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Woman sues neighbor over dog attack

By KELLY NIX

THE DIRECTOR of the Big Sur International Marathon Just Run youth program filed a lawsuit this week over a 2011 dog attack near her Carmel house that killed her puppy and forced her to undergo emergency skin grafts.

On March 15, 2011, Susan Love was walking her Maltese-Yorkshire terrier mix puppy on Canyon Place when three dogs owned by James Joshua Kelsey escaped their yard and attacked them, killing the small dog and mauling Love's arm.

"While Ms. Love's physical injuries are healing, she continues to experience emotional trauma due to the attack," according to Monterey attorney Thomas Dunnion, who filed the suit for Love on March 13. "She enjoys running, but ever since the attack, she fears for her safety if she goes running

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Livernois named Pine Cone columnist

FORMER MONTEREY County Herald Executive Editor Joe Livernois has joined The Carmel Pine Cone as a weekly columnist. "I have admired Joe's work for a long time," said publisher Paul Miller. "You never know what he's going to do, and that's a good thing."

Raised in the Imperial Valley, Livernois came to Monterey County in 1980 and was the editor of a weekly in Prunedale for a couple of years. He worked at The Pine Cone during Jerry Brown's first administration, and was then with The Herald for 28 years. He has two grown sons and lives with his wife, Loma, in Prunedale. His first column is on page 26A.

Hospital execs not 'guaranteed' big payouts

■ But CHOMP bosses are very well paid

By KELLY NIX

STATE AUDITORS spent months unravelling the controversial finances of Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital after former CEO Sam Downing received a lump sum of about \$4 million when he retired, on top of an annual pension of \$115,000 for life.

While Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula hasn't come under the same kind of scrutiny — and says it hasn't provided golden parachutes to any of its retired executives — public documents about the hospital's

CANDIDATES MAKE THEIR CASE AT FINAL FORUM

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH ABSENTEE ballots already in the mail and election day just four weeks away, mayoral candidates Jason Burnett and Rich Pepe and four contenders for city council took advantage of the third and final forum Tuesday night to articulate their views — as similar as they are — and highlight their knowledge of issues such as the water shortage, downtown parking, municipal pension liabilities and the sale of Flanders Mansion.

The sharpest difference among the candidates at the forum, which was moderated by Pine Cone publisher Paul Miller and drew a standing-room-only crowd to Sunset Center's Carpenter Hall, was their experience at city hall or lack thereof, and whether having it was an asset or a liability.

"We cannot play politics as usual," insisted political newcomer Pepe, who owns a pair of restaurants and a bakery downtown. The city needs additional revenue, he said, and he suggested increasing the sales tax, allowing short-term rentals, implementing paid parking and putting other plans into action in order to raise money.

Burnett, meanwhile, cited his educational background and experience in Washington — helping lead a government agency with a several-billion-dollar budget — and his two years on the city council as justification for choosing him.

"I know how government works," he said. "I know how to get things done."



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Pine Cone publisher Paul Miller (left) prompts candidates (from left to right), Ken Talmage, Bob Profeta, Victoria Beach, Rich Pepe, Jason Burnett and Tom Leverone, during a forum for voters at Sunset Center's Carpenter Hall on Tuesday.

Like Pepe, city council candidate Bob Profeta focused on his decades of business ownership and said lack of experience at city hall makes him "totally independent."

"I can and will take independent stands," he said, adding that he has a lot of ideas for solving the city's problems. He advocated increasing the hotel tax, adopting paid parking, embarking on another capital campaign to pay off Sunset Center debt and asking voters to approve a supplemental property tax.

"I know these may not be popular with all, but let's at least have the debate," he said.

Council candidate Ken Talmage, the only incumbent in the race, has served for five years on the council and almost three years on the planning commission before that. He said during the next four years he would focus on facing the city's "financial reality" and maintaining a vibrant community. He also recounted his accomplishments while in office.

"I've established a reputation as an attentive listener and independent thinker; I encourage participation," he said, adding that he's a "bridge builder" who can balance differing interests to find solutions.

City council candidate and planning commissioner Victoria Beach, who has a master's in architecture from Harvard, said her experience, knowledge of design and appreciation of the town in which she lives would make her a good councilwoman. And she's been delighted at the con-

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Lawsuit alleges terrible bullying at Serra School

By KELLY NIX

THE MOTHER of a 15-year-old boy is suing Junipero Serra School and the Catholic Diocese of Monterey, alleging her child was the victim of ongoing racist and lewd bullying by another student who engaged in a "campaign of terror" for more than a year.

In a lawsuit filed March 9, Victoria Napolitano, who describes herself as African-American, alleges her son, Tyler Napolitano, was victimized by a "known bully" at the private Carmel Mission school and forced to transfer to a different school after the mistreatment started affecting his grades.

The suit also lists as defendants the boy's mother and father, and Peggy Burger, Junipero Serra's principal. Because he is a minor, The Pine Cone is not publishing the alleged bully's name.

According to the lawsuit, the boy began bullying Napolitano in February 2009, when he was

in seventh grade. The boy allegedly made racist comments and prevented Napolitano from taking part in football and other games during lunch.

He "made constant derogatory statements to Tyler, which were both threatening and had racist/discriminatory overtones," the lawsuit says.

Burger, who was contacted by a Pine Cone reporter Wednesday, directed questions about the lawsuit to an attorney for the Diocese of Monterey who did not return a phone message. Diocese spokesman Warren Hoy said he couldn't comment because he hadn't yet seen the lawsuit.

According to the suit, even though the bullying happened as frequently as three days per week and school officials were aware of it, the diocese and the school "concealed" the boy's bad behavior and didn't tell Napolitano's moth-

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La Playa tented for termites



PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

No, the circus wasn't in town last weekend. But La Playa Hotel was fumigated for termites in preparation for its upcoming renovation. See the story on page 10A.

Robert “Bob” Profeta For Carmel City Council 2012

AN OPEN LETTER TO CARMEL RESIDENTS FROM BOB PROFETA



I may not know you personally, but we are neighbors in Carmel-by-the-Sea, a small, very unique town treasured for its charm. From my personal experiences as a more than 20 year resident, as well as from my business experience as a person who owns a business in Carmel and goes to work in our city every day, I know people come to Carmel to enjoy our town's unique beauty and character. We all share the goal to preserve these special qualities for the generations to follow.

While the goal is noble, to achieve it we must confront the reality of Carmel's present day problems. And while we may not always agree, *we must move past campaign slogans* and elevate the debate in search of the right solutions.

Carmel, like any city, is in the business of providing municipal services to its residential and business communities, from public safety to maintaining streets and the rest. This has become increasingly difficult as Carmel has been impacted by seriously declining revenues resulting in reduced services to our community. Carmel now only provides “basic” and “essential” services to its residents.

The City Staff recognized Carmel had to consider raising new revenues when it submitted to the City Council the 2011-2012 budget with a technical surplus of only a few thousand dollars. We can all agree, *that's only being responsible*. The Staff suggested about nine ideas for generating new revenues, some generating hundreds of thousands of dollars. Of all those ideas, other than raising a few fees, the Council did not hold public hearings or pursue any that would have significantly increased revenues. *That's avoiding the debate, and the tough decisions on possible solutions*.

No matter how you look at it, Carmel needs more money. Instead of slogans, *I'll offer some solutions*.

First, residents should have the opportunity to vote on increasing the hotel tax by one percent, to generate approximately \$400,000 in new revenue. I support this.

Second, adopt some form of paid parking. Ten years ago the City first studied this, and recently projected it could generate \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 a year. We should revisit this issue, its pros and cons, and vote on it. I will support some form of paid parking that exempts residents with parking stickers provided by the City.

Third, recently raising \$200,000 for improvements to the Sunset Center does not solve a multi-million dollar debt burden costing about \$500,000 a year. Several million dollars were privately raised when we originally renovated the Center. I believe we need another capital campaign. Let's start being creative to solve this debt problem.

Fourth, let residents vote on a tax deductible, temporary supplemental property tax. The City Council cannot enact this tax, only voters by a two thirds majority. For example, a temporary supplemental tax of \$200 per parcel would raise about \$600,000 in new revenues. I would support a temporary supplemental tax lasting no more than four years, especially to support such services a police, fire and ambulance to ensure the long term public safety of our residents.

I know that some of these ideas may not be popular with all, and all residents may not agree with them. And they may not be the final answer to Carmel's financial needs. *But I have proposed them because we need to at least have the debate, look past the slogans for solutions, and resolve to move Carmel forward*.

Residents will have two votes, and will vote to put two candidates on the City Council. If you believe that the Council needs a new perspective, a new vision, and new ideas for moving Carmel forward, --- then I'm one of your candidates. Why, because of all the candidates for the Council, I am the only candidate not already a part of city government trying to either stay on the City Council or move up to it. I am the only candidate who will bring from inside our community, an outside, fresh perspective. And to do so, I would be honored to have your support and vote in the April election.

Bob Profeta

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

She was nowhere near Benicia

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle cited on Junipero for no registration.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A property manager reported possible feral cats hanging around a house on Santa Fe. Area checked and with information obtained. Animal control officer does not believe they are feral. Educational information given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found jewelry turned in to CPD for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to Walnut Street for a vehicle parked in a temporary no-parking zone with adequate signage 24 hours prior, due to street construction. Upon arrival, contacted a Walnut Street resident and the registered owner by telephone who were notified that the motorhome must be moved immediately. Owner was instructed to move

vehicle onto his private property within the hour and failed to do so. At 1320 hours, he was given an opportunity to request his own tow to move the inoperable vehicle. He declined and told the officer to "just tow it," and he would "not pay the fines." Officer asked, "So, you want to relinquish the vehicle?" He replied, "Yes," and proceeded to empty the motorhome of his belongings before it was towed for registration expired over six months.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to Arkwright Court on report of threatening phone calls. Woman stated an insurance company had called soliciting her for dental insurance. She stated she provided them with her bank account information but later learned the solicitation may have been fraudulent. She stated a company representative called her and told her if she didn't pay her premiums, they would "take her SSI payments." She stated she thought this was odd, as she never gave them that information. She was advised to contact her bank and let them know her account information was compromised.

Pebble Beach: Male reported that unknown person(s) stole gasoline from his vehicle on Sherman Road.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle on Carpenter Street for a CVC violation. Upon contacting the driver, an odor of marijuana was noticed from inside the vehicle. A vehicle search yielded about 20 grams of marijuana. Driver was released on a citation. The marijuana was placed into CPD evidence for later destruction. The glass jar which contained the marijuana was disposed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A person was bitten by a dog that was being walked by its owner on a leash on Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of a purse from an unlocked vehicle.

Santa Rita Street property owner reported possible trespassers in his residence. When contacted, the occupants were there with the knowledge and permission of the caller's ex-wife.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to a suspicious circumstances regarding two broken lights at a residence on Ocean View. Person wanted contact by phone and was calling on behalf of the homeowners, who do not live in the city. She stated she was the real estate agent for the homeowners, and when she checked the house, she noticed the light fixtures in the front of the residence were broken. She stated it happened overnight, because she had stopped by the house the day before and the lights were fine. She advised the homeowner did not want a report but wanted the broken light fixtures to be documented for informational purposes only.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to the lobby of PGPD on report of harassment. Man stated he is involved in a civil dispute with

a client. He stated he received an email from his client in which his vehicle and big screen TV were mentioned. He believes his client may have somehow obtained his residential address and has been driving by. He stated a court hearing is scheduled to address the civil matter but requested close patrol of his residence.

Carmel area: Pebble Beach: Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office took a report of a juvenile that was physically and emotionally abused by her mother. The incident took place at their primary residence located within Monterey County.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported a tree limb down on a vehicle at Mt. View and Torres. The tree was found to be on private property. Photographs of the scene were taken. Both parties were contacted. There was significant damage located on the left front area of the vehicle where the tree limb landed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person at a business on Mission Street reported receiving annoying phone calls from an unknown male subject. Person stated the unknown subject called three times requesting obscene gestures. An attempt to contact the unknown caller was made but met negative results. The person requested a close patrol at the business.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man noticed several fraudulent transactions made from his bank account to an unknown subject. He contacted his bank (Chase) and was told they were going

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Gardener, wife settle elder abuse lawsuit by repaying cash and returning property

By KELLY NIX

A GARDENER who was accused in a 2011 lawsuit of stealing from his elderly employer has agreed to settle the claim for more than \$1 million, according to court records.

