

Local/State Focus

Quotable

"If you keep moving and have a positive attitude and know how to construct a snow shelter, you can survive."

Placer County sheriff's Sgt. Allan Carter, on search for missing skiers, B3.

Class Notes

Amateur players of wind and brass instruments are invited to a new music class, MUS130, which begins rehearsal at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room MU101 at Monterey Peninsula College, 980 Fremont St.

For information and auditions, call 646-4200.

The class, which is not listed in the Spring 2008 MPC catalog, can be found at www.mpc.edu.

The **Chartwell School Outreach Program** is offering a free workshop for parents and educators entitled "Attribution Training and Increasing Motivation" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Chartwell School in the McMahan Hall Multipurpose Room, 2511 Numa Watson Road, Seaside.

For directions to our campus, call 394-3468 or see www.chartwell.org and select "New Campus."

Meghan Dorgan Barrett of Carmel has made the dean's list and **Robert Willemín Coleman** of Marina, has made the president's list for the 2007 Fall semester of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

The following local students have made the Fall 2007 dean's list at the University of California-Santa Barbara: **Kellie A. Davis, Alexandra Ilene Fish, James Mathew Guzik, Anne Marie May, Courtney Marie Middlebrook, Liane Michelle Miller, Chasen Thomas Motley, and Katherine Lisa Wehde.**

Class Notes runs weekly on a space-available basis. Notes cover significant events, achievements and activities of students, schools and educational staff members. Information with verification should be mailed to Class Notes, The Herald, P.O. Box 271, Monterey 93942, or faxed to 372-8401. For more information, call Clark Coleman at 646-4356.

GO! Calendar

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Lottery Sunday, Feb. 3

FANTASY FIVE
5, 15, 21, 30, 39

DAILY 3 afternoon draw
0, 8, 2

DAILY 3 evening draw
1, 0, 9

DAILY DERBY
12, 9, 1 Time: 1:46.07

SUPER LOTTO PLUS for Saturday
10, 11, 16, 35, 43 Mega 9

No ticket matched all six numbers. Wednesday's estimated jackpot: **\$60 million**

Bags

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not go over well in Monterey. "Paper is more environmentally safe, but I think banning plastic bags entirely is dumb," Phillips said. "Some people might have a problem with it. People are set in their ways."

Several other shoppers said they didn't care if plastic bags were banned.

Californians use about 19 billion plastic bags a year, said Bryan Early, spokesman for Californians Against Waste. Only 2 to 4 percent of the bags are recycled, he said, and that

small amount includes bags that are made into nonrecyclable goods.

Plastic bag manufacturers contend the production of paper bags uses more resources than making plastic bags, Early said. But studies commissioned by the government of South Africa show the opposite, he said. South Africa banned plastic bags in 2003.

"The point is not to go with paper, but to go with reusable bags," Early said. "The goal is a reduction of production of bags in general."

Whole Foods Market announced last week that it will no longer use plastic bags in any of its stores, effective April 22, Earth Day.

Amber Whiteside, spokeswoman for the natural foods supermarket company, said the company expects to save on using 100 million plastic bags by the end of 2008.

The Whole Foods Market store in Monterey stopped using plastic bags Jan. 1. Eliminating their use is especially important in an area with such rich marine resources, Whiteside said. The bags are so light they often are carried on the wind or in runoff from landfills and wind up in the ocean.

"Plastic bags, in particular, are harmful to sea life. That was Monterey's motivation as an individual store to stop using them," Whiteside said.

Styrofoam

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influence on the procedure. Not only is she Carmel's top policy maker, she is the waste district's vice chairwoman and is part of the litter abatement task force.

Beach cleanup efforts conducted within the last year by the Surfrider Foundation demonstrate that polystyrene makes up a significant portion of litter. A cleanup last February at Marina State Beach netted 329 pieces of polystyrene and plastic. About six weeks later, 425 pieces were picked up at the same location.

"And that's in two hours of work," said Ximena Waissbluth of the foundation.

A draft of the proposed ban is expected to be presented to the waste district's board in February, McCloud said. After that, it could be presented to the mayors and to the county Board of Supervisors, she said.

"When we have a draft ordinance that we're content with, we'll take it to the (Monterey County Mayors Council) and try to sell it to them and urge them to take it to their councils," McCloud said.

Steve Johnson, general manager of the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, could not be reached for comment. Lindenthal said the proposed

polystyrene ban will be discussed later this month at the integrated waste management task force meeting between officials from the Salinas Valley and Monterey Regional agencies.

"It will also be introduced to the cities on the other side of the county," Lindenthal said of his agency's draft policy. "But ultimately it will be up to each city to decide if this is something they want to do."

Banning polystyrene is not a new idea. Portland, Ore., hasn't allowed it since 1990. San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley and Santa Monica have outlawed its use, while Santa Cruz County is a step ahead of its Monterey Bay brethren to the south.

Capitola enacted a ban last year. The Santa Cruz City Council voted to ban it last week, while the county supervisors there are in the process of approving a countywide ban, said Patrick Matthews, manager of the county's recycling and solid wastes services.

