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34 homes destroyed, one killed as vast fire ravages Big Sur

By MARY SCHLEY and KELLY NIX

A FIREFIGHTER died, nearly three dozen homes have burned, and hundreds of residents have been displaced in a raging wildfire that started Friday morning in Garrapata State Park and was still only 10 percent contained at more than 27,300 acres Thursday. The blaze prompted Gov. Jerry Brown to declare a state of emergency, and all of the state parks along the Big Sur Coast, including popular Point Lobos, are closed. Caltrans has suspended all roadwork along Highway 1, which remains open as more than 3,500 firefighters work on the ground, on bulldozers and in aircraft. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

While early in the week fire officials were anticipating containment as early as Aug. 5, they changed that target Wednesday morning to Aug. 31, as winds, low humidity and high heat drove the fire farther into the wildlands toward several mountainside Carmel Valley communities.

‘Extremely remote and rugged’

“Fire activity remained active overnight, making uphill runs. Extremely remote and rugged terrain with limited access, coupled with hot and dry weather, continues to be a challenge in controlling the fire,” Cal Fire officials said in an update Thursday. Even though crews have been successfully building fire lines with bulldozers and hand tools in an effort to confine the blaze, it has stubbornly spread, resulting in “the containment percentage remaining the same.”

Fog and smoke also hampered critical air operations that were being conducted by the 14 helicopters and six air tankers committed to the fire.

As of Thursday morning, the fire had covered 27,326

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Some fire evacuees getting plenty of creature comforts

By ELAINE HESSER

WITH THEIR homes either on fire or in danger of becoming that way, 37 pets have taken refuge at the SPCA for Monterey County — a number spokesperson Beth Brookhouser said includes three horses, a king snake, four baby turkeys, two parakeets, six dogs, 19 cats, a leopard gecko and a tarantula.

As their owners evacuated homes in the path of the Soberanes fire, the animals were checked in at the SPCA HQ on Highway 68, or at Carmel Middle School. The SPCA can also pick up pets that need help.

“We’ll be available wherever we’re needed,” Brookhouser said, adding that the organization will be available at all community meetings about the fire with pet supplies.

SPCA director of operations Lisa Hoefer said that in addition to the animals the SPCA has taken in, there were

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PHOTO/COURTESY SPCA

Meet Cali, a kitty who’s spending time at the SPCA while her owners deal with the Soberanes Fire. She’s commandeered the office of Ashley Fessenden, the shelter’s animal care supervisor.



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(Clockwise from top left) Striving to maintain a critical fire line, a DC-10 dumps retardant on Dani Ridge, while backfires to help control the spread create a dramatic nighttime scene near Carmel Valley. A firefighter turns his hose on flames in Palo Colorado, the area suffering the most damage so far — including a home utterly destroyed on Long Ridge Road. Meanwhile, dozers cut a break on a ridge near Rancho San Carlos.

Coastal commission rejects beach fire appeal

By MARY SCHLEY

A LAST-MINUTE effort to block the city council’s plan to allow a few wood fires on Carmel Beach abruptly failed this week when the California Coastal Commission decided

WRIGHT HOUSE SEAWALL FACES CHALLENGE

By MARY SCHLEY

CLAIMING THAT the city did a poor job of evaluating a proposal to install a seawall below the Frank Lloyd Wright house on Carmel Point — and questioning whether the wall is even needed — two California Coastal Commissioners have called the city’s permit for the shoreline project up for review in front of the full commission.

The commission is set to discuss the project at its Aug. 10 meeting in Santa Cruz, and coastal planners have recommended the wall, which received unanimous approval from the city’s historic resources board and the planning commission, be denied.

The project calls for the installation of an 8-foot-tall, 63-

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Richard Flower — the resident who was trying to stop the fires — wasn’t allowed to ask the coastal commission to intervene.

Flower submitted the required documents opposing all wood fires on the beach to the coastal commission’s office eight minutes before the appeal period closed last Wednesday, but on July 27, the Central Coast District Office issued a letter telling him his appeal was invalid because he didn’t speak at public hearings on the fire plan before the council approved it July 30.

“As a result, the city’s action on this project is now final,” coastal planner Mike Watson wrote.

The program approved June 30 allows wood fires in up to a dozen city-provided fire pits — of which there are now four — on the beach south of Eighth Avenue between the hours of 4 and 10 p.m. daily. Propane fires are allowed on the sand, too, as long as they are at least 25 feet from the bluffs.

After receiving the appeal, which ran a dozen pages and condemned the city council for allowing any wood fires on the beach, coastal planners set about reviewing recordings and documents from the city meetings to determine whether Flower had made his objections known in city hall.

“To qualify as an aggrieved person, you must have participated or made your views known as an individual in some manner during the city’s local process,” Watson explained in the letter. “In this case, although you edited an informational

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Unbiddable border collie

MARTHA’S PERSON believes you have to treat dogs like middle-school students. They need a lot of structure, but they also have to have room to play, to grow and to get out all that energy. And they also need a sense of purpose.

Maybe those principles apply because Martha’s a border collie, which is to say, a working and herding dog who feels most comfortable when she has something to do.

After years and years of watching the British television series, “All Creatures Great and Small,” which chronicles the stories of country veterinarian James Herriot, Martha’s people fell in love with the antics of the border collie, and that’s the only breed they’ve ever had.

Martha was born to Ben, a national champion, and

Dottie. By the time her people got out to greet the new pups, Martha, the runt of the litter, was the only one left. “We don’t expect she’ll be very biddable,” the breeder said, meaning she wouldn’t be too cooperative or easily trained.

“We’ll take her,” they said.


The pup was all the breeder promised, and more. Her family named her Martha, a biblical name, which refers to a female who is busy, energetic, obsessed with work.

“She has a great spirit,” said her person, “but at first, she was a very difficult, obstinate animal. Once we bonded, we found so much mutual love, and it all worked out.”

Martha, who turned 13 on the Fourth of July, loves the beach, particularly now that her people have moved to Pebble Beach. She loves to play Frisbee and, once she gets on task, there’s no distracting her.

“Once she focuses on that Frisbee, she is not interested in anything else – not birds or other dogs or people,” her person said. “People think I should give her a rest, let her play. But she’s a border collie; this is play.”





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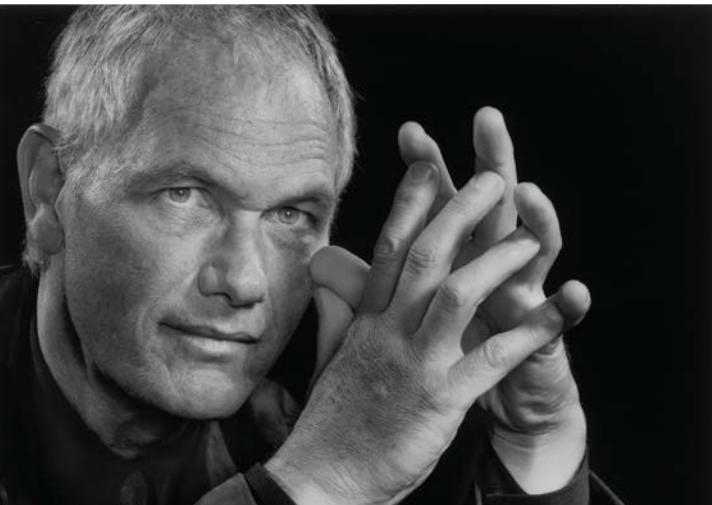
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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Attic checked for mystery resident

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

THURSDAY, JULY 7

Pacific Grove: While officer was en route to a welfare check, he noticed four people in the middle of the street in a verbal altercation on Sunset Drive. Parties were separated, and a verbal trespassing admonishment was given. Neither party wanted to press charges.

Pacific Grove: Officers were on a call on Arkwright Court and made contact with a male in a public place. Officers knew he had a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest. Subject was cited and released at the scene. The subject was issued a written notice to appear and a new court date.

Carmel area: Person reported finding luggage in a ditch on Lake Place.

Pebble Beach: Deputies conducting follow-up for stolen property and assisting building code enforcement on Signal Hill Road encountered a wanted subject. The 32-year-old male fled on foot but was arrested on the beach along 17 Mile Drive. The subject was arrested for five outstanding arrest warrants and possession of narcotics et al. He was booked into county jail.

Big Sur: Victim reported his rental vehicle was burglarized by unknown persons while it was parked on Highway 1, and a camera lens was stolen.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A Rubbermaid box full of camping equipment was found on side of the street at Mission and 12th. Brought to the station for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer witnessed an injury traffic collision on 10th. One driver was transported to CHOMP. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bullets for destruction turned in to the station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male called to report losing his cell phone somewhere near the area of Santa Rita and Pico. He wanted to make a report in case the phone was found and turned in for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male turned over a credit card he found in front of his business at Ocean and San Carlos.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Phone found in the surf at Del Mar. The phone is waterlogged and nonfunctioning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run reported involving a parked vehicle on Monte Verde Street. Owner of the victim vehicle heard the collision. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Lewd and lascivious acts reported with a juvenile under the age of 14. Incident occurred approximately a year-and-a-half to two years ago involving the juvenile's cousin. Out of the jurisdiction.

Pacific Grove: Female stepped into traffic on Sunset Drive at 1450 hours and was hit by a vehicle. Pedestrian transported to Natividad Medical Center (trauma unit).

Pacific Grove: Person on Lighthouse Avenue reported a male subject using profanity at the business. Subject left before police arrived. Person believes the subject is now harassing them by phone calls.

Pacific Grove: Olmstead Avenue resident

reported a dog was taken by a female neighbor. Checked the area and was unable to identify the house.

Carmel Valley: Victim on Ford Road reported he and his adult son were involved in a physical altercation.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley Road resident reported her ex-boyfriend entered her house without permission and attempted to strike her new boyfriend. Requested documentation only; no charges.

Pebble Beach: Citizen reported her purse was stolen from the back of her rental car while it was parked on 17 Mile Drive.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported a loose dog that followed them home, into the county area. The resident requested the animal control officer to pick up the dog. While responding to the location, the dog owner was found, and the officer assisted with returning the dog to the owners.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Arizona Driver's License found. A voicemail was left on a possible owner's phone.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Police responded to report of a gas leaf blower at Lincoln and Fifth. Upon officer's arrival, no subjects were seen using a gas leaf blower. A subject was contacted and warned.

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Many roads in Pebble Beach to get facelifts this year

By KELLY NIX

THE PEBBLE Beach Company is spending nearly \$1 million on repaving and patching roads in Del Monte Forest — a project it expects to complete in the next four months, according to the Del Monte Forest Property Owners.

Ten stretches of road in the forest will be repaved, while crews will also perform simpler asphalt repairs on other streets. The work, to be paid for by the P.B. Co. and not the county, is being done by private contractors. It's expected be completed in November.

The roads to be repaved are Lake Court, Ondulado, Sunridge, Cantera Court, Del Ciervo, Deer Path, Ronda, Stevenson and Mora Way. The Cypress Point Lookout parking lot will also get new asphalt, and crews will apply a slurry seal to Crespi Lane.

Del Monte Forest has about 75 miles of roads.

The Pebble Beach Company's budget this year for road maintenance is about the same

amount it's spent in the last five years. In 2010, the company, after input from the DMFPO, doubled its \$500,000 annual road management budget.

"Pebble Beach Community Services District continues to provide additional funding to repave/repair roads that are damaged as a result of its sewer and water line replacement projects or underground utility line projects," according to the DMFPO.

Apart from the contractor costs, the Pebble Beach Company employs four full-time road maintenance employees at cost of \$300,000 annually. Those workers perform more routine maintenance on the forest's roads, including patching, filling potholes, clearing drain lines and minor restriping.

The Pebble Beach Company, according to the DMFPO, uses a "state-of-the-art road survey computer database to prioritize roads in need of maintenance."

The road maintenance, the DMFPO said, is subject to change depending on weather conditions, other local utility projects and other factors.

Teenage felons found with stolen guns

A PAIR of 18-year-olds from Marina were arrested in Pacific Grove July 16 after cops pulled them over on David Avenue for a traffic violation and smelled marijuana coming from inside the Mitsubishi Eclipse one of them was driving, according to P.G. police Cmdr. Rory Lakind.

The officers searched the car and found two pistols they later discovered had been

stolen from people in Seaside.

Anthony Scott and Johnson Nguyen are both convicted felons, according to Lakind, with past charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, and of carrying a concealed weapon.

They were arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail, while a juvenile who was with them was sent home.

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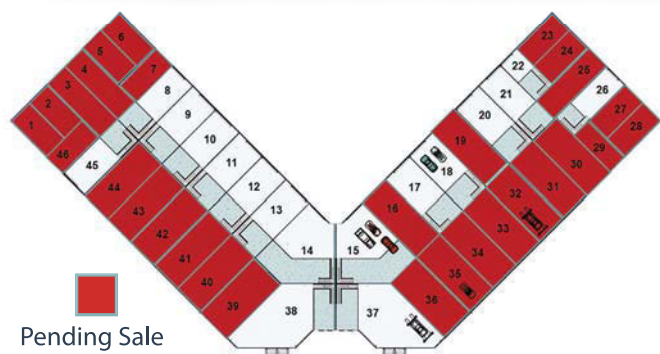
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P.B. man arrested in machete threat

By MARY SCHLEY

A 32-YEAR-OLD with five outstanding warrants, Christopher Young, was arrested in Pebble Beach July 7 for brandishing a machete, drug possession and other charges after he was spotted at a Signal Hill Road residence and then tried to run from sheriff's deputies, only to be caught on a beach near 17 Mile Drive.

"A man called and said his son was threatening him," said Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Keith Wingo. "And when officers arrived, the son ran from the house."