In August 2011, Erick Ulferts, a cousin of the late Kathleen MacLean Gowell, filed a lawsuit against Gowell's gardener and caregiver, Samuel Andrews, and his wife, Shiron Stone Andrews, alleging the couple took advantage of Gowell.

According to Ulferts' suit, Andrews and his wife took millions of dollars of Gowell's personal property, including antiques, guns, silver and other items, and used money from Gowell's bank account to buy a Jaguar and a home and to pay for the education of members of the family without her knowledge.

According to documents filed in Monterey County Superior Court, the Andrewses have agreed to pay Ulferts \$1 million in cash and return Gowell's personal property. In exchange, the couple can keep the \$500,000 Monterey house the elderly woman gave them in her will.

Ulferts agreed to the settlement, and a judge will consider the terms during a March 29 hearing in a Monterey courtroom.

Andrews and his wife, the lawsuit alleged, stole money from Gowell's bank account and influenced Gowell — who had dementia — “to ensure that a progressively greater share of Gowell’s multimillion-dollar estate was wrongfully bequeathed to them.”

The suit, filed by Carmel attorney Frank Hespe, alleged financial elder abuse, conversion, undue influence, isolation, neglect, physical abuse and other charges.

Andrews and his wife denied the allegations.

Shiron Stone Andrews' Monterey attorney, Robert Greathouse, told The Pine Cone in summer 2011 that he found nothing in the hundreds of pages of documents to substantiate the allegations of wrongdoing on the part of his client.

Greathouse said his client and her husband, Samuel Andrews, provided a “safe, loving, nurturing and caring environment” for Gowell, who died in May 2011.

Gowell first hired Samuel Andrews to be her gardener sometime in the 1990s. He and his wife eventually lived in an RV parked in the driveway of Gowell's Monterey home and became caregivers for the elderly woman, running errands, taking out the garbage and periodically driving her to appointments, according to Ulferts' lawsuit.

But they eventually got Gowell to grant them power of

attorney and gained control of her financial affairs before becoming beneficiaries of the elderly woman's trust, the suit alleged.

The couple, Ulferts said, also did not provide proper medical care, food nutrition and sleeping arrangements for the mostly homebound Gowell, who was frail and had physical and mental health issues.

Gowell, originally from Kentucky, didn't have any children but had a "very close relationship" with her cousins and other family members in Kentucky and California.

“She relied extensively upon her extended family, and they were the natural object of her bounty,” the lawsuit says.

Ulferts said the couple thwarted the family's attempts to meet with Gowell in person and to speak to her on the phone.

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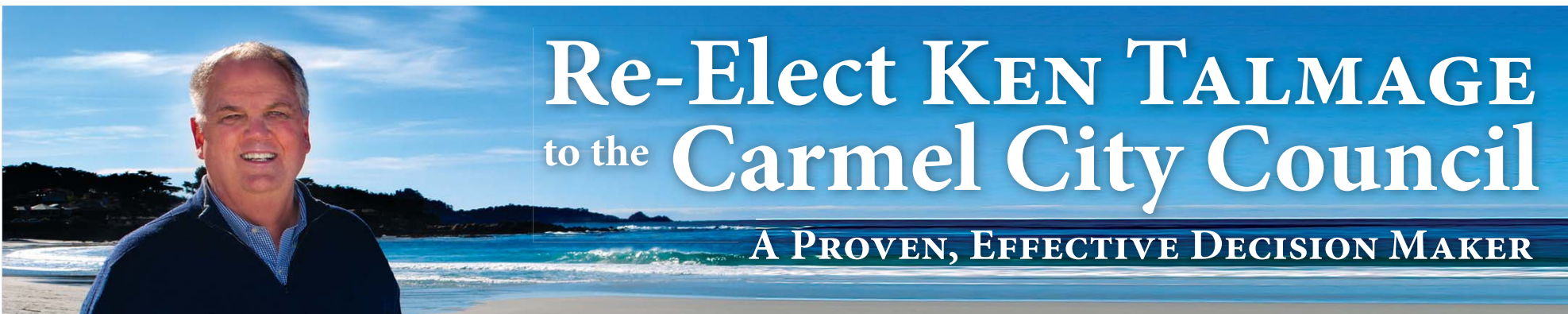
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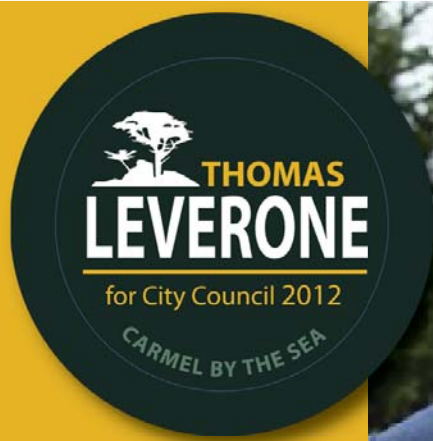
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SECOND LAWSUIT PLANNED OVER LATE HOURS AT GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER Pacific Grove city councilwoman said Monday she will file a lawsuit in response to the council's decision last week to allow several changes at the golf course clubhouse, including late hours and amplified music.

On March 7, council members voted 5-2 to agree with a Feb. 9 decision by the city's planning commission to amend the golf course clubhouse's permit to allow the restaurant to be open until 10:30 p.m., offer amplified music indoors and add lights to the parking lot.

But attorney Susan Goldbeck, who served on the council and ran for mayor in 2006, told The Pine Cone she's planning to contest the city council's decision on behalf of two residents' groups opposed to the clubhouse changes.

The lawsuit, Goldbeck said, will "be on file in the next two weeks."

The suit will be the second one against the city over the clubhouse. Resident John Troth sued the city over a 120-day trial period it launched last fall to determine the

impacts of clubhouse changes.

Troth's request for a restraining order was turned down by a Monterey County Superior Court Judge and the case is still pending.

City officials believe that some of the changes will make the city-owned facility more profitable. The restaurant there, the Point Pinos Grill, is operated by concessionaire, Dory Ford.

At last week's meeting, councilman Robert Huitt agreed with residents who said the changes would lead to more noise at the clubhouse, saying P.G. "should always be thought of as a peaceful quiet place."

But Huitt, who voted for the changes, also reminded the critics that if things get out of hand, the city could revoke the permit.

Goldbeck said the city's absence of a code enforcement officer could complicate things.

"I don't know who is going to enforce it when we start having amplified parties out there," she told the council. "Peace and quiet and serenity is what it's all about."

City manager Tom Frutche presented the plan to council since the city was the applicant for the clubhouse changes, and also its reviewing body, a dual role Goldbeck said

was inappropriate.

Councilman Dan Miller, who along with Mayor Carmelita Garcia voted against the changes, said he also believed there was a conflict of interest and said Dory Ford should have been the applicant.

Before approving the amendment, councilman Rudy Fischer said the council had to do "what's good for the city."

"People just don't want to see changes in their neighborhoods," Fischer said. "But the fact of the matter is, Pacific Grove has been nothing but change from the beginning."

Resident Roger Pasquier said allowing amplified sound at the clubhouse would result in "ear-curdling amplified music."

While most of the people who addressed council were opposed to the changes, one man questioned whether the speakers represented the majority of Pacific Grove resi-

dents.

"Why is it the same 10 or 12 people at these meetings voicing their opinions," he said. "I get the feeling these 10 or 12 people are putting their interests above the interests of the community."

Former city councilman Dan Davis said the permit amendments should be put to a public vote, a suggestion councilman Ken Cuneo said would be pricey.

"It costs \$42,000 to put something on the ballot," Cuneo said. "Imagine if we put every little tiff on the ballot. We would be in bankruptcy quicker than staying in CalPERS."

Several residents, including Lee and Jim Willoughby, had asked the city to refund or partially refund the nearly \$1,700 fee they paid to appeal the planning commission's decision. Council members voted to refund about \$1,150 of the fee.

P.G. residents tell city officials what they think of fast food

By KELLY NIX

SCOFFING AT the idea fast food could bring benefits to Pacific Grove, about two dozen people last week told the planning commission they don't want any new such restaurants in the city.

The city is considering changing the zoning code in the downtown and Forest Hill areas to allow fast-food businesses to operate. The March 7 planning commission meeting allowed residents to weigh in on the issue.

Though many fast-food foes told commissioners it would ruin the city's character and cause a proliferation of trash, a few people spoke about the benefits of fast food and said those types of eateries could coexist with full-service restaurants.

The city believes allowing some fast-food eateries would stimulate growth, offer jobs and offer more food options for residents and visitors.

But Pacific Grove attorney and former city councilwoman Susan Goldbeck, who has been outspoken against easing restrictions, said fast food wouldn't benefit the city.

"Echoing the near-unanimous sentiments of the public who packed the council cham-

ber," Goldbeck told The Pine Cone this week, "the entire planning commission gave an emphatic 'not in our town' to the notion that bringing fast food into P.G. would be a good thing."

Though the planning commission didn't take a vote, commissioners agreed to form a three-member subcommittee to discuss the myriad issues surrounding fast food, a topic that has drawn passionate responses from both sides.

To demonstrate the kind of garbage he said collects outside fast-food restaurants, resident and former city councilman Terrence Zito poured out a bunch of trash — including soda cups and food containers — on a table in front of commissioners.

Chamber of Commerce president Moe Ammar, who has advocated for fast food, was among a few others who spoke in favor of it.

"The meeting was an eye-opener," Ammar said. "The chamber missed the mark on the needs of the downtown."

While abandoning the idea of fast-food establishments downtown, Ammar said he would continue to recommend the city approve fast food restaurants in the American Tin Cannery, which has many vacant storefronts, and the Forest Hill shopping area. Ammar said he envisions frozen yogurt places and pizza restaurants in the city, for instance.

Pacific Grove has McDonald's, Subway and Starbucks, but a city ordinance prohibits new fast-food restaurants unless they move into a space already occupied by such a business.

Merith Griffen, owner of a Domino's Pizza franchise in the Country Club Gate Shopping Center, told commissioners her landlord is using that restriction to increase her rent, knowing that Domino's can only move into another storefront that's currently a fast-food eatery. The planning commission said the subcommittee would look into the issue.

Tom McMahon, chairman of the city's Downtown Business Improvement District, spoke in favor of allowing such restaurants, saying the city could ensure fast-food restaurants are limited.

The city will hold another public meeting on the issue in April before the planning commission makes its decision. The city council could review the fast-food ordinance in the summer.

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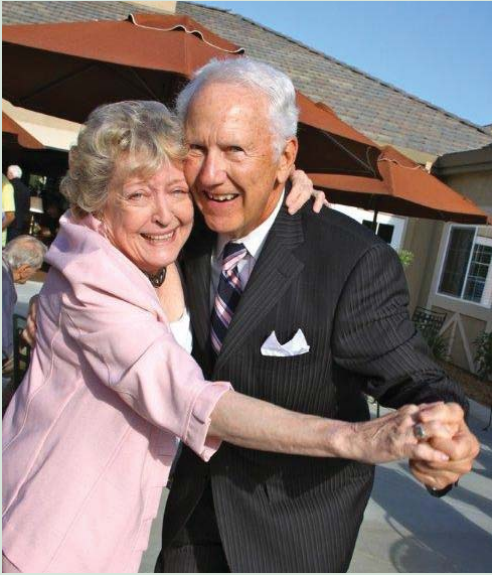


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Foundation embarks on creating a virtual village

By MARY SCHLEY

THE NATIONWIDE trend of “villages” that help seniors stay home for as long as they can, rather than moving to retirement communities and convalescent hospitals, is coming to the Peninsula this summer, when the Carmel Foundation will launch the Monterey Bay Village.

While its members won’t necessarily live near each other, for an annual fee, they’ll have access to a list of prescreened and scrutinized providers for home repairs, yard work and any other service required to safely stay in their houses. Members will also qualify for discounts from those vendors, and the network will provide volunteers to help with transportation, computers and electronics, and simple tasks like changing lightbulbs or taking out the garbage.

“It’s called ‘aging in place,’ and it’s a retirement model, not a caregiving model,” Carmel Foundation CEO Jill Sheffield explained. “You can age in the place you want to stay, so you don’t have to move to Sun City or wherever.”

Nationwide concept

The concept is patterned after Beacon Hill Village in Boston, Mass., which was launched a decade ago. Now, some 65 similar villages are operating throughout the country, with another 120 in development, according to Sheffield.

