demolition. Tony Ridder, a nearby resident and former CEO of the Knight Ridder media company, which owned the Monterey County Herald from 1997 until 2006, also doesn't want the home demolished.

"My interest is preserving important historically significant homes and buildings, period," Ridder told The Pine Cone in a January interview. "There are lots of other places [Mehdipour] can build a home without tearing down something that is historically important."

Mehdipour, according to county documents, wants to replace the 4,124-square-foot single family house with a three-level 11,933-square-foot home that includes a three-car garage, a 986-square-foot entry court, 106 square feet of uncovered terraces, about 2,600 square feet of covered terraces and a new driveway.

The founder of tech company, Skire, which was acquired by Oracle in 2012, Mehdi-pour is now the founding CEO of a tech company called Jotter, which "is in the business of developing and investing in new technologies," according to her LinkedIn page.

'We have transparent government'

Dear Editor,

There seems to be a number of citizens in Carmel who are either unhappy with decisions or actions made by the city, or they appear to be unhappy with our city administrator, who they blame for actions they don't agree with. Even though we have the most transparent city government we have had in decades, certain personnel matters must be kept confidential by law. Many town hall meetings have been held that welcome diverse comments and opinions. A democratic process works by an open electoral process whose elected leaders hire (and sometimes fire) managers to accomplish the goals desired by the community. It is unfortunate that the public can't be privy to all of the details behind individual personnel decisions and actions, but that is the way our democratic system operates. Rather than complain about city employees, please send your comments, complaints and kudos to the only person who can actually make a difference: the mayor. I'm sure he will do his best to respond to you as openly and honestly as he can within the limits of the law. He also will work with the city council to make any changes he deems fit for the good of the community.

Jerry Gleason,
Carmel

The people are seriously concerned

Dear Editor,

As a resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and as a neighbor and friend of Mayor Jason Burnett, I sincerely appreciate the significant financial, organizational, and promotional gains made by our city in the last few years, lately enumerated in Burnett's recent communications, and I believe this opinion is shared by a large majority of residents. We are happy and grateful that our city is now on a much firmer financial footing and our visitor profile has risen so remarkably, due mainly to the efforts of the mayor, the council and the city administration.

But financial improvements and magazine survey rankings are not what concern us now. What concerns us is who we are as a community and how we behave and how we see ourselves. It's about how we treat people, in particular the people who work for the city. I believe that a similar majority of residents share my concerns. We've seen multiple firings and resignations under protest of long-term city employees who we thought were loyally and conscientiously serving our community, and we find it difficult to believe they all were in fact incompetent and/or guilty of malfeasance. Our earlier impressions that these, our people, were unfairly treated have only been reinforced by recent developments. If this is true, it is not something we are proud of, and may be the most serious issue motivating the current petition drive to remove the city administrator.

Other areas of concern addressed in that petition and, based on my conversations around town, shared by many residents, are that our city is now a poster child for how to keep public information from the public, that our senior administrators and outside legal and consulting services seem to all be coming from Santa Barbara County, and our mounting legal and liability expenses to cover the aforementioned, regardless of who pays for them.

In brief, we sincerely appreciate all the mayor has done, but we're seriously concerned about what is happening in our city's administration and how people who work for our city are being treated.

R.C. Kreitman, Carmel

Dog Park EIR or Event Center EIR?

Dear Editor,

Planning commissioner Martha Diehl is right about her

BRATS

From page 29A

that he has a fundamental right to bring his boa constrictor into the restaurant. As you'll recall if you follow the news, the Supreme Court ruled in his favor after finding that our signage did not specifically ban snakes.

We believe our new sign will remedy the situation. Please also notice our new sign stating our policy that bans pocket gerbils from the building.

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proposed project being held to an "impossible standard" by the county. Enterprises whose business plans depend on major commercial activities should be impossible to locate on properties zoned Low Density Residential. That is why we have zoning ordinances.

The canine center's "Special Events," which clearly place the development in the commercial category, could occur up to 22 weekends each year (24 event days, 2 per weekend, plus 10 other events for which she can apply). Imagine 70 RVs and cars of 250 other customers plus vendor and service vehicles traveling already impacted Carmel Valley Road, coming and going through an otherwise quiet neighborhood, and setting up across the street from its homes with lights, loud speakers and generators blaring into the evening hours.

No one should confuse "Canine Event Center" with a "Dog Park" of the sort that might have met little resistance from local residents. This application should never have reached the point where an EIR was even needed. It should have been rejected by the county outright, according to its own regulations.

Larry Somerton,
Carmel Valley

Poor Snuggles

Dear Editor,

I love rabbits and have shared my home with several for 10-plus years. I was very disappointed to read in last week's Pine Cone that Carmel River School teacher Jan Fletcher has a classroom rabbit, Snuggles, to teach her 3rd graders "responsibility."

