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LAGOON PARKING LOT, RESTROOM TO REOPEN

■ Protective sand barrier almost ready

By CHRIS COUNTS

USING BULLDOZERS to move thousands of cubic feet of sand, the Monterey County Department of Public Works shored up the southern edge of the Carmel River State Beach parking lot this week so it can be reopened to visitors.

Undermined by the Carmel River, the parking lot — as well as its restroom — have been closed since October. At one point, chunks of pavement dangled precariously off the edge of the parking lot just a few feet above the river. The restroom, meanwhile, sustained damage and appeared to be at risk of collapsing into the river.

But when the project is completed, a barrier of sand — about 12 feet high and about 150 feet long — will buffer the parking lot from the river. And for the first time in more than six months, visitors — and bulldozers — will be able to access the beach from the parking lot, which lost about 20 parking spaces that are now covered with sand or disappeared into the river. When the parking lot reopens, it will contain about 30 parking spots. The restroom will also likely reopen this weekend.

To get the sand the project needed, public works received

a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers enabling the agency to “harvest” 7,000 cubic feet of sand from the beach where it meets the lagoon. As a result, the beach is

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PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

Barely visible above a sand dune being shaped by three bulldozers, the restrooms at Carmel River State Beach are almost ready to reopen.

Collins sues county for \$25 million

By JOE LIVERNOIS

STEVE COLLINS, who is facing criminal charges arising from allegations that surround the now-defunct regional desalination project, has sued Monterey County.

Saying that he’s been libeled, slandered, ridiculed and scorned, Collins is seeking damages of up to \$25 million. Each county supervisor is named in the suit.

Collins filed the action last week “pro se,” without an attorney. The filing is a three-page document attached to the 35-page claim his attorneys filed against the county in September. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors rejected the claim.

The court filing offers few new details in Collins defense, but it does promise “additional data in future filings.”

It also said that while county officials continue to shrug off his assertions as “fantasy” and “delusion” and

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Woman alleges racism, seeks \$1 million from P.G.

By KELLY NIX

A SEASIDE woman is suing the City of Pacific Grove, alleging it wouldn’t allow her to open a chocolate shop because she is black.

In a five-page lawsuit filed May 17, Janet Redding claims she was not permitted to open up her shop at 173 Central Ave. — which the city later allowed to be occupied by Happy Girl Kitchen — because of her race.

“The only difference between the two businesses,” accord-

ing to Redding’s suit, which alleges racial discrimination, “are that the owners of Happy Girl Kitchen are caucasians and the plaintiff is African American.”

Redding also alleges “harassment by a city official,” claiming that while an electrician she hired was performing an inspection of the building for insurance purposes, a building official came in and ordered the inspection to stop until a building permit was pulled.

Redding “wasn’t aware that a building permit was required for an electrical inspection,” according to the suit. “The [city building] inspector said he received a complaint.”

The electrician found some illegal wiring before a building permit was pulled, and the electrical work was brought up to city code, according to the suit.

But when Redding — who is seeking \$1 million in damages — told the city’s building department about her business proposal and submitted plans, she was told there were only enough water credits to serve 600 square feet of the space in the building, which is much larger.

When she asked the city what happened to the water credits, she was told “nothing could be done.” She was also not told

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BILLS MOUNT FOR FAILED WATER PROJECT

■ Company says some costs will carry over to next attempt

By KELLY NIX

CALIFORNIA AMERICAN Water has spent as much as \$45 million on environmental studies, permit applications, legal fees and other costs for two projects that never produced any water and will spend another \$12 million in “wrap-up” costs over the next three years related to the failed regional project, according to the company.

The money was spent by Cal Am trying to build the Coastal Water Project — a desalination project in Moss Landing that never took off — and the Regional Desalination Project, which the company bowed out of in January.

Some of the costs, which are being handed to ratepayers, are outlined in documents Cal Am filed with the

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Fraudster wanted on \$500K in warrants extradited, indicted

■ CPD gets victims’ money back

By MARY SCHLEY

A CONMAN accused of stealing tens of thousands of dollars from Peninsula residents by convincing them to invest in his gold and silver mines — and then fleeing to Mexico when he was expected in court — was extradited in April and indicted last week by a federal grand jury, according to Carmel Police detective Rachelle Lightfoot.

Daniel Chartraw, 39, is facing 18 counts of wire fraud for a series of schemes in which he bilked investors on the Peninsula and elsewhere out of \$2.4 million between Jan. 1, 2007, and Nov. 30, 2011, U.S. Attorney Benjamin Wagner reported May 17, the day Chartraw was indicted. During that time, he obtained loans, investments and other funds by claiming he owned mines and minerals, or that he had a \$100 million certificate of deposit that would generate revenue for his partners.

Lightfoot first encountered Chartraw in August 2010, after an elderly Carmel woman notified CPD she had

Potter facing strong challenge in June primary

By KELLY NIX

AFTER THREE elections when he was virtually unopposed, Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter may be in for the political fight of his life as he seeks a fifth term.

Looking back on his time on the board, Potter cites a long list of accomplishments, including building the gridlock-busting climbing lane on Highway 1, helping save county hospital Natividad Medical Center from economic collapse and helping balance the county budget.

He also says he’s been a big advocate for Big Sur residents, supported a community wildfire protection plan, pushed for much-needed road improvements on Carmel Valley Road and fought to keep the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office Peninsula substation open.

First elected in November 1996 by a 55-percent-to-45-percent margin over Jeff Davi, Potter has retained his seat every four years by eliminating all challengers in the June primary. But this year, Potter, 62, is facing a credible reelection threat from Marc Del Piero, 59, an attorney who has the surprising backing of some prominent local environmental-



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Supervisor Dave Potter (center) at Cantinetta Luca restaurant Wednesday with two of his key supporters: Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett (left) and businessman Denny LeVett



Daniel Chartraw

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Watch Dog

WHEN ALPHONSE was born, he could fit inside his person's cupped hands. Eight years later, at only 8 pounds, his name is still bigger than he is. Yet in his Carmel home, the toy poodle is the biggest presence in the place. His person is a hypnotherapist, but she believes Alphie is the mind reader. He likes to sit silently on the back of an overstuffed chair right there in the office when she is working with a client, yet seems to know when the discussion is getting too personal; without command, he stands up and slips out of the room.

"Alphie always anticipates my next move," she says. "When it's time for me to go out, he runs to his crate and sits, waiting for me to go the cabinet and fetch the treat meant to lure him to his bed. Basically he accompanies me through my day; up the stairs, over to my office, into the kitchen, out for walk. He is content, spending his day sitting nearby while I get things done. Alphie is a watcher."

Once in awhile, Alphie lets out a little bark, but only if he has a complaint, and he's usually too content for that. Although not overly social, he is pleasant with people, particularly small children. He enjoys a stroll through Carmel-by-the-Sea, mostly for the attention from passersby, since he prefers to eat only at home and thus rejects all offers of treats.

Recently, Alphie's person had her two office chairs reupholstered, with a special slipcover made for the chair where Alphie has sat, day in and day out, for years, watching while she works. He took one look at the new sheath, and took up residence on the chair across the room. He may not say much, but he gets his point across.



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Lots of competition for commission seats

By MARY SCHLEY

FOR YEARS, the city has struggled to draw candidates for some of its boards and commissions, but two vacancies on the planning commission are attracting a “great number” of applicants, Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett said this week.

Victoria Beach’s election to the city council April 10 created one vacancy on the planning commission, and when Steve Hillyard was appointed to the council May 8 to fill Burnett’s council seat, it created another.

Eight people — including several who sought election or appointment to the council this year — applied for the planning commission seats. Four candidates put their names in for a vacancy on the forest and beach commission, and four more applied to serve on the community activities and cultural commission.

“It’s an impressive group of people, and there are some really strong candidates,” Burnett said.

He and vice mayor Ken Talmage interviewed a number of them Tuesday and are set to talk to the rest next Tuesday. During a 20-minute meeting with Burnett and Talmage, each prospective member fielded a standard set of questions. While Burnett did not want to reveal the specifics, since some of the candidates have yet to be interviewed, he said they pertain to city issues and past experience, similar to those asked of prospective council appointees.

In a departure from past practice, Burnett plans to make his recommendations in advance of the June 5 council meeting so that council members and the public have time to evaluate them.

“In the past, the mayor’s recommendations came forth at the council meeting, and as a council member, I found that difficult, because it didn’t allow me to fully evaluate the candidate,” he explained. “So these will come out with the council packet before the meeting. You want these people to have the full backing of the council, so I think it’s important for them to see who has the recommendations.”

Planning commission

Applicants seeking appointment to the planning commission, which renders decisions on residential and commercial development, land use, zoning, master plans and citywide matters, include:

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

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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.

MONDAY, MAY 7

Big Sur: Near Molera beach, victim reported someone smashed out her window.

Carmel Valley: Prado del Sol resident stated he and his estranged wife were involved in a heated argument over money. During the argument, the victim's wife threw a soda bottle at him. Victim did not wish prosecution but only wanted the matter reported for documentation purposes.

Big Sur: Person reported someone slashed tires on several cars.

Carmel area: Suspect arrested for possess-

ing and selling marijuana on school grounds.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident of a moving vehicle with a parked one on Sixth Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check conducted on an elderly subject on San Carlos Street. Subject was safe and healthy.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on Junipero. One driver found to be unlicensed was cited at the scene.

Pacific Grove: A 22-year-old male suspect was contacted on Caledonia Street and found to be in possession of a hypodermic syringe. Suspect was arrested, booked and released on citation.

Pacific Grove: Suspect pulled victim down a flight of stairs by her hair at a Mermaid

Avenue residence. Victim possibly sustained a fractured arm. Suspect left prior to police arrival.

Pacific Grove: A 43-year-old male was arrested on Mermaid Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Report of suspicious vehicle on Timber Trail. Contacted sole occupant in driver's seat. Found to have two outstanding warrants. Unable to locate registered owner. Subject claimed owner went to Save Mart. Registered owner's mother was contacted by MCSO stated the subject was the car owner's boyfriend. The 25-year-old male was arrested and the vehicle towed.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject stopped on Mission Street and found to be driving on a suspended license.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A visiting citizen reported losing personal property somewhere on Carmel Beach and left his personal information in the event somebody located the property and turned it in to the Carmel Police Department.

Pacific Grove: Pacific Avenue resident reported someone stole her BBQ grill from her driveway sometime overnight. No evidence. No suspect info.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to a vandalism involving a street sign on Hillcrest Avenue. Woman advised a 13-year-old student who attends her school was shaking a stop sign, and it eventually fell. The stop sign was eventually replaced.

Pacific Grove: Suspect assaulted his girlfriend in front of his children. When the daughter tried to stop him, he pushed her to the ground and injured her knee. The 35-year-old male was arrested.

Pacific Grove: Subject came to the station to report losing a battery-powered model airplane on Sunday. They were flying the plane in the turnout area when they lost sight of it in the fog. They searched for several hours, but were unable to locate it.

Pebble Beach: Resident reported an e-mail scam. An e-mail that appeared to be from her was sent to everyone in her e-mail address book asking for funds to be sent in care of her to a Western Union office in the Philippines. The virus then deleted her entire address book. No suspects.

Carmel Valley: Woman reported the theft of two hubcaps from her vehicle while it was parked in the parking lot of her residence complex. This occurred between March 1 and April 28. Loss estimated at \$155. No suspect information.

Carmel Valley: Rancho Fiesta Road resident refused to let a process server leave his property until deputies arrived. He claimed that process server trespassed on his property. Case continues.

