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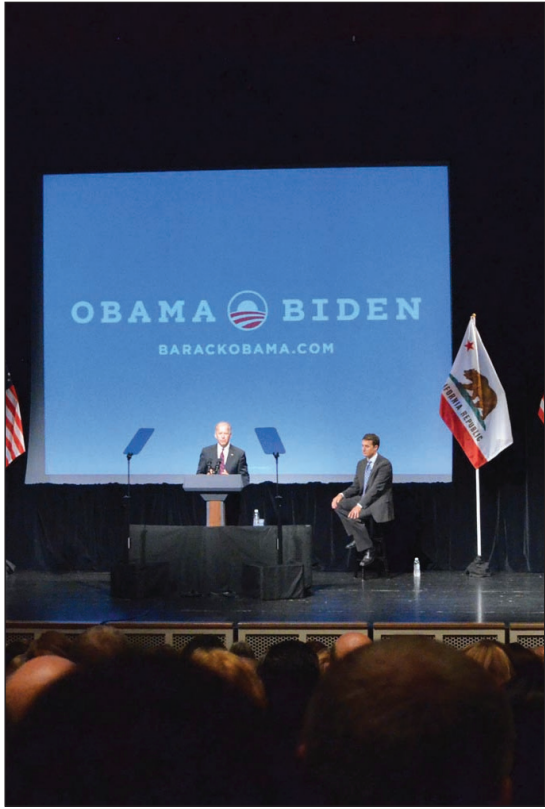
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How to get the Vice President to drop by



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Backstage at Sunset Center, Vice President Joe Biden and Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett (above) share a laugh while visiting with family members and VIP guests before an Obama/Biden campaign event Wednesday morning. A few minutes later, they were on stage, where Burnett introduced Biden, calling him, “an extraordinary vice president and an extraordinary human being,” and then remained on stage while Biden spoke (right).



■ Step one: Elect Jason Burnett mayor

By PAUL MILLER

AMID ALL the campaign rhetoric, Vice President Joe Biden made some news when he spoke at an event Wednesday morning at Sunset Center. Calling Secretary of Defense

Leon Panetta, “my best friend in the administration,” Biden disclosed that in May 2011, as President Barack Obama was faced with the decision whether to launch a raid deep inside Pakistan to try to kill Osama bin Laden, and amid widely reported doubts among White House advisors and Pentagon brass whether it would succeed, Panetta was “the only person who said unequivocally,

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Water district: User fee protest failed

■ One-third of votes declared ineligible

By KELLY NIX

THE NUMBER of protest votes needed to halt a proposed Monterey Peninsula Water Management District user fee fell short by nearly 5,000, the district announced Monday. While the district plans to implement the fee as scheduled July 1, it will continue talks with groups opposed to the fee about possible concessions.

The district received 10,343 eligible protest notices of the 15,255 required in order to stop the user fee from going into effect. The district got a total of 15,709 protest letters; however, 5,366 were deemed either duplicates or ineligible for other reasons.

In response to the outpouring of opposition to the fee, the board may stipulate that it will expire someday and create a citizen’s advisory group to make sure the money is spent as promised.

“The community asked for us to listen to them and work with them,” water district spokeswoman Rachel Martinez told The Pine Cone Wednesday of the compromise talks, “and that is what the board is trying to do.”

‘Compromise’ in works

On Tuesday, the district’s water supply committee — composed of water district directors Jeanne Byrne, Bob Brower and Dave Pendergrass — met with representatives of several groups opposed to the fee, which would generate about \$3.7 million

See **FAILED** page 27A

P.G. city manager warns council about Agha’s desal plan

By KELLY NIX

IF PACIFIC Grove teams up with Nader Agha on his proposed \$129 million desalination plant, it would mean big financial and legal risks for the city and a “low likelihood of positive benefit,” according to a report released by city manager Tom Frutchet.