“They’re designed to take the place of the old days, when your neighbor could help you do something,” she explained. “If you need the garbage brought in or newspaper brought in or help programming your new cell phone, you can call on the village.”

The organization helps protect and embolden seniors, who are particularly vulnerable to fraudsters.

“You read about scams every day, so you don’t know who to call for help with plumbing or an electrical problem — so you don’t call anybody,” Sheffield said, which of course leads to greater problems.

As a village member, however, “you can call a trusted source who knows” the right people for the job.

Although the program is still in its development phase, Sheffield estimated joining would cost about \$360 per year and include membership to The Carmel Foundation, which offers low-cost meals, social gatherings, transportation, field trips, classes, lectures and other programs for people age 55 and older. It’s also the largest provider of low-cost housing in the city.

To help get the Monterey Bay Village up and running by this summer, the foundation last November hired Nettie Porter, who previously worked for the fundraising effort, Birdies for Charity, held in conjunction with the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

She is undertaking the labor-intensive task of vetting vendors who will do honest work for village members. Porter compiled her first list based on recommendations from foundation board members and other trusted sources, and anyone interested in joining the network is invited to fill out an application.

“We review them to show documentation for license, certifications, and to make sure they are bonded and have adequate insurance,”

she said. “We ask that they provide three references someone can vouch for the work they’ve done. Are they reliable, personable and conscientious of working with seniors?”

Finally, Porter interviews potential service providers and discusses ways they might help seniors’ dollars go a little farther.

“There’s nothing we won’t do. Whatever issue you’ve got in your life or whatever you need help with, we want the phone call,” Sheffield said. Volunteers will undergo screening, too.

“We’re really going to try to connect people,” Porter said. “Seniors tend to get isolated, if they are afraid to make that phone call to have a plumber come, or something, and they don’t have friends and family in the area.”

The Monterey Bay Village will be part of a formal organization called the Village to Village Network, to which the foundation will pay \$300 per year.

“It’s a nationwide movement, and people have worked to put this together and have done the heavy lifting and want to share this information rather than be proprietary about it,” Sheffield said.

Porter said the foundation will market village membership to out-of-town adult offspring who might take comfort in the assurance someone is always there to help their parents when the need arises, and Sheffield estimated maybe 300 people will join.

The foundation must raise money to pay for the venture, according to development director Aimee Cuda. It has already received \$25,000 in startup funds from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and \$5,000 from the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

“And we’ve had some members who feel very passionately about what we are doing and have donated to this effort,” she said.

“We’re not going to break even until about the fourth year,” Sheffield added. “So we need to supplement it.”

To learn more, including how to donate, visit www.carmelfoundation.org.



Nettie Porter

Symphony offers glimpse of new season

SUNSET CENTER will host a wine and cheese reception Sunday, March 18, for the Monterey Symphony, which will unveil its 2012-13 season.

Max Bragado-Darman, the symphony’s music director and conductor, will be on hand to offer details.

The event will feature a performance by pianist Heidi Hau. A member of the faculty at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Hau is the founding artistic director of the Marilyn Mindell Piano Competition, which is held annually at Stanford University. She is a graduate of Stanford as well.

“We’ve never done a preview event before, and we’re really excited about it,” said Michelle Lange, the symphony’s director of development.

The event starts at 4 p.m. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. To RSVP, call (831) 645-1121. For more information, visit www.montereysymphony.org.

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Carmel High’s pitching ace blanks Soledad, Padres win league opener

By CHRIS COUNTS

PACED BY Tyler Knight’s second pitching gem of the week, the Carmel High baseball team won its league opener March 13 against Soledad High, 2-0.

Knight — who recently signed a letter of intent to attend Virginia Tech — went the distance against the Aztecs, surrendering just three hits while striking out 12 batters.

The Padres only mustered six hits against Soledad High, but that was all they needed to start league play off on a winning note. Leadoff hitter **Devin Pearson** tripled and scored a run, while **Marcus Lund** and **Dom Bifano** each drove in a run.

Carmel High split a pair of games last week against rival Pacific Grove High. Playing at home March 7, the Padres — despite scratching out just two hits — edged the Breakers, 2-1, behind the strong pitching of Knight.

The senior hurler pitched a complete game, allowing six hits, striking out 12 batters and yielding just two walks.

Pearson and **Matt Rudolph** each had a base hit and a run scored, which was all the offense the Padres could muster against P.G. High pitcher **Wes Carswell**, who also pitched all seven innings.

Two days later and playing on the road, Carmel High lost a see-saw battle when P.G. High scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the 7th inning to win 6-5.

In a losing cause, **Zach Schneider** paced the Padres’ offense with a double, a single and two RBIs. Rudolph had two hits, scored a pair of runs and drove in another.

Carmel High was up 5-1 after four innings, but a strong effort by Breaker relief pitcher **Chris Clements** — who pitched a scoreless five innings and got the win — kept the home team in the game, setting the stage for the P.G. rally.

The Padres have a 5-1 overall record. Up next for Carmel High is a home game against King City High, Wednesday, March 21 at 4 p.m.

■ **Softball team gets new coach**

The Carmel High softball team won its first two games last week under new coach and former Padre sports star **John Franklin**.

Playing on their home field for the season opener March 6 against Santa Cruz High, the Padres cruised to an easy 13-2 win. And three days later, also playing in Carmel, they defeated Everett Alvarez High of Salinas, 4-1. “We’re happy to start the year off on a good note,” Franklin said.

Franklin, a 1982 graduate of Carmel High, was the MVP of both the Padres football and baseball teams during his senior year. He played college baseball for two seasons at the University of Nebraska and also played a season of minor league baseball, despite suffering a broken neck the year before in a car accident.

As the Padres’ new softball coach, Franklin aims to instill a “team-first” approach. So far, he’s been impressed with what he’s seen.

“It’s encouraging as a coach to see our players’ work ethic and desire to play the game,” he offered. “They pay attention and they want to improve. They’re a joy to coach.”

Franklin inherits a young team — in fact, among the 35 players in Carmel High’s softball program, 27 are freshmen or sophomores. But despite the youth, the team also boasts a deep pitching rotation. We’re going to be fine because we have three girls who can pitch,” he suggested.

The Padres pitching ace is **Brittany File**, who won all seven of her starts last season, pitched a no-hitter and was named to the all-league and all-county teams. “She’s overpowering and has great movement on the ball,” Franklin observed.

Also returning from last year’s team are outfielder **Kaylee Vandenberg** — who also was named to the all-league and all-county teams — and first baseman **Savannah Hoffman**, who made the all-league team.

Next up for the girls is non-league game Monday, March 19 at Scotts Valley High. League play starts Thursday, March 22 on the road against King City High. Both games begin at 4 p.m.

Church needs help sending ‘Promise Packs’ to African children

By KELLY NIX

FOR KIDS in civilized nations, toothbrushes, soap and pencils are easily accessible. But for impoverished children in AIDS-affected countries, those essentials are hard to come by. And the members of Pacific Grove Peninsula Christian Center are doing their part to change that. The Pine Avenue church is selling 300 “Promise Packs” — backpacks filled with basic hygiene items and school supplies that will be shipped to poor children in Africa.

The \$25 backpacks, distributed by Christian humanitarian organization World Vision, will be filled with notebooks, pens, pencils, a sharpener, an eraser, a ruler, crayons, flashcards, and a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, washcloth and a blanket.

“Let’s do something positive and beautiful for the children of this world,” the church’s lead pastor, Carl Friedel, told a packed Pacific Grove City council meeting March 7. “Projects like this provide real unity for us as citizens and people.”

The church is hoping to raise \$7,500 by selling 300 backpacks and is setting up a booth at the Good Old Days event in April to help do that.

Friedel is also encouraging people who buy the backpacks to include a message for the recipients, many of whom are orphans, have been affected by AIDS or both.

“Each pack is going to have in it a personal note of encouragement from people like you and me in the community,” he said.

According to Washington-based World Vision, “Promise Packs open doors of opportunity for children to learn, grow, and realize their promise through education.”

Contact the Peninsula Christian Center at (831) 373-0431 for more information.

Freedom Fields sets March 31 Tehama fundraiser

THE LOCAL group that spearheads efforts to clear deadly land mines from rural Cambodia will have a fundraising dinner and auction March 31 at 6 p.m. at Tehama Golf Club.

The event will feature a 35-minute documentary film, produced and directed by KSBW anchor and Freedom Fields board member Erin Clark, about the group’s ten-year effort to liberate the people of Cambodia from the peril of landmines left over from their country’s murderous Khmer Rouge government.

“Our push now is to help finish the job,” Clark said. “The area where the remaining mines are found is remote and overgrown and it’s expensive to clear them.”

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Balestreri hosts 20th restaurant fundraiser



Cannery Row Company Chairman and CEO Ted Balestreri hosted his 20th annual Leadership Classic golf tournament and dinner last weekend at Pebble Beach to raise money for the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation and the Monterey Wine Education Foundation, which provide programs and scholarships for about 90,000 young people around the country interested in hospitality careers. Before Friday night's dinner, Balestreri presented Sylvia Panetta with a gift in honor of her birthday (left). Many corporate, sports and government VIPs were on hand, including (below right, from left) former NFL coach Herman Edwards, Pebble Beach Co. CEO Bill Perocchi and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta. Local participants in the NRA's ProStart education program helped in the kitchen and were thanked by the crowd (above right). Balestreri's event raised \$170,000 this year and has generated almost \$3 million in its two-decade history.

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Jazz duo pens musical love letter to Hidden Valley

By CHRIS COUNTS

FLUTIST **ALI Ryerson** and pianist **Charles Loos** — who play Saturday, March 17, at Hidden Valley in Carmel Valley — could not have picked a more appropriate location to celebrate the release of their new recording, “A Tribute to Hidden Valley.”

“It’s such a lovely thing to do,” executive director **Peter Meckel** said of tribute CD and subsequent concert.

Ryerson, an internationally recognized instrumentalist whose flute is featured on more than 20 jazz recordings, is a familiar face at Hidden Valley.

“Ali first came here 25 years ago to take master classes,” Meckel explained. “She’s had a wonderful career as a jazz flutist, and now she’s back and teaching master classes.”

Loos, meanwhile, was introduced to Hidden Valley by Ryerson 20 years ago.

“He’s a world-class composer and pianist from Belgium,” Meckel said. “We’re great fans of his music.”

Ryerson and Loos are longtime collaborators. In addition to sharing the stage on many occasions, the pair recorded three albums together in the late 1980s and early

1990s. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Call (831) 659-3115 for reservations.

■ Brothers make music a family affair

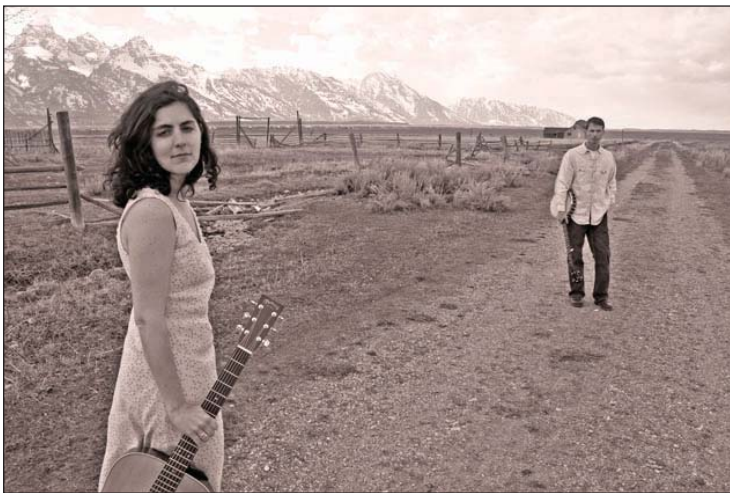
The folk music of the Emerald Isle comes to Pacific Grove Sunday, March 18, when the Black Brothers Band takes the stage at Chautauqua Hall.

Members of “Ireland’s First Family of Song,” siblings **Dublin, Shay** and **Michael Black** have been playing together since childhood, and this Sunday — the day after St. Patrick’s Day — they will showcase Ireland’s rich legacy of traditional acoustic music.

Accompanied by **Bobbi Nikles** on fiddle, **Myra Joy** on cello, **Bryan Seet** on keyboards and **Aislin Roche** on accordion, the brothers will serve up an irresistible mix of reels, jigs, ballads and street songs.