Rabbits are highly intelligent prey animals which detest noisy environments like 3rd grade classrooms and require familiar surroundings at all times to feel safe. I can assure you that rabbits cannot teach kids of any age "responsibility" — that's the job of kids' parents and teachers, not rabbits. Nor can I believe that Snuggles has a "calming, centering effect" on those 3rd graders, but rather I imagine she's a first-rate distraction from learning.

Who supervises whether these kids properly feed Snuggles or allow her exercise time during those weekend stays at their houses? Where is Snuggles living now during summer vacation? Perhaps at the animal shelter?

We wouldn't approve of a classroom cat or dog, so let's not allow classroom rabbits, either. House rabbits deserve loving, stable homes just like cats and dogs, rather than being bandied about to a different third grader's house every weekend.

Iris Klimczuk,
Monterey

Kapp's accomplishments

Dear Editor,

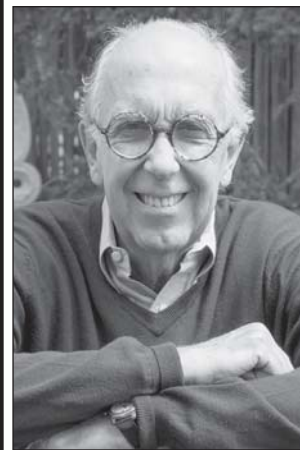
In addition to the many accomplishments listed in the article in the July 25 Pine Cone, Mick Kapp played a key role in arguably the single most important event in the history of music. The Voyager Spacecraft that became the first man-made object to leave our solar system (in 2012) carries a golden record. The first music on the golden record is the 2nd Brandenburg Concerto, and Mick is the person who selected and provided the actual recording to Carl Sagan and Jet Propulsion Lab/NASA. Performed by Karl Richter and the Munich Bach Orchestra, it carries the hopes and dreams of everyone who hopes we are not alone in the universe, and that we can be a kind of friend. The Brandenburg was selected to make that case for us, and Mick is the guy who put it all together.

Bob Danziger,
Carmel Highlands

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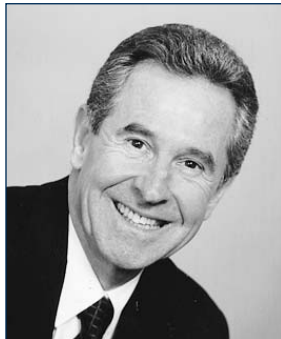


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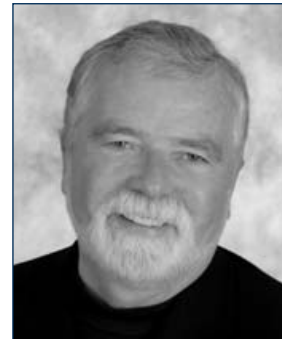


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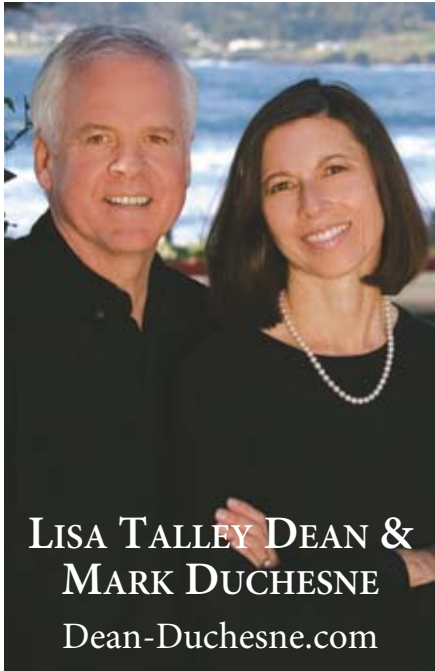
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The sun also rises on Sade's, and Hemingway would have loved it

"This is a good place," he said. "There's a lot of liquor," I agreed. — Ernest Hemingway, "The Sun Also Rises"

HEMINGWAY NEVER set foot in Sade's on Lincoln just south of Ocean, but some of his characters would feel right at home there. Jake Barnes and Lady Brett from "The Sun Also Rises," might share a secret, sitting at the end of the bar. Or Robert Wilson, the Macomber's guide, might be sitting on a bar stool wearing old slacks, dirty boots and a neck-lace of ammunition around his neck.

Sade's is a clean, not-so-well-lighted place to drink. It is a watering hole, a gin mill, a grog shop, a tavern. But it never descends into a dive or joint. It epitomizes Hemingway's economy of style. It is simple, direct, and unadorned. It is minimalistic, thriving on the theory of omission.

All of those same things can be said of Sade's owner and bartender, Frank Grupe. Like Wilson, he is handsome and ready for the hunt. He has Wilson's "flat, blue, machine-gunner's eyes." Looking into them one never knows if Frank is going to deliver a quip or an insult; invite you in or throw you out.