In a seven-page report submitted to the P.G. City Council this week, Frutchet cautioned that the city’s involvement with Agha’s proposed \$129 million Moss Landing desal plant has “downside risks that far outweigh the possible benefits.” Agha promises his project would offer water at the lowest price to Peninsula ratepayers.

Frutchet outlined seven reasons, including significant financial and legal risks, the unlikelihood that the

California Public Utilities Commission would approve Agha’s project, and doubt that California American Water would purchase water from the desal project to serve the Peninsula.

Also, “this project is way beyond the city’s capabilities,” according to Frutchet, “and would impose unacceptable costs on the other responsibilities and opportunities we have in the coming years.”

Frutchet’s report marks another dramatic turn for Agha’s ambitious proposal. In the past month, Agha wrangled with the city over who would be responsible for defending it from possible lawsuits, and last week he accused members of an advisory committee of being “biased” against his proposal.

See **WARNED** page 20A

Pilot died of heart attack, not plane crash

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MAN whose small plane plummeted at Salinas Airport and burned June 1 was a retired commercial pilot who lived in Carmel, Monterey County Coroner’s detective Randal Dyck reported last week. Charles Russell Westcott, 73, died not from the wreck itself, but from the coronary artery atherosclerosis that stopped his heart moments after his plane lifted off the runway.

“The plane took off and continued flying upward, stalled, turned around, came back down

and crashed,” Dyck said, but it wasn’t due to pilot error. “Sometime after takeoff, Mr. Westcott had an arrhythmia, and his heart stopped working.”

The experimental plane, a two-seat Prowler Jaguar Westcott had constructed from a kit, crashed into the runway, slid off to the side and caught fire, according to Dyck. He had no passengers with him, and no one on the ground was involved in the wreckage.

Because the plane caught fire, a forensic odontologist had to identify the pilot by matching his teeth with

See **PILOT** page 21A

Bach Fest gets ready to celebrate 75th anniversary

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

EASE INTO your seat. Breathe, bringing yourself into the moment. Then close your eyes and let yourself listen. As the familiar music courses through you, lean into it, feeling purposeful, alive, uplifted, sacred. You are soothed, inspired, invigorated — and that’s just the upcoming Carmel Bach Festival opening “grand scale performance” of Johann Sebastian Bach’s Mass in B Minor.

What better way to herald the 75th anniversary celebration of the legendary festival than by listening to what many consider the greatest piece of classical music ever composed?

The Mass, completed the year before Bach’s death in 1750, is actually a compilation of nearly 30 works, most of them composed earlier in his life, ultimately creating a consecration of his life’s work.

“Two concerts have me really excited this year,” said Adams Vocal Master Class director, dramaturge and lecturer David Gordon, who has been with the festival 30

years, the first nine as tenor soloist.

“The Mass in B Minor, Bach’s most joyous, festive and celebratory work, is a perfect way to begin,” he said. “And this will be my seventh year narrating the Tuesday night concert.”

The Tuesday night program will be “Inside the Music: 75 years of the Carmel Bach Festival,” which will weave a narrative thread throughout the history of the festival, he added.

Working through four centuries of music, conductor Paul Goodwin and Gordon will take their audience on a tour of 75 years of festival music, honoring music directors, conductors and musicians, and even the women who started the Bach Fest, Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous.

“I’m a real history buff, and I’ve been having a lot of fun researching the founders,” Gordon said. “Denny and Watrous opened the first art gallery in Carmel,

See **BACH FEST** page 15 in the Real Estate Section

Albino deer making a spectacle of itself



PHOTO/JOSE CASTILLO

If you think see an apparition lurking in your yard, you’re probably just seeing one of two rare deer that were recently born in the Monterey Peninsula. See the story on page 27A.

Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Double doodle

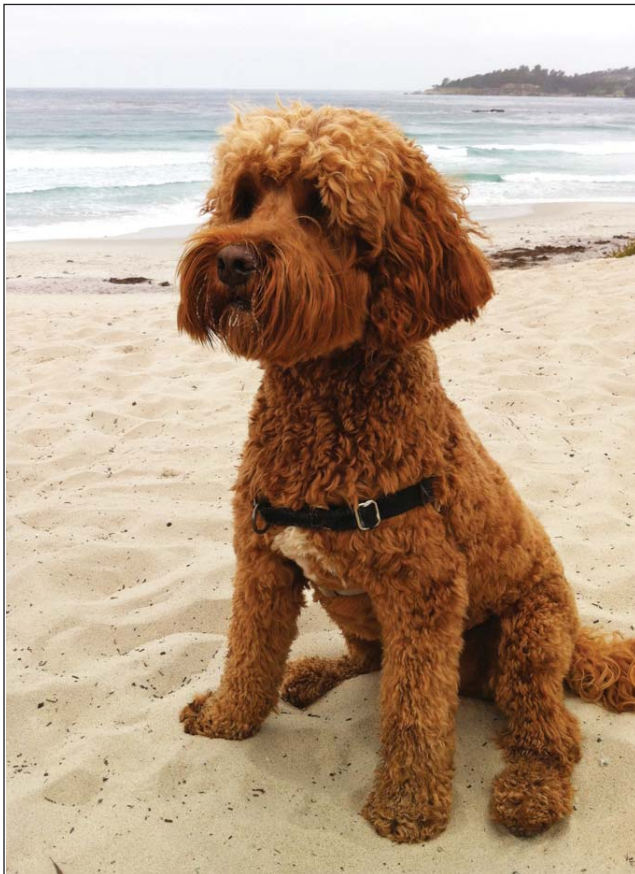
THE LABRADOR retriever part of him loves the beach, especially rolling around in the sand, paddling out into the surf and racing along the shoreline after balls and birds and Betty, his Carmel Beach canine companion. The poodle part has dense, curly auburn hair that sheds nothing but buckets of sand every time he comes home from the shore.

Unlike most labradoodles, whose parentage is a Labrador and a poodle, Tucker is the product of two Australian labradoodles, making him a “double doodle.” Or so they say.

He was born to a breeder in Santa Cruz whose Pine Cone ad was seen by Tucker’s soon-to-be family. They drove up the coast to take a look, not knowing that “a look” would land them Tucker.

Once he graduated from obedience school and got past his “chewing phase,” Tucker fit well into the family and helped them develop its new routine. Every morning he retrieves the newspaper from the yard and carries it inside except for that one time when he set off down the street, dropping the paper in pursuit of a pair of runners. His pajama-clad person set off after him while neighbors looked on. The runners caught the dog, his person caught his breath, and the dog caught ... well, now he goes out on a leash to get the morning news.

Tucker retrieves more than the newspaper, most often insisting on bringing home a bit of the beach. Usually it is a stick he can carry in his mouth, except for



that one time when he became enamored of a huge piece of driftwood, dogging it until his person agreed to drag it home. Today it sits like a sculpture on the deck, a symbol and reminder of a certain personality and presence in the place.

P.B. Company gets final go-ahead for development plan

■ Won’t have to offer affordable housing in forest

By KELLY NIX

THE PEBBLE Beach Company got the final approval this week to proceed with its long-sought \$200 million development project in Del Monte Forest.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to approve the final environmental impact report for the project. However, the supervisors did not require the company to include affordable housing within the forest, as some sought.

Instead, the board approved an arrangement to allow the P.B. Company to pay a \$5 million in-lieu fee to create low-income housing outside the forest within five years. If no site is found within that time period, the company will be subject to a \$2 million fine.

While LandWatch Monterey County and supervisors Lou Calcagno and Jane Parker said the affordable units should be located inside the Forest, the P.B. Co. has said the corporation yard near Poppy Hills Golf Course — where the affordable units would have been built — is relatively isolated and unsuitable for such housing.