The concert, which is presented by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay, starts at 7 p.m.

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Finalists in the 2009 Great American Duet Sing Off on National Public Radio’s “A Prairie Home Companion,” the bluegrass duo Anne and Pete Sibley perform March 16 in Carmel Valley Village.

‘Masters of Light’ — gallery honors trio of traditional photographers

By CHRIS COUNTS

CONSIDERED BY many to be America’s most influential photographer of the 20th century, **Edward Weston** will share top billing in a new exhibit opening Saturday, March 17, at Photography West Gallery.

The exhibit, which is titled, “Masters of Light,” will also feature photographs by **Paul Caponigro** and **Morley Baer**. The trio worked exclusively in traditional black and white photography, which is also the focus of

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Above is painting by Cachagua “cow-boy artist” Jack Swanson showing a bear in the 19th century being captured. At the right is “Day of the Dead Dog,” a sculpture by Kay Villalobos.



Lovable cartoon loser is inspiration for CHS musical

By CHRIS COUNTS

A MUSICAL that pays tribute to one of the most unlucky — but beloved — of all cartoon characters opens Friday, March 16, at Carmel High School.

Directed by **Michael Jacobs** and showcasing a cast of Carmel High students, “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” brings the comic strip, “Peanuts,” to the stage. Created by cartoonist Charles M. Schultz, the strip’s protagonist, Charlie Brown, famously fails at just about everything he tries but somehow retains his determination, sense of hope and good nature.

The musical debuted off-Broadway in 1967. The original version has since been revised and expanded, and several songs have been added.

“I’m very pleased with the revised version,” Jacobs said. “The humor holds up well, and the kids are loving the music. It’s much jazzier than the original.”

The cast of the Carmel High production includes **Jared Liebmiller** as Charlie Brown, **Laine Aswad** as Lucy, **Claire Mooror** as Snoopy, **Cameron Poletti** as Linus, **Roxanne Cheysson** as Sally and **Avery Yeatman** as Schroeder.

“This is definitely an ensemble piece,” Jacobs explained. “Everybody has a major part. It’s all about six kids working together.”

The musical continues Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through March 25. Friday and Saturday shows start at 7 p.m., while Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and active military, and \$7 for stu-

dents. The high school is located at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue. For more information, call (831) 624-1821 or visit www.carmelunified.org.

‘Paris is Paris’ is back

Starring local actress **Carol Daly** as poet and art collector Gertrude Stein, “Paris is Paris is Paris” returns Friday, March 16, to the Cherry Center for the Arts.

The play packed the Cherry Center during a three-week run in October.

Written and directed by Carmel resident **Tom Parks**, the piece is set in Stein’s Paris living room at the end of World War II, about a year before she died. The poet speaks directly to the audience, recounting the colorful details of her life, her work and the people close to her. Parks calls the conversation “intimate and candid.”

An American who lived most of her life in France, Stein achieved fame not only for her poetry, but for a dazzling art collection that was highlighted by the works of Renoir, Cézanne, Matisse and Picasso. She was a mentor for some of the 20th century’s greatest literary figures as well, including Ernest Hemingway and Sherwood Anderson.

With a resurgence of interest in Stein’s legacy, Parks said the time is right for a play about her. “She is everywhere, from postcards, to prestigious art galleries, from quotations on bumper stickers, to two-page spreads in newspapers and magazines, and from scholarly lectures, to musical plays and

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popular films,” he said.

The play continues Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through April 1. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday matinees start at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. For tickets or more information, call (831) 620-2163 or visit www.ticketguys.com.

■ ‘Aristocats’ continues at Golden Bough

Featuring 50 young actors and actresses, a local production of Walt Disney’s “Aristocats” continues this week at the Golden Bough Playhouse.

Presented by PacRep Theatre’s School of Dramatic Arts and directed by **Maryann Rousseau**, “Aristocats” will be staged Fridays (showtime is 7:30 p.m.), Saturdays (2 and 7:30 p.m.) and Sundays (2 p.m.) through April 1.

The play is an child-friendly adaptation of the classic 1970 Disney film and tells the story of an aristocratic mother cat and her three kittens who live in a luxurious mansion with a retired opera singer.

Tickets range from \$7 to \$20, with discounts available for seniors over 65, students, children, teachers and active military. The Golden Bough Playhouse is located on the west side of Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth. For tickets or more information, call (831) 622-0100 or visit www.pacrep.org.

■ Rumi’s poetry inspires free reading

The mystical 13th century Sufi poet Rumi will be the subject of a free reading Sunday and Monday, March 18-19 at the Indoor Forest Theatre.

Susanne Sturn and **Robert Strayer** will read from Rumi’s works, while musicians **David Smith** and **Hazur Coughlin** will provide accompaniment.

Presented by PacRep Theatre’s School of Dramatic Arts, the event marks the third of five installments in its “Words

On Stage” series, which features readings by professional actors and actresses.

Sunday’s performance starts at 2 p.m., while Monday’s begins at 7:30 p.m. The Indoor Forest Theatre is located at Santa Rita and Mountain View. For more information, call (831) 622-0700 or visit www.schoolofdramaticarts.org.

St. Patty’s Day celebration showcases Jeffers’ poetry

THE ROBINSON Jeffers Tor House Foundation pays tribute to its namesake Saturday, March 17, when it stages a St. Patrick’s celebration at the Church of the Wayfarer.

The poetry of Jeffers — Carmel’s most famous literary figure and the builder of its landmark Tor House — will be set to music. Performers include bagpiper Ed Jarvis, guitarist John Kilburn, harpist Amy Krupski, singer and flutist Elise Rotchford, and orator Taelen Thomas.

The event starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The church is located at Lincoln and Seventh. For reservations or more information, call (831) 624-5725.



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Sand City’s marketplace, Mundaka’s third birthday, and ways to get green

By MARY SCHLEY

THE INDEPENDENT in Sand City — formerly The Design Center — will be the spot to be on the first Thursday night of each month, beginning in April. Developer Patrick Orosco and Happy Girl Kitchen cofounder Todd Champagne are collaborating on the new Independent Marketplace, a venue not just for produce growers, sellers of fresh fish and meats, chefs and purveyors of hot and cold prepared foods, but for winemakers, artists, musicians and nonprofits, too.

“It was initially going to be a farmers market, and we’ve now arrived at a plan that’s basically a farmers market on steroids in that it’s got components that are equally as compelling as the food elements,” Orosco said Wednesday.

The first Independent Marketplace will be held Thursday, April 5, from 4 to 9 p.m. on the ground floor of the Independent building at 600 Ortiz Ave. in Sand City. The marketplace will offer a different experience each month by highlighting a different nonprofit, a different type of art, and different music.

“It’s loosely based on the San Francisco Ferry Building,” Champagne said, with its indoor stalls offering food, art, wine and other goods. “The Bay Area is kind of on turbo when it comes to food trends, and our hope is not to supplant the generous number of farmers markets that take place on the Peninsula,” but to complement them.

In other words, the spirit of the marketplace is more of people getting together to socialize and build community than it is to run in, shop, lug produce around and then leave.

The inaugural effort will have a Big Sur theme and is benefiting the Henry Miller Library, which must undertake some costly infrastructure improvements and is hoping to raise much-needed dollars to help. Jayson Fann of the Big Sur Spirit Garden will be there DJing, spinning some of his eclectic and extensive collection of vinyl.

The market will have plenty of fresh and prepared foods, including items cooked onsite “by some of the current and up-and-coming culinary talents of the Peninsula, as well as folks we’re inviting in from out of the region to play a cameo role,” Orosco said.

Wine and beer will have key roles, with suds from Post No Bills, the beer house permanently located in the Independent, and the wines and stories of three young winemakers with their own labels: Damien Georis (Madeleine), Ben Spencer (Leojami) and Thomas Perez (Kristi-Lynn).

Artists will be selling their creations — the type of which will change each time. Artwork on paper could be highlighted one month, followed by ceramics the next and jewelry the month after that.

“So you come to the market with the expectation that you’ll find something new,” Orosco explained. “It will be the type of experience you don’t really want to miss.”

Market goers will have plenty of places to relax, including tables and benches, and the venue will be family friendly, too, so parents and kids can make an evening of it.

The April 5 Independent Marketplace in Partnership with

Henry Miller Library will have a popup bookstore set up by library head Magnus Toren, “and they will be doing a slideshow to expose people to what it is they do down in the woods there,” Orosco said. “It will give them an opportunity to communicate to a wider audience some of the challenges they’re facing right now.”

Further fundraising will take shape in a casual dinner presented by Happy Girl Kitchen and a movie that evening. “We’re in the process of working out the details,” Orosco said, but plans are to serve dinner from 7 to 8 p.m. and show a movie from 8 to 10. Tickets will be available on the Henry Miller Library website.

Dinner could include Toren’s famous fish soup, hearty bread, abundant salads and extensive cheese plates, “and some good pickles,” Champagne said. (Pickling is one of P.G.-based Happy Girl’s specialties.)

“The dinner will be based on our successful pop-up dinners at Happy Girl Kitchen,” he said. Post No Bills will provide the beer.

Overall, Orosco and Champagne hope their marketplace will be hospitable, drawing visitors from out of town and encouraging everyone to linger longer than they would at one of the farmers markets downtown on the Peninsula.

“The primary goals of the market isn’t to feed people, it’s a vehicle for people to congregate with the goal of creating community, to localize free thinkers and people who are interested in engaging in progressive lifestyles, whether oriented toward the arts or oriented toward a worldly palate,” Orosco said.

For more information about the market, email info@sand-cityca.com. To participate as a vendor, contact Champagne at tc@sandcityca.com. For all other details, find the Independent’s Facebook page. A dedicated website is in the works.

Heller celebrates green

Given its longtime organic status and other sustainable winemaking practices, Heller Estates likes to flaunt its green. This year, it’s doing so by offering special deals on wines during the St. Patrick’s Day weekend. The 2008 Dancers Meritage, for instance, is going for \$288 per case, with a second case selling for just \$1. Similar pricing is in the offing for the 2009 Chenin Blanc (\$276/case) and 2009 Chardonnay (\$264/case).

Also this month, fortunate fans can be winemakers for the day on March 24 at noon, when Heller’s Rich Tanguay will guide a small group in the art of winemaking and blending at the Cachagua winery. Participants will take home a case of their custom-made blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Merlot, emblazoned with a special label. The day will also include a catered lunch by Michael Jones, chef/owner of A Moveable Feast.

The cost is \$500 per person and includes a case of wine and lunch, as well as the experience of spending a day at the winery with Tanguay. They can add a spouse or friend to the

blending team for \$100 more, and additional cases of wine cost \$400 apiece.

To reserve, call (831) 659-6220 or email info@hellerestate.com. The tasting room is located at 69 W. Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley Village. www.hellerestate.com.

St. Pat’s at Edgar’s

Edgar’s at Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley announced a St. Patrick’s Day-inspired three-course prix fixe dinner set for March 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. for \$28 per person.

Included in the lineup are smoked salmon potato cake with chervil sour cream and lemon, Guinness and onion soup, corned beef and cabbage, and apple and oatmeal crisp for dessert.

Free market demos

Everyone’s Harvest, which holds farmers markets in Pacific Grove and Marina, is presenting “interactive cooking workshops” in Marina Sunday, March 18, and in Pacific Grove Monday, March 19.

At the Marina market on Reservation Road, chef Kari Bernardi will demonstrate creamy vegan asparagus soup at 10:30 a.m., and chef Lisa Magadini will prepare beet salad with goat cheese and candied walnuts at 12:30 p.m.

In P.G. on Central Avenue, Happy Girl Kitchen will host a 4 p.m. demo on “mixed garden bouquet pickles” using produce found at the market that afternoon, and at 5:30, Bernardi will show off her asparagus soup.

The free workshops are sponsored by the Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation, and the first 15 participants will take home a \$10 market coupon to buy fresh fruits and veggies.

Three already?

When Mundaka restaurant opened in Carmel in March 2009, it was innovative for its Spanish fare at the deft hands of accomplished and creative chef Brandon Miller, as well as the reclaimed wood, light fixtures, vintage glass, corrugated steel and other reused and recycled elements that make up its compelling interior. Add to that an interesting and accessible wine list, and a lively, youthful scene, and owner Gabe Georis had a recipe for something unprecedented in Carmel.