According to another source, Young is the son of a

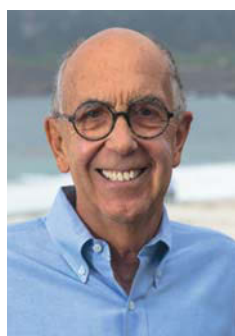
security guard hired by Massy Mehdipour to watch her dilapidated house, which has been the focus of controversy ever since she proposed to tear it down several years ago. The call to police about the machete attack came from Mehdipour's property. At the scene, deputies also found stolen items and some tampering with a neighbor's electrical box, according to Wingo.

Deputy Mike Smith said in his report that "deputies were conducting follow-up for stolen property and assisting building code enforcement" when they encountered Young, who then fled. Deputies arrested him on five



Christopher Young

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Law intended to help seniors get refunds from care facilities signed by governor

By KELLY NIX

GOV. JERRY Brown this week signed a bill that requires continuing care facilities to pay interest to seniors if refunds of their entrance fee deposits are delayed.

On Monday, Brown signed SB 939, introduced by Sen. Bill Monning, which requires that refunds of entrance fees include 4 percent interest if they aren't made within 180 days of a property being vacated, and 6 percent interest after 240 days.

Carmel Valley resident Lynn Davis, who first alerted Monning about the issue after he experienced a long delay in repayment of \$250,000 following the death of his mother, said he was pleased Brown signed the bill, which is a tweaked version of a bill the governor vetoed.

"It will allow seniors who are shopping for a continuing care retirement community to make an informed decision," Davis told The Pine Cone.

Besides paying interest, continuing care facilities will have to inform prospective residents of "the average and longest amount of time it has taken to resell a unit within the last five calendar years," he added.

Continuing care facilities previously had

no obligation to repay senior or their estates until a unit was sold, and didn't have to pay interest.

"Paying interest will give the facilities an incentive to resell, which is currently not the case," Davis explained. "I don't believe this bill will have much effect on well run facilities, but will require others to fix their business or management problems to stay in business."

Entrance fees for continuing care facilities can range from \$100,000 to \$1 million, and many seniors, according to Monning, sell their homes and assets to cover the cost.

"I commend the governor's decision to sign SB 939," Monning said in a press release. "The bill will provide meaningful consumer protections to continuing care residents and their estates and this is the result of thoughtful discussions and negotiations."

After Davis' mother, Fermina Davis, vacated her studio apartment at a Pacific Grove facility in 2010, her family waited for more than five years for the facility to refund about 90 percent of the entrance fee she paid for a studio apartment.

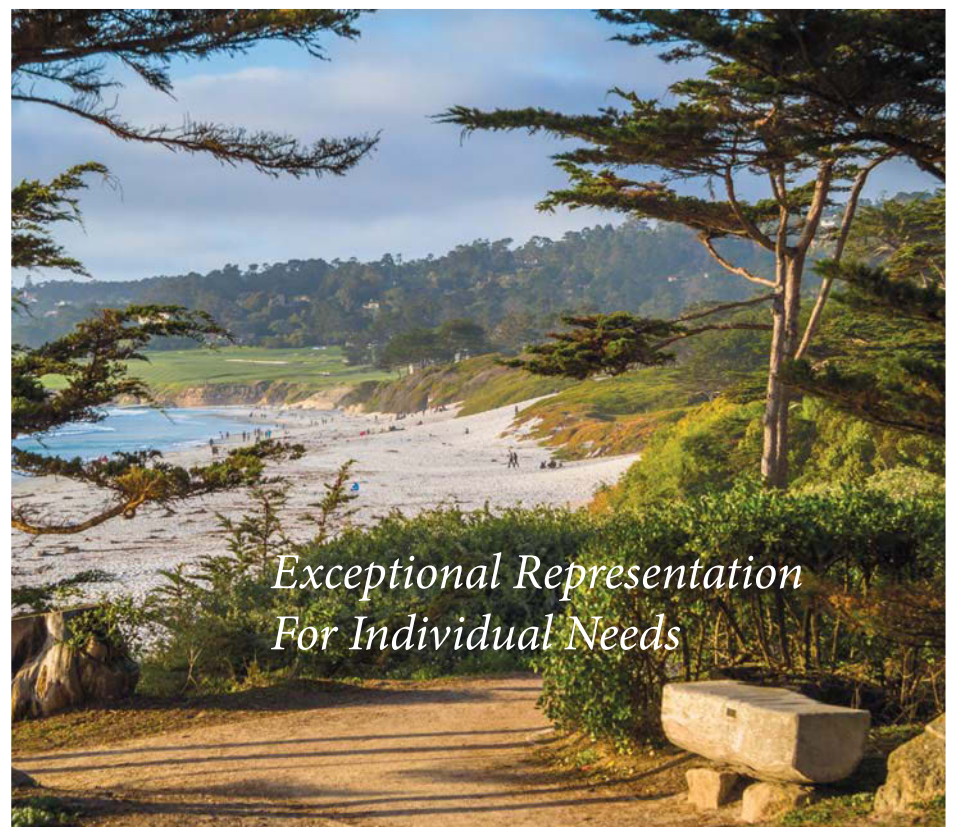
Because of a clause in the lease agreement that she signed, the facility wouldn't refund the deposit until it leased the apart-

ment to a new tenant.

Davis began a mission to change the law in 2014 after his mother died at the age of 106.

"Senator Monning spent two years work-

ing hard on this legislation, and the more than 30,000 [continuing care facility] current and future residents and their families in this state will benefit from his work and dedication to public service," Davis said.



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Adoption event allows you to choose fee

TO MAKE space at its facility for animal evacuees from the Soberanes fire in Big Sur, the SPCA for Monterey County is offering a "Clear Our Shelter Adoption Event" this weekend.

From Friday, July 29 through Sunday, July 31, adopters can choose the adoption fee on all dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, small pets, pigeons, doves, finches, and aquatic turtles.

As of Thursday afternoon, the SPCA currently had 94 pets available for adoption. In

addition, the SPCA is currently sheltering dozens of pets evacuated from the Soberanes fire at no charge to their owners.

"Help us Clear Our Shelter – adopt a pet!" the SPCA said.

The SPCA is located at 1002 Monterey-Salinas Highway, across from Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. Adoption hours are 11-5 on weekdays and 11-4 on weekends.

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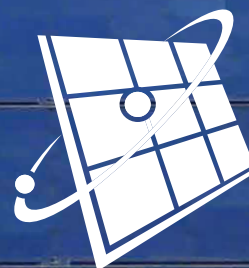


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P.G. council hires new chief, approves salary increase

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY of Pacific Grove has decided to hire Amy Christey, the police chief in Morro Bay, as its new chief, and last week, the P.G. City Council voted to increase the pay range for the job to match what she has been receiving in the other coastal city: \$151,000.

“This allows for a lateral move for Chief Christey from her current role at the City of Morro Bay,” human resources manager Leticia Livian told the council in her July 20 report. “An adjustment in compensation is necessary and appropriate to maintain and attract qualified individuals such as Chief Christey, who brings with her over 24 years of law enforcement experience.”

Livian suggested increasing the pay range for chief to be more competitive, with a range of \$136,989 at entry level, to \$183,643 at the top step, up from the range of \$109,320 to \$143,028. Christey would start at the third step, \$151,008.

Compared with many other cities, councilman Rudy Fischer pointed out, the median salary would fall between the two top steps. “I’m wondering if we are being aggressive enough or are setting ourselves up where four years from now, we’re going to have to look at this again.” (The City of Carmel’s pay for chief of police ranges from \$154,752 to \$181,245.)

City manager Ben Harvey acknowledged the city will probably conduct another salary survey sooner rather than later.

Councilman Dan Miller was reluctant to

approve the pay raise, given the uncertainties of the economy.

“Not knowing what’s going to happen in the economy and knowing that a large part of America is losing buying power and salaries, I don’t have a problem with her coming in at

\$150,000,” he said. “But to essentially be promising a 15 percent raise over the next three years, I have a problem with that.”

Councilwoman Casey Lucius reminded the council that the city tried to save money by sharing services with the City of Seaside, which might have saved dollars but cost the city in staffing, as several people in the police department chose to work elsewhere rather than continue serving under Chief Vicki Myers.

“We would like to be able to hire police officers,” she said. “I think it’s important

we get this new hire moving and approve the salary.”

Councilman Bill Peake noted that even the updated salary range would still fall well below the pay in other similar cities.

“This is the price of having a stand-alone police force, and I believe the community has indicated Pacific Grove should have its own police force,” he said. “We should pay accordingly.”

The motion to approve the new salary range passed 6-1, with Miller dissenting.

Top choice

Before becoming chief in Morro Bay, Christey served as a lieutenant with the

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City decides Rio Run needs coastal permit

By MARY SCHLEY

FOR MORE than a quarter century, the Rio Grill’s Resolution Run has been held annually on New Year’s Day, gathering people to participate in a 5K walk/run and a 10K run through Mission Trail Park and the streets of Carmel, raise more than \$600,000 for local charities. While it has never before needed a Coastal Development Permit to operate, city officials decided it does now.

“They have not applied for a CDP before, but the community activities department decided they need a CDP in addition to a special event permit,” explained acting planning director Marc Wiener. “There is a guideline in the shoreline management policy that requires a CDP for activities that obstruct the roadway.”

A coastal permit can be issued by the city, and doesn’t necessarily require a trip to the coastal commission.

Various beneficiaries

The run always begins in front of the restaurant in the Crossroads shopping center and follows a route up Rio Road, through Mission Trail park, and then down along the streets south of downtown and around Carmel Point. It ends in the playground of Junipero Serra School, after which participants walk back to the Marathon Flats area at Rio Road and Highway 1 for a pancake breakfast donated by the Rio Grill and other sponsors, and prepared by volunteers and members of the Kiwanis Club of Monterey. The Rio Run’s current beneficiary is Coastal Home Kids Care, a nonprofit that provides in-home medical care for critically ill children, as well as hospice care for those at the end of their short lives.

Each year, organizers obtain a special event permit from the city so they can have cones and police assistance with stopping traffic on some of the busier streets and at key intersections, especially heading up Rio Road and into the park, and then in the first few blocks near downtown. Most of the race course is manned by Rio Run volunteers who show runners and walkers which routes to follow, and drivers pass them or cross through them whenever it’s safe for them to do so.

While the event involves no closures of streets or the Del

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Hearing officer decides pet pig’s gotta go

Owners say they’ll take case to court

By KELLY NIX

THE OWNERS of a pet pig vowed this week to appeal a decision by a hearing officer that the animal has to go.

The decision came after Lisa and Mark Hanes’ neighbor in Pacific Grove complained that poop from their pig named Bruiser caused his yard and house to smell bad. A hearing on the matter was held June 22 at P.G. city hall.

On July 21, administrative hearing officer Kim Murdock decided that the Haneses violated the city’s municipal code by allowing Bruiser’s excrement to “accumulate” in the backyard of their Ransford Avenue home. Murdock ordered them to relocate the pig within 30 days and pay “administrative costs.”

The Haneses, through their attorney, Michael Lykken, will file their appeal in Monterey County Superior Court, where a judge will weigh the case.

Lisa Hanes told The Pine Cone this week that she was stunned upon learning of Murdock’s decision.

“My daughter and I sat in the backyard crying hysteri-

cally, holding on to each other in complete confusion as to what happened,” Lisa Hanes told The Pine Cone. “It was a devastating moment.”

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PHOTO/KELLY NIX

Bruiser the pig, who may soon be looking for a new home.

AUGUST 2016

OUR HEARTS GO OUT

We at the Carmel Chamber of Commerce would like to send our best wishes to residents and businesses who have been affected by the Soberanes Fire. **Many thanks** go to our community firefighters and the firefighters and emergency response personnel who are here from all over California! **We are grateful** for the tireless hours they have devoted to help battle this devastating fire. Take care!

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Wristbands may be purchased in 3 convenient places: on the chamber website, www.carmelchamber.org, at the Carmel Visitor Center on San Carlos between 5th & 6th, or at the bus loading area at Carmel Plaza on the corner of Ocean Avenue and Junipero Street.

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Quail Lodge & Golf Club hosted a mixer with the Carmel and Carmel Valley Chambers of Commerce. Guests enjoyed Carmel Valley sunshine, wine, chef specialties and generous prizes. *Photo by DMT Imaging.*



New Masters Gallery celebrated the relocation to their original space on Dolores Street in Carmel by hosting a ribbon cutting and grand re-opening. Shown are (L-R): Kris Toscano, Carmel Chamber board member; Monta Potter, Carmel Chamber of Commerce President/CEO; Kevin Courter, artist; Bill Hill, New Masters Gallery owner; Carrie Theis, Carmel-by-the-Sea city council member; Thalia Stratton, artist; Ben Beesley, Carmel Chamber board member. *Banner courtesy of Bob the Printer. Photo by Krystlyn Giedt.*

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The national launch of Real Milk Paint’s Stillwater Grey was hosted by **Jon Stuefloten Restoration Painting** at **Eco Carmel**. Shown are (L-R): Monta Potter, Carmel Chamber of Commerce President/CEO; Kimberly Willison, Carmel Chamber board member; Kristi Reimers, Eco Carmel owner; Jon Stuefloten, John Stuefloten Restoration Painting owner; Cynthia Buhl, Carmel Chamber board member; Jeanie Sumners, Carmel Chamber board chair. *Banner courtesy of Bob the Printer. Photo by DMT Imaging.*



KW Coastal Estates celebrated a move to their new location at a grand opening party and ribbon cutting. Surrounded by colleagues and friends are (L-R front): Ben Beesley; Doug Toby; Monta Potter, Carmel Chamber of Commerce President/CEO; Mark von Kaenel, KW Operating Partner; Lynn Booth-Scanlon, Carmel Chamber board member; Bert Aronson; Debra Burns, Carmel Chamber board member; Cathy Schanderl, Carmel Chamber ambassador; Graeme Robertson, Carmel Chamber past chair. *Banner courtesy of Bob the Printer. Photo by DMT Imaging.*

Concours Week gets another event — this one for ‘wheels of the future’

By MARY SCHLEY

A NEW event will join the litany of shows and sales focusing on historic collector cars and other vintage vehicles during the Monterey Peninsula’s busy Concours Week, the Pacific Grove City Council decided last week. The Wheels of the Future Alternative Vehicle Showcase will take place at the American Tin Cannery and on Ocean View Boulevard Thursday, Aug. 18, from noon to 8 p.m.