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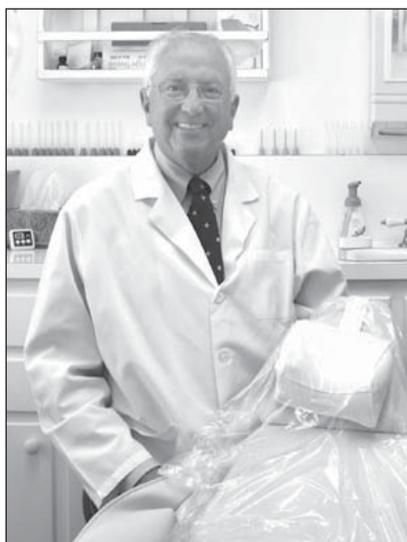


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Big Sur backcountry gets boost from wilderness alliance volunteers

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE VENTANA Wilderness hasn't had a ranger assigned to patrol its trails since 1988, but thanks to an innovative collaboration between a federal agency and a local nonprofit group, volunteers are now able to perform many of the same tasks.

After recently receiving training in first aid and other skills necessary for their job, 11 volunteers from the Ventana Wilderness Alliance are now serving as "wilderness stewards." In addition to hiking the many trails of the Big Sur backcountry, the volunteers perform light trail maintenance, collect trash, identify invasive plants and provide the public with a wealth of information about how to safely camp in a wild, natural place.

Steve Benoit, the VWA's lead steward, realized that such a program was necessary after visiting Sykes Camp on the Pine Ridge Trail in Big Sur about six years ago and seeing how littered the popular backcountry destination was.

"Sykes Camp gets a lot of novice hikers," Benoit explained. "The garbage really builds up there."

The volunteers are already hard at work cleaning up Sykes. "We jokingly call ourselves 'wilderness janitors,'" Benoit said.

"Our stewards have been collecting trash, but they can't get mules in there to haul it out because there are so many downed trees on the trail."

Many of the visitors to the Ventana Wilderness have little or no backpacking experience. In response, the volunteers hope to better educate them about the risks they face — as well as the impacts they have on the environment.

"Many of the hikers don't even know how to make a fire safely or go to the bathroom in a forest properly," Benoit explained. "There's nothing malicious going on. They just don't know better."

Forest service officials — facing budget constraints that make it impossible to hire rangers to patrol the backcountry — appreciate the help offered by volunteers. "We don't have the personnel to do the work," said Tom Murphey, assistant recreation officer for the Monterey District of the Los Padres National Forest. "These people have been great. They've been willing to step up and fill a need."

The wilderness steward program is funded in part by a grant from the National Forest Association. While the stewards are all volunteers, they are reimbursed for travel costs, food and equipment.

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STEINBECK COTTAGE FOR SALE IN P.G.

■ ‘Sea of Cortez’ written in the house

By KELLY NIX

A COTTAGE in Pacific Grove where celebrated author John Steinbeck penned portions of his novels, “Sea of Cortez” and “The Forgotten Village,” is up for grabs.

The one-story, two-bedroom, three-bathroom house at 425 Eardley Ave. that Steinbeck purchased in 1941, and where he lived briefly with Gwen Conger, who later became his second wife, is on the market for \$595,000. Christina Danley of Sotheby’s International has the listing.

Steinbeck and Conger lived there before the couple moved to New York City later that summer, according to historic reports.

Sitting on a 5,751-square-foot lot, the 1920s property fea-

tures two one-bedroom units, plus a studio — where it’s been said Steinbeck spent time writing the two books.

In an April 16, 1941, letter to his agent, Mavis McIntosh, Steinbeck mentions the P.G. home but acknowledges “he can’t remember the name of the street” it’s on. The letter was included in a book featuring Steinbeck’s letters.

“We’re selling the ranch,” Steinbeck wrote, referring to his property in Los Gatos. “I bought a small house and garden in Pacific Grove but you better write me c/o the lab for a while.”

In another note, Steinbeck indicates he “just went and looked” at the home and determined its address was 425 Eardley.

An April 28, 1995, letter from Adam Weiland from the Heritage Society of Pacific Grove to the city arguing the structures should be on the historic inventory list indicates the 425 Eardley house was constructed in 1913. It was updat-



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Author John Steinbeck used to live in this Wedgwood-blue house on Eardley Avenue in Pacific Grove. It’s now up for sale for \$595,000.

ed more than a decade later.

“It was remodeled and expanded to its current footprint in the summer of 1924,” Weiland wrote. “John Steinbeck purchased 425 Eardley in April 1941.”

Monterey couple Joe and Jean Howard purchased it in 1995 as an investment property before finding out it had been owned by Steinbeck. The home was later deemed a historic property by the City of Pacific Grove, limiting work that can be done to the house.

Before the Howards, John and Peter Monteforte lived there.

The Eardley home isn’t the only property in Pacific Grove with ties to Steinbeck.

He lived in a small summer home at 147 11th St. that was built by his father. It’s said that one of the pine trees in the yard was planted by Steinbeck when he was a boy. He later lived there with his wife, Carol.

The writer also spent time in a home at 222 Central Ave. that was owned by his maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Hamilton — who was also a character in Steinbeck’s “East of Eden.” In 1936, Steinbeck and his brother-in-law built a small workroom attached to the main house.

However, about a month ago, in the midst of a major remodel to the home, construction crews tore down the workroom and built a similar looking structure in its place.

That Central Avenue house for a long time also featured a decrepit gold-colored statue of Steinbeck — dubbed “The Colossus of Gold” — that was removed when crews began their work.

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SCAM

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invested money in his mines.

"He told her he had an investor who pulled out and that if she wanted to make a quick return, she had to get in now," Lightfoot said. The woman, whom Lightfoot would not

name, wrote a check. But 10 days came and went, and Chartraw told the woman he needed a little more time. By day 15, he had stopped returning her calls, so the resident went to the police for help.

"I called him, and he assured us it was all legit — he had a lawyer and other people who could vouch for him," Lightfoot said. Chartraw reportedly showed his victim brochures, maps of the mine, investment-related paperwork and a document listing him as 49 percent owner of the mine.

"When I looked into the validity of those documents, I could see they were fake," Lightfoot said.

She obtained a warrant to search the Pebble Beach home he was renting and discovered he'd used his victim's money for personal possessions. Lightfoot convinced him to pay her back, and he did, though she suspected he stole from someone else to do it.

Within a few days, another victim surfaced in Monterey, and Lightfoot took on that investigation, too.

"He called me, because he knew the victim in the Carmel case," she said. A few days before the Carmel woman had been tricked, he had given Chartraw \$45,000.

"I was able to get his money back, too, by calling and harassing Chartraw," who was out on bail, she said. Again, he paid up — and again, Lightfoot suspected he'd stolen the money to do it.

She located a third victim, a man visiting from New York.

"He had met Chartraw on the beach with his kids and his dog, and they started talking," Lightfoot said. By the time Chartraw was through working his charms, the New Yorker had given him \$60,000, according to Lightfoot, who said she managed to recover that money, too.

"I knew him so well, and I knew how he operated," Lightfoot said. "We had a weird relationship — he would take my calls."

Far and wide

While investigating Chartraw, Lightfoot discovered he had racked up millions of dollars in civil judgments against him in El Dorado Hills, San Diego and Sacramento counties.

"He owed a lot of money," she said, with judgments against him totaling \$4.5 million.

She then got the FBI involved by telling an associate about the case.

"He said he would listen to it, because I was so passionate about it," she said. "He read it and got as passionate about it as I did."

They were working together collecting evidence about six months ago when Chartraw failed to appear in Monterey County Superior Court on charges of grand theft, embezzlement and corporal injury on a spouse, according to the U.S.

Attorney's Office. He disappeared with \$500,000 in outstanding warrants.

It turned out he had fled to Cabo San Lucas and was engaging in similar schemes there. A potential dupe Googled Chartraw's mine and came across Lightfoot's name. It also revealed the man in Mexico who was claiming to be James Murphy was in fact Daniel Chartraw.

"So, they called me, and we sent a photo," which positively identified the Cabo man as their wanted fugitive. Chartraw was located April 12, and FBI officials arranged for his extradition to the United States, where he was arrested by federal agents April 20.

He was indicted May 17 and set to be arraigned by a federal magistrate this week.

If convicted, Chartraw faces a maximum statutory penalty of 20 years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, as well as a \$250,000 fine for each count.

PARKING

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narrower today than it was a week ago.

Before shoring up the sand that supports the parking lot and restroom, public works used bulldozers May 18 to close off the lagoon. The agency received a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to do the work.

"The water level in the lagoon was down to four feet, and the river had slowed down to where we had to close it," public works maintenance supervisor Shawn Atkins explained.

Atkins said his agency's aim is to create an 11-foot "sand plug" in the channel that would allow the water level in the lagoon to rise to about 10 feet above sea level.

In addition to shoring up the parking lot and closing the sandbar, public works is also eliminating a sand ramp off Scenic Road that was built to provide beach access after the parking lot was closed. The sand that was used to create the ramp will be returned to the bluffs that support Scenic Road.

Barrier on its way

Meanwhile, preliminary studies are under way to build a vinyl protective barrier along the northern edge of the lagoon so it can rise high enough in the winter to protect the Carmel River's population of steelhead trout without flooding the adjacent, low-lying neighborhood. The barrier is expected to cost about \$1.3 million to build and could extend for as long as 3,000 feet. The bluffs holding up Scenic Road will also be reinforced. Atkins said the project are expected to take about five years to finish.

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Council labors through \$13.4M spending plan

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council met for four-and-a-half hours last Thursday night during its first of several discussions of the 2012/2013 budget. No decisions were made, and the mayor and council were set to continue talking about the \$13.4 million spending plan again this Thursday, according to city administrator Jason Stilwell.

Future meetings are set for June 12 and June 19, if approval takes that long. By law, the council must adopt the budget by the end of the current fiscal year June 30.

The proposed spending plan relies on sales tax, hotel tax and property tax for 85 percent of its revenues but would also require taking \$630,000 from reserves in order to balance.

"We all recognize that is not sustainable," observed councilman Ken Talmage, who has regularly objected to deficit spending in order to balance the budget.

"I would not be comfortable passing a budget that draws this much from reserves if we were not taking steps at the same time to address the longer-term deficit," Mayor Jason Burnett commented.

With revenues growing 2 percent to 3 percent, the gap between income and expenses will range from \$500,000 in 2013/2014 to \$1.4 million in 2016/2017, Stilwell has estimated.

While closing the gap includes cutting expenses, Burnett said he also wants the council to decide soon whether to put a tax measure on the November ballot. Voters could be asked to approve increases in sales tax, hotel tax or property tax.

"The plan would be to pass the budget June 12 and at the same time make a decision on revenue," he said.

On the cost side, the most expensive departments are police (\$3.35 million) fire (\$1.85 million) and public works (\$1.17 million). Public safety in general consumes 45 percent of the budget.

Stilwell described the spending plan as "status quo."

Representatives of outside groups also sought funding. According to the report presented by Stilwell, requests came in from Carmel High School Sober Grad Night, Community Human Services and United Way for Monterey County.

Proponents of Sunset Center spent about 45 minutes pleading with the council to maintain its subsidy at \$650,000 for 2012/2013, rather than dropping it to \$590,000, as proposed in the budget. They successfully made the same entreaty last year.

Dave Parker, Sunset Cultural Center board chairman, commiserated with the city regarding its budget and the economy but said the taxpayer-funded grant has decreased over time, just as the center's costs have been increasing.

"We are a group that does have positive economic impact on the city," he added.

"As the stewards of what I think is your greatest jewel, we believe a sustaining level at \$650,000 is in your best interest as well as in our best interest," said board member Sally Reed, retired Monterey County administrative officer. Cutting the subsidy could cause the center to "spiral downward" in its consistency of staff, ticketing and other aspects of running a venue, threatening its ever-improving reputation.

"It is a risk," she cautioned.

Council members also discussed funding needs of public safety, city hall and other programs, like the free MST trolley that has carried visitors and locals around town during peak tourist months, and job positions that are not funded in the proposed budget.

RACISM

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she could appeal the building department's ruling, according to Redding's suit, which she filed herself.

Redding "was unable to move forward with the project, and the building was put up for lease," she alleges. She "lost her dream of opening a chocolate shop and all the money she invested in the project."

Though Redding doesn't mention in the suit when she tried to open the shop, in 2010 Happy Girl Kitchen opened for business. The business before Happy Girl Kitchen was Central Avenue Bakery.