Three years later, all of that remains true, and Miller, Georis and other key folks at the restaurant are celebrating their success by throwing a birthday party Tuesday, March 20, from 5 p.m. onward. Stop by to partake in the festivities by munching on pintxos and tapas, and raising a glass in the venue located in the courtyard on the east side of San Carlos Street north of Seventh Avenue.

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■ Outstanding in the Field

The traveling culinary adventure known as Outstanding in the Field — which was started in Santa Cruz by chef Jim Deneven to showcase local farms and chefs — has grown into a tour of cities throughout the country and Canada. Tickets for this year’s season go on sale Tuesday.

While the venue always changes, the theme remains the same: A dinner is staged, usually outdoors, at a local organic farm or winery, where the owners take guests on a tour of the property before they sit down to dine, family style, at long tables. A local winery fills the glasses, a local chef is brought in to cook, and as many local purveyors as possible are found to supply the ingredients for the dinner. They all share their stories with the guests.

Deneven and the Outstanding in the Field crew announced they will be hosting dinners in California May 12 through July 1, followed by treks throughout the rest of the country and Canada until November, when they return to California.

All told, OITF will hold almost 80 dinners in 34 states (including Nebraska and Oklahoma for the first time) and three Canadian provinces, with 21 new farms and 16 new chefs. Details regarding dates and locations can be found at www.outstandinginthefield.com. Tickets, which tend to be pretty pricey but are worth it with the right venue and chef, go on sale March 20. Expect them to disappear quickly.

■ O’Neal at TusCA

TusCA Ristorante at the Hyatt Regency Monterey will hold its first installment of the “Through The Eyes Of The Artist” Series Friday, March 16, with Carmel Valley photog-

rapher Tom O’Neal as the featured guest. O’Neal, a talented and prolific photographer, made his name in the professional world shooting some of the most famous rock stars and creating album covers — and he has the stories to match.

Food and cocktails will be inspired by the artwork, while the artist, chef Johnny DeVivo and his crew, and sommeliers discuss their techniques, food ingredients and cooking processes with the guests.

The event will start with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by talks with O’Neal at 6:30, and the festivities will wrap up around 7:30. The cost is \$65 per person, plus tax and gratuity, and 20 percent of the proceeds will benefit the nonprofit Youth Arts Collective.

For reservations, call (831) 657-6675. The restaurant is located in the hotel at 1 Old Golf Course Road next to the Del Monte Golf Course.

■ Wine Walk mixer

The Carmel Chamber of Commerce’s new Wine Walk By-The-Sea, which aims to draw visitors to the growing number of tasting rooms downtown, will be the basis for a mixer Wednesday, March 28, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Participants will gather at Wrath Wines’ new tasting room in Carmel Plaza. (Wrath, incidentally, recently announced its 2009 San Saba Vineyard Pinot Noir earned 93 points from Wine Spectator — “the highest score the publication has ever given to a Monterey County AVA Pinot Noir,” according to the winery — and its 2009 McIntyre Vineyard Pinot Noir from the Santa Lucia Highlands also received 93 points.)

In order to keep the crowds down and the flow smooth, chamber members will be providing participants with mini-passports allowing them to visit four of the seven tasting rooms during the event. They can then visit the remaining three anytime during the week that follows for no additional charge. A downtown restaurant will be featured at each tasting room, too. Stops include Caraccioli Cellars, Cima Collina, Figge Cellars, Galante Vineyards, Scheid Vineyards and Vino Napoli.

The cost to attend is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Call the chamber at (831) 624-2522 for more information.

■ Sweet Elena celebrates

Two decades in business is something to celebrate, and Sweet Elena’s Bakery and Café is doing just that by offering specials at the Monterey Peninsula College farmers market on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Saturday farmers market at Cabrillo College in Aptos. For the rest of the month, she’s selling everything for half-off during the last half hour of the markets and holding drawings for a dozen chocolate chip cookies at the end of each market day.

On St. Patrick’s Day in Aptos, customers who purchase one chocolate peppermint cupcake will get one free, and everyone can enter to win a dozen shamrock cookies. March 20 is anniversary day, when the store will give the 20th customer a \$20 gift certificate, and 20 percent discounts will be given all day. Finally, she will hold drawings for a \$100 gift certificate at the March 30 and 31 markets.

Located at 465 D Olympia Ave. in Sand City, Sweet Elena’s is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.sweetelenas.net.

■ Pt. Pinos fetes wine

Point Pinos Grill will hold its third Winemaker Dinner Saturday, March 24, beginning at 6:30 p.m., showcasing the wines of Sunny Slope and Trojak Vineyards.

Chef Dory Ford has planned a five-course menu to complement the wines, and the lineup includes 2009 Trojak Knier Chardonnay with a roasted trio of baby beets, goat yogurt and toasted hazelnuts over mache; 2009 Trojak Knier Pinot Noir with pork loin, artichoke chips and mushroom terrine; 2007 Sunny Slope Mannstand Vineyards Cabernet Franc with pan-roasted squab, polenta, fava beans and blueberry stock reduction; 2005 Sunny Slope Mannstand Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon with grilled beef rib eye, duck-fat fries, house-made ketchup and roasted garlic puree; and 2000 Sunny Slope Teldeshi Vinyards Zinfandel with goat cheese panna cotta, berry compote and chocolate tuille.

The cost to attend is \$100 per person. To make reservations, call Sheila Bilich at (831) 655-5432 or email fpacpg@gmail.com.

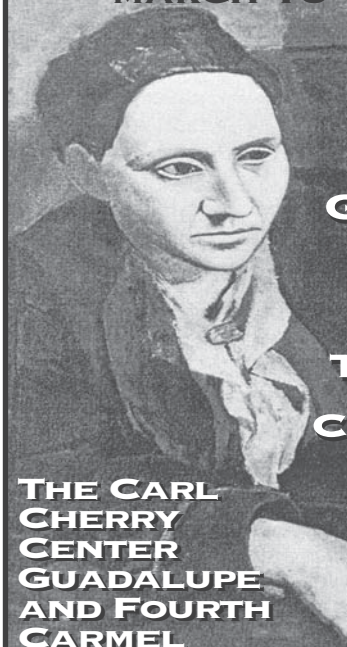
■ Wine dinners at Allegro, St. Tropez

Also on March 24, Allegro pizzeria in the Barnyard shopping center will hold a wine dinner starring Galante Vineyards and Dawn’s Dream Winery. The five-course feast of rustic Italian and California dishes will complement the wines made at Galante’s facility deep in Carmel Valley, and Jack and Dawn Galante will be there to talk about their creations, share stories, and chat with friends and fans.

Tickets are \$55 per person, including tax and tip. Call (831) 625-9970 or go to localwineevents.com to reserve.

Chef/owner Jean Hubert at Le St. Tropez on Dolores in Carmel will team up with Mark Manzoni on a five-course dinner featuring Manzoni’s Santa Lucia Highlands estate wine Sunday, March 25. Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Syrah will accompany smoked salmon mousse, chilled artichoke with blue crab, classic Salade Lyonnaise, roasted stuffed quail and chocolate ganache with espresso Crème Anglaise. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and costs \$75, not including tax and gratuity. For reservations, call (831) 624-8977.

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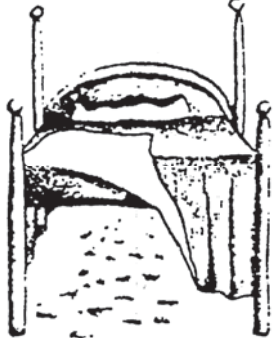
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■ Visionary guitarist returns to Plaza Linda

Bringing together a dazzling array of musical styles, guitar wizard **Goh Kurosawa** plays Friday, March 16, at Plaza Linda restaurant.

Performing on acoustic and electric guitars — as well as a sitar-guitar — the visionary instrumentalist draws from a melting pot of musical influences, including jazz, folk, rock, flamenco and classical.

Also playing this week at Plaza Linda is **The Undecided**, a local classic rock cover band that will serve up a St. Patrick's Day celebration Saturday, March 17.

The music starts at 7 p.m. and there's a \$10 cover. Plaza Linda is located at 9 Del Fino Place. For more information, call (831) 659-4229.

■ St. Paddy's Day bash in Big Sur

In addition to playing vintage country music and early rock 'n' roll, **Songs Harry Hotbox Taught Us** will offer a toast to the music of Ireland when the band plays Saturday, March 17, at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.

"We're going to do Irish drinking songs with a Swedish accent," joked Harry Hotbox singer and guitarist **Magnus Toren**, who comes from the Scandanavian county.

In addition to Toren, the band features **Mike Scutari** on guitar and vocals, **Wally Barnick** on bass and vocals, **Tracy Chesebrough** on guitar, **Lori Kost** on fiddle, **David Peasley** on drums and **Tara Wings** on vocals.

Keeping the spirit of folksinger Woody Guthrie alive and well in the 21st century, singer-songwriter and musicologist **Mike West** will open the show for Harry Hotbox.

The music starts at 9 p.m. and there's no cover. Fernwood is located on Highway about 25 miles south of Carmel. For more information, call (831) 667-2422.

■ Acoustic duo offers bluegrass in C.V.

The Magic Circle Theatre in Carmel Valley Village hosts a concert Friday, March 16, by a bluegrass duo, **Anne and Pete Sibley**.

Based in Jackson, Wy., the Sibleys were finalists in the 2009 Great American Duet Sing Off on National Public Radio's "A Prairie Home Companion."

"These guys are one of the up-and-coming duos in the bluegrass genre," suggested **Bucky Jackson**, a spokesperson for the Magic Circle Theatre.

The music starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. The venue is located at 8 El Caminito. For more information, call (831) 659-7500 or visit www.magiccircletheatre.net.



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March 16-18 & 23-25 - Carmel High School Performing Arts Department presents, **You're A Good Man Charlie Brown**. Dates: March 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, & 25. Times: Friday & Saturdays at 7 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Where: CHS Center for Performing Arts. Tickets: \$7 Students, \$12 Seniors & Military, \$15 Adults.

March 17 - Masters of Light - Edward Weston, Paul Caponigro and Morley Baer, St. Patrick's Day Opening Celebration, Saturday, March 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. at **Photography West**, Dolores Street at Ocean Avenue. (831) 625-1587, www.photographywest.com.

March 17 - A Carmel Celebration of St. Patrick's Day with bag-piper Ed Jarvis, guitarist John Kilburn, harpist Amy Krupski, vocalist/flutist Elise Rotchford and orator Taelen Thomas. Saturday, March 17, 7 p.m., Church of the Wayfarer, Lincoln and Seventh. Tickets \$10 at the door. Sponsored by Tor House Foundation. For information: (831) 624-5725.

March 18 - The Monterey Symphony and Music Director and Conductor Max Bragado-Darman will host a wine and cheese reception at Sunset Center to reveal their new 2012-2013 season, with a special guest performance of Franz Liszt's *Tarantella* by pianist Heidi Hau. There is no charge for this event. The reception will begin at 4 p.m. with presentation and performance to follow at 4:30 pm. Please RSVP by calling (831) 645-1121 or registering on the Symphony's website at www.montereysymphony.org.

March 19 - Carmel Woman's Club, Monday, March 19, at 2 p.m. at San Carlos & Ninth, presents Melissa Burnett with

"Hollywood America's Metric of Stylish Dress." Ms. Burnett has served as a costume consultant with the Textile Museum in Washington, DC. She completed a graduate fellowship at the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery. Everyone is welcome. Guests are \$3 and Memberships available. Contact: (831) 626-0577 or (831) 626-2644.

March 21 - Monterey Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group will meet Wednesday, March 21, 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall located at 501 El Dorado Street, Monterey. Guest speaker will be Erwin Deiparine M.D. His topic will be: Neuropathy from Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Point of View. Program ends at noon. (831) 372-6959.

March 21 - Dine at California Pizza Kitchen in the Del Monte Shopping Center on Wednesday, March 21, and Help the Animals of AFRP. CPK is generously donating 20 percent of your purchase to AFRP. You must present a coupon that is available to print out at www.animalfriendsrescue.org or visit our adoption center at 560 Lighthouse Ave in Pacific Grove to pick one up.

March 23 - Chamber Music Monterey Bay presents "the reigning mavens of piano trio music" — the Grammy-nominated **Eroica Piano Trio**. Friday, March 23, at 8 p.m., Sunset Center. www.chambermusicmontereybay.org, (831) 625-2212.