Frank has owned Sade's since 1989 when it was on Ocean. He moved to Lincoln in 1994. It was originally owned by Sade Latham who opened it in 1926. Sade's was a rendezvous for actors, writers, and everyone who knew her from the days when she was known as Sade Carr of the Ziegfeld Follies. She was close friends with Al Jolson, Fannie Brice, Eddie Cantor, and Will Rogers.

Sade's clientele is a mature one. They are, as Frank says, "people who can afford to go out and buy a good drink." You won't find many yuppies there, but you will find repeat customers who are local and from all over the country, and even from Europe.

I asked Frank why people like to come back to Sade's. His

reply: "because I insult the bleep out of them." (I intentionally bleeped out the word "bleep" is standing in for)

"I pour a healthy drink here," Frank said. "I mean, more than a shot glass. One day a guy came in and ordered Crown Royal neat. He complained that the drink was rather short. So I poured two more shots into the glass. Then I poured it all back into the bottle and told him to get out. He never came back."

Frank does have stories to tell.

"I had this small statue of a little bird, a sandpiper, sitting in the window. I picked it up at Marshall's for five bucks. A guy comes in, some Silicon Valley big-shot and asks me how much I want for the bird. I tell him a thousand dollars. He says he'll give me \$500 and starts peeling hundreds off a wad of bills and lays them on bar. He finishes his drink and walks out with the bird. I called my wife, Gail, and told her to get over to Marshall's and buy a case of the damn things."

Though Sade's is minimally decorated it does have a large beautiful mirror on the back wall that was made in 1954. It came to the Lincoln location from the old place on Ocean. Above the mirror is a sign that reads



actual happenings in a neighborhood bar.

"No way," I told them. "I'd have to get a signed waiver from every guy in the place. I don't want my customers to have to come in here wearing disguises."

I asked Frank if Sade's bore any resemblance to Cheers.

"It may be as close as you can come to Cheers, especially with all the regulars we get. I would get people in here from Boston and ask them if they went to Cheers. I'd give them my business card to pass it on to the owner. One day the owner of Cheers calls me up and says, 'Who the hell are you? I'm getting all your cards.'"

So, Frank left me laughing. And laughter and good times is how he wants Sade's to be known. I can picture Tyrone Powers, Ava Gardner, Errol Flynn and Eddie Albert laughing uproariously at Frank insulting them about their running with the bulls on Ocean Avenue.

Jerry Gervase can be contacted at jerry@gerrygervase.com.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

"Grupe Therapy."

I asked him if it was true that customers pour out their hearts to the bartender.

"Are you kidding? Sometimes within 15 minutes they're telling me stuff I wouldn't confess to priest. Things about their marriages, sex lives, you name it. That's why I have to be very discreet."

"So," I said, "what happens at Sade's, stays at Sade's."

"You got that right," he said.

Frank told that one time, one of the big cable companies came in and wanted to place cameras in Sade's that would run 24/7 so they could collect film for a documentary about

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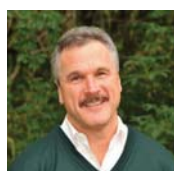
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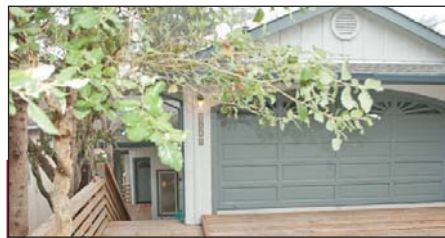
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From page 10A

Pacific Grove: Resident on Congress reported threats.

Pacific Grove: Miscellaneous ammo was turned in for destruction.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmel P.D. responded to a report of a non-injury collision in the residential area on Second Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident reported a break-in to her vehicle on Dolores Street sometime during the night.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person lost a wallet on the beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of theft of a wallet from inside a business on San Carlos Street. Investigation continues.

Carmel area: A transient was provided a trespass warning for loitering at a store.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to assist Monterey County Sheriff's deputies on a traffic stop with a suspected DUI on Funston at 0008 hours. The 27-year-old male driver was determined to be DUI. Driver arrested, booked, cited and released to a sober friend. Nothing further.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to a fight between two males at a hotel on Ocean View Boulevard. Officers found one male in his room with a stab wound to his left bicep. The suspect fled the scene. Both subjects are Sureño gang members. The victim was not cooperative and would not identify the suspect, whom he knows. Nothing further.

Pacific Grove: Arkwright resident called with concern because he entered his personal information online when applying for a loan and is now getting frequent phone calls asking for \$50 in payment for his credit check. He has not suffered any monetary loss. He was advised to change bank account information and inform the caller that he wants no more contact in the future, or change his phone number.

Pacific Grove: Woman reported someone stole her spare-tire cover from the back of her

vehicle while it was parked on Central. No owner-applied markings or serial number on property.

Pacific Grove: Eighteenth Street resident reported a fraudulent Craigslist ad. Resident sent a money order and placed a stop payment on the order prior to the suspect cashing it.