Proposed by Dawn Teall of the Regional Artisans Association, the Cannery Row Co. and Domaine Hospitality Partners — which is working on the hotel project to take the place of the American Tin Cannery — the show was originally designed to use narrow Sloat Avenue instead of Ocean View, but the city’s recreation board and public safety officials suggested the wider oceanfront street would be safer, according to senior recreation coordinator Donald Mothershead.

The street display will include vehicles from BMW, Chevrolet, Volvo, Mercedes, Nissan, Subaru, Ford, Fiat, Audi, Honda, Kia and Mitsubishi, as well as a Smart Car, a fully electric classic VW bus, a Ferrari 308 GTE that’s been

converted to an electric vehicle, a 1965 VW truck, “and other unique solar vehicles, conversions and prototypes from individual car owners.”

Inside the American Tin Cannery, two-wheeled vehicles like Blix e-bikes, Yikes Bikes, vintage e-bikes, and other “unique personal transportation vehicles” will be exhibited. It’s estimated to draw 1,000 people, and any sponsorship money will benefit the Rancho Cielo youth campus and the Gateway Center of Monterey County, according to organizers.

Teall told the city council at the July 20 meeting that her artisans group has been striving to draw more people into the large but often overlooked American Tin Cannery, which includes a variety of stores and a few restaurants.

“Because we do so many events, we were asked to help out with this and were happy to do it,” she said. “As a person who runs a business inside the American Tin Cannery, we have a hard time getting foot traffic in there.”

The Wheels of the Future showcase will help draw people

to the area and inside the shopping mall, she said. “That’s a big deal, because that’s a challenge for us every day.”

‘Unique solar vehicles, conversions and prototypes’

While councilman Dan Miller said the number of car shows held in Pacific Grove “is ridiculous,” council members Rudy Fischer and Casey Lucius were more concerned about the use of Ocean View Boulevard, which is the main alternative to Lighthouse Avenue when moving through Pacific Grove and Monterey.

“I do have some concerns about shutting down Ocean View Boulevard,” Fischer said. “Fortunately, it’s a small section, so it’s not affecting too many homeowners.”

Lucius said the applicants should notify everyone in the area of the closure, which

will be in effect from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. to allow time for setup and cleanup.

“It does seem like if we’re offering our main road right by the ocean, we should have a standard \$10,000 or \$15,000 fee for shutting down the road,” she added, before the council voted in favor of allowing the event to proceed.

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FIRE

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acres and destroyed 34 homes and 10 outbuildings, while damaging another two houses and two outbuildings, according to Cal Fire officials. Working with the Monterey County

Office of Emergency Services, an inspection team is assessing the damage but has been hindered by downed trees and power lines, and because the fire has extended into Los Padres National Forest, Cal Fire and the U.S. Forest Service are coordinating the firefighting efforts. All told, more than a dozen state, federal and local agencies, as well as nonprofits and volunteer fire brigades, are working together on the firefight. Strike teams have come from all over the state to assist, and most of the fire crews are based in Toro Park.

The blaze turned fatal late Tuesday night, when a bulldozer operator contracted by Cal Fire rolled his dozer down a steep hillside while conducting night operations in a remote area in the southeast portion of the fire zone. Robert Reagan III, 35, of Friant, in Fresno County, succumbed to his injuries, and a Cal Fire Serious Accident Investigation Team has been assigned to the incident. “It’s a sign of the conditions we work under — it is a very dangerous area to work in,” Cal Fire Chief Ken Pimlott told a KSBW reporter Wednesday. “It is what these men and women do every day, putting their lives on the line to protect lives and property.”

A Gofundme campaign that was launched to support Reagan’s widow and their two young daughters had generated more than \$34,000 as of Thursday afternoon.

The Monterey County Sheriff’s Search & Rescue Team was dispatched to help a half-dozen men who were in the area of Bottchers Gap and became disoriented by the fire, according to the sheriff’s office.

After trying to call 911 on a cell phone, the group was spotted by a bulldozer crew and helicoptered to Highway 1, where they received medical treatment, on Tuesday. While initial reports identified the men as stranded hikers, law enforcement later reported they were, in fact, pot growers who lost their plants in the fire.

Quick spread, evacuations

First reported the morning of July 22 shortly before 9 a.m., the fire quickly drove out residents in Palo Colorado and the area surrounding Garrapata State Park, while

people in the Carmel Highlands were warned that they should be ready to leave if needed — a warning that remains in place nearly a week later.

On Sunday, the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office expanded the mandatory evacuation order to include Rocky Creek and other nearby areas in Big Sur, and residents on Riley Ranch and Corona roads northeast of the highlands were soon after ordered to leave as the fire reached the ridges.

While fire activity slowed near the highlands, it surged on its southern and eastern flanks Wednesday, prompting the sheriff’s office to again expand its mandatory evacuation areas to include Robinson Canyon Road between San Clemente Trail and the White Rock Gun Club, and the area south of San Clemente Trail from Robinson Canyon Road to the Rancho San Clemente Gate House. Some residents and employees left the Santa Lucia Preserve, while people in the San Clemente Rancho development, White Rock, on the Old Coast Road from Bixby Creek Road to the Little Sur River, and in the highlands remained on notice.

Fire officials urged people to be ready to go. “There’s no time to think when the fire’s bearing down on your house,” Pimlott said in the television interview.

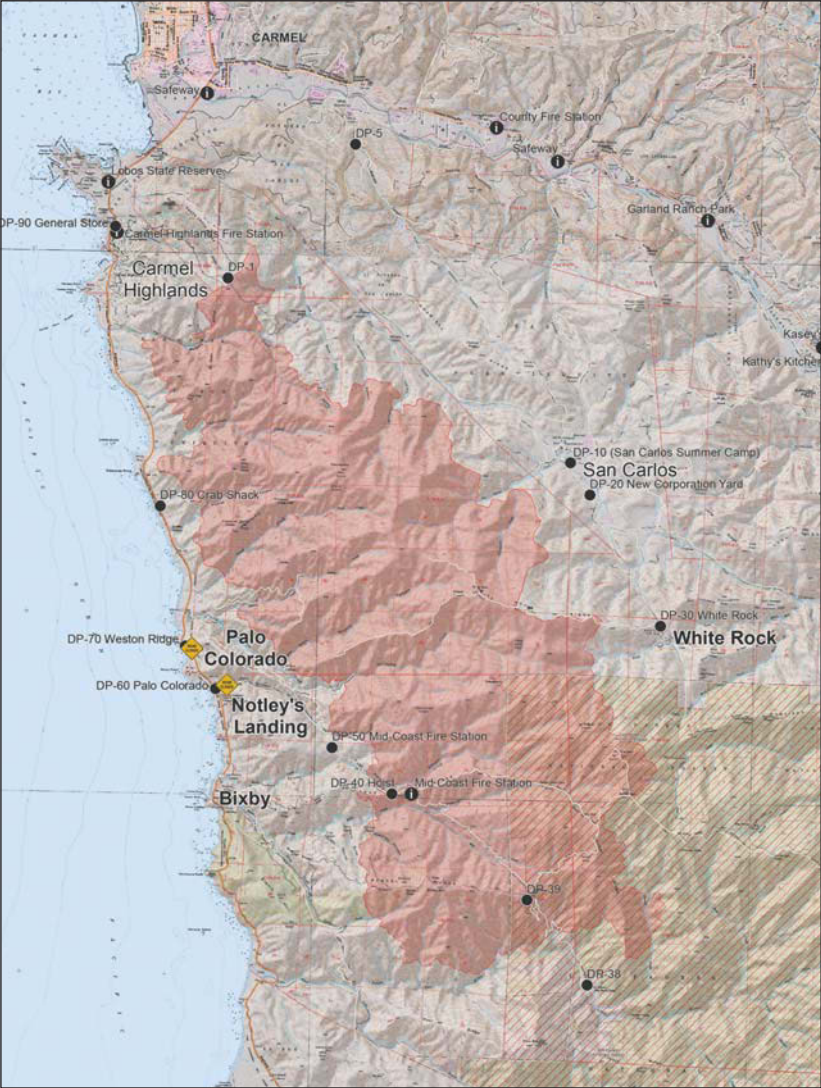
Getting bad news quickly

While information about the fire’s reach and damage was initially slow to emerge from official sources, posts on social media sites and Kate Novoa’s bigsurkate blog immediately appeared, describing the chaos and conflagration as the fire took hold and rushed through heavily wooded canyons that haven’t burned in decades. Many of those providing the information remained inside the fire lines to fight after the areas were evacuated and the roads were closed.

It was one of those stalwarts who confirmed for Marina resident Blu Whelan what he feared — that his parents’ long-time home on Long Ridge Road had burned.

“It looked like the fire ran right up the canyon at my house,” Whelan said Thursday. The home had burned to the ground in spite of his father’s concerted efforts to clear all the surrounding vegetation, though the blaze apparently rushed through so quickly that it didn’t cause the 1,000-gallon propane tank to explode. The friend who surveyed the damage for him also turned off the propane, Whelan said.

“It’s frustrating, especially because they did so much work. They clear cut on Long Ridge — it seemed like a natural firebreak,” he said. “But at the same time, it’s something you’re expecting: It’s the natural forest cycle, and you just get



This map released by fire officials Thursday shows the tremendous scope of the Soberanes Fire, stretching from the southern edge of the Carmel Highlands in the north, and creeping southeast toward White Rock and south toward the Little Sur River.

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It’s a thing in Carmel — keeping houses rolling for more than 100 years

By ELAINE HESSER

MOVING A house from one place to another can be challenging. But that hasn’t stopped Carmelites from doing it again and again during its past. It’s a reflection in many cases of how much this city values its history and what it’s prepared to do to preserve it — an especially relevant thought as the city’s centennial approaches.

The building-shuffling seems to have started with the Hotel Carmelo, which was built in 1889 at Ocean near Broadway — now Junipero Street — using wood from San

Francisco’s old Tivoli opera house.

In his work “Carmel-by-the-Sea: The early years,” author Alissandra Dramov said the hotel was “nowhere near as lavish” as the Hotel Del Monte. He described the somewhat vexing transportation situation from the end of the Del Monte Express in Monterey on what was called “the Carmel Bus,” a carriage drawn by four horses.

When the “bus” reached Carmel Hill — a dirt road — Dramov wrote that male passengers had to hop out and walk up the hill to lighten the load, and only then were allowed to reboard.



The aptly-named Door House sits proudly on its third lot, this one on Pescadero Road. It’s just one example of Carmelites’ predilection to move buildings for preservation — or for profit.

The Hotel Carmelo was built to accommodate guests who came to town to look at lots for sale. In 1903, J. Frank Devendorf’s and Frank Powers’ Carmel Development Company bought the hotel and, in a savvy business move, decided to put it five blocks closer to the beach.

After removing the north wing, the main

building was rolled down Ocean on pine logs to Monte Verde, where M.J. Murphy gave it some TLC. It was reopened as the Pine Inn on Independence Day, 1903.

Of course, the first home M.J. Murphy built also famously made a jaunt across

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City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Expects Heavy Traffic Congestion During Car Week

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the Carmel Police Department are preparing for the 2016 Car Week, August 15th through the 21st, and would like to remind our residents and visitors, especially those with special needs, to plan ahead and be prepared for heavy traffic congestion coming in and out of Carmel and the downtown area especially during the Tuesday, August 16th, and Thursday, August 18th events: Carmel Concours on the Avenue and Concours d’Elegance Pebble Beach. During both of these events Ocean Avenue and surrounding streets will be closed to thru traffic and the City encourages residents and visitors to use Carpenter Street and Rio Road to access and exit the City. Free parking in designated lots at the Carmel Mission and shuttle service to Sunset Center, San Carlos & 9th Avenue, will be provided on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For a calendar and information on Car Week events around the Monterey Peninsula please visit the following websites: www.carmelconcours.com, www.pebblebeachconcours.net or www.montereycarweek.com

The City has prohibited the use of drones during these events due to safety concerns. We appreciate your cooperation.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, on **Wednesday, August 10, 2016**. The public hearings will be opened at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. For the items on the agenda, staff will present the project, then the applicant and all interested members of the public will be allowed to speak or offer written testimony before the Commission takes action. Decisions to approve or deny the project may be appealed to the City Council by filing a written notice of appeal with the office of the City Clerk within ten (10) working days following the date of action by the Planning Commission and paying the requisite appeal fee.