March 26 - AMAP (Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists) Annual Members' Meeting. **Featuring Author/Historian Sandy Lydon**, "Crosses and Coffins: The Monterey Coast Redwoods and the Building of California." **2011 Preservationists of the Year Awards**, Monday 7-9 p.m. \$15.00, AMAP members free. Carmel Woman's Club. San Carlos & Ninth. Come early, seating is limited. (831) 224-2754.

March 29 - Olive Oil Tasting Benefit for the Monterey Public Library Friends, Montrieo Bistro, Monterey, March 29, 5:30-7 p.m., \$10 donation. Taste olive oils by aroma and flavor to determine what you like; learn from an expert about what many foodies call "liquid gold." Advanced reservations required. (831) 646-5632, thongchu@ci.monterey.ca.us.

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“The monthly annuity for Dr. Packer would be in that [\$5,100 to \$8,970 per month] range if he had left Community Hospital in 2011 and began collecting retirement benefits at age 65,” Moore explained. “The former executives did not receive lump-sum payments, and there are no guaranteed lump-sum payments for current executives.”

On top of the hospital pension plan available to all benefited employees at CHOMP, the hospital also offers a “supplemental” retirement plan for executives. The plan, created by the hospital’s board of trustees, ensures that the ratio of retirement income to working income is similar to all other employees.

“Under the supplemental plan, a certain amount of money is set aside for each participant each year, based on a percentage of current pay,” she said.

Community Hospital’s most recent tax forms include the pay for 11 of its executives.

Topping the list is Packer, whose total compensation was \$926,928, 2010 IRS 990 documents show. The CEO, who’s held the title for 14 years, was paid a base salary of \$529,004; “bonus and incentive compensation” of \$238,911; “other reportable compensation” amounting to \$35,421; and retirement and deferred compensation of \$123,592.

Next on the list was vice president/chief financial officer Laura Zehm, whose total compensation was \$570,346. She took home a base salary of \$336,137; received \$99,038 in bonus and incentive pay; \$80,038 in other compensation; and \$55,133 in retirement and deferred compensation.

CHOMP’s vice president of medical affairs, Anthony D. Chavis, was the third highest compensated executive, earning \$489,834, including a base of \$366,682; bonus and incentive pay of \$80,953; other compensation of \$10,242; and retirement and deferred compensation of \$31,957.

Eight other Community Hospital executives earned total compensation ranging from \$250,777 to \$384,823, according to the 2010 IRS tax documents.

The hospital’s tax forms also reveal other interesting statistics, including details about the contracts it has for various medical services. For instance, many of the hospital’s doctors contract their services to CHOMP instead of being employees. Under those arrangements, in 2010 the hospital paid more than \$8 million to Monterey Peninsula Radiology; \$5.6 million to Monterey Bay Emergency Physicians; nearly \$2.5 million to ER “backup” physicians Emergency Acute Care Medical Corp.; \$1.9 million to Monterey Pathologists; and about \$1.6 million to Monterey Hospitalists Medical Group.

A big chunk of the hospital’s income in 2010 came from the U.S. government, including \$121 million from health programs such as Medi-Cal and Medicaid. It also received \$280 million from private patients and their insurance companies.

The majority of the hospital’s expenses,

more than \$142 million, went toward salaries and wages. Employee benefits cost the hospital about \$90.5 million; and it spent about \$85 million on supplies. It also reported about \$22 million in bad debt, mostly for services to patients who didn’t pay for them.

The hospital’s total revenue, according to 2010 tax forms, was \$440,613,880, while its costs were \$440,370,536, leaving just \$243,344 in revenue less expenses. That figure is in sharp contrast to the \$26,645,234 in net revenue it had the year before.

Moore said that’s because the hospital transferred \$29.5 million to the Community Hospital Foundation, its parent company, for future needs, something it does periodically.

“The IRS requires that this be recorded as an expense,” Moore said. “That’s why the 2010 hospital 990 appears to show revenue that is much less than the prior year.”

She also said the community can have confidence in the hospital’s financial health.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No: L532847 CA Unit Code: L Loan No: 100658350/ASARO AP #1: 416-027-006-000 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described: Trusdor: ANDREW ASARO, KELLIE ASARO Recorded October 31, 2006 as Instr. No. 2006096530 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County; CALIFORNIA, pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded December 1, 2011 as Instr. No. 2011-68461 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County CALIFORNIA. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 25, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 11555 RANCHO FIESTA ROAD, CARMEL VALLEY, CA 93924 "(If a street address or common designation of property is shown above, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness)." Said Sale of property will be made in "as is" condition without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: MARCH 29, 2012, AT 10:00 A.M. "AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 168 W. ALISAL STREET SALINAS, CA At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated

costs, expenses, and advances is \$518,949.07. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the California Corporations Commissioner a permanent order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date that the Notice of Sale is filed. The time frame for giving Notice of Sale as specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: February 29, 2012 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY as said Trustee, T.D. Service Company Agent for the Trustee and as Authorized Agent for the Beneficiary CRYSTAL ESPINOZA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY T.D. SERVICE COMPANY 4000 W. Metropolitan Drive, Suite 400 Orange, CA 92868-0000 The Beneficiary may be attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. If available, the expected opening bid and/or postponement information may be obtained by calling the following telephone number(s) on the day before the sale: (714) 480-5690 or you may access sales information at www.tacforeclosures.com. TAC# 954543 PUB: 03/09/12, 03/16/12, 03/23/12 Publication dates: March 9, 16, 23, 2012. (PC322)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20120291. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CA HANDYMAN**, 1015 Cass St. Ste. #3, Monterey, CA 93940. Monterey County. CARLOS HERNANDEZ, 4893 Sea Crest Ct., Seaside, CA 93955. SHERRI HERNANDEZ, 4893 Sea Crest Ct., Seaside, CA 93955. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A. (s) Sherri L. Hernandez. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 13, 2012. Publication dates: March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2012. (PC324)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20120469. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

ness as: **DOCUTEK**, 3174 Del Monte Blvd., Marina, CA 93933. Monterey County. CHRIS HARRISON, 25654 Wisteria Ct., Salinas, CA 93908. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Dec. 28, 2006. (s) Chris Harrison. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 7, 2012. Publication dates: March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2012. (PC325)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20120468. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **1. HARRISON ENTERPRISES**
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BETTY LEE TOMAW
Case Number MP 20643

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BETTY LEE TOMAW and BETTY TOMAW.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BETTY REALMUTO in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that BETTY REALMUTO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or

consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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

Date: April 20, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Dept.: 16

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

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

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

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
ROGER D. BOLGARD, ESQ.
BOHNEN, ROSENTHAL & FREEF

787 Munras Avenue, Suite 200
Monterey, CA 93940
(831) 648-5551
(s) roger D. Bolgard, Esq., Attorney for Petitioner.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 12, 2012.

Publication dates: March 16, 23, 30, 2012. (PC330)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Date of Filing Application: Feb. 28, 2012
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name of the Applicant is: **URBAN PARK CONCESSIONAIRES**
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic bev-

erages at:
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41 - ON-SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE
Publication dates: March 16, 2012 (PC323).

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M116496.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, JULIA JOAQUIN for minor BRANDON JAMES ROMEL REYNOSO, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name:
BRANDON JAMES ROMEL REYNOSO

Proposed name:
BRANDON JAMES JOAQUIN

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


NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: April 27, 2012
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15

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

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

(s) Lydia M. Villarreal
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: March 12, 2012
Clerk: Connie Mazzei
Deputy: J. Cedillo
Publication dates: March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2012. (PC333)

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ART

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the gallery.

“All three used the camera as a tool for meditation on light,” gallery owner **Carol Williams** explained. “Each was an extraordinary printer of classical, pre-digital photography.”

Weston moved to Carmel in 1929 and later took up residence on Wildcat Hill in the Carmel Highlands. In 1930, he began photographing fruits and vegetables — in fact, his most iconic image today is that of a bell pepper. In 1937, he became the first photographer to receive a Guggenheim grant. Over the next decade, he made frequent forays to Yosemite National Park and one of his favorite local subjects, nearby Point Lobos. He died in 1958.

“He elevated photography to an art form,” gallery owner **Carol Williams** explained.

While Caponigro is perhaps best known for his striking photographs of Stonehenge and other megaliths of England and Ireland, he has also captured widely published images of Japanese temples and New England forests. He turns 80 this year.

After establishing himself as one of America’s most acclaimed architectural photographers, Baer turned his emphasis in the early 1970s to capturing landscapes, a move that was influenced by his friendship with Weston, whose work he had admired for decades.

“Morley saw an exhibition of Edward’s work in 1939 and came to Carmel looking for him,” Williams explained. “He spoke often about what a wonderful man — and tremendous

photographer — Edward was.”

Along with local photographer **Ansel Adams**, Baer was co-founder of the Carmel-based nonprofit group, Friends of Photography. In the 1960s, he owned a house perched above Garrapata Beach and also lived in Carmel at various stages throughout his life. He passed away in 1995.

The reception begins at 4 p.m. The gallery is located on the east side of Dolores between Ocean and Seventh. For more information, call (831) 625-1587 or visit www.photographywest.com.

■ CVAA offers reception, new artist

Showcasing the work of more than 40 artists, the Carmel Valley Art Association hosts a reception and ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday, March 17.

The gallery — which moved into a new space on the north end of the Carmel Valley Market building late last summer — features artwork by an impressive mix of local artists, featuring many who live in Carmel Valley. Included are painters **Jack Swanson, Deborah Russell, Sam Johnston, Reid Woodward, Susan W. Brady, Fred Carvel** and **Karuna Licht**; and photographers **Bill Burleigh, Warren Poitras** and **Stephen Schindler**.

New at the gallery is **Jack Swanson**, Cachagua’s legendary cowboy artist. One of Swanson’s paintings hung in the Oval Office while Ronald Reagan was president.

“Jack’s work has not been featured in any gallery for 20 years,” gallery owner **Shelley Aliotti** explained. “We’re definitely honored to have him here.”

Performing music at the reception is Johnston, who plays the flute when he’s not painting, and **Camilo Ortiz**, an

accomplished classical guitarist.

The Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce will be on hand for a ribbon cutting ceremony, which will commemorate the gallery’s recent move. Aliotti said she’s received raves about the new location.

“People are loving the new space,” she added. “They come in and their first reaction is, ‘Wow.’”

The reception starts at 4 p.m. The CAA is located at 13766 Center St. For more information, call (831) 659-2441 or visit www.carmelvalleyassociation.com.

■ Canine art show returns to CCC

The Carl Cherry Center for the Arts is currently soliciting artwork for its second annual dog-inspired juried exhibit, which opens July 14.

Artists, photographers, ceramicists, sculptors and print-makers are encouraged to submit up to five digital images no later than June 15. There is a \$35 entry fee. The center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. For more information, call (831) 624-7491 or visit www.carlcherrycenter.org.

■ Senior center celebrates watercolors

The Sally J. Griffin Senior Center in Pacific Grove hosts a reception Friday, March 16, for three watercolor artists — **Julie Heilman, Laura Lockett** and **Sung Woo Kim** — whose work is currently on display there. The exhibit is sponsored by the Central Coast Art Association.

The reception starts at 5 p.m. The show will continue through May 4. The Sally Griffin Center is located at 700 Jewell Ave. For more information, call (831) 375-4454.

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P.G. City Councilman announces bid for mayor

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

PACIFIC GROVE city councilman Bill Kampe told The Pine Cone this week he's going to run for mayor to replace Carmelita Garcia, who is leaving her mayoral post to pursue a county supervisor seat.

Kampe, who is mayor pro tempore, said he will bring "experience and energy" and has the leadership to ensure P.G. continues to progress on solving its financial problems and other troubles.

"I'm committed to maintaining our environment and the simple charm and essential character of our town," Kampe said. "We need and deserve a vibrant community, both

in the activities for our residents, and in the economic activities that support our quality of life."

Kampe also serves as council liaison to the city's planning commission and its architectural review board. He is an active member of the Pacific Grove Rotary Club and has led projects such as the renovation of the gazebo in Jewell Park.

Kampe, a Navy veteran, worked for 35 years with Hewlett-Packard and Agilent Technologies, rising to senior management positions. He said his combined private industry and local government experience will equip him well to lead the city as its next mayor.

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BULLY

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er, even when she contacted the school about his failing grades.

“There was no mention of the chronic bullying to which Tyler was being subjected,” according to the lawsuit, filed by San Francisco attorney Martin Glickfeld.