Pacific Grove: Deputies conducted a traffic stop for vehicle code violations at Funston and Presidio, and smelled odor of alcohol emanating from the driver. Pacific Grove P.D. responded, and subsequently evaluated and arrested the driver for driving under the influence of alcohol.

FRIDAY, JULY 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported loss of an heirloom necklace either while in the Carmel commercial district or at Carmel Beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman reported losing her phone at the beach on or around July 12.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman reported returning to her Lincoln Street residence and finding her bathroom window open. There were no signs of forced entry, disturbance of dust or pry marks on/about the window/metal window frame. The residence appeared intact and there was no property missing from inside the residence. Resident requested the suspicious circumstances be documented.

Carmel area: Person reported several sets of earrings missing from a jewelry box. Resident suspected caretaker was responsible.

Pacific Grove: Two reports of a dog on Lawton that had been left outside alone for the past two days. An officer went to the residence and checked the dog, and found it to be left in the backyard with no food or water. The dog was seized and turned over to the SPCA.

Carmel area: Resident discovered evidence that an unknown person had scaled the balcony in an attempt to enter the home. Evidence collected for possible suspect identification.

Big Sur: Rental car burglarized while

parked along Highway 1. A window was smashed and a bag of miscellaneous items taken.

Pebble Beach: Mother and adult son had an argument over mental health issues.

Pacific Grove: License plates taken from five vehicles parked on Austin sometime overnight.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to an address on 10th Street in regards to a phone scam. Resident did not send any money. Resident said that the caller told him he would win a \$6.5 million and a new Mercedes if he provided a money order to them. Resident did not give out any personal information to the caller.

Pacific Grove: Grocery store employee witnessed a 42-year-old male subject place a bottle of alcohol in his pocket. Subject then left the store without paying. Subject was located with the stolen property in his backpack. Store manager wanted to press charges. Subject was arrested for burglary and admonished for trespassing. [The suspect also has multiple prior arrests for public intoxication.]

Pacific Grove: Apartment manager located various items on top of the apartment-complex mailbox on Moreland. Found that some of the items were from a theft in Monterey. Officer contacted Monterey and advised of the recovered items consisting of ID and debit cards.

Pacific Grove: Attempted to stop a vehicle on Funston for traffic violations. Occupants recognized as suspects in burglaries. Vehicle evaded officers at high speed through multiple jurisdictions for 31 minutes. Vehicle finally forced to stop outside of Salinas. Illegal drugs and narcotics were located within the vehicle, in addition to stolen property. The suspects are a 35-year-old male from Seaside and a 36-year-old female from Pacific Grove.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assistance was provided to a citizen on Junipero who became separated from his wife. The parties were later reunited.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run, with no injuries, on Junipero.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported loss of a bracelet while on Carmel Beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from

San Carlos Street for blocking a driveway to a private residence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen found a purse in the middle of the roadway on Torres Street and brought it to the police department for safekeeping. Contact was made by Modesto Police and the property was returned to its rightful owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man reported a hit-and-run to his parked vehicle, located in a private parking lot. There is no suspect information.

Carmel area: Victim reported a residential burglary. Hawaiian shirts and a water-color painting were taken.

Carmel area: Person reported divers in the area of Point Lobos yelling for help due to a missing a co-diver under water. Following response, the diver surfaced with no need for assistance.

Pacific Grove: Grand Avenue resident complained of unreasonable noise coming from her upstairs neighbor. This was the second call of the evening. Both times when officers arrived on scene, it was quiet. The subjects were contacted and advised of the resident's complaint. They stated the resident does not like them and makes up things. The subjects had been drinking but were cooperative. This case was unfounded. The resident stated she would contact her apartment manager and declined to file a complaint under PC 837 [citizen's arrest].

Carmel area: Person spotted an overturned raft with several people attempting to climb back on near Carmel River State Beach. State park rangers paddled out to the raft to find it was a group diving and in no need of assistance.

Pacific Grove: Person came to the station and reported a verbal dispute that had taken place over a parking space at Country Club

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Gate. Person reported the subject yelled obscenities in front of children and adults for taking his parking space. He said the subject did not threaten him, nor did he challenge him to a fight. No crime was committed; however, he requested that the officer contact the subject and tell him his behavior was unacceptable.

Pacific Grove: Subjects contacted at Lovers Point Park. Subject, a 17-year-old juvenile, was found to be in possession of a concealed dagger. Subject arrested, booked at PGPD and released on a cite.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a subject causing a disturbance by yelling at a passersby on Fifth Avenue. The subject was counseled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of an Apple iPhone 4 while in the commercial district.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a fall on city property on Scenic Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated a non-injury collision involving a vehicle into city property on Junipero. Subject transported to CHOMP due to a possible medical emergency.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man initially reported his vehicle stolen. The owner later called back to advise the vehicle was found in a parking lot and was actually not stolen.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of a cellular phone while last in area of Devendorf Park and Carmel Plaza.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of an Apple iPhone while on Carmel Beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle was towed from Seventh Avenue for having expired registration over six months.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Multiple people reported an ongoing issue of dogs continuously barking throughout the night on Casanova Street. The owner was contacted and given a warning.