Redding believes the city was mismanaging the water credits and not fairly giving the credits to those who needed them.

She also alleges the city was grossly negligent.

Pacific Grove "had a right to tell the public how much water is available for a project when a party inquires about a building," according to her suit. "A party shouldn't have to start a project only to find out it can't be completed."

City attorney Dave Laredo was on vacation, and city manager Tom Frutchey couldn't be reached for comment late Thursday.

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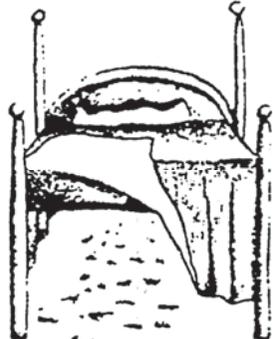
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Our website: www.allsaintscarmel.org lists the nearly 100 businesses and individuals who contributed to our silent and live auction. We more than achieved our financial goal and our larger purpose of bringing together our community to help with hunger relief in this area.

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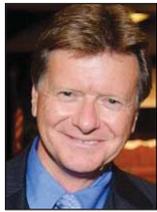
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CHAIR MESSAGE



Doug Lumsden,
2012 Board Chair,
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Doug Lumsden is the owner and operator of Monterey Movie Tours.

BUSINESS MIXER

What: Non-Profit Showcase
Where: The Barnyard Shopping Village
Near Hwy. 1 and Carmel Valley Road
When: Wednesday, June 13
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Cost: \$10 members, \$20 non-members

Carmel and Carmel Valley Chambers of Commerce are partnering with The Barnyard and Santa Barbara Bank & Trust to present a Nonprofit Showcase for local residents to learn more about the services that are available to them on the Monterey Peninsula. The showcase provides an opportunity for nonprofit organizations to both recruit volunteers and provide assistance to residents. Organizations will be joined by local restaurants and wineries and be accompanied by live entertainment. Nonprofit registration for a table at this event is \$25 for chamber members, \$50 for non-chamber members.



Carmel and Monterey Peninsula Chambers of Commerce hosted a mixer sponsored by Otto Construction at Pacific Repertory Theatre's Golden Bough Theatre. Pictured are: (L-R) Bob Mulford, Pac Rep Board of Directors President, Jody Hansen, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, Monta Potter, Carmel Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer, Paula Hazdovac, Carmel-by-the-Sea City Council Member, Richard McCann, RFM Architects, Stephen Moorer, Pac Rep Founder & Executive Director, Matt Bouquet, Otto Construction, Doug Lumsden, Monterey Movie Tours and Carmel Chamber Board Chair, Bret Silvestri, Otto Construction and Jason Burnett, Carmel-by-the-Sea Mayor. Photo by DMT Imaging.

RIBBON CUTTINGS

Where: Trió Carmel
Dolores between Ocean & 7th
When: Friday, June 22
Time: 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Cost: FREE

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Where: Carmel Chamber of Commerce Visitor Information Center
San Carlos btwn. 5th & 6th
When: Friday, June 8
Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Cost: FREE

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Celebrating 35 years of chamber membership for Sea View Inn are: (L-R) Margo Thomas and Tracy Hydorn.



Celebrating 30 years of chamber membership are: (L-R) Lisa Sorensen of Ventana Inn & Spa, Maggie Cervantes of Comerica Bank, Stephanie and Charles Chrietberg and Michael Adamson of Monterey County Bank.



Celebrating 25 years of chamber membership are: (L-R) Michele Guastello of Sotheby's International Realty and Bert Aronson of Keller Williams Realty.



Celebrating 20 years of chamber membership is: Jill Russell of TPO Human Resource Management (center), shown with John Lloyd, Carmel Chamber Past Chair and Monta Potter, Carmel Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer.



Celebrating 15 years of chamber membership are: (L-R) Evan Oakes of Ag Venture Tours & Consulting, Suzanne Gravelle of Carmel Area Reservation Service and Tim Duncan of American Red Cross, Monterey Bay Chapter.



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Norm Mowery of Church of the Wayfarer is congratulated for receiving the Carmel Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year Award. Shown are (L-R) John Lloyd of the Pine Inn and Tally Ho Inn, Norm Mowery and Monta Potter, Carmel Chamber CEO.



2011 Visitor Center Volunteer of the Year Sam Crino (L) congratulated **2012 Visitor Center Volunteer of the Year Sona Dennis (R).**



Sandra Pepe (L) of Vesuvio, Little Napoli and Vino Napoli was awarded Ambassador of the Year and is shown with Ambassador Committee Co-Chair Norm Mowery.

Thank you for your participation in the 2012 Membership Luncheon!

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Mayor Sue McCloud was presented with The Spirit of the Chamber Award. Congratulating Mayor McCloud are past chairs of the Carmel Chamber Board of Directors (L-R): Thompson Lange, Mayor Sue McCloud, Tom Williams, David Sandys, Michael Adamson and John Lloyd.

CANDIDATES

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■ Ronald Adams, a retired Monterey County building inspector whose father was building and planning director for Carmel in the 1950s and 1960s. "I am interested in preserving the size and character of the city I grew up in," he wrote on his application.

■ Donald Goodhue, a retired architect who practiced on the Monterey Peninsula for 40 years as founder of HGHB and was an advisor to Pebble Beach's architectural review committee for 25 years. His firm's projects included the conversion of a former

bank into the Park Branch of Harrison Memorial Library and the master plans for High Meadows, Quail Lodge, Skyline Forest and Aguajito Oaks. Goodhue said he believes he "can make a contribution to preserving Carmel's character in both design and planning issues."

■ Carolyn Hardy, a retired interior designer and member of the Carmel Residents Association who said her experience with boards and commissions has yielded valuable leadership skills and understanding of the process. "I believe the character of Carmel is preserved through the detailed work of the planning commission, and I would welcome the opportunity as a

planning commissioner to be a dedicated advocate for our special environment," she wrote.

■ Gail Lehman, an abstract artist who owns Gail Lehman Fine Art and is also owner, designer and project manager for The Golden Mean, LLC, which has overseen the design and construction of 35 homes, including many in Carmel. "As a design professional, I believe that I can bring a fair, informed opinion to the position," she wrote.

■ Michael LePage, a general contractor who served on the now defunct design review board for eight years, narrowly lost the 2008 city council race to Talmage and was considered one of the top three candidates for appointment to the council. "I was previously on the DRB and would like to continue working for the city in that context," he wrote. LePage is also a member of the CRA.

■ Tom Leverone, a physician and designer-fabricator-restorer who serves on the forest and beach commission and was the third-place finisher in April's city council race. He also sought appointment to the council. "I have a great desire to continue to be involved in preserving the residential nature of Carmel and in improving the city any way I can," he wrote.

■ Jonathan Sapp, who served on the DRB for 19 months and works as a "real estate development acquisition consultant and broker." "I am confident that my more than 30 years of experience in real estate and planning throughout the state of California can bring a wide perspective to assist the city in planning for its future," he wrote, adding that his time on the DRB provided him a lot of opportunity to practice "keeping Carmel."

■ Carrie Theis, Hofsas House hotel general manager and co-owner who was one of the two finalists selected for appointment to the council. "I understand the importance of maintaining the character of Carmel which makes living here so special," she wrote. "I would enjoy learning more about the city and land use code, and I think it is important to have someone from the business community be a part of the planning commission."

daily and walks the city.

■ Raymond Davi, an organizational development and management consultant who is vice president of the board of the Friends of Carmel Forest. "I am interested overall in protecting, enhancing and conserving the natural resources of our village," he wrote.

■ Mark d'Oliveira, who works as a "client partner" for Verizon Business and has coordinated the CRA beach cleanup for the past four years. "I would like to contribute where I can to preserving, protecting and enhancing these wonderful resources so that they can be enjoyed by all for generations to come," he wrote.

■ Karen Ferlito, a salesperson for Carmel Bay Co. who served two four-year terms on the forest and beach commission in the 1990s, helping to develop management plans for Mission Trail park, the forest and the beach. "There is still much to do to see that these plans are fully implemented," she wrote, before going on to describe several problems related to the city's forest and open space, from illegal topping of trees, to neglect of city parks and charcoal on the beach.

Community activities and cultural commission

Those interested in serving on the CACC, which weighs in on event permits and oversees the use of public facilities, include:

■ Kristy Downing, a financial advisor and CRA member who also applied for appointment to the city council. She suggested revitalizing the business district in the wake of a prolonged recession could be achieved by developing and promoting "community activities that engage the residents and ideally also involve and attract visitors." She said her experience in charitable event planning, fundraising and volunteering, as well as her enjoyment of working with a group, would make her a good fit for the commission.

■ Tom Parks, a writer, director and producer who said he wants to serve on the commission because of "a long and abiding interest and involvement in the arts."

■ Tritia Pocci, whose profession is "project development and administration/marketing strategy and media production." "I am interested in contributing my skill set and experience to the Carmel Community Activities and Cultural Commission to explore and implement contemporary and innovative ways to enhance the heritage of our area," she wrote.

■ JoAnna Tupman, a retired realtor who said her reason for wanting to serve on the activities and cultural commission is that she loves the city, music and comedy.

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Forest and beach

The four candidates for appointment to the forest and beach commission, which handles tree-removal permits, landscape plans and related citywide matters, are:

■ Kathy Bang, a retired healthcare executive who was most recently CEO of Northwestern Memorial Healthcare in Chicago, Ill. She said she is interested in serving on the commission because she loves Carmel, is "concerned about both the urban forest and the beach," and visits the beach

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POTTER

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ists — including some who used to back Potter. Pacific Grove Mayor Carmelita Garcia is also running for the county seat.

Potter, though, said he's proud of his record and that if voters reelect him, he will continue to work on issues challenging the 5th District, an area that includes Carmel, Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove, Big Sur and Monterey.

"I think I've represented the district very well, whether it's environmentally, from a public safety standpoint or from a servicing standpoint," he told The Pine Cone. "I think our office is extremely in touch with the wishes and the desires of the district and the residents."

Apart from his considerable understanding of Peninsula politics, Potter also has a long list of endorsements ranging from law enforcement and hospitality interests to the Monterey County Democratic Central Committee. He's also got the backing of U.S. Rep. Sam Farr, former Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud, Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett and numerous other Monterey Peninsula community leaders.

"I'm supporting Dave Potter because over his 16 years he has served our community well — a community with incredibly diverse interests," said Burnett who, with wife, Mel, and city councilman Ken Talmage, hosted a reception for Potter at Carmel restaurant Cantinetta Luca Wednesday. "Given the range and complexity of issues Dave has faced over his time, it is notable how often most of us agree with him."

However, Potter has also faced criticism for what some

say is his less-than-stellar environmental record, including his decision last year to back the Whispering Oaks Business Park at Fort Ord before changing course and voting against the project in February.

Potter admits his vote for Whispering Oaks was a blunder, but said it was one of roughly 1,400 wide-ranging good decisions he and other supervisors make each year.

"At the time, it seemed like the right decision," he said. "But after hearing the outcry ... [I realized] I made a mistake."

He has also been named as a defendant in a lawsuit by former Monterey County water director Steve Collins claiming Potter and other supervisors encouraged him to work as a paid consultant for a proposed desal plant while serving as a county official [see story page 1]. Collins is facing criminal charges in the case.

Potter brushed off Del Piero's vague assertions about "backroom deals" and the contention that the board of supervisors hasn't been "transparent."

"What you see is what you get with me," Potter said. "I don't have any hidden agenda. I'm consistent because I tell the truth."

Though Del Piero has garnered the support of the local Green Party branch and people such as Mike DeLapa, co-founder of slow-growth group LandWatch, Potter cites Del Piero's record when he served as a county supervisor from 1981 to 1992 — such as his, "Yes," votes for Las Palmas housing development near Salinas, Carmel Valley Ranch and the Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach.

"If people look at Marc Del Piero's record — both at the state and local level — they will realize he is not what he

appears to be," Potter said. "He's actually a wolf in sheep's clothing."