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CDP 16-184 (Rio Resolution Run) Rio Grill, Julie Ann Lozano Various City streets including Scenic Rd. Block: n/a; lot: n/a APN: n/a Consideration of five-year Coastal Development Permit (CDP 16-184) application for the Rio Grill Resolution Benefit run to take place within the city limits of Carmel-by-the-Sea

CDP 16-302 (Challenged Athletes Foundation) Jo Panzera, Challenged Athletes Foundation Del Mar Parking Lot Block: n/a; lot: n/a APN: n/a Consideration of five-year Coastal Development Permit (CDP 16-302) application for the Challenged Athletes Charity Bicycle Event

DR 16-101 (Carmel Plaza) Belli Architectural Group Entire block surrounded by Ocean Ave., SE Corner of Ocean and Mission (Carmel Plaza) Blk: 78, Lot: 1-27 APN: 010-086-006 Consideration of special conditions associated with the approval of a Design Review (DR 16-101) application for alterations to the interior and exterior the Carmel Plaza located in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District

DS 16-240 (Freeman) Claudio Ortiz Design San Carlos, 6 NW of Santa Lucia Ave Blk: 143; Lot 21 APN: 010-165-004 Consideration of Concept Design Study (DS 16-240) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing residence and construction of a new single-family residence located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District

DS 16-103 (McFarland) Justin Pauly Architects SE Corner/10th Avenue and Lincoln Street Blk: 115; Lot: 2 APN: 010-158-018 Consideration of Final Design Study (DS 16-103) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing residence and construction of a new single-family residence located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District

CDP 16-315 (Carmel-by-the-Sea) North Dunes Carmel Beach North of Ocean Ave/West of San Antonio Block: n/a; lot: n/a APN: n/a Consideration of a five-year, renewable Coastal Development Permit (CDP 16-315) for habitat restoration, monitoring and maintenance activities in the North Dunes area of Carmel Beach in accordance with the North Dunes Habitat Restoration Plan

UP 13-20/UP 14-17 (Affina Bistro) Dexter Salazar SW Cor. Of San Carlos & 6th Ave Block: 71; Lot: 1 APN: 010-134-011 Compliance review of a Restaurant Use Permit (13-20) and consideration of a Live Music Permit (UP 14-17) application for Affina Bistro restaurant. The site is located in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District.

Wine Tasting Policy (City of Carmel) Carmel-by-the-Sea Commercial Zoning Districts Review of the City’s Wine Tasting Policy and discussion of allowance for special events

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Marc Wiener, Interim Community Development Director Publication dates: July 29, 2016. (PC731)

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town. As described by The Pine Cone in 1990, on June 28, First Murphy House moved from Mission Street to Lincoln after narrowly avoiding destruction. Instead of rolling on logs, it was hauled into the air by a crane that had to be specially brought in for the job.

Not all moves were to save historic buildings. In 1923, newcomer Edward Kuster and his wife moved a weaver’s cot-


tage they’d purchased from Ocean and Dolores to the Court of the Golden Bough, and it became the ticket office for their much-vaunted, brand-new theater.

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RICHARD BERTRAM MARSHALL

August 10, 1943 - July 20, 2016

Richard Marshall passed away on July 20, after a brief battle with cancer. Richard was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, to his parents Val and Mary Marshall. He studied to be a doctor at University in Portland, Oregon and Oceanography at Scripps College in San Diego. He met his wife, Lois in San Diego in 1966, and moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, where he started his company, Career Personnel. He loved his work as a recruiter and owner of his recruiting agencies for his entire career. In 1973 they moved to Gstaad, Switzerland with their son Justin, and then moved to Carmel, California in 1976, where they had two more children Joelle and Jordan. After living in Carmel Valley and downtown Carmel for 30 years, he moved back to Medicine Hat, Alberta, in 2006, to be closer to his family there.

Richard was a loving and devoted family man who was compassionate, thoughtful, generous and understanding. He was always full of hope, strength and laughter. He will be remembered most for his legendary sense of humor and wit. He always saw the best in every person and every situation and his sense of humor never failed. He was a true gentleman who was respected and loved by all who knew him. Richard truly loved his family and friends and impacted the lives of all he knew. He had a long list of best friends, who truly were the best of friends. He had a passion for traveling the world and exploring new places. He loved jokes, and loved to keep in contact with people by e-mailing daily jokes. He was a great gardener, and took great pride in his garden. He enjoyed great food, hiking, history, the challenge of fixing almost anything around the house, and discussing any type of business. He primarily loved taking care of his family and guiding and watching his family grow. He always spoke encouraging words of wisdom and guidance that came from experience, and always made time to listen to, and help others. He had an enormous heart, generous soul, and brilliant mind. He truly lived his life to the fullest and enjoyed every moment with humor, laughter and integrity. Richard was a truly remarkable and honorable man and will be greatly missed.

Richard is survived by his son Justin Marshall, daughter Joelle Silveira, and son in law Ken Silveira, his son Jordan Marshall, and his son Johnny Ross; his granddaughters Caitlin Martis and Sophia Silveira; his great granddaughter Landyn Martis; his brothers James Marshall (Lorine), and Robert Marshall (Darlene) and his mother Mary Campbell. He was preceded in his death by his father, Val Marshall and the love of his life, Lois Marshall.

Following a 10:00 service at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, a celebration and remembrance of his life will be held at the Pavilion in Echo Dale Park in Medicine Hat, Alberta on Wednesday, August 10th from 3:00 - 9:00 pm. The family is also arranging a celebration of his life to take place in Carmel for his many friends here, that will take place at a later date.



Then there’s Door House. After the 1906 earthquake, one way the city met the growing need for houses was by buying the remains of homes from San Francisco for quick re-assembly here. At least, that’s one version of the story — there seems to some dispute about exactly why a shipment consisting entirely of doors from Victorian homes arrived in town, but widower John Stevenson used it to build a vacation home.

It started its life on Lincoln Street, but when the owner wanted to sell the lot in 1995, the Carmel Preservation Foundation made a successful bid to rescue the home and move it to Mission and Vista. It didn’t stay there, either. After a few years, it had become run down and a local couple adopted it and moved it to Pescadero, with plans to refurbish it for use as a study. Another piece of Carmel history preserved.

Finally, there’s Gray Gables, the house that gave new meaning to “subdivision.” Built in 1915 by M.J. Murphy for two well-known artists from Brooklyn — Ida Johnson and Josephine Culbertson — it originally stood on the corner of Lincoln and Seventh. The main house had two wings — one for Johnson’s ceramics and one for Culbertson’s paintings.

According to an article in The Pine Cone on August 23, 1979, the women were active in the community. In addition to a boys’ club, the Carmel Art Association, the library, an Arts and Crafts Club and the Church of the Wayfarer had all or some of their roots in Gray Gables.

After the two died, Josephine Cluett Peabody bought the property and divided the house into three separate pieces, then moved them to their current locations on Third between Guadalupe and Santa Rita streets. It’s hard to envision them as one home, as each has developed its own identity since the move somewhere around 1941.

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Emily Angle Schaffer Wallis

January 22, 1926 – July 14, 2016

Emily Angle Wallis passed away peacefully in her home at age 90. Emily graduated from Stanford University in 1948, having earned an AB Art and trained to be a teacher. In 1947, she married Richard D. Schaffer. Together they raised four children in the Bay Area. In 1983, Emily married L. Daniel Wallis and moved to Pebble Beach. They enjoyed mutual interests of travel, art collecting and history.

Emily was pre-deceased by her son John Schaffer of Carmel. She is survived by her three daughters Susan Schaffer (John Robinson), Teresa (Mark Medearis), Mary (James Miller, Jr.), and her three grandsons Nicholas Medearis and James and John Miller. There will be a Memorial Service for immediate family in Altadena.

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SEAWALL

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foot-long, faux rock retaining wall along the northeast property line facing the south end of Carmel Beach, approximately 16 feet above the sand. The wall would protect the home's driveway and its gate from collapsing due to a large hole in the cliff face caused by erosion, according to Chuck Henderson, whose great-grandmother commissioned Wright to build the house in the 1940s. The wall would be made to blend with the natural landscape.

But commissioners Mary Shallenberger and Erik Howell filed an appeal May 19, saying the project violates Carmel's Local Coastal Program and the California Environmental Quality Act. The Coastal Act gives commissioners the right to challenge any project between the ocean and the last public road, and the Frank Lloyd Wright house is one of the few located on the beach side of Scenic Road.

In their appeal, Shallenberger and Howell contend that the erosion threat isn't backed by evidence, that the city didn't analyze any alternatives to the sea wall or assess "project impacts on sand supply and public access and recreation," and that it didn't fully mitigate any environmental impacts. In his report, coastal planner Mike Watson recommends the coastal commission deny Henderson's project.

No urgency?

"They are opposing it because they feel it's not necessary," Henderson said. "There's this big hole that has opened up on the north-side bluff right underneath the front gate pillar, in the terrace deposits, and the hole is about 16 feet wide, 8 feet high and 5 feet deep. That's been growing every year."

Henderson, who manages the property for his family, said he wants to "take steps now before the house gets compromised." He and his engineer worked with the city to ensure the wall would be acceptable in appearance as well as efficacy. "They wanted to make sure the color and texture and everything were correct, and so did we."

But the urgency is being called into question, Henderson said, because Watson used the erosion rate of bedrock, not of the softer earth above it, in calculating the amount of time it would take to undermine the house. "They're saying it will take 65 years to hit the gate and the driveway," Henderson said. "They're mixing numbers. Really, that hole is in such a way that it could erode very

much faster, and one big storm event could take it there."

The commission generally "doesn't want to consider protection unless it's an imminent threat in the next two to three years," he continued. "We're saying we're there, and they're saying we're not."

No alternatives

According to Watson, the city's LCP "requires a thorough analysis of alternatives designed to address the identified erosion danger, including but not limited to relocation or partial removal of the driveway and gate, both options which appear feasible at this location." He said Henderson didn't provide any alternatives to the retaining wall.

But moving the driveway and gate "would of course be entirely antithetical to the historic context of the site," Henderson countered, since Wright also designed the fence and the gate. "We have dutifully evaluated all of their alternatives, and we're in the final stages of preparing a report that looks at their alternatives."

Finally, Watson concluded, "even if danger were conclusively established, and even if the upper bluff retaining wall were conclusively shown to be the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative to address and abate the danger, the LCP requires that all attendant coastal resource impacts, including impacts to shoreline sand supply, be eliminated and, if the impacts are not able to be eliminated, mitigated." Failing to do anything, Henderson said, could lead to significant damage to the house.

Bound for national designation

Meanwhile, the state's historic preservation commission is set to consider nominating the house for national historic status at its meeting in Sacramento Friday morning, and Henderson said he's planning to attend. The designation is on the commission's consent calendar, meaning it won't even be discussed before being approved unless someone requests it.

"It's on the consent calendar, so that normally means there's no issue," he said. "Technically, someone could remove it from the calendar, but I don't see that happening."

Henderson said that if the state approves the house's listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the process will take about 40 days before the home shows up in the federal listing, which is managed by the National Park Service. "We're not going to be official until a month-and-a-half from now," he said. "But I hope that if we're accepted, that will also mean something to the coastal commission."

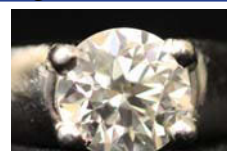
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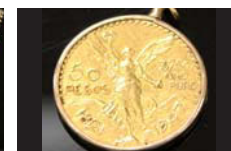
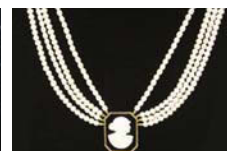
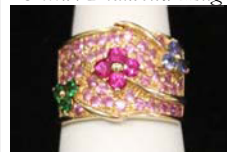
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BEACH

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news brief on Carmel beach fires for the Carmel Residents Association newsletter, you did not participate in the city’s local process.”

Nonetheless, Watson acknowledged Flower’s worries.

“As to your appeal contentions, we too are concerned about the effects of beach fires on air and water quality, public safety, and the quality of Carmel Beach’s white sand,” he wrote. “However, we believe that the city’s action on the management program appropriately addresses these concerns” by limiting the number of fires, spacing them far apart from each other and away from the Scenic Road bluffs, and getting them up off the sand.

He also noted the beach-fire program approved by the council is a three-year test that “is intended to be flexible to allow for adaptation,” and that, if and when the council

decides to make more permanent changes to its rules on beach fires, additional public hearings will be required.

Watson said the commission expects the council to “make permanent those elements of the pilot program that best achieve the goals identified in the program of maximizing public recreational opportunities along Carmel Beach, including for wood fires in a manner that respects public health and safety, and protects the beach environment.”

“We look forward to your involvement in the process” leading to that permanent change in the city rules for use of the beach, he concluded.

Because of Watson’s decision, city administrator Chip Rerig said he and his staff are implementing the beach fire program the council approved late last month. With that, the moratorium on all fires on weekends and holidays enacted in August 2015 has expired.

Also, with more sand returning to the beach, city workers this week installed two more fire pits, for a total of four. According to the new rules, half of those are “community”

fire rings must be shared by beach goers if people ask.

But all of that was made moot by an order from the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District Thursday banning all wood fires on Monterey Peninsula beaches due to the already poor air quality caused by the Soberanes Fire.

Rerig said people are allowed to use propane fires — but not to cook, since that creates smoke. The ban will remain in effect until the air board decides that air quality has “reached acceptable levels.”



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City workers this week unloaded and installed two more fire pits on the sand south of Eighth Avenue, but they won’t be used until the Soberanes Fire is brought under control and air quality improves, the local air district decided Thursday.

CREATURES

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still several left at their homes in Big Sur. She noted that at least one resident, Jim Cox, had addresses for many of them.

He was regularly meeting an SPCA representative at Highway 1 near Palo Colorado to pick up food and water and then making the rounds to check on some 20 pets and farm animals —goats and chickens — daily. Brookhouser said that the organization was continuing to evacuate animals from the area “as conditions permit.”

Hoefler added that ranch cattle were “really fire savvy,” and that typically, as long as fences are cut or gates are left open, they’ll fend for themselves pretty well. “I’ve seen maybe one burnt hoof in all the years I’ve been doing this,” she said.