Pacific Grove: Was dispatched to a home invasion on Seaview Avenue at 0710 hours. The perpetrator, a 61-year-old female, was contacted and discovered to be in violation of restraining order. She was arrested, transported and released on bail.

Pacific Grove: Ransford resident stated she saw her neighbor standing next to her vehicle. She said, 'Hello,' but the neighbor

did not respond. Instead, the neighbor took a picture, with use of a cell phone, of her standing in front of her garage with the garage door open. Resident thought her neighbor invaded her privacy by taking a picture and requested the incident to be documented.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a disturbance, verbal only, on Grand Avenue. Upon arrival, it was discovered an argument had taken place between two friends.

Pacific Grove: Victim on Third Street reported that her former handyman, whom she has known for 12 years, demanded money. Resident refused. He then approached her, and she called 911 but he took the phone away and the call disconnected. When she tried to yell for help, he closed and locked her doors, but when the dispatcher called her back he fled the scene.

Pacific Grove: An intoxicated 41-year-old male on David Avenue threatened two people with assault. He was arrested and booked at PGPD before transport to county jail.

Carmel Valley: An intoxicated male got out of a taxi cab at West Carmel Valley Road and Scarlett Road and walked away without paying his fare. Deputies responded and contacted the male. The male paid the cab driver his fare, and deputies transported him to county jail to sober up.

Carmel area: A transient was contacted due to blocking a sidewalk panhandling. He was warned for several violations but cited for not having a license for his dog.

MONDAY, JULY 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subsequent to a traffic stop on Carpenter Street at 0003 hours, the driver was found to be unlicensed. The driver was cited.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle check was conducted on an illegally parked vehicle on Scenic Road. The driver was found to be in possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana. The driver was cited.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: It was perceived that a Waste Management truck impacted with a tree, causing it to splinter from the trunk and fall toward a parked vehicle. The vehicle was parked in front of a residence. An independent witness who was driving behind the truck confirmed that the truck did not impact the tree and that the tree splintered and fell. The city forester was notified, and a member of forestry arrived to remove the tree. Photographs were taken of the scene. Fresh impact damage was noted to the side of the right quarter panel and the right fascia of

the rear bumper area. This was confirmed with the owner. The public services department was notified.

See POLICE page 18RE

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Pacific Grove ~ One block from Monterey Bay and rec trail. Large lot with backyard with patio.
3 Bedrooms ~ 2 Baths
\$1,200,000



OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4
20 ANTELOPE LANE

Monterey ~ Greenbelt views from kitchen, family room and back deck. Easy access to Hwy 1 & 68.
3 Bedrooms ~ 3 Baths
\$925,000



OPEN SAT 12-3
1241 2ND STREET

Monterey ~ Centrally located turn key Mediterranean cottage near NPS and MPC
2 Bedrooms ~ 1 Baths
\$679,000



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Carmel ~ 180 degree views of Carmel Bay. Stairs leading to the ocean and trails on Ribera Beach.
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\$5,399,000



OPEN SAT 2-5 & SUN 12-2:30
1202 HAWKINS WAY

Debble Beach ~ Extraordinary setting, half acre property in midst of Spyglass Hill Golf Course
3 Bedrooms ~ 2.5 Baths
\$2,975,000



OPEN SAT 2-5 & SUN 12-2:30
9301 HOLT ROAD

Carmel Valley ~ Golf Estate on 3rd green of sunny Carmel Valley Ranch with two homes on lot
6 Bedrooms ~ 4 Full + 2 Half Baths
\$2,995,000



OPEN SAT 11-4 & SUN 12-3
24587 CASTRO LANE

Carmel ~ Great combination of cottage charm, space and picturesque exterior grounds
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OPEN SUN 1-5
18467 MEADOW RIDGE ROAD

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OPEN SAT 1-3
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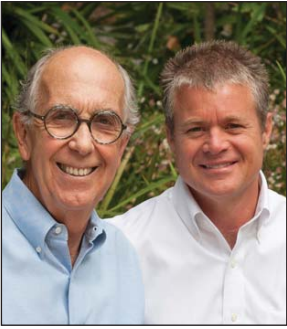
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Second quarter report: Steady as she goes

LIKE ALL folks trying to make sense out of markets, we are always looking for trends. In the second quarter, we found only one: Prices continued to go up.



House Talk

By Paul Brocchini and Mark Ryan

The increase in median sales prices is not only shown on our Median Prices chart, it's also reflected in the dollar volume chart, with six of the ten markets up, and the overall market at plus 13 percent — a strong gain over last year. This significant gain was achieved despite the fact that the number of sales was a virtual dead heat: 385 in 2013 and 384 in 2014. Total sales volume for the quarter topped a healthy \$400 million.