In terms of the Peninsula's decades-old water supply problems, Potter said California American Water's new Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project — which calls for a desal plant in Marina and groundwater replenishment component — is the most realistic solution.

"Is it perfect the way it is? No," Potter said, adding the project needs more public oversight. "But we can modify it."

Garcia offered support for developer Nader Agha's proposed desal plant when she voted for P.G. to be the lead agency on the project while Del Piero hasn't publicly committed to any specific plan.

Potter has also been bashed for sitting on so many agencies — 18 in all — and chairing eight of them, including the Fort Ord Reuse Authority and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

He said it's his knowledge of local issues and leadership that have put him in those seats. "I would say I'm effective, otherwise I wouldn't be on them," Potter said.

If he's reelected, Potter said there are many issues he wants to continue working on, including the widening of Highway 156 between Castroville and Prunedale, the extension of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, which sunsets in 2014, and the pursuit of a second climbing lane on Highway 1 from Rio Road to Carmel Valley Road.

If one candidate gets more than 50 percent of the vote in the June 5 primary, the election is over. Otherwise, the top two finishers move on to the November general election.

"A change on the board right now would not be a good idea," Potter said.

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Vivian Cornwall

September 26, 1925 - May 22, 2012

CARMEL, CA - Carmel artist, Vivian Cornwall, passed away at her home with her family at her side on May 22, 2012. Born on September 26, 1925 in Dallas, Texas, she was the second of five children born to Charles Little and Daisy Little of Dallas, Texas.

Following her high school years in Grand Prairie, Texas, she married Edmund Cotters of Yonkers, New York. At the end of WWII, the couple relocated to Grass Valley, California and later moved to the Sacramento area where Vivian began her career as a business woman owning and operating four hair fashion salons.

In 1972 Vivian married Ken Cornwall of Reno, Nevada, retired from her business and moved to Carmel, California. Vivian began her long-awaited chance to begin an art career. She studied with many notable "Early California" watercolorists and later with internationally known oil painters. Painting en plein air (on location) was her forte and Vivian could often be seen painting at her easel on the side of the road capturing the beauty found in Monterey County. An avid traveler, Vivian painted and studied art across the U.S. and in Europe.

Vivian held memberships in Oil Painters of America and the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters. Her works of art have been presented in many exhibits and galleries in California. As an active member of Venture Gallery in Monterey, Calif., Vivian served both as a board member and gifted displaying artist.

Vivian also served as a design consultant and made lasting changes in renovations and interior design for both Alta Sierra Country Club, Grass Valley, California and Hacienda Carmel, in Carmel, California.

Preceded in death: parents Charles Little, Daisy Little; husband Edmund Cotters, husband Kenneth Cornwall; brothers Charles Little, Thomas Little and Ed Little. Vivian is survived by daughter Myra Knapp and husband Tim of Seguin, Texas; son Larry Cotters and wife Dianna, of Boise, Idaho; brother George Little and wife Trudy of Gainesville, Florida; step-son Roger Cornwall and wife Elizabeth of Alamo, Calif., step-son Gary Cornwall and wife Bonnie of Reno, Nevada; Grandchildren: Shelly Moore, Kurt Cotters, Emily Cornwall, Chelsey Cornwall, Rachel Cornwall, Ashley Cornwall and Kenneth Cornwall. Great-grandchildren are Nicholas Moore and Miranda (Andi) Moore, and three nieces and three nephews.

A reception honoring Vivian Cornwall will take place at Hacienda Carmel, Carmel, Calif. (931 624-8261) from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 27, 2012. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in Vivian's name to Hospice of the Central Coast, 2 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Professional Center Suite D210, Monterey, CA 93940 or a charity of their choice.

Water district budget calls for \$6 million more than last fiscal year

Budget assumes user fee will stand

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY Peninsula Water Management District unveiled its \$14 million 2012/2013 budget Monday — a budget which is up almost 70 percent from last year and which depends on big reimbursements from California American Water and the adoption of a user fee the water district says is the only way to pay for future water supply projects.

The water district's budget calls for spending \$6 million more than last year. Most of the extra funds will be spent on expanded water supply storage facilities and a plan to turn wastewater into drinking water — projects essential in supplying the Peninsula with water, the district contends.

"Most of that [\$6 million] is reimbursements we will get from Cal Am and through grants," water district spokeswoman Rachel Martinez told The Pine Cone. "If you take that out, our actual budget hasn't changed very much."

More than 50 percent of the district's \$14,162,200 budget, presented to board members Monday night, will be reimbursed by Cal Am, grants and other agencies.

The 2012/2013 budget relies on the adoption of a user fee the district wants to charge water customers that would generate about \$3.8 million per year. The proceeds from the fee would directly pay for the water projects, according to the water district.

Although Martinez said the district did not draw up a "parallel" budget in the event user fee isn't adopted or is delayed by litigation, she said the district warned board mem-

bers to be prepared in case the fee can't be collected.

"The board was advised that they should think about putting together a special committee on how to cut costs further if it doesn't pass," she said.

The fee will automatically take effect unless half the property owners within Cal Am's service area protest the charge in writing by June 12 — an unlikely occurrence.

The Monterey County Association of Realtors, which has taken the lead in opposing the proposed fee, has threatened to file suit over the charge, which it insists is a tax and should be put before voters.

Attorneys for the realtors' group last week issued a public records request from the district asking for all documents related to the user fee.

The budget outlines other large water district expenditures, including \$150,000 for the Sleepy Hollow fish rearing facility and other steelhead fish rescue activities in Carmel Valley; \$66,400 for riparian and erosion control on the river; \$475,000 for landscape irrigation audits related to water conservation; \$150,000 for a school retrofit grant program, and \$835,000 for water conservation rebates. Legal expenses for the district will cost about \$400,000, a reduction of \$50,000 from last fiscal year.

The district's personnel expenses include \$2,177,300 for salaries for its 27 full-time employees, \$441,400 for retirement and \$535,300 to pay for employee insurance.

The budget also calls for \$52,500 for temporary workers and \$31,500 for workers compensation insurance.

Other water district expenses include \$37,000 in stipends for its seven board members; \$74,500 in data processing; \$19,700 in rent for the district's field office in Carmel Valley

and storage to hold records; \$17,800 in office supplies; \$33,200 in telephone charges; and \$61,500 in travel and transportation costs.

In terms of revenue, apart from the \$3.8 million the user fee will generate, the district expects to receive about \$5.5 million in reimbursements from Cal Am to pay for water projects and water conservation activities, more than \$1.5 million from Cal Am for Carmel River mitigation work and another nearly \$1.5 million in grant money to help pay for river work.

Property tax revenue is expected to bring in \$1.4 million, permit revenue is budgeted at \$231,000, and connection charges are estimated to generate \$175,000 — down from \$100,000 in the previous fiscal year.

The water board is expected to adopt the final version of the budget at the district's June 12 meeting.

COLLINS

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have "practiced rhetorical slander and defamation of character, [Collins] has been gathering evidence."

"I am very much looking forward to my day in court," Collins told The Pine Cone Wednesday. "There is a significant amount of evidence to support my position."

He said he filed the lawsuit pro se because "I have been so devastated by this process and my family has been so devastated personally that I had to file it this way."

Monterey County Counsel Charles McKee said the lawsuit is identical to Collins' original claim, except that each supervisor is now named. McKee also indicated that the county is prepared to defend itself against Collins' claims.

"There appear to be several legal and factual inaccuracies that will come to light fairly quickly in discovery," he said.

Collins filed his initial claim against the county in late September 2011, while he was still under investigation for receiving \$160,000 from RMC Water and Environment for his effort to help get the Regional Desalination Project off the ground when he was also serving on the Monterey County Water Resources Agency board of directors.

At the time, RMC was working with the Marina Coast Water District, which along with the county water agency was a partner in the desal project. RMC eventually won a \$28 million contract to manage the job.

Seeks punitive damages

In maintaining his innocence, Collins insists that county officials were aware of his side job with RMC, encouraged him to take it, helped set up the deal and ultimately lied publicly about their involvement when the potential conflict of interest was divulged in local newspapers.

"Supervisors [Dave] Potter and [Lou] Calcagno feared they would suffer adverse political consequences if they truthfully acknowledged their full knowledge, encouragement and involvement in my activities," Collins said.

Two months after Collins filed his claim against the county, the Monterey County District Attorney filed a multi-count indictment alleging conflict of interest and grand theft. A preliminary hearing on the criminal charges has been delayed, rescheduled to October.

A case management conference for Collins' civil action has been scheduled for Sept. 21. The lawsuit alleges the county caused "irreparable harm" to his reputation and "defamed his character," making it difficult for him to find work, and asks the court to compensate him for lost wages and earning capacity. The lawsuit also seeks \$25 million in punitive damages, which under state law are available in cases of "malice, oppression or fraud."

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COSTS

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California Public Utilities Commission in April related to its Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project, a new plan that includes a desal plant in Marina.

The tens of millions of dollars already spent by Cal Am for the two projects paid for a huge environmental impact report, engineering studies, consultants' analyses, legal fees, community outreach, a pilot desal plant and other expenses, according to Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Bowie.

And from 2013 to 2015, the water company will spend at least \$4 million per year in "wrap-up" costs.

"This is just to wrap up any outstanding issues with the partnership" with Marina Coast Water District, Bowie said.

Specifically, Cal Am would use the \$12 million to defend itself against any lawsuits filed by Marina Coast, which claims Cal Am did not have a right to break away from the estimated \$400 million project.

Cal Am's withdrawal from the project came after months of problems with the plan, including conflict-of-interest allegations involving a former county water board member and a dispute over water rights.

Before the regional project, Cal Am had proposed the Coastal Water Project in Moss Landing, which after years of planning was ultimately rejected for the environmental damage it would have caused to fish and other marine life.

Already paying

Monterey Peninsula water customers have paid for pre-construction costs for the two failed projects since 2007 through a 15 percent monthly surcharge on their water bills.

While Cal Am has asked the CPUC if it can continue to collect the fee, Bowie said the company will not seek another mechanism to collect from its customers. So far, the surcharge has allowed Cal Am to recover about \$14 million.

Though the amount of money spent on the failed projects is astounding — especial-

ly considering no water has been produced — Bowie said the costly environmental impact report drawn up for the old projects can be used for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project, which is expected to cost \$370 million.

However, if Cal Am has to pay for a brand new EIR — which some environmentalists have called for — it would cost customers many more millions of dollars and prevent the project from being built to meet a Dec. 31, 2016, deadline set by the state to find an alternative to pumping from the overdrafted

Carmel River, Cal Am has said.

The project includes a desalination plant in Marina, aquifer storage and recovery facilities and a project to turn wastewater into drinking water. Though a county ordinance requires desal plants to be publicly owned, privately held Cal Am is trying to have the law reversed.

Future pre-construction costs for the water supply project include a \$5 million test slant well, \$1 million for legal expenses, \$700,000 for consulting fees and \$30,000 for travel expenses, according to the documents.

Man learns Big Sur no place for climbing

A MAN suffered what was described by paramedics as a "moderate to major" head injury near Garrapata Beach in Big Sur May 20 when he fell about 60 feet.

"Apparently, he and some buddies were doing some rock climbing," said Jonathan Pangburn, a spokesman for Cal Fire.

The man, whose name was not released, was carried up to the highway by rescue workers and airlifted to the Regional Medical Center of San Jose by helicopter.

Pangburn wasn't sure precisely how the man was injured, but he warned the public

about the dangers of rock climbing at Garrapata Beach — and Big Sur in general — which is famous for its steep and unstable hillsides.

"Rock climbing is inherently dangerous wherever you are," Pangburn explained.

The incident occurred at about 6 p.m.

"Garrapata Beach is a particular location where people get into trouble," Pangburn said. "A lot of the rock there is loose shale and sandstone. Some places are safer than others — and this happens not to be one of them."