Carmel has actually had a ban in place since 1989, when it became the second California city — after Berkeley — to prohibit the use of polystyrene in the food service industry, McCloud said, but enforcement of the ordinance has been shoddy.

Monterey followed suit a month after Carmel, but enforcement has also been an issue, said Angela Brantley,

Monterey's solid waste program manager.

The polystyrene clamshell is the most prevalent take-out container targeted by the ban. Drink cups, such as those used for coffee or Jamba Juice smoothies, would also disappear if the ban comes to fruition, Lindenthal said.

Increased cost is a concern for the food service industry, as is functionality of the alternative containers.

"These alternatives are expensive," said Amalia Chamorro, local director of affairs for the California Restaurant Association. "We recognize there are definitely more alternatives than even a year ago. We want to be part of the solution to address the problem of litter and be pro-active."

Some local restaurants have already opted for alternatives.

"We made the switch over quite a while back," said Cindy Walter, owner of Passionfish restaurant in Pacific Grove.

Walter said her restaurant

used to send off to-go orders in containers made of recyclable paper, but has recently made the switch to compostable containers made of sugar cane. The to-go utensils are made of potato starch, she said.

"There is a fraction of a cost more," Walter said. "But I have to say, for me personally, it's more about the environmental bottom line."

Trail

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of an impassable rocky ledge, Wagner said.

Despite what Wagner characterized as a clerical error, the public continued to use the trail on the north bank, and thus historic use establishes the trail as a public access route into Garland Ranch, Wagner said.

"People would use this trail to get to the village back in a time when a road didn't exist," Wagner said.

According to court documents, former Carmel Valley resident Audrey Cordrey attests to use of the trail around the time John Steinbeck was launching his writing career.

"Both before and after I began riding horses in 1931, the trail ... was used by many people traveling on horseback east towards the Carmel Valley Village or west into that area now known as Garland Park," she states in the court document. "I personally used the Trail at least four to five times a week from 1931 until approximately 1990 when we moved from the area and never asked permission. The owners never objected to our use of the trail because it was a standard procedure that everyone in the vicinity used the trail."

Ehnisz's property straddles the Carmel River, in the vicinity of the Carmel Valley Road-Laureles Grade intersection. Most of the property sits on the river's north side — between the river and Carmel Valley Road — but Ehnisz also owns a portion of land on the south bank, from the river to the Garland Ranch boundary.

The trail traverses Ehnisz's property for about 200 yards on the north side before crossing the river. Regional Parks has tried negotiating with Ehnisz and explored other possible routes into the park, but found no viable alternative, said Parks general manager Joe Donofrio.

"We did make a number of attempts with Mr. Ehnisz before it came to this point," Donofrio said. "We did try to resolve it with him, but



A horse trail that has been in use for more than 40 years is now blocked.

unfortunately we were unable to do so."

A contractor determined that an alternate route on the south bank would not work because it would dead-end at a rock facade, Wagner said.

Another possibility involves entering the park from a trail that starts at the end of Via Las Encinas, off Garzas Road. Some horseback riders are opting to use the considerably longer and more undulatory route to Garland Ranch, but because it is a steep and paved — and thus potentially slippery — ride to the trail head, it is a dangerous route for some riders, Wagner said.

"Craig Ehnisz and his wife, who don't ride horses, say 'you have this alternate route,'" Wagner said. "One, it does not matter. It doesn't affect the public's right to use the (blocked) trail. But, secondly, it is not a viable alternative route because it is not safe ... We have a lot of older ladies on older horses riding. They aren't as physically capable anymore and their horses aren't as physically capable anymore."

Safety concerns also pertain to younger, inexperienced riders, Wagner said.

Since Ehnisz blocked the

trail through his property, some have opted to ride up Via Las Encinas, while others have stopped riding to Garland Ranch, Wagner said.

Ehnisz also has safety concerns, Balch said.

Ehnisz contends he was unaware of the public's use of the trail, Balch said.

"Even if there was and is the common law easement, Craig Ehnisz didn't know about it when he bought the property," Balch said.

The river's high water level likely kept use of the trail low at the time Ehnisz bought the property, so he did not notice anyone using it, Balch said.

Ehnisz bought the property in May 2006.

Ehnisz claimed to be mistreated by trail users, including one whose dogs attacked a sheep on his property. He placed a "private property" sign at the trail's east entrance to his property. The sign did little to deter horseback riders from using the trail, so in October 2006 Ehnisz put up a gate to block entry.

Valley residents — who have been accustomed to using the trail for decades — and the Parks District have been trying ever since to persuade Ehnisz to reopen his property to public use.

Today in History

Today is Monday, Feb. 4, the 35th day of 2008. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 4, 1789, electors chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States. (However, the results of the balloting were not counted in the U.S. Senate until two months later).

On this date

In 1763, Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies, the United States of America.

In 1861, delegates from six southern states met in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America. **In 1932**, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt opened the Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid. **In 1938**, the Thornton Wilder play "Our Town" opened on Broadway.

In 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) came into existence.

In 1945, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta.

In 1948, the island nation of Ceylon — now Sri Lanka — became an independent dominion within the British Commonwealth.