Days on Market was up in five markets and down in four. The Market Barometer, which measures the percentage of

listings in escrow continues to have good readings. Even Carmel, which has lagged in this category, had a healthy 25 percent of its listings in escrow on July 1.

Del Rey Oaks, which had no closed sales in the second quarter, led the Barometer reading with half of its eight listings in escrow. All of the Barometer readings were strong, except Carmel Highlands, which did not have a single listing under contract.

We are in a calm, normal sort of market. There is ample

inventory, interest rates are low and sellers have a good chance of selling in a reasonable time period if they price their properties within the probable value range.

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Median sales prices and percent of listing price received

| | 2013 (full year) | 2013 (Q2) | 2014 (Q2) | % of listing price rcvd |
|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Carmel | \$1,205,000 | \$1,242,500 | \$1,295,000 | 95.2% |
| Carmel Highlands | \$1,550,000 | \$1,287,500 | \$3,200,000 | 90.1% |
| Carmel Valley | \$842,250 | \$775,000 | \$801,500 | 94.8% |
| Marina | \$385,124 | \$375,000 | \$420,000 | 99.0% |
| Monterey | \$590,224 | \$585,000 | \$625,000 | 98.3% |
| Pacific Grove | \$682,500 | \$665,000 | \$725,000 | 96.7% |
| Pebble Beach | \$1,147,500 | \$1,650,000 | \$1,425,000 | 91.3% |
| Mry-Salinas Hwy | \$600,000 | \$600,000 | \$750,000 | 94.7% |
| Seaside | \$327,400 | \$342,500 | \$350,000 | 99.3% |

Monterey Peninsula Home Sales Market Barometer

| Date | in escrow /listed | % |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----|
| Carmel | | |
| 7/1/14 | 36/144 | 25% |
| 4/1/14 | 25/148 | 17% |
| 1/1/14 | 17/103 | 17% |
| 10/1/13 | 21/160 | 13% |
| Carmel Highlands | | |
| 7/1/14 | 0/25 | 0% |
| 4/1/14 | 8/31 | 26% |
| 1/1/14 | 3/22 | 14% |
| 10/1/13 | 5/28 | 18% |
| Carmel Valley | | |
| 7/1/14 | 25/102 | 25% |
| 4/1/14 | 30/101 | 30% |
| 1/1/14 | 12/67 | 18% |
| 10/1/13 | 15/116 | 13% |
| Marina | | |
| 7/1/14 | 15/33 | 45% |
| 4/1/14 | 18/35 | 51% |
| 1/1/14 | 9/12 | 75% |
| 10/1/13 | 14/24 | 58% |
| Monterey | | |
| 7/1/14 | 19/71 | 27% |
| 4/1/14 | 26/68 | 38% |
| 1/1/14 | 18/28 | 64% |
| 10/1/13 | 24/73 | 33% |
| Pacific Grove | | |
| 7/1/14 | 21/63 | 33% |
| 4/1/14 | 17/31 | 55% |
| 1/1/14 | 22/60 | 37% |
| 10/1/13 | 24/73 | 33% |
| Pebble Beach | | |
| 7/1/14 | 17/58 | 29% |
| 4/1/14 | 21/63 | 33% |
| 1/1/14 | 17/31 | 55% |
| 10/1/13 | 22/60 | 37% |
| Mtry/Slns Highway | | |
| 7/1/14 | 31/104 | 30% |
| 4/1/14 | 27/84 | 32% |
| 1/1/14 | 12/48 | 25% |
| 10/1/13 | 33/112 | 29% |
| Seaside | | |
| 7/1/14 | 20/68 | 29% |
| 4/1/14 | 44/79 | 56% |
| 1/1/14 | 21/33 | 64% |
| 10/1/13 | 31/58 | 53% |

Distribution of home sales — 2nd quarter 2014

| | up to \$399 | \$400-\$699 | \$700-\$999 | \$1M-\$1,499 | \$1.5M-\$1,999 | \$2M-\$2,999 | \$3M and up |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Carmel | 0 | 4 | 21 | 15 | 16 | 13 | 4 |
| Carmel Hghlnds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Carmel Valley | 1 | 10 | 18 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Marina | 8 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Monterey | 0 | 29 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Pacific Grove | 2 | 19 | 15 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Pebble Beach | 0 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| Mry-Salinas Hwy | 1 | 17 | 16 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Seaside | 45 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 57 | 113 | 95 | 48 | 31 | 25 | 15 |

Average days on market

| | 2013 (Q2) | 2104 (Q2) |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Carmel | 118 | 98 |
| Carmel Highlands | 204 | 249 |
| Carmel Valley | 127 | 87 |
| Marina | 36 | 42 |
| Monterey | 47 | 61 |
| P. Grove | 65 | 69 |
| Pebble Beach | 207 | 139 |
| Mry-Salinas Hwy | 82 | 80 |
| Seaside | 50 | 51 |