For those who want to help out, Brookhouser said that the SPCA welcomes cash donations, as they give the organization the most flexibility. A donation page to support fire victims can be accessed through the website at www.spcamc.org.

She also said that small bags of pet food (a few pounds) and cat litter were welcome at their location for evacuees who were taking their pets with them, but needed a few supplies to tide them over.

“Then they can just grab and go,” she explained. There’s also a list of local pet-friendly motels and hotels the organization can share with those who are still looking for a place to stay. Brookhouser said that whether the fire lasts days or weeks, and even if someone’s lost a home, the SPCA is there to assist with pet care needs.

“We will work with any owner and do what we can to help them out,” she said.



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Dress tents and their political messages come to Center for Photographic Art

By ELAINE HESSER

YES, THAT’S “dress tents” and not “tent dresses.” Less muumuu and more art, the works of Robin Lasser and Adrienne Pao are intended to be, in the artists’ words, a



It’s a dress! It’s a tent! It’s a dress tent! A new exhibition at the Center for Photographic Art showcases these works, including “Ms. Homeland Security” (above) and “Camera Obscura,” shown in Moscow.

“fusion of architecture, the body, and the land.” More colloquially, Lasser said, they “question what’s up under a woman’s skirt in the 21st century.”

Each living sculpture is part woman-in-a-dress and part tent and each was photographed in a landscape that provides context. For example, “Ms. Homeland Security: Illegal Entry,” was photographed on the border between Tijuana and San Diego. The dress tent is military camouflage, stretching beneath a woman who holds a pair of binoculars and scans the skyline.

A somewhat lighter piece, “Picnic Dress Tent,” uses the familiar red-and-white checked fabric to evoke the al fresco

luncheons of our collective Rockwellian memory, while subtly commenting on the “barefoot in the kitchen” image of women during that period.

Occasionally the works are done as interactive performance art, but the exhibition of photographs is how most people get to see them. And Carmelites and other locals will have the opportunity starting Saturday, July 30 at the Center for Photographic Arts at San Carlos and Ninth.

The exhibition will open with a talk in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center at 4 p.m., followed by a reception at CPA from 5-7 p.m. There will also be a raffle and catalog signing. The exhibition will continue through Sept. 1.



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A large, bright kitchen and dining area featuring extensive light wood cabinetry, a vaulted ceiling with exposed wooden beams, and a dining table with wooden chairs. A text box in the top right corner reads "Featured Listing".

A bright, modern living room with a large glass door leading to a patio. The room features a light blue armchair, a glass coffee table with a potted plant, and a fireplace with a TV mounted above it.

A photograph of a modern, two-story house with a covered patio area. The patio has a white pillar and a glass door. A dining table with a colorful tablecloth and a large potted plant are in the foreground.



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No second chances

Magsalay and his wife “are the victims in this case,” she wrote. “These next-door neighbors have endured the recurring odor of pig feces in their kitchen, dining room, and yard for nearly two years. Their right to enjoy their own home must be restored now.”

The Haneses say they've done all they can to pick up Bruiser's poop and have undertaken measures, including installing a fence and pen to keep the pig in while they're away, to prevent any smells from wafting into Magsalay's backyard.

“It’s very evident that we did not get a fair shake in this hearing based on our concrete evidence and [Murdock’s] disregard for that evidence,” Mark Hanes said.

For instance, the Haneses argue Murdock should have taken into consideration photographs they say Magsalay doctored with a Sharpie pen to make it appear there was much more excrement in their backyard than there actually was. The photos, which Magsalay submitted to the city to bolster his case, should be grounds enough to dismiss his complaint, Bruiser's owners contend.

The Haneses say Murdock should have also considered an internal email message by city code enforcement officer Terri Schaeffer in which she stated — just two weeks before she issued them a compliance order — that they had been complying with her requests to clean up their property.

"I think [Murdock] had her mind made up before she walked into that room," Mark Hanes said.

Magsalay, who has not made any further complaints about Bruiser since May, told Murdock at the June hearing that the situation had gotten “better.” Magsalay did not respond to a message left Thursday morning.

The city claims “this case is about ‘a smell, an odor’ created by the accumulation of animal feces on the property,” Murdock wrote. But the Haneses have challenged just what “accumulation” means, since Pacific Grove doesn’t define the term in terms of animal poop in one’s yard.

The family also has a cat and two large dogs, which Mark Hanes said contributes to about 75 percent of their pets' animal excrement, leading the Haneses to wonder why the city hasn't also compelled them to relocate their dogs. Lisa Hanes said she's had Bruiser certified as an emotional support animal.

Also per Murdock's decision, the Haneses must pay \$467.50 in administrative costs to the city and \$50 per day for each day Bruiser remains on their property after the 30-day deadline, which increases to \$500 per day after 45 days.

The Haneses said their attorney, Michael Lykken, is seeking an extension to Murdock's order to remove the pig in 30 days. Their hope is that the pig can remain with them at least until the case has been resolved in superior court.

THE CITY of Monterey will be the site of a disc golf tournament in the second week of August.

The Monterey Sting Jellies Disc Golf Club, the City of Monterey and the Old Monterey Foundation will host the very first disc golf tournament at the Lower Presidio Historic Park on Saturday, August 13. Competitors of the sport throw flying discs (essentially Frisbees) at targets.

The tournament is sanctioned by disc golf's governing body, the Professional Disc Golf Association, and will feature 18 holes of "exciting, high-flying disc golf action," according to organizers. Tee off begins at 10 a.m. The object of the game is to complete a course in the fewest number of throws of the disc.

With views of the Monterey Bay, organizers say the Lower Presidio Historic Park is the “perfect venue” for the 72 competitors to put their skills to the test. Admission is free for spectators who are encouraged to watch the competition and get acquainted with the “rapidly growing sport” of disc golf.

The Monterey Stinging Jellies was established in 2006 and operates primarily as stewards of the Ryan Ranch Disc Golf Course located at 10 Park Road in Monterey.

If you're already familiar with disc golf, you might want to consider entering the competition. Organizers say there is room for six additional teams. The cost for registration varies by division. Call or email Tyler McBrian with questions: tyler.mcbrian@gmail.com or (831) 566-2383.

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BLAZE

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in the way.”

Whelan said his father, who was on a fishing trip at the time of the fire, and his stepmother, who rushed out of the house without taking much with her, lost a lot in the fire, but they do have insurance.

“Thankfully, my parents — they’re retired, they’ve got means, they’re not broke,” he said, adding that they have moved into a long-term rental in the Sky Ranch development in Cachagua. “They’re more worried about everyone else.”

Whelan said he will especially miss the large family gatherings at the house. “Thanksgiving was the big holiday — we always had all the family there,” he said. “Everyone’s really bummed — there were a lot of memories.”

Whelan predicted that after the fire is out, recovery will take awhile.

“It’s going to take a year or two for everyone to really get through this, by the time the insurance and the cleanup and the permitting are done,” he said. “But if you look at all the other fires that have happened in Big Sur, you can’t even tell. By the time they rebuild, the foliage will be back on the trees, all of the brush will have grown back and we’ll have to fight it off again.”

Whelan said he just hopes Monterey County and other permitting agencies will make the rebuilding process as smooth as possible, and that those who have insurance will be able to get it again.

‘Like a bomb, or something’

Arash Rafii Sereshki, an architect who lives in a cabin on a peak in Palo Colorado Canyon that’s a 15-minute drive from Highway 1, described the scene of the fire as he encountered it Saturday.

“It was like a bomb, or something,” said Rafii Sereshki, who also took some stunning

photos with his cell phone. “At first I thought it was gas tank or something, but it was trees exploding. Some of the trees fell over.”

In hopes of preventing the flames from reaching his small home and nearby water tanks, he dug up weeds and brush around them. “We did our best, but the wind can do anything,” said Rafii Sereshki, who’s from France.

He also cleared brush from an old horse trailer that he restored. As of Wednesday morning, the trailer, which was close to the flames, and the cabin, were still standing. However, there was no more water left in the tanks.

“I don’t know why,” he said. “Maybe the fire got to some pipes.”

He said neighbors helped him clear brush while he reciprocated.

“You can hear the chain saws where people are cutting the branches and clearing the bushes around their cabins,” said Rafii Sereshki, who also cut down two small pine trees on the property in front of the house.

But he questioned why some firefighters were equipped with outdated maps that did not indicate access roads and other roads in the canyon.

“The [Mid Coast Fire Brigade] station in Palo Colorado has a really great map,” of the area, Rafii Sereshki said. “I don’t know why the other firefighters didn’t have that. They were maybe two or three days late in finding the road where his cabin is.

He also expressed frustration with law enforcement officers, who stopped him at the mouth of the canyon and wouldn’t let him drive his Jeep up to the cabin to move his horse trailer about 100 meters out of harm’s way.

“The law is always not logical,” he said. “They have to be a bit flexible. If we can save it, why not?”

On Tuesday, he got some relief when fire-

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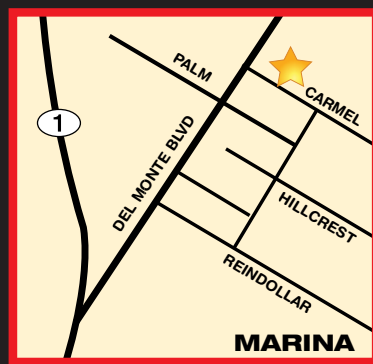


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(Clockwise from right) The Soberanes fire creates a beautiful but tragic nighttime image as flames approach a ridge above Carmel Valley. A retardant-drenched car at the mouth of Palo Colorado creates a more stark depiction of the fire-fight. Flames approach within a few feet of a Palo Colorado resident's cabin, and a fleet of helicopters refuel while their pilots rest at the Carmel Valley Airport.

PHOTOS/CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT: CHRIS HARTZELL, MICHAEL TROUTMAN-DMT IMAGING, ARASH RAFII SERESHKI, JOSEPH HERTLEIN



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fighters arrived at the property and said they would remain. “They said they would stay there to stop it,” he said.

Donations needed

To help those affected by the fire, the Coast Property Owners Association set up an account to receive and distribute donations to Big Sur residents who have lost homes or have been displaced. Go to www.cpoabigsur.org to donate, or mail a check to Coast Property Owners Association, PO Box 59, Big Sur, CA 93920. Donations can also be made to the volunteer Mid Coast Fire Brigade at www.mid-coastfirebrigade.org and the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade at www.big-surfire.org.

The Community Foundation for Monterey County created a fund to support recovery efforts in the fire's aftermath. Grants will be distributed to nonprofit agencies providing emergency assistance, short-term housing/rental assistance, and other immediate relief, health and wellness, and equipment, as well as long-term recovery support. To contribute, go to www.cfmco.org/soberanesfire, mail a check with “Attention: Soberanes Fire Fund” in the memo field to the foundation at 2354 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940, or call (831) 375-9712 Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

And those who need help with specific tasks are encouraged to register at the new www.monterey-co.recovers.org website founded by the nonprofit Community Emergency Response Volunteers of the Monterey Peninsula in response to the Soberanes Fire. Volunteers from Community Emergency Response Teams in Monterey, Seaside, Marina and Pacific Grove monitor the site, which was designed as “a tool to build community resilience by matching people's needs with resources in the community at a grassroots level.” Organizations and individuals are encouraged to register and post on the site.

Meanwhile, California's insurance commissioner, Dave Jones, urged homeowners and others who had to flee their homes because of the fire to check their insurance policies, which may help cover costs associated with mandatory evacuation and recovery.

“Displacement due to disaster can create financial and emotional hardships,” Jones said in a press release. “I urge wildfire victims to contact their insurer to see if their policy covers additional living expenses associated with mandatory evacuation and recovery.”

Such insurance typically covers food and housing costs, such as hotel or rental costs, storage and transportation expenses, Jones said. Residents can contact the department's consumer hotline at (800) 927-4357.

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Theater turns 90, welcomes the Monkees, ex-Doobie Brothers' singer

A GRAMMY Award-winning singer who has achieved fame as both a member of the Doobie Brothers and as a solo artist, **Michael McDonald** takes the stage Aug. 3 at Golden State Theater.

Keeps You Runnin’,” and “What a Fool Believes,” which topped the pop charts and earned the group a Grammy for Best Song in 1980.

After stepping out on his own, McDonald teamed up with Patti Labelle to record the No. 1 hit “On My Own” in 1986, and his 1984 duet with James Ingram, “Yah Mo B There,” earned a him a Grammy for Best R&B Performance by a Group or

The concert is part of a weeklong celebration of the downtown theater’s 90th birthday. The festivities culminate Friday, Aug. 5, with a performance by **The Monkees**. With a lineup featuring original members **Micky Dolenz** and **Peter Tork**, the band that gave us hits like “Last Train to Clarksville,” “Daydream Believer” and “(I’m Not Your) Steppin’ Stone” commemorates its 50th anniversary this summer.

The music starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$53 to \$97.

Lori Lochtenfeld, who owns the theater with her husband, Eric, is excited to bring a pair of big-name acts to Monterey.

“I have always appreciated the sound of the Doobie Brothers, and Michael McDonald’s solo albums are wonderful, too,” Lochtenfeld told The Pine Cone. “I often watched the reruns of the Monkees TV shows, and I always thought they were really entertaining and had great songs.”

Besides concerts by McDonald and the Monkees, the celebration will feature a screening of “Citizen Kane” (Aug. 1), a performance by **The Monterey County Pops** (Aug. 2), a showcase of local bands (Aug. 4), and an Alvarado Street Block Party (Aug. 6).

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On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

As a Doobie Brother, McDonald sang lead vocals on many of the band’s biggest hits, including “Taking It to the Streets,” “It

Duo.