In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped in Berkeley by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1983, singer Karen Carpenter died in Downey at age 32. **In 1987**, pianist Liberace died at his Palm Springs home at age 67.

Ten years ago: More than 2,300 people were killed when an earthquake hit northeast Afghanistan with a magnitude of 5.9, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Five years ago: President Bush visited the Johnson Space Center in Houston, where he

led a tribute to the lost crew of the shuttle Columbia and rededicated the nation to space travel. A rare television interview with Saddam Hussein aired in which the Iraqi leader charged that U.S. claims of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons in his country were a pretext to seize Iraq's oil fields. Lawmakers formally dissolved Yugoslavia and replaced it with a loose union of its remaining two republics, Serbia and Montenegro. Opera singer Jerome Hines died in New York at age 81.

One year ago: The Indianapolis Colts won Super Bowl XLI, beating the Chicago Bears 29-17. Singer-actress Barbara McNair died in Los Angeles at age 72.

Today's Birthdays

Actor William Phipps is 86. Actor Conrad Bain is 85. Actor Gary Conway is 72. Movie director George A. Romero is 68. Rock musician John Steel (The Animals) is 67. Singer Florence LaRue (The Fifth Dimension) is 64. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 61. Rock singer Alice Cooper is 60. Actor Michael Beck is 59. Actress Lisa Eichhorn is 56. Rock singer Tim Booth is 48. Rock musician Henry Bogdan is 47. Country singer Clint Black is 46. Country musician Dave Buchanan (Yankee Grey) is 42. Actress Gabrielle Anwar is 38. Singer David Garza is 37. Actor Michael Gorrigan is 37. Rock musician Rick Burch (Jimmy Eat World) is 33. Singer Natalie Imbruglia is 33. Rapper Cam'ron is 32. Rock singer Gavin DeGraw is 31. Olympic gold medal gymnast-turned-singer Carly Patterson is 20.

Thought for Today

No human creature can give orders to love." — George Sand, French author (1804-1876).

Names in the News

'IDOL' RUNNER-UP MCPHEE WEDS PRODUCER COKAS

Former "American Idol" contestant Katharine McPhee has wed producer Nick Cokas.

The pair married Saturday in Beverly Hills, McPhee's representative, Justin Gray Stone, told People Magazine.

"(Nick) is the love of my life," McPhee said. "This is a once in a lifetime occasion and everything is just perfect."

A message left Sunday with McPhee's agent was not immediately returned. Attempts to find a phone listing for Stone were not successful.

McPhee, 23, and Cokas, 42, met in 2005. Their relationship blossomed when McPhee auditioned for "American Idol" later that year, according to People. They got engaged last year.

Fellow season-five "American Idol" contestants Kellie Pickler and Mandisa were among the 305 wedding guests. McPhee lost the "Idol" sing-off to Taylor Hicks.

Jolie accepts award, praises Eastwood

Oscar-winning actress Angelina Jolie traveled up the California coast to receive the Santa Barbara International Film Festival's "Performance of the Year" award.

Jolie was honored Saturday for her portrayal of Mariane Pearl, wife of slain journalist Daniel Pearl, in the film "A Mighty Heart." It's one of numerous awards Jolie has received for that role, but among the few she's personally

collected.

"To be honest, I just heard that it was a beautiful festival, and one to take seriously," Jolie told Associated Press Television.

The award was presented by Clint Eastwood, director of Jolie's upcoming drama "The Changeling."

"Clint Eastwood? Awwww! Don't get me started," Jolie said. "I could talk forever about him. I could turn the whole evening into a Clint Eastwood evening. ... I think he's just a genuinely great guy. He's nice to everybody on set."

Jolie's partner Brad Pitt arrived with her. He did not speak to the media, but briefly posed with Jolie for photos. Jolie said that dealing with the insanity of Hollywood is much easier with Pitt and their children at her side.

Banderas' dad dies at actor's home in Spain

Antonio Banderas' 87-year-old father has died at his son's home in Spain, the actor's publicist said Sunday in Los Angeles.

"Jose Dominguez Prieto, the loving father of Antonio Banderas, passed away on Saturday, February 2 at Banderas' home in Marbella, Spain," publicist Robin Baum said in a statement.

Prieto, who was a policeman in Spain's Civil Guard for 45 years, had been battling a long illness, Baum said.

In addition to Banderas, he is survived by another son and his wife of 50 years Ana Banderas, whose last name Antonio took as his screen name.

Banderas, 47, has starred in the films "Evita" and "The Mask of Zorro." He voiced the Puss in Boots character in "Shrek 2" and "Shrek the Third." He is married to actress Melanie Griffith, with whom he has an 11-year-old daughter, Stella.

— Herald wire services

Police briefs

POLICE ARREST EMBEZZLEMENT SUSPECT

Sheriff's deputies reported they arrested a Salinas woman suspected of

embezzling between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in checks from a trucking company.

Karen Alece Benson, 38, an employee at Keith Day Trucking on Middlefield Road in Salinas, was taken into custody on Jan. 31 after deputies executed a search warrant, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office reported.