Gross dollar volume

| | 2013 (Q2) | 2014 (Q2) |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Carmel | 115,168,950 | 109,151,151 |
| Carmel Highlands | 23,603,000 | 32,381,102 |
| Carmel Valley | 36,301,000 | 52,169,068 |
| Marina | 9,480,784 | 11,778,107 |
| Monterey | 33,389,406 | 30,445,799 |
| Pacific Grove | 33,976,705 | 36,060,250 |
| Pebble Beach | 43,471,375 | 67,879,900 |
| Mry-Salinas Hwy | 43,205,870 | 39,488,800 |
| Seaside | 15,034,300 | 23,243,600 |
| Totals | 357,662,890 | 402,597,777 |

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Number of real estate sales (by quarter)

| | 2012 (Q4) | 2013 (Q1) | 2013 (Q2) | 2013 (Q3) | 2013 (Q4) | 2014 (Q1) | 2014 (Q2) |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Carmel | 59 | 46 | 73 | 59 | 45 | 55 | 73 |
| Carmel Highlands | 7 | 8 | 11 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 9 |
| Carmel Valley | 33 | 32 | 40 | 30 | 33 | 25 | 48 |
| Marina | 26 | 28 | 29 | 24 | 20 | 12 | 28 |
| Monterey | 42 | 39 | 55 | 61 | 40 | 32 | 45 |
| Pacific Grove | 49 | 41 | 46 | 41 | 36 | 31 | 46 |
| Pebble Beach | 27 | 34 | 18 | 33 | 22 | 30 | 31 |
| Salinas Hwy | 59 | 50 | 60 | 48 | 49 | 30 | 43 |
| Seaside | 43 | 51 | 44 | 43 | 37 | 30 | 61 |
| Totals | 345 | 329 | 376 | 341 | 293 | 246 | 384 |

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Pebble Beach

1078 Spyglass Woods Drive — \$760,000

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3027 Sherman Road — \$1,981,500

John and Lori Hunt to
Del and Janice Kolbe
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3215 Forest Lake Road — \$2,675,000

Robert and Susan Finocchio to Satori Trust
APN: 008-332-018

1139 Portola Road — \$3,627,500

Sandra Wadsworth to Uta Bone
APN: 008-282-005

Salinas

20750 Spence Road — \$2,100,000

Marilyn, Frank, Kristy, Leonard and Terry Fudena to
QC Properties LLC
APN: 137-021-031



36650 Highway 1, Carmel Highlands — \$5,250,000

Sand City

872 Afton Avenue — \$225,000

John Groves to DBO Development No. 30 LLC
APN: 011-123-008

Seaside

1732 Darwin Street — \$320,000

Thomas and Victoria McDowell Trust to Monique and
Havhannes Shakarian
APN: 012-762-027

1194 Phoenix Avenue — \$340,000

Urmilla Nair to Phu Duc Mao and Ut Thi Ho
APN: 012-072-010

1236 Hilby Avenue — \$399,000

Journeys Investment LLC to Rashmi Joshi
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Want to live like a star? Carmel Realty's Doug Steiny has just the spot

HAWKRIDGE IS up for sale — but you probably know it as Merv Griffin's house. The late crooner, talk show host and real estate mogul divided his time between his home in La Quinta, his yacht, and his 57-acre Carmel Valley ranch from 1972 until his death in 2007. In 2008, it was sold to his long-time friend and former CEO of the Griffin Group, Tom Gallagher, who makes you wish you'd been a fly on the wall at some of the parties there. He pointed out poolside rooms where various celebrities spent the night, and the 2,000-square-foot family building where everyone gathered for meals. He showed off the cottage Merv shared with companion Eva Gabor. Almost every building on the property has at least a story or two.

When you're standing by the pool, gazing out over the rolling hills, it's not hard to imagine an occasion Griffin himself described in his book, "Merv: Making the Good Life Last." Cary and Barbara Grant,

skeptical to the end, asking over the intercom at the gate, "Is Cary Grant really there?" Once inside, Eastwood was greeted warmly by Grant, then responded by announcing to those assembled, "He talks just like he does in the movies."

It would be unfair simply to dwell on Hawkridge's past, however. Breathtaking views of Hitchcock Canyon, Sleepy Hollow and a corner of the Santa Lucia Preserve await at the top of the steep and winding driveway. The Gallaghers have maintained Gabor's rose garden. They've also added banks of lavender and fruit and olive trees. The acre of sauvignon blanc that Griffin planted has been augmented by an acre of pinot noir and syrah. One of the most

stunning spots on the property is what Gallagher referred to simply as "the tree." The giant oak — thought to be 800 years old — sprawls at the back of the family building, surrounding and supporting an outdoor dining area. The 2,200-square-foot recreation center includes an HD theater with a 120-inch screen. Doug Steiny of Carmel Realty has the listing for the 12-bedroom, 10-bath estate which, at \$5,975,000, seems like an exceptional opportunity for someone to make the good life last, indeed. We think Merv would approve.