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'James and the Giant Peach' kicks off Forest Theater season

By CHRIS COUNTS

KICKING OFF the Forest Theater's 2012 season with a bang, an ambitious stage production of the popular children's story, "James and the Giant Peach," opens Friday, May 25.

Written by British author Roald Dahl, "James and the Giant Peach" tells the story of young boy with a rich imagination who enters a giant, magical peach, where he befriends a rag-tag band of anthropomorphic insects. Together, James and his new pals embark on a wild adventure that involves sharks, seagulls and magical ghost-like figures who lives in the clouds and control the weather.

"It's a wonderful story about how we can use our imaginations to overcome our problems," said **Rebecca Barrymore**, the Forest Theater Guild's executive director.

While Dahl's book is considered a classic, it has never been done as a full-blown musical production, Barrymore explained. "It's only been adapted for very small stages."

In contrast, the Forest Theater Guild is pulling out all the stops.

"We have an amazing set," Barrymore continued. "It's a really big production with an enormous amount of special effects. The costumes are just over the top."

"James and the Giant Peach," was adapted to the stage by **David Wood** and will be directed by **Nicole Bryant Stephens**, who is also the set designer. Sharing the role of James are **Alexandra Roden** and **Akasha Brow**. The cast also features **Keith Decker** as the narrator and "The Grasshopper," **Marjorie Lowry** as "Aunt Sponge," **Norma Barocio** as "Aunt Spiker," **Koly McBride** as "Lady Bird," and **Dustin Moore** as "The Glowworm."

"James and the Giant Peach" will continue Thursdays (8 p.m.), Fridays (8 p.m.), Saturdays (2 and 8 p.m.) and Sundays (2 p.m.) through June 17. Tickets are \$25 for general admission; \$20 for seniors, active military and teachers; and \$15 for children.

Matinee tickets are \$20 for adults and children. Kids under 4 get in free.

Also, the Forest Theater will host gala celebrations preceding

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A musical version of Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach" — which tells the story of young boy and his friendship with a colorful collection of insects — opens May 25 at the Forest Theater.

Funny name, great sound — 'Evangelicals' return to Fernwood

By CHRIS COUNTS

SERVING UP a delightful mix of Americana, swing, gospel, folk, alt-country and sugar sweet effervescence, **The Evangelicals** perform Saturday, May 26, at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.

"They're super fun," said Diane Ballantyne, Fernwood's general manager. "They get everyone up dancing."

Quirky, light-hearted and downright irresistible, The Evangelicals dig deep into the past for musical inspiration. Yet their sound is fresh, original and makes a perfect soundtrack for festive evening down the coast.

Describing themselves as "the jukebox at the Mad Hatter's tea party," the band was founded in Los Angeles nine years ago. Since then, they have released three recordings and gone through a variety of personnel changes.

When they perform at Fernwood, The Evangelicals lineup will feature **Juli Crockett** on guitar and vocals, **Lisa Dee** on percussion and vocals, **Michael Feldman** on keyboards, and for the moment, **Joey**

Maramba on bass. The band seems to have a devil of time employing bass players.

"With 'Spinal Tap,' it was drummers," reads a comment on the band's website. "With us, it's bass players. I don't know how to explain it. Eventually we'll find one that doesn't blow up, break down, leave town, change career paths or get driven insane by our relentless optimism."

The members of the band always look forward to performing in Big Sur.

"We love Fernwood and have played there a bunch of times," Crockett told The Pine Cone. "It's one of our favorite places. It's such an amazing location — it has a great vibe and everyone always has a really good time there."

For a sample of The Evangelicals' music, check out the YouTube video, "So Sweet."

The music starts at 9 p.m. and there's no cover. Fernwood is located on Highway 1 about 25 miles south of Carmel. Call (831) 667-2422 or visit www.fernwoodbigsur.com.

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Describing themselves as "the jukebox at the Mad Hatter's tea party," The Evangelicals take the stage May 26 at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.



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IF YOU'RE interested in donating a miniature piece of artwork for this year's fundraising "Tiny Treasures" exhibit at the nonprofit Pacific Grove Art Center, the deadline is Saturday, May 26.

Pieces can be no larger than 7 inches by 9 inches. They also must be ready to hang, with hooks or wires already attached.

The exhibit goes on display June 1. The miniatures will be on display until July 13. Until then, people will have an opportunity to buy \$5 raffle tickets and place as many as they like into the corresponding boxes below each piece of art. The art center will host a drawing July 12. The winners do not need to be present.

"The income the show generates will help us to continue to serve the community in our small way," said Jaqui Hope, executive director of the nonprofit gallery.

The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. Call (831) 375-2208 or visit www.pgartcenter.org.

Big Sur book sale offers bounty

THE BIG Sur public library hosts its annual fundraising Book and Bake Sale Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 26-28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Book lovers can wade through thousands of secondhand treasures, which will be displayed on tables outside the library. Proceeds from the book sale will support the library's efforts to expand its collection.

The bake sale will feature a mouth-watering selection of goodies donated by Big Sur businesses and library supporters. The money raised will go to the Big Sur Grange Hall.

"It's a really fun event and a wonderful way for people to discover books," said Peggy Goodale, president of Friends of the Big Sur Library.

The library — which is open Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. — is located next to Ripplewood Resort, about 25 miles south of Carmel.

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Revamping Marinus, remembering Andre, and celebrating

MARINUS RESTAURANT in **Bernardus Lodge** closed after dinner Saturday night for a lightning-quick overhaul and is set to reopen with a new look — and a new menu — in time for the Memorial Day holiday weekend, general manager Mike Oprish told The Pine Cone Monday.

“We’ve been talking about it and planning it since last November,” he said, but work didn’t begin in earnest until January. What began as a discussion of the need to replace chairs, carpeting and other basics in the upscale dining room, which had been unchanged since the lodge opened almost 13 years ago, evolved into a top-to-bottom remodel.

“We needed a strategic plan, as opposed to just freshening up,” Oprish said.

So he and chef Cal Stamenov tapped the talents of their longtime friend, professional designer Charlie Akwa, who has a firm in New York and specializes in restaurant remodels. (Stamenov met Akwa years ago, when she was a seafood purveyor.)

“We were all very clear that we weren’t going to create a New York City restaurant in Carmel Valley,” Oprish said. “Carmel Valley still had to be what the Bernardus experience is all about, and she was able to balance that very well.”

Painting was under way Monday, and materials and furnishings arrived last week. Carpet was being laid Wednesday. “It’s coming to fruition,” he said. “We’ve been talking about it, and now we’re seeing it.”

In addition to needing new everything, the restaurant needs to impart a new message, too. Being known as the best place to splurge is all well and good, but Oprish and others want Marinus (named for lodge and winery owner Bernardus Pon’s middle name) to draw more local and spontaneous business, too.

“We wanted to take the decor and make it more comfortable, more approachable, less formal — to lessen that effect and really have it be what it should be about, which is the food — Cal’s food,” he said. “And his food fundamentally isn’t changing, but we’re going away from the prix fixe menu back to a la carte, which can be more informal and more spontaneous.”

Customers can drop in for one or two courses, or eight or

10, he said, and the price points are dropping a little, too.

The menu will include Stamenov’s take on traditional dishes, as well as those that are seasonal in terms of produce and protein. Under the “Farmed & Foraged” section, “combining unique small family farms with regional wild plants and fungi,” Stamenov’s proposed menu includes dishes like avocado with wild watercress, shaved branch celery, vegetable chips, Meyer lemon confit and Australian finger lime; and caramelized onion and Swiss chard tortellini with green garlic, blonde morel mushrooms and grilled spring onion.

Under “Traditional” — “rediscovering classics now rooted in sustainable agriculture” — Stamenov lists crispy veal sweetbread salad with braised Swiss chard, pork trotter and applewood-smoked bacon vinaigrette; Wagyu beef short rib with slow-braised greens, roasted root vegetables and shallot sauce; and oak-grilled California Lamb rib eye with Moroccan spices, apricot cous cous and herb yogurt.

“Spring” — “celebrating the renewal of the garden and

the dedication of local fishermen” — is seafood-oriented, with items like Monterey Salad (Monterey Bay abalone, artichoke, anchovy, cured bay salmon belly, flageolet beans, fennel, radish vinaigrette and seaweed) and Pacific halibut with herb crust, pea shoots, peas, fava beans, wild onion and celery root sauce.

Pastry chef Ben Spungin’s gorgeous and delicious desserts will continue to impress, Oprish said, with a new twist in that boxes of his chocolates and caramels will be available for purchase.

“His painted chocolates are incredible,” Oprish observed, referring to Spungin’s signature truffles emblazoned with streaks of colorful, edible paints.

When Marinus reopens May 26, dinner will be available from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Bernardus is located at the intersection of Carmel Valley Road and Los Laureles Grade in Carmel Valley. www.bernardus.com

■ Farewell to Andre

Andre Lemaire, the Parisian who bought **Bouchée** restaurant in downtown Carmel from David Fink three years ago

and amassed a dedicated following of clients who appreciated his carefully prepared cuisine, passed away while visiting family in the south of France April 25. He was 67. A celebration of his life will be held at his restaurant, located on Mission Street south of Ocean Avenue, from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3, according to his widow, Elizabeth Lemaire.

“We’re going to be doing a little farewell at the restaurant for a few hours during the afternoon, when people can come in and say a little farewell, have a glass of wine, and talk to friends and customers and people who cared,” she said.

Andre undertook his schooling and culinary training in France, but he dreamed of coming to the United States and finally arrived here with his family when he was in his 40s.

“He was the biggest dreamer,” Elizabeth said.

At the time, Andre spoke virtually no English, so he attended school to learn the language of his new home. “He loved the challenge and was fascinated with the United States,” she explained. He opened a restaurant in the San Diego area in the 1990s, then sold it and moved to Las Vegas, but he couldn’t find a good fit there. One day, while perusing the paper, he discovered a help-wanted ad for a position in a

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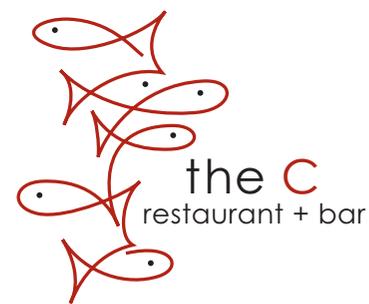
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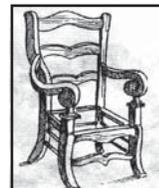
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THEATER

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both May 26 performances. The galas will feature food, wines from Galante Vineyards and entertainment for children. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for kids.

Up next for the Forest Theater Guild is a production of Edmond Rostand's "Cyrano de Bergerac," which opens at the Forest Theater June 29.

The Outdoor Forest Theater is located at Santa Rita and Mountain View. For tickets, call (831) 626-1681 or visit www.foresttheaterguild.org.

Films in the Forest

Also opening this week at the Forest Theater is a new independent film, "Playground of Dreams," which will be screened Tuesday, May 29. The event marks the debut of this summer's "Films in the Forest" series.

Written and directed by Shireen Daryadel, "Playground of Dreams" tells the story of a doctor who finds a mysterious book of matches that helps him to unravel "the intricate web-

bing of his past."

A reception and Q&A with Daryadel precedes the screening at 7:15 p.m.

The following evening, May 30, Forest Theater presents Steven Spielberg's "War Horse," which tells the story of a friendship between a horse and the young man who tames him, trains him, and subsequently loses him in the chaos of World War I.

Showtime is 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at www.foresttheaterguild.org.

'Fiddler on the Roof' and more

PacRep Theatre's "Fiddler on the Roof" will be staged Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 25-27, at the recently-renovated Golden Bough Theatre. Call (831) 622-0100 or visit www.pacrep.org. Ken Ludwig's "Fox on the Fairway," meanwhile, will be presented Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through June 3 at the Magic Circle Theatre in Carmel Valley Village. Call (831) 659-7500 or visit www.magiccircletheatre.com for details. And "My Mother's Keeper" will play Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Cherry Center for the Arts. Call (831) 624-7491 or visit www.ticketguys.com.