The supervisors’ action was the final approval needed for the Pebble Beach Co.’s build-out and open space plan for Del Monte Forest, which was launched in 2000 after the company was acquired by Peter Ueberroth, Clint Eastwood, Arnold Palmer and other partners. The coastal commission on May 10 gave its approval to the plan, which includes the construction of 40 new units at the Inn at Spanish Bay, 55 units at the Pebble Beach Lodge, a new 100-room hotel at Spyglass Hill, 90 to 100 single-family-home lots, road and trail improvements, and the renovation of the Pebble Beach equestrian center.

The plan also sets aside 635 acres of Monterey Pine forest and other habitat in Del Monte Forest as permanent protected open space. It will mean hundreds of construction and hospitality jobs and will generate about \$7.5 million in taxes, according to the P.B. Co.

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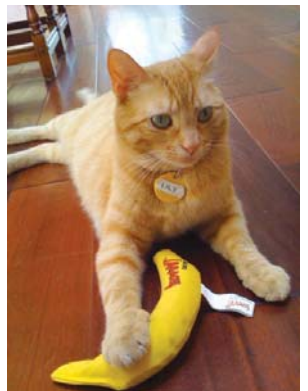
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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Toy gun aimed at pursuer

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A Junipero Street resident called to report he had a verbal argument with his wife, and she had left their home.

Pacific Grove: Man reported his nephew befriended multiple homeless people who began to live with him. The nephew decided he did not want them there anymore but did not tell them. The nephew gave officers permission to enter his apartment. No one was inside.

Pacific Grove: Woman on Funston Street reported seeing her son's friend, age 12, standing in front of her open window and open front door. She did not desire prosecution.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to a verbal domestic. While officers were speaking with the male, a large crash was heard. The female half was trying to climb down a drainage pipe that broke. She fell to the ground. Female was transported by helicopter.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

Carmel Valley: Woman reported being

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A protest of a local hotel on Camino Real took place. During the protest, members of the protest forced entry into the hotel and vandalized the property. One subject was contacted on the property and identified by property managers as being inside the building. The subject, a 22-year-old male, was arrested for trespassing.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person found a loose dog running in the roadway of Junipero and Ridgewood. The person brought the loose dog to CPD. The dog was chipped and an attempt to contact the owner was made but met with negative results. The dog was placed in the CPD kennel.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A loose dog was found running at large at Junipero and Ridgewood. The 55-year-old female owner was found to have an outstanding warrant for her arrest and was taken into custody.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Sloat Avenue

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Date: 14 June 2012

Notice of Availability for the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) for the Sale of the Flanders Mansion Property (SCH #2005011108)

Background

In 2005, the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea prepared and certified an Environmental Impact Report for the Sale of the Flanders Mansion Property (2005 EIR). The Project would sell the historic Flanders Mansion on a 1.252 acre parcel located within Mission Trails Nature Preserve (25800 Hatton Road, Carmel, CA). A significant impact of the Project would be the loss of public parkland. The City Council's decision to approve the Project, and the adequacy of the EIR on which it was based, were litigated and found by the Superior Court to be inadequate. In response, the City prepared and certified a Revised EIR in 2009 (2009 EIR) and approved an alternative to the Project. The adopted alternative was to sell the Flanders Mansion property with conservation easements and other mitigation measures to reduce environmental impacts.

The City's decision to certify the 2009 EIR was challenged in court (The Flanders Foundation v. City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, et al. (Mont. Co. Super. Ct. Case No. M99437)). The Superior Court determined that the 2009 EIR did not adequately: 1) consider potential environmental effects associated with compliance with the Surplus Land Act, and 2) respond to a comment suggesting an alternative of selling the Mansion with less land. The City appealed the Superior Court's decision on the basis that the City had addressed these issues in the 2009 EIR. The 6th District Court of Appeal reversed the lower court's ruling relating to the Surplus Lands Act, but affirmed that the 2009 RFEIR was inadequate in its analysis of a smaller parcel alternative. Based on the Court's decision, the City rescinded its certification of the 2009 EIR.

Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea has prepared a Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) for the Sale of the Flanders Mansion Property. The RDEIR provides additional information, including an updated analysis of alternatives, consistent with the Court of Appeal decision. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15088.5(c), the RDEIR contains only those portions of the 2009 RFEIR that have been modified. Therefore, the only section recirculated for public review and comment is Section 6.0, Alternatives. The additional alternatives analyzed are intended to minimize and/or substantially lessen potential impacts due to the loss of parkland.

The RDEIR will be subject to public review and comment for a period of 45 days. *The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea requests that reviewers limit their comments to only those portions that are being recirculated, consistent with the provisions of CEQA Guidelines §15088.5(f)(2).* Written comments on the 2012 RDEIR will be accepted from Thursday, 14 June 2012 through Monday, 30 July 2012. The **Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, 11 July 2012** to receive comments on the RDEIR. The hearing will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh avenues.

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FRAUD SUSPECT FACES CHARGES FOR ONGOING SPOUSAL ABUSE

By MARY SCHLEY

DANIEL CHARTRAW, the former Pebble Beach man who fled to Mexico after being accused of stealing tens of thousands of dollars from Peninsula residents by convincing them to invest in his gold and silver mines, is also facing a trial in Monterey County for repeatedly attacking his wife, according to prosecutor Elaine McCleaf.

In May of last year, Chartraw punched his wife in front of their children, according to McCleaf. The act of violence prompted the oldest child, an 11-year-old boy, to shield his 3-year-old sister from their father.

"She had a broken nose," McCleaf said of the woman, whose identity is protected. "This is a really severe abuse case where there's been plastic surgery involved. And this isn't the first time she's had surgery on her face."

Chartraw's wife was living in the Carmel Highlands at the time and "told us about multiple, multiple previous incidents of domestic abuse," she said.

'Bilking investors'

McCleaf does not know whether the woman knew how Chartraw, 39, was financing their affluent lifestyle, but in the federal case, he is facing 18 counts of wire fraud for bilking investors on the Peninsula and elsewhere out of \$2.4 million between Jan. 1, 2007, and Nov. 30, 2011. Carmel P.D. detective Rachelle Lightfoot investigated three local cases in which Chartraw allegedly convinced the victims to write large checks for opportunities to invest in his mineral mines, and he provided documentation claiming to verify his legitimacy. Lightfoot convinced Chartraw to return the money, but she also discovered civil judgments against him totaling \$4.5 million in El Dorado County. Lightfoot eventually got an FBI colleague, agent Richard Snodgrass, interested, and

they investigated Chartraw together.

Then, in August 2011, their suspect failed to appear in court on charges of grand theft, embezzlement and corporal injury on a spouse, disappearing with \$500,000 in outstanding warrants. He was discovered in Cabo San Lucas in April, and the FBI brought him back to the states, where he was arrested by federal agents April 20. Snodgrass said this week he remains in federal custody in Sacramento without bail.

McCleaf painted a brutal picture of Chartraw as a man who sought his wife and their four kids — three boys ages 5 to 11, and a 3-year-old girl — as they tried to flee from him.

"She was always afraid," McCleaf said of the victim, who was born in 1975. "At the time of the incident, police interviewed the kids, and they talked about a lot of the incidents of domestic violence they watched. Even though their mom tried to keep them separated from it, when it comes to the level of broken bones, it's impossible to keep it private anymore."

At the start, Chartraw's wife of 12 years did not want to cooperate with the investigation into the abuse she had allegedly suffered.

"She hired a lawyer to keep us away," McCleaf said. "But the lawyer she hired recognized how severe this case was."

She speculated Chartraw's flight to Mexico led to his victim's decision to cooperate with the authorities, because he was gone and it gave her time to contemplate the future. And as she learns more from the woman about the scale and scope of the abuse, McCleaf expects to charge him with more crimes.