Contrary to what the lawsuit calls “accepted practices,” the diocese brought the alleged bully and Napolitano together and confronted him with the allegations.

ATTACK

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by herself.”

The suit alleges Kelsey failed to control, maintain and supervise his Catahoula dogs, which were seized and subsequently euthanized.

Love, who is also the organizer an annual 5K event, is seeking damages from Kelsey for medical bills, pain and suffering, emotional distress, permanent scarring and punitive damages.

Love bought her puppy after her son, B.J., died in 2005 when he hit a tree while practicing with the University of Virginia snowboarding team.

“In requesting an award of punitive damages,” Love’s lawsuit says, “Love is asking the court to award an additional sum of money against Mr. Kelsey as a deterrent or punishment to redress the egregious wrong that was done to her.”

Kelsey told The Pine Cone Thursday he hadn’t read the suit and therefore was unable to comment.

According to Dunnion, Kelsey has owned other dogs that have attacked neighbors on three separate occasions.

Kelsey “also had two separate court cases against him for noise abatement, inadequate boarding of his dogs and overall nuisance,” according to Dunnion.

Furthermore, the attorney said Kelsey’s “utter disregard and reckless indifference for the rights of his neighbors have made the Carmel neighborhood undesirable.”

Love was treated for injuries to her right arm by emergency room doctors at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and a plastic surgeon.

“It disgusts me that this neighbor, Mr. Kelsey, whose animals have previously attacked neighbors, and who obviously cannot control his animals,” Dunnion said, “is being allowed to harbor such dangerous animals without properly keeping them secure, and he continues to keep animals on his property that pose a danger to neighbors, pedestrians, and children.”

Though the case is set for a July 13 hearing in a Monterey courtroom, Dunnion said he’s hopeful Kelsey’s insurance company will settle the matter out of court.

“To date, they have minimized Love’s attempts to resolve her case and forced Love to file her lawsuit while Kelsey continues to keep new animals on his property,” according to Dunnion.

“This caused Tyler to feel more uncomfortable and unsupported,” the suit says. “Principal Burger told Tyler he needed to ‘toughen up.’”

During the 2009-2010 school year, the bullying intensified and “took a new form” when the other boy began openly ridiculing Napolitano during classes, the suit says.

“Tyler resumed his attempts to get help from the principal,” the claim says. “But again, she did nothing.”

Lewd conduct

During a November 2009 parent/teacher meeting, Napolitano first learned from her son’s teacher that his classmate had been bullying and intimidating Tyler “and that [the bully] had tried to intimidate [the teacher] as well,” according to the lawsuit.

That same month, the parents of another student notified the Diocese of Monterey and said they were disappointed diocese officials “had done nothing to protect students especially girls in the eighth grade, from harassment and sexual aggression” by the “deeply troubled” boy, the suit alleges.

The diocese, the lawsuit goes on to say, “had confirmed” that the boy was sexually harassing other students, including “rubbing their shoulders ... and rubbing his body against them.”

“Despite this knowledge, however, they did nothing to stop this conduct,” Napolitano alleges.

In January 2010, Napolitano had a phone conversation and two meetings with Burger and the bully’s mother.

“Both of them admitted to being aware of [his] behavior and that they did not know what to do about it,” according to the suit.

In February 2010, the suit says the intimidation became “more pervasive and severe,” and the boy chased Tyler around the classroom. Distraught, Tyler went to the gymnasium of the lower field at the school and began crying. A teacher saw him, but “continued on her way without saying or doing anything.”

In March 2010, the claim alleges the bully became physical, pinning Napolitano against a wall and yelling at him in the boy’s restroom after Napolitano had washed his hands.

He also allegedly told Napolitano, “No blacks allowed,” as

he tried to enter the school’s baseball field dugout.

After that, Napolitano said she had a phone conversation with the alleged bully’s mother, who said her son admitted he had made racial remarks and that her son was supposed to be on medication but they had not been giving it to him.

“Finally,” the lawsuit says, “because of the continuing harassment and racially discriminatory atmosphere, Ms. Napolitano moved Tyler to a different school.”

The lawsuit — which alleges negligence and negligent infliction of emotional distress against Junipero Serra School, the Diocese of Monterey, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Monterey and Burger — seeks an undisclosed amount in monetary damages. The Monterey bishop is Richard Garcia.

The diocese, the Napolitanos allege, had a duty to provide a reasonable and safe education atmosphere for the middle-schooler.

“The diocese was negligent when it admitted a student who was a bully, and then not only did nothing to control his behavior and harassment of other students, but looked the other way and tried to conceal it,” according to the lawsuit.

As a result of being tormented at school, Napolitano has been severely traumatized, and he suffers from serious physical and psychological injury, including post-traumatic stress disorder. His mother also has suffered severe emotional distress, the suit says.

The bully’s parents are being sued for negligence and are liable because the Napolitanos allege they did nothing about their son’s behavior.

“They knew that their son had emotional problems and that he was a bully,” the suit alleges. “As his parents, they had a responsibility to do those things necessary to make sure that their son did not injure other people. They failed to do so.”

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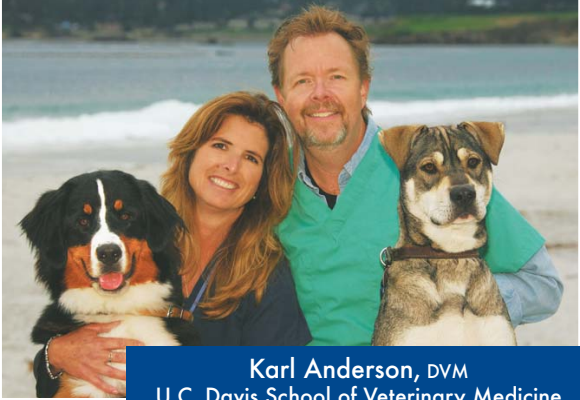
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PGPD arrests alleged gun-toter

REPORTS OF a man firing a gun in an Arkwright Court apartment complex just after 1:30 a.m. Thursday while a handful of others stood nearby led to the arrest of 34-year-old Pascacio Trinidad Ruiz, according to Pacific Grove Police Sgt. Jeff Fenton, who said police sought help from Monterey P.D. and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office "due to the possibility of confronting up to four subjects, with one of them being armed, as well as the size of the complex."

"Shortly after arrival, a male subject holding a handgun along his side walked out of the apartment complex," he reported.

"He refused to follow orders given by the officers and walked back into the parking lot area of the complex, where he discarded an object," he said.

As Ruiz allegedly continued to refuse to follow orders, police forcibly took him into custody without injury, according to Fenton. Police later found a BB gun in the carport area.

Ruiz was charged with negligent display of an imitation handgun, discharging a BB gun in a reckless manner, public intoxication and resisting/obstructing a peace officer. Another man, 26-year-old Jimmy Arriola Marroquin, was also arrested for being intoxicated in public.

■ CORRECTION

LAST WEEK we reported that mayoral Rich Pepe received a \$1,000 contribution from Rick and Tonya Antle of Salinas. They actually live in Carmel.



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Editorial

Help!

THE ISRAELITES would have all perished at the hands of Pharaoh’s army when they reached the Red Sea if not for the leadership of Moses, who parted the waters and guided the multitudes to safety. Check the book of Exodus if you don’t believe us.

Today, the peril isn’t quite as great, but the need for leadership is. And this time, the issue isn’t moving water, but providing it.

Tuesday night’s forum for candidates in the upcoming elections for mayor and city council showed that public awareness about the dire water shortage the Monterey Peninsula faces has finally reached critical mass. Not one candidate expressed the opinion so often heard in times past that more conservation would make the water shortage go away. Nobody said that no new water was needed. And not one candidate worried that an adequate water supply would open the gates to massive development. Instead, they all said, “We need to do something, and we need to do it fast.”

But Wednesday night, a different public meeting showed that, while the public is demanding a solution and is ready to pay for it, there is still no agreement on what the solution should be. In fact, the competing solutions still include some ridiculous ones along with the realistic ones — with all sides engaging in a debate that seldom rose above the level of, “My water project can beat up your water project.”

With a deadline looming and the taps about to run dry, how is this problem to be solved?

Fifteen years ago, when the water shortage was just as bad, environmentalists decided their No. 1 priority was stopping a new dam from being built on the Carmel River, and someone in a position of authority stepped forward to make sure they achieved their goal: Assemblyman Fred Keeley pushed a bill through the Legislature requiring that a “Plan B,” one without a dam, be developed. And while his bill succeeded in killing the dam, we are still waiting for Plan B to come to fruition.

Today, the leadership on this issue should still come from our legislators. Unfortunately, Bill Monning and Sam Blakeslee have shown zero interest in the topic. Which leaves the Public Utilities Commission, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the new Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority and a host of other agencies competing for control of the water supply issue. Meanwhile, the public waits and waits and waits, and the water shortage gets worse and worse and worse.

Does anybody know where we could find a Moses?

BEST of BATES



“I never knew I had so many friends until I moved to Carmel.”

Letters to the Editor

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Past mayors endorse Burnett

Dear Editor,

As former mayors of Carmel with a combined 16 years of experience in serving the Carmel community, we understand what it takes to lead our village. We often have differing viewpoints and ideas, but in this we are united: We have great confidence that Jason Burnett has the leadership qualities, the experience and the commitment that make him the best choice for mayor in this election.

We have been impressed with Burnett’s visionary leadership, his knowledge of all issues and his ability to return openness to city government through his monthly town hall meetings. He has shown both courage and leadership, being out in front on difficult and challenging issues. This has resulted in a city hall we can again be proud of. We feel

assured that, as mayor, he will not obligate our city to any commitments — secret or otherwise — without the consent of the council and within the hearing of the public.

The ability to talk to constituents is a must and Jason has proven to be a great listener, an excellent communicator and a problem solver. He brings people together and represents fairly all elements of the Carmel community. With Burnett’s background in economics and his razor-sharp grasp of the financial challenges, he will bring vitality back to our community.

This is a most critical time for Carmel as we choose a new mayor. It is important to elect a candidate and council member who has delivered on his promises. Please join us in electing Jason Burnett as our next Mayor of Carmel.

Charlotte Townsend, Mayor, 1982-1986
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‘Independent voice’ needed

Dear Editor,

I have been following the otherwise normal election activities for city council and the campaigns of the candidates, but then something happened at the March 8 candidates’ forum that I thought was extraordinary for Carmel politics.

During the forum, Bob Profeta held up a document, urging everyone to take a copy at the end of the evening. I got one, entitled “Let’s At Least Have The Debate, Look Past The Slogans For Solutions, And Resolve To

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Decades ago, back when The Carmel Pine Cone had the gray 1950s freebie design that haunts it to this day, I was a proud staff writer who didn’t cost the taxpayer a single farthing.

Those were the good old days, the days when you couldn’t walk down Ocean Avenue without some clod telling you how lucky you were to be working in Carmel.

Yet I persisted, without government subsidy, because of my principled stand that taxpayers owe me nothing.

You’ll have to trust me on this, though. I didn’t keep real good records during that period, so it’s very possible that I was a pass-through for tens of millions of dollars. If I was, please be assured that it was spent with value in mind.

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Also, I doubt I’ll be able to find the material you think you need. Someone else has it, I think.

If you feel so strongly about this, perhaps you should talk to someone with the federal government. Go pester them. Your persistent questions have diverted attention from my primary duties, which is providing great value at little cost to taxpaying readers of this newspaper.

I have to admit to feeling a tad bit insulted that you would even question what may or may not have happened with that money. Assuming, of course, that I was even responsible for

it in the first place. Which I doubt. Which makes your accusations even more hurtful.

In fact, how dare you!

How dare you challenge a writer of my stature, a writer who has faithfully served this community for so long. A writer who is so careful about his prepositional phrasing while remaining focused on his responsibilities to the taxpayers. And, as long as I’m pontificating here from the high horse, how dare you challenge FORA.

It’s simply unfortunate that, in this day and age, people so quickly assume that honest, hard-working writers and government officials are just piddling away taxpayer money. These pesky people think it’s their duty as citizens to hold us “accountable.” They harbor silly notions that an “informed” public makes for a “smarter” public.

I feel your pain, FORA. Trust me.

LETTERS

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Move Carmel Forward.” It’s also on his website. Expecting another glossy campaign leaflet, I was surprised to discover it was something of substance. In it, Profeta reviews our city’s financial issues, but more importantly, he offers solutions, and tells us where he stands. How refreshing, a candidate willing to take a position in writing, admit that all may not agree with him, but challenge all of us to abandon the usual campaign slogans and enter into a debate on the issues to find solutions.