MUSIC

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Gypsy jazz in the village

Paying tribute to the gypsy jazz made famous in the 1930s by guitarist Django Reinhardt, **The Tree Top Flyers** play Saturday, May 26, at Plaza Linda restaurant in Carmel Valley Village.

With a lineup that includes **Ben Herod** (saxophone, flute and percussion), **Dave Holodiloff** (mandolin/guitar/vocals), and **John Klein** (bass), the Flyers' set list features a mix of American jazz favorites and Gypsy jazz classics.

"I love these guys," declared local music promoter Kiki Wow. "If you want some feel-good music, they deliver some pretty pleasant stuff. Talk about easy on the ears."

The show starts at 7 p.m. Also performing at Plaza Linda this weekend are singer-songwriter **Sally Barris** (Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m.) and classic rock cover band **Phoenix Rising** (Sunday, May 27, at 5 p.m.).

There's a \$10 cover. Plaza Linda is located — for at least another week — at 9 Del Fino Place. The restaurant will soon move into the former Volcano Grill at 27 Carmel Valley Road. Call (831) 659-4229 or visit www.plazalinda.com.

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FOOD

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French restaurant in a casino in Russia, so he left his family behind and went to spend a year there. He returned to the United States and opened a restaurant in Pittsburgh, Penn., where he met Elizabeth in late 1999. (Her family business was one of his suppliers.)

"We always dreamed about opening a restaurant together, but it was always the wrong place or too much money," she said. "It didn't happen overnight."

A decade later, they came to Carmel, which Andre loved for its European ambiance and beauty.

"We thought maybe we could find a little business here, and I went on the Internet and got in contact with a business broker for restaurants, and then we started looking at places," she recalled. Bouchée was a perfect fit, and Andre was immediately at home.

"His passion was his work; it came to him naturally," Elizabeth said. "He had intense focus and resilient strength, and he loved working in the kitchen. He had determination, dedication and brought perfection to his craft." But he was

humble and eschewed accolades from his fans.

Andre cooked alongside his son, Stephane, who oversees the kitchen now, still turning out dishes that are delicately seasoned and aesthetically pleasing.

(The lobster salad with artichoke and a hint of truffle oil is one to consider, as is the beef carpaccio, and the wine list includes several half bottles. Splurge on the Kosta Browne Pinot Noir. www.andresbouchee.com)

■ Kolbrener feted at lunch

The "Man Behind the Lens," photographer Bob Kolbrener, will meet and greet guests at the **Hyatt Carmel Highlands** Saturday, May 26, at noon. Fond of noting that "chance favors the prepared mind," Kolbrener has a talent for capturing dazzling moments with his camera, and the inn's lounge is hosting his latest exhibition, "Seeing the Sea."

As they sip Champagne, guests will be led on a walking tour of the show by Kolbrener before they sit down to a three-course lunch prepared by executive chef Matt Bolton.

A peek at the menu revealed roasted beet carpaccio with feta, olives, frisee and pickled ramp, accompanied by J Brut Rosé; Alaskan halibut with morel and fava bean, truffle

gnocchi, pea shoots and Chardonnay sauce, accompanied by 2009 Chalone Estate Chardonnay; and chocolate-buttermilk panna cotta with port-balsamic cherries, cherry "soup" and pistachio crisp, served with 2008 Olivares Monastrell Dulce.

The cost to attend is \$75 per person plus tax and gratuity, and reservations are required. Call (831) 622-5445.

■ National Wine Day!

May 25 is more than just the Friday of Memorial Day weekend — it's National Wine Day. Fortunately, several Monterey Peninsula venues are providing the means for celebrating such an important holiday.

At Terry Teplitzky's **Wild Thyme Deli and Café** at 445 Reservation Road in Marina, for example, all bottles of wine will be sold for half off between noon and 5 p.m.

In Carmel Valley Village, **Holman Ranch's** new tasting room at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road will offer free tastings between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Holman Ranch produces Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Rosé of Pinot Noir.

Finally, at the **Rio Grill** in the Crossroads, glasses and bottles of wine will be sold for half price, too.

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■ Playboys back in Big Sur

Taking an afternoon break from a three-day gig at the first Great Clam Chowder and Calamari Festival in Monterey, the **Cachagua Playboys** take the stage Sunday, May 27, at the Big Sur River Inn.

Featuring **Jay Burriss** on accordion, guitar and lead vocals; **Pat Clark** on fiddle, guitar and lead vocals; **Rick Chelew** on bass and vocals; and **John Tallon** on drums and vocals, the Playboys have been serving up a good-time mix of country, zydeco, reggae and vintage rock 'n' roll for nearly two decades.

The music starts at 12:30 p.m. and there's no cover. Call (831) 667-2700 or visit www.bigsurriverinn.com.

■ Jazz, new age and favorites

Big Sur jazz pianist **Dick Whittington** will be joined by bassist **Dan Robbins** Saturday, May 26, at Cypress Inn (Lincoln and Seventh). The duo will play favorites from The Great American Songbook. The show starts at 7 p.m., there's no cover, and your well behaved pet is always welcome. **Mark Owens**, meanwhile, plays new age guitar Friday, May 25, at Bistro 211 in the Crossroads shopping center. Call (831) 625-3030 for reservations.

And way down the coast, **Biscuits and Gracie** play "original works and ol' favorites" Monday, May 28, at Treebones resort in Big Sur. The performance is the latest installment in Treebones' "Sounds in the Round" series. Well known for its many yurts, the resort is located 65 miles south of Carmel. There's no cover, and the music begins at 6:30 p.m.

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Editorial

Private enterprise and the immigration dilemma

BURIED INSIDE Walter Isaacson's excellent biography of Steve Jobs is a political kernel that exemplifies everything that's wrong with our country's immigration policy. Meanwhile, a generation of entrepreneurs is stepping in to solve the problem, since the government won't.

According to Isaacson, who interviewed Jobs extensively before the Apple CEO died of cancer in October, at a dinner in early 2010 attended by Silicon Valley bigshots, President Barack Obama asked Jobs what it would take to have iPhones manufactured in the United States instead of China, where 700,000 people are employed making Apple products.

Jobs' answer spoke terabytes: This country can't supply nearly enough qualified engineers to operate the manufacturing facilities Apple needs. But he also had a suggestion to solve the problem — something the president could easily accomplish.

"Any foreign student who earns an engineering degree in the U.S. should be given a visa to stay in the country," Jobs offered.

Instead, under current law, while many of them would love to stay in California or Texas, when they get their Ph.Ds they are ordered to leave the United States, whereupon they return to their home countries and make life difficult for American workers by doing better work at lower wages.

Obama's response to the suggestion offered by Jobs was disheartening. According to Isaacson, the president said visa reform for Ph.Ds would have to wait until a way was also found to provide relief for illegal immigrants from Mexico.

In his State of the Union message in January, Obama appeared to change course, calling for Congress to offer green cards to students earning advanced degrees. But the Senate and House of Representatives have done nothing to comply, and the president seems to have dropped the subject. Meanwhile, the dearth of engineers in the U.S. has only gotten worse.

But just 20 miles or so from Silicon Valley, there's a place where foreign workers wouldn't need United States visas to take their places in the American economy. U.S. law only extends 12 miles out to sea, and two start-ups are proposing to build small floating cities just inside international waters which would serve as incubators for the efforts of high-tech geniuses who aren't considered worthy to live here. Instead, they would be just a ferry ride and a tourist visa away.

The two projects, an ambitious one put forth by the Seasteading Institute and a smaller one dubbed Blueseed, may sound harebrained, but they're backed by investors with unbeatable track records, such as PayPal founder Peter Thiel.

We hope at least one of the projects is successfully launched because it would help ensure the continued success of Silicon Valley. Also, it would dramatically highlight the idiotic state of our nation's immigration laws, which should provide for a source of inexpensive labor for a while discouraging lawbreaking,



One concept for an offshore, high-tech "incubator" where foreign workers wouldn't need U.S. visas.

and also let this country become what so many people around the world want it to be: A place where the best and the brightest are always welcome.

BEST of BATES



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Potter's record

Dear Editor,

What a nutty political season! Newt Gingrich was once the leading contender for president. Locally, a few environmentalists and the Monterey County Herald support Mark Del Piero for supervisor. Oversized Republican candidates must be in fashion.

Hushed up is the fact that Del Piero's party opposed all of the public officials (Fred Keeley, John Laird, Bill Monning and Sam Farr) that have protected our county from overdevelopment. And that Del Piero actively supported some of the largest, ugliest developments in the county.

Further, Del Piero, at best, hid for the past decade from the general plan debates in which developer interests attempted to turn the Peninsula into a cash cow. And his political cash mostly comes from reactionary

sources: those same people who opposed the general plan.

Supervisor Dave Potter carries no such baggage. He consistently has supported all of the outstanding environmental candidates that have represented our area. He was the only supervisor to stand up to the developers during the battle for the future of the Greater Monterey Peninsula. And he consistently has opposed outsized development projects on the Peninsula.

Political weight comes from action, not promises. Elect Dave Potter for Supervisor.

David Brown, Carmel Valley

'Beloved canines'

Dear Editor,

I am the owner of the yellow Lab rescue who was featured in the May 10 Sandy Claws.

Lisa Crawford Watson (the writer) and her husband (the photographer) succeeded in making me cry, and I already know the story! The article was so well written, so fluid and engaging that I have received letters from people who just knew it had to be us the article referred to.

One said, "No one I know has a dog 'Noodle' that would be described as divine except you." Another said, "No one else in the world would call their yellow Lab 'Butter Bean.'"

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them sincerely for briefly but exquisitely telling the story of our family as it relates to our beloved canines and photographing our new girl so beautifully, given all the beach distractions!

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And you thought Minnesota was the land of 10,000 lakes

I'VE FOUND a bunch of water that California might need.

Here in Phoenix, Ariz., big puddles of the stuff cover the sidewalks and fill the gutters after the daily drowning of neighborhood lawns.

Subdivisions here are developed around big human-engineered lakes so their inhabitants may take comfort in the delusion that they are near beautiful nature, and not in a depressing and colorless expanse of nothing.

beyond the realm

By JOE LIVERNOIS

Fountains abound all around town. Water flows over lava-rock waterfalls constructed in the best resorts, the middling resorts and even the worst resorts.

So, in addition to being among the least progressive cities in the nation, Phoenix has possession of so much water that it takes pride in leading the nation in per-capita ownership of cast-stone lawn sculptures of peeing nymphs.

Landing here this week from the Central Coast of California, one can't help but feel a giddiness that comes from discovering such

a water bonanza. It's like crawling through the sands of California's barren desert, only to discover the taunting mead of life burbling from the least likely hellhole on earth.

Over here, citizens aren't hectored by heathen bureaucrats and worried water managers who exist to make them feel like they've destroyed a community's future because they flushed twice.

I can't imagine the security that must come from living in a city with abundant water, as opposed to a community in which the last best hope for water Zen is a Rube Goldberg plan to purify brackish saltwater.

I can't imagine living in a city where no one seems to think twice about destroying rivers, streams and aquifers so that whole new suburbs can spring from sun-cracked soils with look-alike homes in which the only choice buyers have is the shape of their backyard pools: oblong, quadrangle or kidney.

If nature abhors a vacuum, Phoenix really ought to change its name to Hoover.

OK, this is all an outrageous rhetorical exaggeration, the rant of a mind fevered by the relentless heat and the swagger of hydrated natives with emerald lawns.

Phoenix isn't that bad. Phoenix is water-

aware. Phoenix cares about its most precious resource.

The city boasts that per-capita water use has actually been dropping — more than 20 percent during the past 20 years — even as the city has grown by almost half a million tortured souls (preferably not of the illegal variety, thank you).

Phoenix and its surrounding hellburbs have moved away from requiring water-guzzling greenbelts around new development, replacing them with natural desert-scapes composed of gnarly cacti and a variety of native scrub brush.

A recent water management plan prepared for the Phoenix region concluded that the area has sufficient water for the next 50 years, even as it continues to grow.