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$49 to \$97.



Michael McDonald (left) of Doobie Brothers fame plays Aug. 3 at the Golden State Theater in downtown Monterey. Original band members Micky Dolenz and Peter Tork are among the Monkees who play the same venue Aug. 5 — all part of the Golden State’s 90 anniversary celebration. Meanwhile, the Evan Thomas Blues Review (right) plays Saturday at the Bay of Pines restaurant in Monterey



Fundraising raffle coincides with art center’s birthday festivities

ART ROUNDUP
By CHRIS COUNTS

KICKING OFF a month-long celebration of its 89th anniversary, the Carmel Art Association unveils its annual raffle of miniature paintings Aug. 1.

“It’s our biggest fundraiser of the year — and the most fun,” said Sally Aberg of the downtown nonprofit art center.

More than 50 members of the CAA have created original works of art on 6-inch-by-6-inch panels of birch which are all on display at the art center. And below each piece of art is a box where raffle tickets are placed. At the end of the month, a winning ticket will be pulled from each box, and the winner will take home the corresponding piece. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

While many will visit the gallery to view the paintings up close and take a chance on winning, people can also view them online at www.carmelart.org or call (831) 915-5698 to buy tickets and have them placed under specific paintings.

“We’re getting more and more people every year who are doing this,” said Aberg of the phone-in raffle ticket sales.

The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

■ YAC Summer Art Show

Shining a spotlight on some of the Monterey Peninsula’s most promising young artists, the Youth Arts Collective’s Summer Art Show opens Friday, July 29, at its studio and gallery in Monterey.

More than 60 high school and college student-artists, and their mentors, are partici-

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“The Alarm” (above), by Peggy Gelmini, is one of the 6-inch-by-6-inch paintings up for grabs during the CAA’s annual fundraising raffle.

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Bay of Pines restaurant in Monterey — **The Evan Thomas Blues Review** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 150 Del Monte Ave., (831) 920-3560.

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

Carmel Plaza — the downtown shopping center’s “Summer Live Music Series” continues this week with a performance by **Velvet Plum** Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. Carmel Plaza is located at Ocean and Mission.

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey — **Power of Three** (blues and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.); **PV and the Flipside** (r&b and funk, Saturday at 9 p.m.); singer **Dizzy Burnett** (jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.); singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz and swing, Tuesday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea’s Fault** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and **The Ben Herod Trio** (swing and jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

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Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Fred McCarty** (country and classic rock, Friday at 4:30 p.m.); singer and guitarist **Mark Banks** (rock and soul, Saturday at 4:30 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

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The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Jazz Trio** featuring pianists **Bob Phillips** or **Bill Spencer** (jazz, in the lobby, Friday at 7 p.m.); **The Jazz Trio** featuring pianists **Bob Phillips** or **Bill Spencer** (jazz, in the lobby, Saturday at 7 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Bryan Diamond** (in the Traps Lounge, Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.); and **The Dottie Dodgion Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.); also, a bagpiper plays every evening “around 6 p.m.” 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

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The Pacific Grove Art Center — Open Mic Night (Friday at 7 p.m.). 568 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 375-2208.

The Sunset Lounge at Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer **Neal Banks** and guitarist **Steve Ezzo** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); and singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive, (831) 620-1234.

Terry’s Lounge at Cypress Inn — pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.); guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 5 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871. Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

The Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — **Generation Gap** featuring singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** and accordionist **Elise Levy** (Friday at 6 p.m.); **Grove Acre** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.


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pating in the exhibit. According to its organizers, the display features a wide mix of creative expression, “from abstract and beautifully rendered,” to “provocative, stunning and down-right silly.” “There’s bound to be something to please every eye,” an invitation to the event reads.

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Benefits for fire victims, Wharf Marketplace’s summer bash, and a gala

THE HOSPITALITY community is tightly knit: Chefs and line cooks, servers and managers, and anyone in between will lend a hand at an event, in the kitchen of a friend’s restaurant, or in a colleague’s personal life if needed — often without being asked.

So it stands to reason that as soon as word emerged that among the victims of this week’s devastating Soberanes Fire were some of their own, chefs and others rallied together to host fundraisers on their behalf — and on behalf of fire victims, firefighters and evacuees in general, of course. After all, that’s what “hospitality” means.

■ HGK benefits Millea, Cascio

Big Sur residents Todd and Jordan Champagne, owners of

Happy Girl Kitchen in Pacific Grove, are hosting a dinner July 30 for chef Matt Millea and cheese maker Charlie Cascio, both of whom lost their homes in Palo Colorado

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

when the fire raged through there over the weekend. Carmel Valley Ranch executive chef Tim Wood is preparing dinner, which will begin at 7 p.m. and costs \$55 per person, with additional donations encouraged.

“It is in times like these that we gather as a community

and support one another in any way that we can. Here at Happy Girl, there are two people very dear to our hearts who have lost their homes in this fire,” Jordan Champagne said Tuesday. “We have put together an amazing night to honor them, support them and hug them.”

She also encouraged people who know Millea and Cascio to personalize their contributions. “I think of those ‘tokens’ that I receive from my kids beautifully written on a piece of paper for Mother’s Day,” she said. “A thought, a promise, a pledge to fulfill a need or request in the future can mean a lot to someone who has lost everything.”

The night he evacuated, Millea — who has cooked at many of Happy Girl’s pop-up dinners over the years — didn’t take

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Chef Chris Southivongnorath makes breakfast to order — including Baker’s Bacon — in the kitchen at The Clement Hotel in Palo Alto. The kitchen is open to guests to wander into and help themselves at any time of day.

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anything with him, because his car was full of items he needed to cater an Outstanding in the Field dinner the following night. “Matt has given so much to individuals and to our community,” Champagne said.

Cascio lost the homestead he carefully built in the red-woods of Palo Colorado Canyon, where he has been ranching goats and making cheese. “Charlie is one of the kindest and most determined spirits I know, and the only person that I know who knows how to speak goat,” she said. Tickets are available online at www.happygirlkitchen.com, and Happy Girl is located at 173 Central Ave. in Pacific Grove.

Sandwiches and Beer for Soberanes

The largess of those who feed people for a living goes beyond taking care of their own. Also on July 30, PigWizard, aka Jonathan Roberts, will host Sandwiches and Beer for

Soberanes at the Sylvan Design Studio, 613 Ortiz Ave., across the street from Post No Bills tap house in Sand City. Roberts will provide sandwiches from 1 to 9 p.m. — or until they run out — and Post No Bills will be serving the beer.

“Fire has destroyed my old neighborhood, and friends and former neighbors have lost everything. Chances are you know a lot of them, too,” Roberts said in his announcement of the fundraiser. “Unfortunately, it’s not over. I can’t do much, but I can feed people. So come out on Saturday and eat a sandwich or 10.” Sandwiches on the menu will be crispy confit pork belly with pickled pepper spread and spinach, chipotle apple pork sausage with sweet peppers and onions, and pulled pork with P-Dub Rub and Hog Scald BBQ sauce.

They will be \$8 apiece — but victims and evacuees will eat for free. Sweets will be offered, as will packaged PigWizard and Forage to Pantry products, with 10 percent of those sales being donated, too. Post No Bills will contribute \$1 for every draft of any Firestone Walker beer sold. Proceeds will be shared by the Mid Coast and Big Sur fire brigades, and the Coast Property Owners Association, which distributes all donations to those in need in Big Sur.

Folktale fundraiser Aug. 28

Farther down the line, Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley

will host a fundraiser Aug. 28 from 2 to 6 p.m. The winery at 8940 Carmel Valley Road will stage a concert, have small bites from area restaurants, tastings from local wineries and breweries, live and silent auctions, and more. Chef Tom Snyder from Estéban Restaurant in Monterey will be making paella, and Terry Teplitzky from Boardwalk Sub Shop and Wild Thyme Deli & Café will participate, while others are still signing on. Wineries, breweries and cider makers are being sought, as well. All of the proceeds will be donated to the Coast Property Owners Association.

Feeding those on the line

Meanwhile, others in the community are working to feed and support the volunteer firefighters who are battling the Soberanes blaze among the 3,000-plus paid firefighters from all over the state.

Kate Bruno from Aqua Terra Culinary catering delivered a fully cooked feast to Chief Cheryl Goetz and her all-volunteer Mid Coast Fire Brigade Tuesday, as did Pacific Grove chef Gabriela Forte, who has pledged to keep providing them nutritious, homemade food until the fire ends. Forte has also started a Facebook page called “Carmel Community Pay it Forward Force” to help generate support for the feeding efforts and for Mid Coast, which has a station in Palo Colorado and survives on a shoestring budget.

And on Wednesday, Carmel City Councilman Bobby Richards collected donations and arranged to take them to the fire crews in Palo Colorado, arriving with cases of water, Gatorade and other provisions.

TWM Summer Bash

The Wharf Marketplace at 290 Figueroa St. in Monterey is celebrating summertime with a tasting event of all sorts of delightful local products Saturday, July 30, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local food, beer and wine vendors, are on tap for the celebration, including The Ginger People, Carmel Honey Company, Friends in Cheeses Jam Co., Lula’s Chocolates, Carmel Valley Olive Oil Co., Jeffrey’s Best, Baker’s Bacon, Boar’s Head, Carmel Berry Co., Alvarado Street Brewery, Firestone Walker Brewing Co. (pouring 805), Leopold 7, Peter B’s, Monterey Bay Brewing Co., English Ales Brewery, Golden State Brewery, Reef Point’s Cider, Roberts Ferry Nut Co., Heller Estate Organic Vineyards, Joyce Vineyards,

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Carmel Road Winery, Lepe Cellars (pouring Riesling), Ventana Vineyards (bringing Sauvignon Blanc), Antle Wines, Wrath Wines and De Tierra Vineyards. The Lightfighters will be performing, and barbecue will be available, too.

The cost is \$25 per person, and tickets are available at eventbrite.com. Attendees are getting to be prepared to show ID when they check in at the door.

■ Bacon in all the best places

Montrio chef Tony Baker has been making and selling his own Baker's Bacon on the side for a while, now. It shows up on menus at local restaurants (not just his own) and can occasionally be spotted in a market.

Now, the most fortunate of travelers are getting to savor it — along with several other locally made products — at the brand new Clement Hotel in Palo Alto.

Monterey Peninsula residents recognize Clement Chen III's first name from his InterContinental hotel on Cannery Row. The owner and president of Pacific Hotel Management LLC, Chen leased the land in Monterey and built the hotel there, signing a franchise agreement with InterContinental Hotels in early 2008 and opening the InterContinental The Clement Monterey in May of that year.

His Monterey hotel is crisp, modern and comfortably appointed, and its restaurant and bar, The C, are presided over by very talented executive chef Matt Bolton and pastry chef Michelle Lee, who also crosses over to the savory side on occasion. It's always worth a visit for a meal, a cocktail (especially during the really good Happy Hour) or a staycation.

Farther afield, Chen recently completed The Clement Hotel, which was inspired by a visit to the Amandari, an Aman Resort in Indonesia. It opened in March and is unusual in that Chen designed it entirely with the idea of making guests there feel as though they are in his home.

With just a couple dozen suites, it's intimate, and the first floor comprises a living room and lounge, an outdoor patio with a fire pit, a business office, and a dining room with an open kitchen where people can not only watch the chef prepare whatever they've ordered — like bacon — but they can take whatever they want from the pantry and refrigerator at any time of night (including fantastic Tin Pot Creamery ice cream), make their own cappuccinos in the morning, and request full dinners be left ready for them to heat and eat if they are coming in late.

The hotel restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, and has a full bar. Every guest's room has a small refrigerator and cupboards filled with items they've specifically requested, from charcuterie and cheese, to Champagne and sparkling water.

And it's all-inclusive, from tips for the porter and the valet, to the Kentucky Buck cocktail in the afternoon, the Eggs Benedict in the morning, and the Allen Brothers 100 percent Angus Steak at dinner — encouragement to indulge even further.

■ Quail gala helps seniors

The Fifth Annual Dinner-Dance Gala at Quail Lodge, set for Saturday, Aug. 6, at 6 p.m., will benefit Hands to Help Seniors, a Monterey-based nonprofit that assists home-bound seniors and disabled adults to remain independent in their own homes or secure permanent housing.

"Celebrate the Classics" is the theme of the gala, which will begin with cocktails and a silent auction, followed by a three-course sit-down dinner (Caesar salad; a choice of grilled beef tenderloin with potato gratin and parsley pesto, grilled wild salmon with herb mashed potatoes and chive sauce, or organic seasonal ravioli with ricotta and shaved Parmesan; and dessert of Theo's organic chocolate pots with cumin shortbread) at 7:30 p.m. Mercy Vineyards and Scheid have agreed to donate the wine.

After entrees are served, Hands to Help clients will share their stories, and afterward, a live band will play plenty of dance tunes.

Tickets can be purchased online www.h2hs.org/2016-gala.html.

Carl Cherry Center play looks at the woman behind the collection

TELLING THE story of a colorful and fascinating woman who was instrumental in promoting some of the greatest artists of the 20th century, "The Collection" will be staged July 30-31 at the Cherry Center for the Arts.

Presented by a cast of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo students, alumni and faculty, the play looks at 34 brief episodes in the life of Peggy Guggenheim, whose collection of modern art now resides in her former home on the Grand Canal in Venice, Italy, and is one of the city's most popular attractions. Each episode in the play showcases a painting from her collection.

A self-described "art addict," Guggenheim immersed herself in Paris' bohemian scene in the 1920s, and later assembled her famous art collection. She passed away in 1979.

