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I hope today went well for both of you. I thought you would be interested in these two- very different to each other- stories.

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## Marin IJ Readers' Forum for June 7

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### **Balancing recreation and preservation**

Laura Pandapas, a spokesperson for Save Off-Leash Dog Walking and Marin County Residents for Defense of Places, seems to be reading a different Golden Gate National Recreation Area plan than the rest of us. There are numerous inaccurate statements in her June 1 Marin Voice column.

The plan does not suggest "Yosemite-style management" or that it is designed "to attract and accommodate growing visitation to monetized destinations like Muir Woods National Monument while removing people from more remote portions of the GGNRA ..."

She is incorrectly stating that, "Ninety percent of Marin's GGNRA land will be classified as a "natural zone" where access will be "restricted" to many." However, if that "many" refers to restrictions on where dogs will be allowed to roam free, yes, this is absolutely necessary to protect wildlife in the face of ever-increasing pressure on natural resources.

It is also unfortunate that she attempts to disparage and misrepresent the role of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. It is bordering on

absurd to claim that, "The voice of the taxpayer is drowned out by the deep pockets and priorities of the conservancy." The conservancy is doing a terrific job on the public's behalf. We are fortunate to have them as a park partner.

The plan does state that since the previous 1980 update, "There is an increased public demand for access to, and use of, open spaces within the San Francisco Bay region. The general management plan provides a regional collaborative approach to open space preservation and recreation use."

There have been a number of inaccurate IJ letters of late on upcoming plans for Muir Woods and GGNRA. Please review these plans for yourself, available online, or speak with management and then draw your own conclusions.

— *Larry Minikes, San Rafael*

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MARIN COUNTY, Calif. —

A hat from a sailing club in Berkeley and dental records enabled the Marin County coroner's office to identify the man who was [found dead on the east side of state Highway 1 north of Stinson Beach in May](#).

The deceased man is Raymond Caravacci, 77, who lived in the Stinson Beach area but also had a long history of homelessness and mental health conditions, Assistant Chief Deputy Coroner Lt. Keith Boyd said. Foul play is not suspected but the National Parks Service and the Marin County coroner's office "will explore all avenues as the investigation moves forward," Boyd said.

The cause of death is pending a final anthropological study of Caravacci's skeletal remains, Boyd said.

Visitors from Switzerland found the badly decomposed body on May 4 within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, GGNRA spokeswoman Alexandra Picavet said.

Caravacci's body was not identifiable by visual means or fingerprints, and he was never reported missing, Boyd said.

Items of clothing on or near the remains were used to track down leads to identify the body, and lists of missing persons that met the deceased person's biological profile also were ruled out as possible matches, Boyd said.

Ultimately a fleece cap with a logo that was found at the scene was traced to a sailing club in Berkeley, Boyd said. A sailing club staff member, who lives in the Stinson Beach area, recalled giving one of the club's hats to an unknown homeless person in the Stinson Beach area about a year ago, Boyd said.

Further investigation led to a tentative identification of Caravacci as the recipient of the hat, Boyd said.

The state Department of Justice determined on May 28 that Caravacci had an appointment with a dentist with the state's Denti-Cal insurance plan, Boyd said, and the DOJ sent the coroner's division copies of

Caravacci's dental records.

Another dentist then used the dental records to positively identify Caravacci as the deceased person, Boyd said.

The coroner's division also received DNA samples from Caravacci's family but by then the identity was established, Boyd said.

"Ultimately it was the dental," Boyd said.