And civic leaders continue to remind citizens — in the breezy way that your waste-disposal purveyor might remind you that Christmas is a fine time to tip your garbage collector — that water conservation is always a swell idea.

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS OR CITATION
Petitioner: **Elda Montoya**
v. Respondent: **Jose S. Garcia**
CASE NUMBER: DR52544

Upon reading and filing evidence consisting of a declaration as provided in Section 415.50 CCP by **Elda Montoya** and it satisfactorily appearing therefrom that the defendant, respondent, or citee **Jose S. Garcia** cannot be served with reasonable diligence in any other manner specified in article 3, Chapter 4, Title 5 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and it also appearing from the verified complaint or petition that a good cause of action exists in this action in favor of the plaintiff, petitioner, or citee therein and against the defendant, respondent, or citee and that the said defendant, respondent, or citee is a necessary and proper party to the action or that the party to be served has or claims an interest in, real or personal property in this state that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Court or the relief demanded in the action consists wholly or in part in excluding such party from any interest in such property.

NOW, on motion of **Petitioner** Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff(s), or contestant(s), IT IS ORDERED that the service of said summons or citation in this action be made upon said defendant, respondent, or citee by publication thereof in Carmel Pine Cone a newspaper of general circulation published at Monterey, California, hereby designated as the newspaper most likely to give notice to said defendant; that said publication be made at least once a week for four successive weeks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of said summons or citation and of said complaint or petition in this action be forthwith deposited in the United States

Post Office, post-paid, directed to said defendant, respondent, or citee if his address is ascertained before expiration of the time prescribed for the publication of this summons or citation and a declaration of this mailing or of the fact that the address was not ascertained be filed at the expiration of the time prescribed for the publication.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
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Date Filed: April 4, 2012
(s) Heidi K. Whilden
Judge of the Superior Court
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M116894,
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, **MARTHA MACIEL**, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name:
ASHLEY GRANDADOS MACIEL
Proposed name:
ASHLEY MACIEL

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

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: May 18, 2012
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15

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

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

(s) THOMAS W. WILLS
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: April 2, 2012
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Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: At the Main Entrance to the County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$736,388.79 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 10 DE LOS HELECHOS Carmel Valley, CA 93924 APN Number: 189-331-009-000

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 5/2/2012 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee DEREK WEAR-RENEE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com THE FOLLOWING NOTICES APPLY TO PROPERTIES CONTAINING ONE TO FOUR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES ONLY. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to

Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, this information can be obtained from one of the following two companies: LPS Agency Sales & Posting at (714) 730-2727, or visit the Internet Web site www.lpsasap.com (Registration required to search for sale information) or Priority Posting & Publishing at (714) 573-1965 or visit the Internet Web site www.priorityposting.com (Click on the link for "Advanced Search" to search for sale information), using the Trustee Sale No. shown above. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. P946207 5/11, 5/18, 05/25/2012 Publication dates: May 11, 18, 25, 2012. (PC 519)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20120852
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

WSC, 3765 S. Higuera Street, Suite 102, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Water Systems Consulting, Inc, PO Box 4255, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403 - 4255

This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Water Systems Consulting, Inc S/ Jeffery Szytel, President/CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/23/2012.

STEPHEN L. VAGNINI, Monterey County Clerk

By: **Deputy**
NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Original Filing
5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8/12
CNS-2311495#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2012. (PC 520)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20120968
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

CMS Finance, 1610 Noche Buena Street, Seaside, CA 93955
Registrant(s) name and address:
Keystone America, Inc., 1929 Allen Parkway, Houston, TX 77019

This business is conducted by a corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ Janet S. Key

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/09/2012

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20120969
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

CMS Finance, 229 Reindollar Avenue, Suite F, Marina, CA 93933
Registrant(s) name and address:
Keystone America, Inc., 1929 Allen Parkway, Houston, TX 77019

This business is conducted by a corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ Janet S. Key
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/09/2012

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5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8/12
CNS-2314667#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2012. (PC 524)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20120970
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

CMS Finance, 390 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
Registrant(s) name and address:
Keystone America, Inc., 1929 Allen Parkway, Houston, TX 77019

This business is conducted by a corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ Janet S. Key
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/09/2012

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5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8/12
CNS-2314669#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2012. (PC 525)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JILL FRANCES DURWARD Case Number MP 20733

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JILL FRANCES DURWARD aka JILL F. DURWARD aka JILL DURWARD.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SCOTT BRADLEY DURWARD in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that SCOTT BRADLEY DURWARD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

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

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

Date: June 22, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Dept.: 16
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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

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

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

Petitioner:
Scott Bradley Durward
707 Crocker Avenue
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
(775) 846-9398
(s) Scott Bradley Durward
Petitioner.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 11, 2012.

Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 2012. (PC526)



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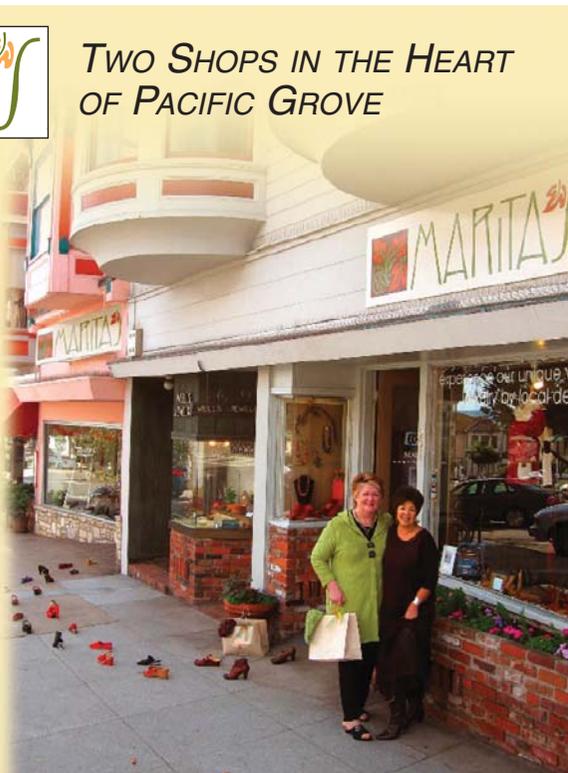
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CUSD may offer 'transitional kindergarten'

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

KIDS LIVING in the Carmel Unified School District who will celebrate their fifth birthdays in the month of November may have a special kindergarten program to attend — if the money to pay for it is included in California Gov. Jerry Brown's final budget.

According to Edmund Gross, director of curriculum and instruction, the district had hoped to create a transitional kindergarten program but set plans aside when the money

to do it was eliminated from the proposed state spending plan.

However, it "now may be brought back to life when the budget is approved this summer," he reported this month. "As such, Carmel Unified needs to know of any student who may qualify for this program."

Parents in the district with children who will turn 5 in November should contact one of CUSD's three elementary schools by May 30 so administrators can plan accordingly, Gross said. Captain Cooper School in Big Sur can be reached at (831) 667-2452, River School's kindergarten program at Carmelo is available by calling (831) 624-8047, and Tularcitos School's number is (831) 659-2276.

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Volunteers douse blaze

FIRE FIGHTERS QUICKLY put out a vegetation fire May 23 that started across Highway 1 from Big Sur Campground and Cabins just after sunset.

The Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade was first on scene. Accompanied by two fire engines and a water tender, 11 volunteers responded to the incident. U.S. Forest Service firefighters also helped extinguish the fire.

According to BSVFB chief Martha Karstens, the fire was doused after it burned a patch of vegetation that measured about 100 feet by 100 feet. "We believe that there was a limb that fell on an electrical line and somehow ignited the vegetation," Karstens explained.

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Sometimes talking back to the boss is a great career move

BUFFALO, N.Y., isn't the warmest place to grow up. So when Linda Tullett was tired of the snow, she moved out to California, where she'd visited and had friends. Her first job was working with juvenile delinquents; she lasted only six months. Then she worked with developmentally disabled adults. She loved the work but found it impossible to cover her bills working for a non-profit. She took her mother's advice to get a job in government. It was with the San Mateo County elections office.

When she was still "wet behind the ears" there, a local political icon walked into the office with an entourage of suits. He was ushered into Linda's office with one of his aides to register as a candidate for the next election. She pushed the forms across the table to him. He looked at them and pushed them back. What was the problem, she wanted to know. He told her that in the past, the elections officials would fill them out for him. She told him that's not the way she did things and pushed the papers back to him. He was not happy. He pushed them over to his aide, who hurriedly filled in the blanks.



Linda Tullett

Some time later, the icon came back to file his signatures. Linda started sorting the forms on the basis of those that were legitimate, and those that weren't because they had the signature gatherer's information typed in. He asked her why she was rejecting them. She pointed to the place on the form that directed the information be handwritten. The icon got angry and rude. She threw him out of her office. He went to her boss. Soon her boss came in and confronted her. She explained what had happened. It turned out that the icon was impressed by her. No one had stood up to him before.

After nine years, Linda moved up to the San Francisco elections office, and four years later, she came south to Monterey. She took over the office in 2007.

She loves her work and the people she works with. She pushes hard to get her constituents — those eligible to vote in Monterey County — interested and involved. Too many of

them, she says, vote only every four years. She tells them they shouldn't be surprised when things don't go the way they want on local issues.

Linda has launched a program to get young people interested in the elections process. It's called AIM to Vote! Or Art

Great Lives

By TONY SETON

Inspires Me to Vote. It's a poster contest for all residents from 14 to 22 to produce a powerful message to get people to register and vote. Details are at the elections office website (www.montereycountyelections.us).

Linda knew nothing about the politics when she started; she thought she would only be doing it for a couple of years.

"But it's exciting, because elections are never the same twice. And it changes every year with new laws." This year alone, there were 30 pieces of legislation — federal and state — that affected how elections are run.

There is also a lot of work most people aren't aware of. For instance, the 28 days between a statewide election day and when the totals have to be transmitted to Sacramento are very busy. It's a time when provisional ballots and write-ins are counted. Did you know that write-in votes only count if the person you're voting for has registered as a candidate? Otherwise you're just wasting the time of the people counting the ballots. Think about that when you are considering writing in a joke or a protest name.

For Linda Tullett, the office of the registrar of voters is about and for the voters. She keeps such a low profile that her name isn't even on the website. That doesn't mean she isn't accessible. Anyone can ask to speak with her. Plus she man-

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1. THE TACK BOX 2 EQUINE-AID
3706 The Barnyard Suite G-11, Carmel, CA 93923, Monterey County, VIRGINIA CONNELLY, 26437 RIVERSIDE WAY, CARMEL, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: May 5, 2012. (s) Virginia Connelly. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 10, 2012. Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2012. (PC 527)

Trustee Sale No. 746121CA Loan No. 3011292715 Title Order No. 110011627-CA-MAI **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/5/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On 6/8/2012 at 10:00 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 10/18/2006, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 2006092232, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by: MARC A QUARLES AND, CLAUDIA PAUL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein after described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: At the Main Entrance to the County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$706,646.30 (estimated) Street address and other common des-

ignation of the real property: 833 2ND STREET, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 APN Number: 006-694-017-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 5/14/2012 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee DEREK WEAR-RENEE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com THE FOLLOWING NOTICES APPLY TO PROPERTIES CONTAINING ONE TO FOUR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES ONLY. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20120826

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
California Unique Plastering, P O Box 2769, Greenfield, CA 93927
44551 Teague Ave. Bldg. 1, King City, CA 93930; County of Monterey, Delfino Valencia Zapata, 44551 Teague Ave. Bldg. 1, King City, CA 93930 This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ Delfino Valencia Zapata
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey on April 20, 2012
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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CNS-2300343#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2012. (PC 529)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20120987. The following person(s) is(are) doing busi-

ness as: **D & S WHOLESALE FISH**, 25 Aliso Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924, Monterey County, DAVID J. DIGIROLEMO, 25 Aliso Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924, SCOTT D. KIRBY, 430 Hilby Ave. #B, Seaside, CA 93955. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: May 1, 2012. (s) David J. DiGirolemo, Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 14, 2012. Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2012. (PC 530)