Profeta is right. It’s time to get past the campaign slogans. He points out that he is the only candidate for the council not already a part of the city government, either trying to stay on the council or move up to it from a city commission. It would be refreshing to have at least one person, one voice from outside the inner circle of Carmel politics on the city council, with new ideas and perspectives.

We need an independent voice on the city council, a fresh face and intellect to bring new solutions to Carmel’s troubled finances. That’s why I’m supporting Bob Profeta.

Stephanie Ager Kirz, Carmel


An ‘entirely new direction’

Dear Editor,

The time has come for Carmel to rejuvenate its tired economy and move towards a new era of prosperity. I truly believe that Rich Pepe is the best choice for this daunting task. Pepe has devoted his life to family, friends and business here in Carmel. He is a remarkable man who has provided hundreds of jobs, created opportunities for young people to expand their dreams and has given countless dollars to many deserving charities. His heart is in the right place and his plan of action is to develop a new way of thinking at city hall and bring back an economic vibrance that will support this magnificent little village. We need and yearn for better times much like all cities in America, so let’s start now. Carmel does not need another politician, it needs business leadership that will produce results. Please vote for Rich Pepe and become part of a new and exciting chapter in Carmel’s future.

Jack Pappadeas, Carmel

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Ginny and Malcolm

FORUM

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sensus that’s developed during her campaign.

“Every gathering I’ve attended has become an animated yet peaceful exchange of ideas,” she remarked. “You bump into many different people with many different viewpoints.”

Tom Leverone, who’s also running for city council, also said he has enjoyed meeting so many residents during the past several weeks. As a “semi-retired” anesthesiologist, pain specialist and medication addiction therapist, he said he has managed large budgets and written contracts, as well as “seen humanity at its worst and at its best. And Carmel clearly is humanity at its best.”

Leverone said he is driven to find solutions “using rational thinking, logic, outside-the-box thinking, and overall, common sense.”

He mentioned his accomplishments on the forest and beach commission, which just re-elected him as chair, and said, “I’m in favor of examining all new sources of revenue and possibly implementing all of them.”

On the budget

With the recent revelation that several members of the police and fire departments last year took home tens of thousands of dollars in overtime and retirement contributions, in addition to their salaries, candidates were asked how such spending could come to pass, especially in an economic climate calling for belt-tightening.

Profeta said the city should review public safety salaries and compare them with other cities’, while Beach confessed to being “shocked” by the numbers and said the city could save money by hiring more people instead of shelling out nearly \$200,000 in overtime between just four employees.

“Any good manager would work to bring overtime to zero,” she said, instead of sustaining an overworked staff at greater expense. Beach acknowledged Carmel might have a tougher time recruiting good job candidates but said the city should focus on finding those who would be the right fit.

Pepe said “all options should be on the table,” in developing ways to cut costs, including sharing police services.

Burnett, who has worked with Talmage on reducing the huge retirement liability by adopting lower contributions for new workers, said one reason the OT expense was so high was because the city hasn’t been hiring anyone while it waited for the new California Public Employees Retirement System provision to take effect April 15.

“We do have a small number of employees, and when an employee gets sick or gets injured, then you don’t have anyone to draw from,” he said. That’s no longer true of the fire department, which is now run by Monterey and therefore has a larger pool of workers at the ready.

Leverone observed that much of the compensation was based on union-negotiated contracts, as well as the thin staffing that only has two police officers on duty at any given time and strains the system when others are unable to work due to injuries or time off.

Talmage described how retirement contributions and related costs account for 35 cents of every dollar paid to public safety workers, but the new CalPERS benefits will drop that number to 19 cents.

“The reason we didn’t fill in a couple of jobs in the police department is for that 19 percent,” he said. “So we had some empty positions.”

On Flanders

Regarding the age-old question of Flanders Mansion, which the city has tried for a decade to sell while encountering two lawsuits and racking up more than \$1 million in legal and other expenses, all the candidates advocated pursuing the sale — especially since the majority of voters said in 2009 they want it sold — though Pepe said he’s generally opposed to selling city-owned assets.

Talmage surprised the audience when he suggested the land under the mansion might be historic, but not the house itself — and that the home might even be demolished.

“The city should get a forensic historian and look at that application and see whether or not we can overturn that [historic] designation,” he said.

“We’ve spent 40 years on this issue, and that is almost as long as I’ve been alive,” observed Beach.

“The Flanders issue is the boil on the butt of Carmel, but there are a lot of perennial issues, and we need to start doing something,” Leverone said. “The legal issue is because of a small group of people focusing on problems that don’t exist.”

On water

With severe rationing set to take effect Jan. 1, 2017, unless the Monterey Peninsula finally develops a reliable water supply, candidates were asked what could be done “to break this terrible logjam that’s existed since the ‘70s,” when voters created the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

“It’s an emergency. When the tap gets shut off at the end of 2016, we better have a plan,” Beach commented, adding that the recently formed joint powers authority of Peninsula mayors is at least accomplishing the mission of representing the cities’ interests in the process.

“One of the flaws of the earlier approach was sometimes the folks giving us information had a pony in the show,” she observed.

“We’ve been talking about this for decades and are no bet-

ter off today than we were 30 or 40 years ago,” Pepe said, with no new water available for vacant lots and minor home and business expansions. He pondered lifting bans on well drilling and the moratorium on water credits.

“We are actually developing a level of consensus that we haven’t seen in quite some time,” Burnett said. “I think we need to have a portfolio of solutions rather than putting all those eggs in one basket — that was the problem with the regional water project.”

Burnett said his suggested three-part solution of increasing aquifer storage and recovery, increasing groundwater recycling from the Monterey Bay Area Pollution Control Agency near the Marina landfill and building a midsize desalination plant is gaining traction.

“We need to have a mayor who is up to speed on day one, because the week after the mayor is sworn in, Cal Am will be presenting a plan to the PUC,” he said.

Leverone said the Peninsula needs a solution, not just a plan, come 2016. “More plans are going to get us nowhere,” he said, adding that partial blame in the logjam lies with “no-growthers.” Development should be controlled by zoning and other laws, “not by depriving everyone of something so fundamental as water.”

Talmage, who has been appointed as an alternate to serve on the JPA, said the group was formed to provide independent analysis, political will and “an honest broker.”

A larger pipeline from the Carmel River that can funnel winter flows and groundwater recycling are already in the works, according to Talmage.

“This is the time for action,” he said. “The new mayor is going to work on this issue 40 hours a week. That’s what it’s going to take.”

Profeta said “some very smart people are working on this problem,” and he observed desalination is the key component, since it won’t rely on rainfall.

On bag bans and business

The candidates all favored a ban on disposable plastic shopping bags, with Talmage saying the city should “get it done,” and they all supported retaining big events such as the Carmel-by-the-Sea Concours on the Avenue because they bring visitors — and their money — to town, despite the complaints of some retailers. Beach suggested some of those issues might be addressed by redesigning the events’ layouts to direct crowds to shops.

They debated the role of government in recruiting to fill vacant storefronts and bandied about ideas like letting non-profits decorate empty store windows or requiring landlords to fill them so downtown didn’t look like an impending ghost town.

Talmage said public employees can help make the process easier by providing necessary information to interested business people, and Profeta suggested finding ways to get landlords to give their tenants a break.

“I’m more on the side of thinking that we need to be more careful about not overstepping the proper role of govern-

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Maintaining council ‘balance’

Dear Pine Cone

As of April, the Carmel City Council will lose two women, Sue McCloud and Karen Sharp, who aren’t running for re-election. What’s more, both of these women have had the benefit of serving previously on the planning commission. From the beginning of Carmel’s history, the planning commission has been seen as a training ground to help future council members more clearly understand the complex issues facing the city. Some say that planning experience isn’t necessary for a council member, and that’s true. It isn’t a requirement. But, when you have it, it sure makes a difference!

Ken Talmage is running for re-election and has proved the value of his planning commission background. We are also very fortunate to have running for the city council a current planning commissioner, Victoria Beach, who has professional training in planning and architecture. The fact that every one of her fellow commissioners supports her candidacy means she’s obviously a team player.

By electing Victoria Beach, we will maintain a balance on the city council and retain valuable planning expertise.

Elizabeth Winchester, Carmel

‘Insight and sensitivity’

Dear Editor,

As a Carmel business owner, I usually take a neutral position regarding city politics, wanting a good working relationship with any and all persons involved in city government. I am ‘stepping out’ from that position to voice my support for Victoria Beach for Carmel City Council.

Carmel is a community sometimes divided between those who desire to develop and improve their properties and those who wish to preserve the magical character of the community. I find that, as a planning commissioner, Beach ‘gets it,’ blending her understanding of architecture with her appreciation for our sensitive environment. She is dedicated to work-

ment,” Burnett said, adding that most business owners “want to make sure everyone plays by the same rules — that’s something they can and should expect from their government.” He advocated ensuring people understand those rules.

Parting remarks

Leverone described himself as “not really good at sunny platitudes,” and said he doesn’t know the rhetoric but “will take every opportunity to tell you how I will solve the problems.” He encouraged voters with questions to call him.

“Everyone has run a very clean and cordial campaign — that’s very refreshing,” he said. “It’s very difficult to stand out in a crowd like this.” Nonetheless, he said he is smart, well educated and worked in a career that requires rapid problem solving.

“Carmel is going to need some can-do leaders,” he said. Burnett pledged to “combine the best ideas from the past with the best new ideas,” and took credit for a more open, more responsible city hall, as well as work to reform CalPERS and balance the budget.

“You know me, you know where I stand on the issues that matter to our village, and you know I do my homework before making a decision,” he said.

Pepe, however, questioned whether the town is better off than it was during the April 2010 election and said city hall needs a new vision and a new course.

“We need to refurbish our image,” he said, and “develop a robust economy.” He promised he would serve a decade as mayor (if elected) and would deliver all of his projects on time and under budget.

“The office of mayor is not a summer romance, it’s a longterm love affair,” he said.

Profeta offered voters what he said was a clear choice between other council candidates, whom he said are all either incumbents or “seeking to upgrade to the city council,” and him. He described himself as the only “truly independent” candidate “who will bring an outside, fresh perspective.” He touted his list of solutions and openness to debate.

Beach remarked that “beautiful places require practical care to remain that way,” and said, “It has been a true honor to be entrusted with caring for this beautiful place as a member of the planning commission.”

As councilwoman, she would further appreciate her part in protecting and helping Carmel, and she also mentioned all the candidates, regardless of their differences, agreed to host a joint post-election party.

“I’m the one candidate running for reelection, and therefore I have a record,” said Talmage, the last to deliver closing remarks.

“On budget and financial issues, I’m the go-to person on the council.” He also reiterated his accomplishments and his ability to bridge gaps between disparate opinions. “I have been a proven and effective decision maker,” he said.

The election will be held April 10. For more information on the election, or to determine whether a vote-by-mail ballot has been received, call (855) 298-5495.

ing with applicants before the commission, to allow and encourage them to develop their properties in a manner in keeping with our community ordinances and guidelines. Further, she has a keen interest in improving those ordinances and guidelines to do a better job of integrating protective measures with easier ways to allow reasonable design and development of projects.

Like a number of planning commissioners before her who have stepped up to the council, Beach will bring to the council insight and sensitivity to the planning process gleaned from her experience on the planning commission.

I can only urge all Carmel residents to support Victoria Beach.

Brian T. Congleton AIA, Carmel

‘Hardest-working and most accessible’

Dear Editor,

In the last election, 72 percent of voters made the right decision when they elected Jason Burnett to the city council of Carmel. Since then, he has become the hardest working and most accessible representative that we have seen in our 28 years as residents of Carmel.

Burnett has continued to be available in a variety of ways, even publicly offering his home phone number when people have a question. He listens and treats everyone fairly and equally. At his town hall meetings, he brings the community together to share opinions and information. He cares what people think. He responds to suggestions about community problems, and this is why he deserves to be our next mayor.

In years past, there were times when we felt that the majority of the city council wasn’t listening to the community. That’s why it’s important to elect Burnett mayor. He is someone who responds to our concerns as residents. We’re voting for Jason Burnett, and we urge our neighbors and fellow residents to do the same.

Angie and Bob Irvine, Carmel

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