Besides collecting art, Guggenheim was friendly with many of the most notable artists and activists of the 20th century. She was a benefactor to anarchist Emma Goldman, was married to German painter Max Ernst, had an affair with playwright Samuel Beckett, smuggled art out of Europe in the middle of World War II, established galleries in New York and London, and introduced Jackson Pollock to the American art scene.

Written and directed by Al Schnupp, the plays stars Jaide Whitman as Guggenheim. The cast also includes Daniel Cook, Ryan Austin, Antonio Mata, Ellen Eves and Thomas John Bernard.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and can be bought through brownpapertickets.com. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. Call (831) 624-7491.

Monterey Fire hosts movie in park, National Night Out

MONTEREY FIREFIGHTERS, Chipotle Mexican Grill and the City of Monterey Recreation Department will sponsor a Movie in the Park July 29 when they show "Zootopia" on the lawn at Casanova Oak Knoll park at Ramona and Euclid in Monterey. The film will begin at sunset, or around 8 p.m., and will include popcorn, cotton candy and Chipotle burritos (until they're gone). Kid-friendly activities like face painting, fire engine tours and the book-mobile will take place before the film starts.

The fire department will also participate

in National Night Out Aug. 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by the City of Pacific Grove, the Pacific Grove Police Department, the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce and Monterey Fire, along with local businesses and volunteers, the event will take place in the parking lot between the police station and city hall on Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove. National Night Out will feature free food, music by the Wharf Rats, games, public safety demonstrations, child ID kits and fingerprinting, a bounce house, and displays of police and fire vehicles.

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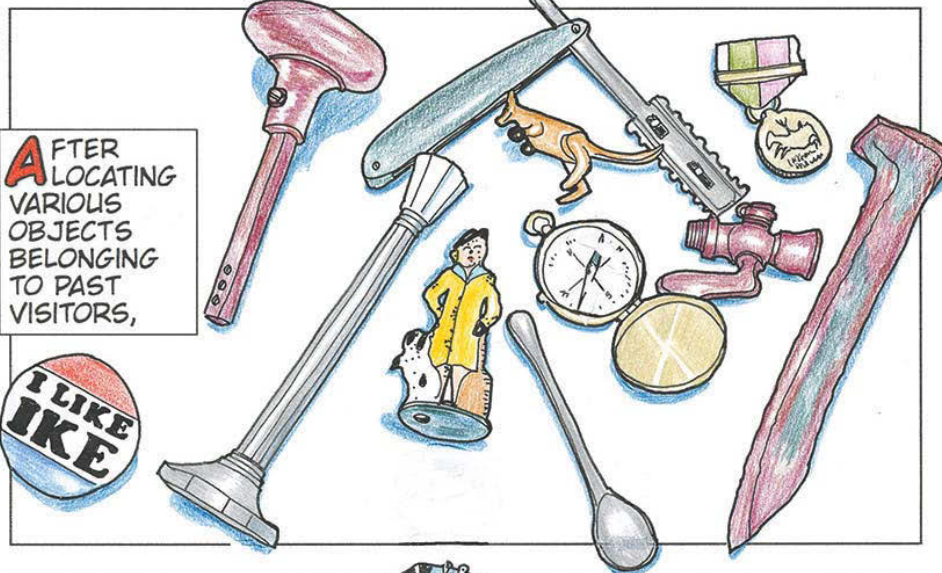


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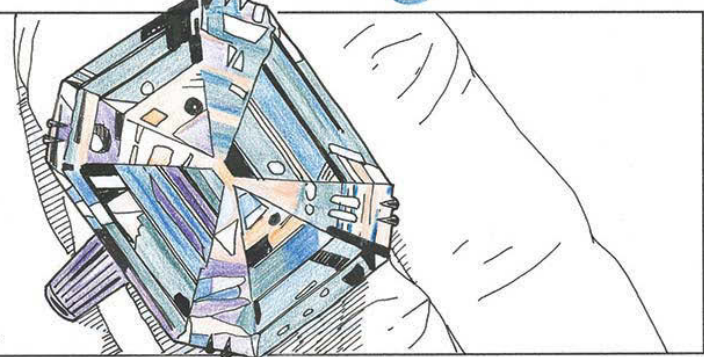
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Editorial

Hoist with their own petard (but it'll save them, too)

DIE-HARD OPPONENTS of wood fires, having been turned away at the courthouse door by a last-minute bureaucratic snafu, can blame the labyrinth of state environmental rules for their dilemma — a situation which has a poetic irony to it, since the opponents sought to exploit that very labyrinth to block the city's decision that a few fires would be OK, at least on a temporary basis.

Back in the old days, before the government became so ambitious about micromanaging everything everybody did everywhere, the question of whether fires should be allowed on a small, municipal beach would have been considered a purely local topic — one that the people who lived in that municipality would ipso facto be perfectly capable of deciding themselves.

In those unsophisticated days, having seen their point of view rejected by the city council, the opponents of wood fires on Carmel Beach would have had no recourse, except to try to convince their fellow townsfolk eventually to change their minds about the evils of even small amounts of wood smoke.

That was then, but this is now, and being very well aware of how easy it can be to arouse the interest of state government in local controversies, the opponents of wood fires sought to go over their neighbors' heads by taking the beach fire issue to the mighty California Coastal Commission, with its very well earned reputation for nitpicking where environmental issues are concerned, and with a vast array of organizational rules and regulations at its disposal to help turn its enviro-whims into law.

One of those very rules, however, turned out to disqualify the particular opponent, Richard Flower, who sought to present his anti-wood-fire case to the commission. But that's hardly the end of the story. It never is.

In this case, because the city council's recent decision to allow 12 wood fires on the beach was temporary — and had to be, unless the council had jumped through a lot more hoops before reaching it — Flower's rejection is temporary, too.

You see, despite the fact that wood fires have been common on Carmel Beach since the year zero, and despite the fact that the city's recent decision represented a very significant reduction in the number of fires allowed on the beach, before the council will be able to make a permanent decision about allowing them, it will have to devote a great deal of time and money to analyzing the topic. And once it's finished and the city's decision is "final," the coastal commission will have the chance to exercise a veto power over that decision, whether Flower asks it to, or not.

So take heart, Richard Flower, your opportunity to try to bring a halt to wood fires is still coming. This time, the rules caught you, but they're actually there to come to your rescue.

BEST of BATES



“That’s not a statue, Harold. Those are real people.”

Letters to the Editor

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Save the airfield?

Dear Editor,

During the 2008 Basin Complex fire, the closed Carmel Valley Airfield served as an encampment for more than 1,000 firefighters. Now, once again, during the battle against the Soberanes fire, this critical 30 acres of open space is providing essential firefighting support by serving as a staging area and refueling site for nine helicopters.

The old Carmel Valley Airfield is an essential open space property that must be maintained for providing critical service in combating wild land fires. In 2015, The Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District tried to buy this property, hoping to gain the support of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, the Big Sur Land Trust and others. If not purchased for open space, it will be developed with three to 24 houses.

The MPRPD keeps purchasing land,

many acres of which are not readily available for public access. Yet, the preservation of that open space is dependent upon the air-field parcel in case of wild land fires. The park district's proposed assessment levy on this November's ballot should be supported only if the district is committed to actively assisting in procuring this vital piece of open space.

Walking the airport is not as scenic as hiking trails in Garland Park, Palo Corona and the Kahn Ranch, yet if we do not have the necessary site to stage firefighting operations, there may not be those beautiful, uncharred places to hike in. Maybe now is the time the community will support the purchase of the C.V. Airfield. Let me know if you are interested in helping

Joseph Hertlein, Carmel Valley

Big 'thank you' to Safeway
Dear Editor,

I live down on the edge of Malpas Creek in the Carmel Highlands, where fire crews have been stationed 24/7 to ensure they have control over the fires burning along the edge of our canyon. If the fire were to leap, the entire Highlands would be in peril (not that it isn't already), but flanking the fire here is essential. In a continued effort to provide fresh coffee and snacks to our troops, I asked Safeway's longtime general manager Joe Miguel, and assistant store manager Anita Reavis if Safeway might possibly assist in providing coffee to our fire crews. The answer was a resounding, "Yes" — without hesitation. As a major business serving this

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Physicist, attracted to Religious Science pulpit, stays 40 years

A HIGH school physics class changed Bill Little's life. After his first day, he said, "I came home in a trance state." He was fascinated by the idea that the universe's workings could be understood. How he got from there to being the minister at Pacific Grove's Center for Spiritual Awakening — a church of Religious Science — isn't as hard to understand as you might think.

He attended Georgia Tech, where he planned to major in architecture, but the lure of physics — where Little said he could learn the architecture of the entire universe — was too strong to resist. He studied for eight years, earning his doctorate.

Little had also been part of the Navy's ROTC program in college, and in the late 1960s, the Navy thought it would be good for him to do a tour of duty in Vietnam. He disagreed and went to the dean of the school of physics to see if there was some way out of that.

"I had a Ph.D. in physics and they wanted to put me on a destroyer," said Little. It just didn't make any sense to him.

It didn't make any sense to the dean, either. He responded to the news by drawling, "Well, that's just dumb, boy." What Little didn't know was that the dean was a retired Navy captain who was able to use his influence to help him get assigned instead to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey as a teacher.

While there, he became acquainted with Monterey's Church of Religious Science. He saw the church's beliefs as a metaphysical extension of his scientific studies. Dr. Ernest Holmes founded Religious Science — also called Science of the Mind — in the early 20th century, and he called it "a synthesis of the greatest concepts that have ever come to the mind of man."

A central tenet of the faith, which draws on many other religions and philosophies, is that what people believe about the universe affects how they experience it. By changing the way they think, they can change that experience. A simple form of prayer — or a

was released two months earlier than he had asked — something that was unheard of.

Little returned to New York and took some classes through a Religious Science church, learning about the faith from teachers who had studied under Holmes himself. When the minister in Monterey was ready to retire, he contacted Little and asked if he'd like to have his job, and Little immediately accepted.

Although he briefly left the pulpit to go back to teaching, people kept pestering him to return to ministry. Finally, he said, "by popular demand," he started the congregation that today is the Center for Spiritual Awakening.

He's been there ever since, and he continues to teach at Monterey Peninsula College. From his perspective of four decades, the biggest changes — for better and for worse — have come with the rapidly evolving and pervasive technology.

It's made teaching easier and more interactive, with audio tracks, video or graphics available at the touch of a button. The church now streams its Sunday services live so you can watch them from the comfort of your living room.

But that last bit also worries Little somewhat. "People don't see each other anymore," he said, referring to the fact that everyone's looking at their cell phones. He even noticed a change in the rites of spring at the college. He said it used to be that a few weeks into spring semester, young people's fancies turned to love and they started pairing off.

This year, however, he saw just one couple on campus. And, he added, "attention spans get extremely short. We're practicing distraction."

He summed up his ministry as a form of service. "Being with people at the important points in their lives, through births, deaths and marriages is an honor," he said.

In his spare time, Little enjoys being outdoors. He recently took a cruise to Alaska, something he'd always wanted to do. "I really appreciate being with nature," he said. Indeed, in his most

recent e-newsletter on the Center for Spiritual Awakening's website, he urged readers to spend time outside, walking or listening to the waves at the beach as a form of meditation.

There are no retirement plans in the near future, and on Sunday, July 31, his congregation will celebrate his 40th anniversary in the ministry. Judging from the testimonial video on the Center's website, their use of the word "beloved" in referring to Little isn't even a little bit of exaggeration. And the feeling seems to be mutual.



Bill Little

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

treatment, as followers refer to it — is often used to that end.

Little said one of his earliest significant experiences with a treatment came when his two-year tour at NPS was about to end and Vietnam once again loomed in his future. He requested an early release from the Navy. The request went through channels at NPS, which recommended against its approval and passed it along to the appropriate agency within the Navy. Meanwhile, Little and his minister prayed.

The request was not only approved, but he

Early Carmel businesses —

La Playa hotel

By THE CARMEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WHAT WE know today as La Playa Carmel started in 1905 as a private home for a landscape painter named Christian Jorgensen. The home would be a gift to his wife, Angela, a daughter of the Ghirardelli family of San Francisco. Boasting the first swimming pool in Carmel-by-the-Sea, the stone mansion had spectacular views of Carmel Bay and Pebble Beach.

A magnet for artists and writers during Carmel's seminal bohemian period, La Playa became a popular salon and the Jorgensens moved to Pebble Beach in search of privacy.

The property moved from mansion to hotel when Agnes Signor purchased it, converting it to a boarding house called "The Strand." In a letter dated August 13, 1915, Signor wrote that rates for room and board were "\$2.50 a day per person and \$15 per week."

In 1922, 20 new rooms were added making La Playa a full service hotel. It was expanded again in 1940 to a luxurious 80-room destination with a large new dining room overlooking Carmel Bay. This would make it the largest hotel in Carmel.

Many Carmelites remember Bud Allen, a Carmel native who purchased the hotel in 1968. In a modern-day nod to his era at La Playa, each Sunday from 5 to 5:10

p.m., the La Playa bar features well drinks for just a dime. Dubbed "Bud Allen Hour," revelers must pay with exact change to partake.