"It is my intention that after the federal government's case is over, that he come back and face this one," said McCleaf, who runs the domestic violence unit for the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

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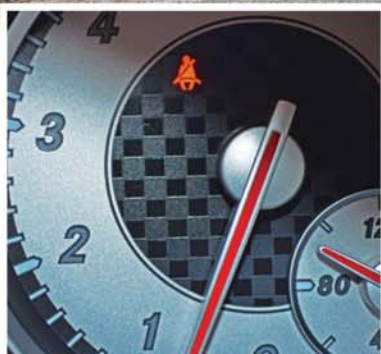
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CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT POISED TO RAISE USER FEE FOR CUSTOMERS

By KELLY NIX

WHILE A proposed Monterey Peninsula Water Management District user fee has caused a lot of brouhaha over the past

few months, the Carmel Area Wastewater District is set to increase its own user fee in less than two weeks.

On June 28, the wastewater district will hold a public meeting about its user fee,

which would go up about 7.5 percent. The user fee, which the district has collected since 1908, is the source of most of CAWD’s \$4 million operating budget.

“That translates to \$2.43 a month more” for each parcel, CAWD general manager Barbara Buikema told The Pine Cone.

A little less than half of the increase in the fee, which will go up July 1, will be used for operating costs for CAWD, while the balance would be used for capital improvement projects. The fee, tacked on to annual property tax bills, is expected to generate about \$250,000 per year.

The district last saw a major upgrade to its basic sewage treatment plant off Highway 1 more than 30 years ago, and Buikema said CAWD needs to address the plant’s aging infrastructure.

“Our financial and engineering records show that we have used up 80 percent of the

useful life span of nearly half of the plant’s equipment and structures,” Buikema said of the CAWD facilities, which are valued more than \$125 million.

The increase will help pay for work to at least one of the wastewater district’s four sewer digesters — a large tank which uses bacteria to help break down sewage. That is expected to cost at least \$5 million.

There are a little more than 11,000 parcels in CAWD’s Carmel and Del Monte Forest service areas, which Buikema said translates to about 17,000 people.

Unlike the water management district, which received 10,000 written protests to its proposed user fee, CAWD has only received a few complaints. Still, Buikema said the wastewater district is sensitive to every customer concern.

“It’s a balancing act,” she said. “We don’t like to raise the rates.”



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

The Carmel Area Wastewater District is gearing up to raise a user fee the district’s general manager said will help pay for much-needed infrastructure improvements.

P.G. gold-buying operation canceled for violating zoning laws

By KELLY NIX

A GOLD and collectibles-buying event that was supposed to take place last week at the Point Pinos Grill in Pacific Grove was canceled after residents complained it would violate city zoning laws.

According to a two-page color flier sent to some P.G. residents, an Arizona company, Phoenix Coin, had planned to operate a five-day collectibles-buying event at the Point Pinos Grill inside the golf course clubhouse June 12-16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“Not Your Ordinary Road Show,” Phoenix Coin’s flier says about the event. “We Actually Buy.” The flier also says, “Bring

Anything of Value! Bring Anything Old!”

Apart from the Point Pinos Grill being an odd venue to host such an event, the golf course clubhouse isn’t zoned for that type of commercial activity.

In a June 11 email message to resident Lee Willoughby, who had complained about the event, city manager Tom Frutchey said the city’s code compliance officer called Phoenix Coin to call it off because the event violated the use permit for the clubhouse.

Attorney John Bridges, who has represented several residents who have complained about non-permitted activity at the

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Final budget has cuts, new revenues and a few compromises

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER DECIDING to put a sales tax initiative on the November ballot, the Carmel City Council unanimously adopted the 2012/2013 budget last Tuesday night. The \$13.4 million spending plan requires drawing \$650,000 from reserves, but council members are hoping voters will approve a sales tax increase from 7.25 percent to 8.25 percent that could eliminate deficit spending.

The budget underwent a few final adjustments during a brief discussion at the June 12 meeting, when city administrator Jason Stillwell detailed \$129,500 in additional expenditures the council had earlier said it wanted to make: \$48,500 to hire a code compliance officer, \$1,000 for Carmel High School's Sober Grad Night, \$10,000 for the mayor's water committee, \$20,000 for sand replenishment at Carmel Beach and \$40,000 to build a trail through Rio Park, and an increase in the subsidy for Sunset Center from \$590,000 to \$600,000.