Trustee Sale No. 751290CA Loan No. 3011236928 Title Order No. 110362342-CA-MAI **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/6/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On 6/15/2012 at 10:00 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 10/20/2006, Book NA, Page NA, Instrument 2006093092, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by: BRETT D SCOTT AN UNMARRIED MAN, VICKI R BERCHEM AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA., as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein after described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: At the Main Entrance to the County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$635,332.68 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 1204 LINCOLN AVE, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 APN Number: 007-572-033-000 The under-

signed Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 5/23/2012 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee Derek Wear-Renee, Assistant Secretary CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com THE FOLLOWING NOTICES APPLY TO PROPERTIES CONTAINING ONE TO FOUR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES ONLY. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, this information can be obtained from one of the following two companies: LPS Agency Sales & Posting at (714) 730-2727, or visit the Internet Web site

www.lpsasap.com (Registration required to search for sale information) or Priority Posting & Publishing at (714) 573-1965 or visit the Internet Web site www.priorityposting.com (Click on the link for "Advanced Search" to search for sale information), using the Trustee Sale No. shown above. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. P948371 5/25, 6/1, 6/08/2012 Publication dates: May 25, June 1, 8, 2012. (PC 532)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20120952. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **FULLCUSTOM PRODUCTIONS**, 48123 Highway 1, Big Sur, CA 93920, Monterey County, BRUCE W. CARD, 48123 Highway 1, Big Sur, CA 93920. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: June, 2012. (s) Bruce Card. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 7, 2012. Publication dates: May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2012. (PC 533)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of RODERICK ALLAN MILLS, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF RODERICK ALLAN MILLS
Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to AMELIA CRAG, as Trustee of the Trust dated October 26, 1992, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, sixty (60) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 15, 2012.
(s) THOMAS HART HAWLEY, Attorney for the Trustee, Post Office Box 805 Carmel, California 93921
Publication dates: May 25, June 1, 8, 2012. (PC534)

REALM

From page 23A

your peeing-nymph fountain at night, cover your swimming kidney to reduce evaporation.

But, for a California boy stranded in the desert, water seems to flow everywhere here, leaving me to feel like the recovering junkie who happened to stumble into the cartel warehouse.

One can get careless when surrounded with such bounty.

And, I am loath to admit, with the guilt that only comes with enviro-retrospection, that this morning I left my towel on the bathroom floor at the hotel.

Wash, please. Waste, please. Such naughtiness.

LIVES

From previous page

ages the Facebook and Twitter accounts.

She has no plans to move on, and especially not to run for office. If there was something else she might be doing, it would be photography. Linda lives in Pacific Grove and loves taking pictures, mostly of nature. Or she would return to working with disabled adults. "The warmth and the joy those folks brought to my life is something I do miss. The voters are not as jolly and warm to me," she added, and then she laughed.

I've been interviewing political figures and public employees for more than four decades, and in Linda Tulett, the Monterey County registrar of voters, I've met one of the finest ever.

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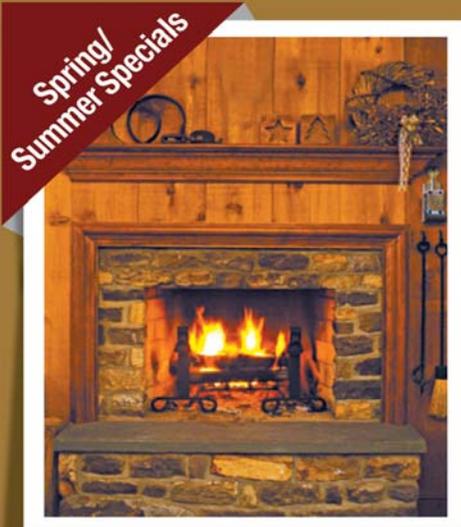


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May 4-27 - My Mother's Keeper, a play by Jane Press. Directed by Robin McKee. May 4-27, Fri. and Sat., 7:30 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. Sun., May 13, Mother's Day, shows at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, Fourth & Guadalupe. Tickets: (831) 920-4257, www.ticketguys.com.

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May 26, 27 & 28 - Annual "Friends of the Big Sur Library" Book and Bake Sale. Drive down the coast and support the Big Sur Library. Peruse a huge selection of donated/used books (from all genres) and sample delicious homemade baked goods (for purchase) fresh from the ovens of Big Sur pastry maestros. All proceeds go to supporting the operation of Monterey County's only free public library in Big Sur. Saturday-Monday, May 26, 27 and 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free event. Highway One at Ripplewood Resort in Big Sur. (831) 667-2536.

May 31 - The Carmel Residents Association invites Carmel residents to a "New Beginnings" celebration on Thursday, May 31, at 5 p.m. The event will be held at the Vista Lobos meeting room on Third Ave. between Junipero and Torres. The event will look ahead to the next 25 years of the C.R.A. There will be a meet-and-greet social hour to introduce our new mayor and council members. Wine and light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

June 1 - Monterey Sports Center 20th Anniversary. The Monterey Sports Center celebrates providing 20 years of outstanding recreation and fitness services for our community. Stop by the Monterey Sports Center on Friday, June 1 for celebratory refreshments and a free drawing for tickets to

a San Francisco Giant's game. Look for special events and promotions all year long to commemorate this memorable milestone. Monterey Sports Center, 301 East Franklin Street, Monterey. (831) 646-3730.

June 2 - Monterey History & Art Association celebrates La Merienda Monterey's 242nd Birthday and the Association's 81st Anniversary. Saturday, June 2, at noon. For more information call Carol Todd at (831) 372-4445.

June 2 - The Jim Miller Gallery, located in downtown Carmel on Ocean Ave. near Dolores, proudly announces an exhibition of **Jack Storm's work** on Saturday, June 2nd, from 1 to 5 p.m. Come and meet one of only three cold glass sculptors in the world. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. www.jimmillergallery.com.

June 2 - Resolving conflict among neighbors, landlords, tenants, anyone! **Friends of the Carmel Valley Library** hosts Sara Sturtevant, Program Director for the Mandell Gisnet Center for Conflict Management, talking about conflict resolution and the field of alternative dispute resolution (ADR). 10:15 a.m. Free. Refreshments served. Seating first come, first served. (831) 659-2377.

June 3 - Oldies But Goodies Party For The Dogs. Peace of Mind Dog Rescue (POMDR) is hosting their annual fundraiser on Sunday, June 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Carmel Mission Inn on Rio Road in Carmel. The event will include food, wine tasting, micro-brewed beer, dancing, an Elvis impersonator, a white elephant silent auction, and raffle. Tickets can be purchased on-line at: www.peaceofminddogrescue.org. For more info call (831) 718-9122 or email info@peaceofminddogrescue.org.

June 6 - Carmel Valley Women's Club presents its annual **Scholarship Awards Luncheon** June 6 at Los Laureles Lodge, 11:30 a.m. Eleven Carmel High School graduates will receive college scholarship grants along with five community outreach organizations. Guests and new members welcome! \$30 per person. Call (831) 659-0934 to reserve.

June 6 & 20 - Come Join the Fun! Learn to speak with confidence, improve your relationships by improving your listening skills, develop leadership qualities, develop high self esteem, and be surrounded with encouraging, supportive individuals like you! **Toastmasters is now in Carmel** every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6 p.m. at 3775 Via Nona Marie Road, off of Rio Road near the Crossroads! Stop by or call Kristian (831) 229-6969. We welcome you!

Memorial Day honors scheduled

AMERICAN LEGION Post 512 and the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will commemorate Memorial Day Monday, May 28, with the ceremonial ringing of the World War I Memorial Bell in the median at Ocean and San Carlos at 11 a.m., followed by comments from dignitaries and the Color Guard presented by the Monterey High Junior Navy

ROTC Cadets in nearby Devendorf Park.

The American Legion post on Dolores Street south of Eight Avenue will host an Open House immediately after the ceremony.

For more information, call the city's community services department at (831) 620-2020 or the Legion at (831) 624-9941.

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CARMEL VALLEY - Jeffrey Steven Long, a longtime math teacher for the Salinas Union High School District, passed away on May 8, 2012 at the age of 58.



Jeff was born in San Francisco on June 18, 1953 to Rodney and Dolores Long. He grew up in the City and earned his degree in Environmental Studies at UC Berkeley. While studying for a second degree in engineering, he met his future wife, Leslie, in San Francisco in 1981. In 1986, they married and moved to her hometown of Carmel Valley. A country boy at heart, Jeff loved raising his children in Carmel Valley where

he pursued his passions of carpentry and mountain biking. He was a vibrant and creative man, devoted to his family and always intent on self improvement.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Leslie; daughter, Alex; son, Austin; parents; sisters, Victoria (Jim) Mullins and Susan (Kent) Ford; parents-in-law, Don and Pat Condren; nephew, Brant Montgomery; cousins, Kirstin and Will Neihaus; as well as numerous beloved relatives. He is sorely missed by his dogs, Chula and Hunter. The family wishes to thank Dr. Nancy Rubin for 7 years of friendship and thoughtful care.



A celebration of Jeff's life will be held June 9th at 2 p.m. Please email Lscondren@aol.com for further information.



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REUSE OF THE FORMER FORT ORD Come to a Base Reuse Plan Study Workshop!

The Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) is reassessing the 1997 Fort Ord Base Reuse Plan. Public participation in the reassessment is welcomed. Please consider coming to any of the workshops listed below to learn more about the Plan and share your views on the reassessment

Date: Tuesday, May 29
Time: 6:30 – 9 p.m.
Location: Monterey Conference Center – Ferrante Room
1 Portola Plaza, Monterey
Co hosts: Cities of Del Rey Oaks and Monterey

Date: Wednesday, May 30
Time: 6:30 – 9 p.m.
Location: Oldemeyer Multi-Use Center
986 Hilby Avenue, Seaside
Co-host: City of Seaside

Date: Saturday, June 2
Time: 9:30 a.m. – noon
Location: Carpenter's Hall
910 2nd Avenue (off Imjin Parkway), Marina
Co-Host: Sierra Club Ventana Chapter

Background Information: The former Fort Ord was an active military base from 1917 to 1994. Over 35,000 people and 18,000 jobs left the Monterey Bay region due to the base's closure. After considerable input from the entire region, the Plan was adopted in 1997 to guide conversion of the base's 27,800 acres from military to civilian use. The Plan's three primary goals are Economic Development, Education, and Environmental Protection.

Economic Development: Existing and future development areas for job-creating retail/commercial and light industrial businesses, and housing for future employees and other regional needs, are limited to 10,000 of the former base's 27,800 acres. The Plan was structured for development to be long-term and gradually paced. Dependent upon having adequate water supply, the Plan currently caps housing development at 6,160 new units and 1,813 existing units to be replaced. Within the existing resource constraints, the plan anticipates a replacement population of 37,370 persons and generation of 18,340 jobs to replace the military's economic engine on the former base.

Education: Six higher-educational and research institutions (California State University – Monterey Bay, the University of California, Monterey College of Law, Monterey Institute of Research Astronomy, Monterey Peninsula College, Chapman College) now have locations on the former Fort Ord, and will continue to expand services over time. Marshall Elementary, Chartwell, Marina High School, and Central Coast High School are also located on the former base.

Environment: About two-thirds of the former base is being set aside for open space, recreational trails, habitat conservation, and protection of the natural environment. The Fort Ord National Monument, designated in April 2012 by President Obama, preserves more than 14,600 acres as permanent open space. The base's beachfront is now the 979-acre Fort Ord Dunes State Park. More than 2,000 additional acres of habitat, recreational, and open space land uses have been designated throughout the former base. A 78-acre Veterans Cemetery is also planned.

To Submit Comments: Come to any of the meetings; email: plan@fora.org; FAX: 831-883-3675; or send U.S. mail to: FORA, 920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933

For More Information: Visit the FORA website at www.fora.org or contact Darren McBain at FORA, 831-883-3672.

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