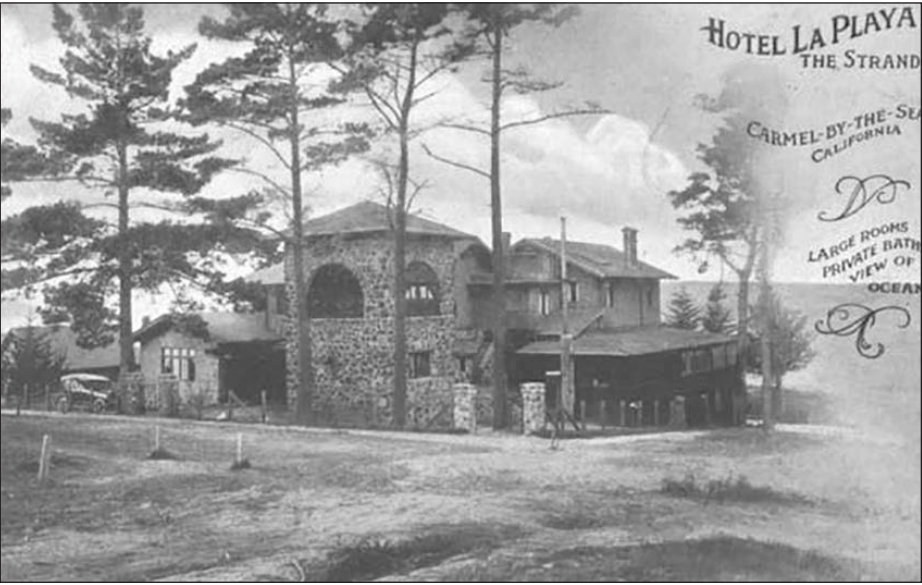
The next owner, in 1983, was the Cope family of San Francisco, which ran the hotel with distinction until 2011. The ownership was marked by the hotel's acceptance as a member of The Historic Hotels of America in 1992. As part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the program recognizes hotels which are at least 50 years old and listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic places.

Today, the owners are Grossman Company Properties and Classic Hotels & Resorts, who completed an impressive renovation of the La Playa Carmel in 2012, and have recently also opened the updated and refreshed Hotel Carmel, which used to be the Dolphin Inn.

One historic note of distinction is that the Macintosh computer prototype was introduced at a retreat with Steve Jobs and his development team at the La Playa in 1983. Apparently the after-party was legendary.

While the La Playa Carmel has changed since 1905, it continues to have a historic and treasured presence in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Go to www.laplayahotel.com to find out more about the historic bar and the hotel.



This vintage postcard for Hotel La Playa boasts of its large rooms, private baths and ocean view, but doesn't mention that it was home to Carmel's first swimming pool.



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LETTERS

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The commission’s role

Dear Editor,

Your editorial (“When a Neighbor, Objects,” July 15) was exactly on point. I would add that decisions of the planning director and the planning commission should not be overturned or modified by the city council, absent manifest error. These are the experts appointed by the council to make these determinations. The planning director assures code compliance, and the planning commission ensures that the views of the community are represented. Accommodations and compromises are routinely made at this level. While the city council has a review function, its members should not substitute their views on specific design aspects — especially when there has been a unanimous vote of the planning commission. This not only undermines the expert role of the planning commission, but empowers objecting neighbors to continue to drag out the approval process in hopes the homeowners will become so frustrated and fatigued as to abandon their plans.

As to the particular project at Scenic and Eighth — a “Mediterranean-style” home — and the rhetorical query made by counsel, “does this project belong in Carmel?” a non-conflicted representative of community views would acknowledge that there is a 1930s Spanish Colonial Revival building across the street on the northeast Corner of Scenic and Eighth. Carmel is not all Comstocks, and its rich architectural heritage includes many examples of this architectural style. Many more, I note, than the “large box” style the current homeowners seek to replace.

Joanne Medero, Carmel

Where is the leadership?

Dear Editor,

Kudos to you for your editorial last week! Your comments about buildings and the rules for building them were spot on. A commonly proffered comment on the beach fire issue is that anyone buying a house on Scenic should know about the city’s 100 year history of beach fires, and therefore should expect the smell of smoke in their home as normal. Well, similarly, the zoning laws and building codes in Carmel are available for public scrutiny and have been in place for some time. Carmel also has a history of allowing homeowners to replace old worn out non-historic structures with new ones provided they meet the rules. So owning a home in Carmel, no matter how long, does not confer the right to dictate a neighbor’s build, the codes do.

What is particularly disturbing is the amount of energy the city has to expend appeasing individuals by trying to “massage” the rules. If a structure meets code, it meets code, no? The planning commission and council seem to engage in volleying these problems back and forth, with suggestions like “move this window 2 inches to the left.” I just don’t understand why the rules cannot simply apply to everyone equally.

But most concerning were some of the published comments by our council. At least Bobby Richards’ comments were factual and decisive. Steve Dallas shows clear signs of waffling. Carrie Theis seems engaged in what is colloquially known as passing the buck. The planning commission doesn’t “need another crack at it,” they made their decisions. Some of our elected officials need another crack at leadership. That’s what they were elected to do. The only hint at decisiveness displayed by Mayor Dallas was his comment about making it clear to both parties that he doesn’t want the council to have to see this project again. Perhaps Il Duce would not have to make such comments if the council could be more decisive and less divisive? King Solomon’s suggestion to cut the baby in half was meant to disclose the real mother, not to actually sever the child. In

Carmel, his suggestion would have prompted discussion as to whether the baby should be cut in half vertically or horizontally, and where exactly should the cut be made, and who gets which half...

To quote John Kenneth Galbraith, “All of the great leaders have had one characteristic in common: it was the willingness to confront unequivocally the major anxiety of their people in their time. This, and not much else, is the essence of leadership.”

Where is our leadership?

Thomas Leverone, Carmel

Thanks anyway

Dear Editor,

I’m pleased to see that someone has appealed the city council’s decision on beach fires. That whole process seemed to me incomplete and full of procedural holes. One egregious example of that was the way the letter from the coastal commission district director’s office — cited as authority for the council’s action — ignored the intention of the commissioners’ earlier vote in favor of a propane only program. Following the district director’s lead, the council then ignored all the testimony about the health risks of wood fire smoke, as if this issue was not important enough to deserve further investigation.

So, thanks to Mr. Flower for opening up the process again, and raising it above the limited resources of local government.

Robert Wrubel, Carmel

Toxic smoke

Dear Editor,

Thank you, Richard Flower, for standing against the beach fire plan that would keep the irresponsible council members’ smoke factory going 24/7.

The smoke and ash from the Soberanes Fire, now seen on cars in Carmel, is the same that we are breathing. Our neighbors escaping the fire, and the families with babies along Ocean Avenue are all inhaling it. It might look innocent enough, but its toxic chemicals stuck to my car when I had to drive from Carmel to Half Moon Bay to be in fresh air. Imagine your lungs.

As Flower said in his appeal, the air is all of our air. The council must stop polluting it, while pretending it’s not harmful to us.

Lynn Ross, Carmel

Editor’s note: As we report today, the appeal of the city’s latest beach fire plan to the coastal commission has been declared invalid. Please see the page 1A.

Isolation = bad

Dear Editor,

As I read and watch the political news, it is clear we are becoming more and more polarized — I even feel that myself. As we isolate ourselves, be it living with “people like us” or getting our news from the same channel, our ability for rational deep discussion, and our ability to compromise, gets lost. It’s us against them.

Carmel founders understood this and wanted the natural opportunity for discourse via a chance (or not) meeting at the post office every day. Places for the public to gather and interact have been shrinking as more and more regulations attempt to juggle the interests of our increased population.

Last year, when the beach fire ban went into effect, we lost one of the few remaining places for groups, families, tourists and just a lot of people “not from around here” to gather and have a chance encounter. Gone are opportunities we ourselves experienced of looking warily at a large group of tattooed young men and women (a church group), or talking with NPS instructors (urban warfare), or the joy of watching everyone stop, turn and stare at dolphins, surfers, sunsets. Or even to be part of a life lesson as a child goes wandering from their fire, parents frantic, child reunited (he had wandered 1/3 way down the beach to our fire).

This is life, this is the opportunity for discourse, this brings us together. Isolationism has always been used by the few to browbeat the many.

Today, after sunset, the beach is dead, a truly sad state of affairs.

Kudos to Steve Dallas and the council for realizing that our town being isolated is bad, and for working out a compromise. We can only hope that our national politicians learn a bit from how local governments can work.

Chris Wagner, Carmel

Save the sculpture

Dear Editor,

I was disappointed to read in The Pine Cone that the Del Dono Court building at Fifth and Dolores is being demolished. It was one of my first architectural projects in Carmel 50 some years ago.

The new proposed multi-use building, however, will be an asset to the Carmel business district.

I hope that the wood sculpture of Spanish explorer Del Dono that adorns the façade is

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preserved and placed for public view. It was carved by the late Earl Bosley, a well known and respected Carmel artist and sculptor.

Don Wald,
Carmel

The uncommon reasons

Dear Editor,

There are many reasons that people choose to make Carmel-by-the-Sea their home. The commonly stated ones are the beauty of the area, the charming homes and walking access to the beach and the quaint little village; but there are some uncommon reasons to celebrate living here that should be savored as well. The small-town personal response from the people who work for the city should be listed at the top. Think of the value that is added to our lives by feeling safe, knowing Carmel police are quietly “on watch,” by knowing that the fire department’s emergency help is just minutes away, by having a city forester who makes house calls to assist with your trees, by having a public works department that welcomes being told of issues within their purview so they can fix them as soon as possible, by having a competent city administrator who has an open door policy, a sense of humor and even sends out a weekly newsletter. Take a moment to reflect what these people add to your life and then do the uncommon — thank them!

Shirley Moon,
Carmel

Many pilgrims

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Gil Lucero for walking more than 800 miles in Europe, including the Camino de Compostela. As much as I admire his accomplishment, I do disagree with his point of view on “The Way.”

The Camino is not a competition to determine who walks the most miles, nor is it a measure of one’s spiritual correctness. Further, it is not a walk to be taken solely by Catholics. Yes, it has always been a Catholic pilgrimage. But I disagree with imposing some kind of Catholic singularity upon it. I believe that The Way’s spiritual aspect is somehow universal — for the benefit of all. By the same token, it speaks to each of us in a uniquely individual way.

My brother-in-law and I, both Catholics, walked the Camino from April to June of this year. We found the Spaniards who served pilgrims — yes, at some level of profit — were committed to honoring the Camino and its Peregrinos in so many ways, far beyond Lucero’s suggestion that their motivation was primarily commercial. The Camino is a quest that is probably not clearly outlined for most of us when setting out. But as we walk, it serves as a window, offering views of nature, history, magical cathedrals; but, as well, one’s basic identity, requirements, limits, weaknesses, strengths, and most importantly what one values, what one is grateful for. The Way magnifies our humanity and can provide little glimpses into the Nature of God, or into Kim Allen’s “higher power.” Perhaps one of its gifts is the recognition that we — Catholic and non-Catholic alike — regardless of our initial objectives, are bound together in our common need for something more than ourselves.

Charles Gibilterra, *Carmel*

Who are they protecting?

Dear Editor,

There is an initiative that has qualified for the November ballot that will effectively stop all oil production in Monterey County within a few short years. The organization that gathered signatures for the ballot measure, “Protect Monterey County,” presented this to voters as a “fracking ban” initiative. The implication and logical conclusion would be that

there is fracking in Monterey County. Not true! There is no fracking in Monterey County. Why would “Protect Monterey County” deceive the voters? Why would they plead with the board of supervisors for over three hours to oppose a fiscal impact analysis of their measure? I think the answer to both questions is that they don’t want it exposed that this initiative is a ploy to shut down local oil production. The oil industry in Monterey County provides hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars in tax revenue every year. The voters have the right to know which services will not be provided as a result of these lost tax dollars. I thank the board of supervisors for its responsible vote to authorize the fiscal analysis and I encourage everyone to question the motives of “Protect Monterey County.” Who is “Protect Monterey County” really protecting? It is not the voters.

Marianne Madson, *San Lucas*

CHIEF

From page 8A

Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s Office. She holds a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice management and a master’s in organizational leadership, and also served in the Army. Christey has completed advanced and executive-level training with the state Peace Officer Standards and Training commission.

She was among the 50-plus applicants who submitted resumes following a nationwide recruitment effort by Ralph Anderson and Associates, and seven finalists interviewed with a panel of local police chiefs, public officials and P.G. department heads, according to Livian. Three emerged from that group and were subsequently interviewed by city manager Ben Harvey, who selected Christey as his top choice.

Following a field visit to Morro Bay, the city made a conditional offer to Christey, contingent upon her passing background checks, medical exams and other steps. She agreed to accept the position that has been vacant for about a year, since the city terminated its contract for shared chief services with the City of Seaside. Interim Police Chief Steven Belcher was hired in December 2015 and has agreed to continue through Christey’s arrival in mid-August.

MACHETE

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outstanding warrants — including one for spousal battery — as well as for possession of narcotics, obstructing a peace officer and brandishing a deadly weapon. He was booked into Monterey County Jail July 7 and remains in custody.

Since 2011, Young has been named in 10 misdemeanor cases and five felony cases in Monterey County Superior Court, resulting from arrests by Pacific Grove, Monterey, Salinas, Seaside, Sand City and Marina police departments. Two of the misdemeanor cases were later dismissed.

He is set to appear in court Aug. 4 for a hearing on his violation of probation in four of those older cases, and a pretrial conference in a misdemeanor case filed against him by PGPD in March, as well as on his new charges. A perusal of online court records indicates Young has frequently been called into court for probation violation.

PERMIT

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Mar parking lot, like the Run in the Name of Love does each June, Wiener said a coastal development permit is necessary because the runners cause “some obstruction of traffic” as they make their way through town.

He cited Shoreline Management Policy 5.3: Recreational Activities and Events, which states, “Restrictions on parking and traffic along Scenic Road, the Del Mar parking lot, San Antonio and the public rights of way west of San Antonio shall require a Coastal Development Permit.” Race director Julie Ann Lozano applied for the CPD in May, when she submitted an application and a check for \$614.81.

“My intent is to issue a multi-year permit that will cover this event for the next three or five years,” Wiener told The Pine Cone.

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