Is something newsworthy, fascinating or just plain worth bragging about happening at your real estate office? To see it in print here, please email emgiuliano@gmail.com.

Real Estate Insider

By ELAINE HESSER

Lucille Ball and Gary Morton, Arthur and Kathryn Murray and Armand and Frances Hammer all came for the weekend. Griffin also invited Clint Eastwood, who, thanks to a string of Griffin's practical jokes, refused to believe Grant was coming. When Eastwood finally arrived, Griffin wrote that he was



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This sun-drenched, hillside estate in Carmel Valley was the setting for some legendary Hollywood gatherings during the years it was owned by Merv Griffin.

MORE HOUSES

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PEBBLE BEACH

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| \$3,295,000 | 4bd 4ba | Sa 1-4 |
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| \$4,495,000 | 5bd 7.5ba | Sa 12-3 |
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| \$5,950,000 | 9bd 9ba | Su 1-4 |
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| | | |
|--|----------------|------------------|
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| \$598,500 | 4bd 2ba | Su 1-3:30 |
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|---|----------------|----------------|
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| \$449,000 | 4bd 3ba | Sa 12-3 |
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OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1:00-4:00 PM | 2 Shepherdns Knoll, Pebble Beach | 2shepherdsknoll.cbrb.com

Located inside the gates of Pebble Beach, this spacious Shepherd's Knoll condo features 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, Cathedral ceilings and a view deck that adds to the open feel of this single-level charmer. Well maintained and ready for your personal vision. Priced to sell quickly. \$579,000

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SINGLE-LEVEL LIVING ON A QUIET LANE | 1151 Chapparal Road, Pebble Beach | 1151Chaparral.com

First time on market, this impeccable home was expanded and extensively remodeled in the 90s. Abundant light through large windows with views of the lovely grounds. Large, gracious entry leads to a beautiful living room. Spacious master suite with walk-in closet and dressing room. Custom cabinetry and built-ins throughout. 3rd BR used as an office. 2 car garage with room for golf cart or workshop. \$1,100,000

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YOUR OWN PRIVATE LUXURY RESORT | 101LOWERWALDEN.CBRB.COM

Just south of Carmel in 'The Highlands' sited above the pacific offering sunsets that will bring tears to your eyes is what can only be described as a private luxury resort. This 5 bedroom, 6.5 bath, ocean-view home features a wine cellar, 2 guest apartments, 2 hot-tubs, 5 garages, a swimming pool and yes...a tennis court. Rolling lawns and landscaped gardens accent the fenced & gated 2-acre parcel. \$7,495,000

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OPEN HOUSE SAT 2-4 & SUN 12-3 PM | 24651 Cabrillo St, Carmel | tours.montereybayvirtualltours.com/74037

This spacious 3 bedroom, 3 bath home is on an over-sized lot in Carmel Woods. Included are 2 master bedroom suites with walk-in closets, and an open beam ceiling in the living room with a fireplace. This home has an open kitchen, two car garage, extra parking and a bonus room. Ground-up remodel in 2000. In the back yard there is an additional detached studio with newly finished floors. \$1,375,000

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CARMEL | 3BR, 3.5BA | \$6,000,000
On the prettiest street on Carmel Point.



A WEALTH OF COMFORTS Pebble Beach

This spacious home allows you to enjoy the light and warmth of many windows and skylights. For warm weather, this home is air-conditioned. Bathrooms include beautiful stone, warmed floors, and a Japanese soaking tub. Complete with stainless-steel, the kitchen is convenient to formal and outdoor dining. Host your family and friends in the guest house, complete with washer & dryer and fireplace. \$1,249,000



CARMEL | 3BR, 2.5BA | \$1,570,000
Lovely, split-level home in terrific location.



CARMEL VALLEY | 10 ACRES | \$108,000
Elevated Views of Kincannon Canyon from this private parcel.



PEBBLE BEACH | LOT 6, 1.08 ACRES | \$1,600,000
5 available lots at ThePebbleBeachLots.com.



CARMEL | 3BR, 2BA | \$1,150,000
Pristine people pleaser in a serene setting.



CARMEL VALLEY | 10 ACRES | \$104,000
Elevated Views of Kincannon Canyon.



PEBBLE BEACH | 3BR, 2.5BA | \$1,395,000
Beautifully maintained near Poppy Hills Golf Course.



CARMEL | 2BR, 1BA | \$339,000
Hacienda Carmel. Delightful Over 55 community!



PEBBLE BEACH | 3BR, 3.5BA | \$11,700,000
Offers the very best views in Pebble Beach.



PEBBLE BEACH | 3BR, 2BA | \$1,100,000
This home is a cut above the usual.



CARMEL VALLEY | 2BR, 2BA | \$777,000
Located on the lower section of Tierra Grande.



PEBBLE BEACH | 4BR, 4BA | \$3,295,000
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