Paying for the extra expenses would involved a combination of cuts elsewhere in the budget and tapping some outside sources that were not previously considered.

The cuts Stillwell recommended included \$10,000 from the free MST trolley service, \$15,000 from economic revitalization programs, and \$38,461 from the city council's medical program. Additional revenues would be \$30,000 donated by the Carmel Public Library Foundation for staff at the library, \$5,000 by negotiating with Waste Management to help pay for street sweeping, and \$40,000 from the Rio Park deposit account, Stilwell said.

But Sunset Cultural Center board member and former Monterey County administrator Sally Reed wasn't satisfied with the council's plan to increase the center's subsidy by \$10,000.

“We have told people we are a high priority, and that \$650,000 is the number the council supports,” Reed said. She said the board hadn’t realized council members had not already committed to that amount.

Katy Castagna tried without success to convince the council to donate \$5,000 to the United Way's all-hours 211 telephone service that helps residents and visitors obtain community information, such drug and alcohol counseling, food and clothing assistance, and help with transportation.

"The City of Monterey last week approved our request, and I really hope you'll follow that path," she said.

Carrie Theis, head of the innkeepers association and a member of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce board of directors, said the "economic revitalization" money was allo-

cated last year so the chamber's visitor center could stay open on Sundays.

"I don't want to see the chamber closed on a Sunday, when a lot of people look for rooms," she said, adding that hotels provide information daily to the chamber regarding how many rooms they have available, so representatives can help visitors find last-minute lodging.

"It's an important part of working with the chamber to get more hotel taxes for the city," she pointed out.

Chamber CEO Monta Potter suggested the council fund at least half the amount, which would get the organization through its fiscal year, which ends Dec. 31.

"If you are able to fund half that, then that allows us to figure out a different way to fund it next year or maybe ask again when the city's better off," she said.

Councilman Ken Talmage took the lead on addressing the

requests and cuts.

He thanked the library foundation for “stepping up yet again and bringing another \$30,000 to the table that wasn’t here the last time we reviewed this to pay for staff at the library,” and suggested allocating \$7,500 to the chamber for its visitor center operations.

The United Way, however, received nothing, and the allocation to Sunset Center remained at the suggested \$600,000.

"I think there's a really strong commitment from the city to the Sunset Center," he said.

"We have a sales tax ballot measure but no guarantee it will pass," he said. "If it doesn't pass, we're going to have to tell the city administrator go cut from the budget."

With those adjustments, he made a motion to approve the spending plan, and the rest of the council and the mayor unanimously agreed.

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Tour affords entry to Comstock, Murphy and Wright houses

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Heritage Society's annual House and Garden Tour, which will be held Saturday, June 23, from 1 to 5 p.m. and is a major fundraiser for the small non-profit, promises to have "something for everyone," according to its organizers.

Curtain Call, for instance, is an original Hugh Comstock cottage built in 1929 for \$3,000 for stage and screen star Constance Ferris, who named it. The cottage was placed on the city's historic register in 2011 and has been restored. A new guesthouse, called Second Act, was constructed of Carmel stone to complement the original home.

The famous Hansel Cottage is the other notable Comstock house on the tour and was built in the mid-1920s, though over the years it has gained some modern amenities, such as forced-air heating and upgraded electrical and water systems, including indoor pipes.

The Bowhay house, built by M.J. Murphy in 1915 for Stanford professor Karl Rendtorff, exhibits the early Craftsman style and has been updated over the years but still maintains its early design and redwood paneling. The garden, meanwhile, covers two lots with original paths and large oaks.

The intriguing Frank Lloyd Wright house on Scenic Road is also open again for the tour and "holds a special mystique for many

of the visitors and locals, alike."

Cornerstone Cottage was constructed in 1927 by English architect Frederick Bigland and contains a beautiful spiral staircase and

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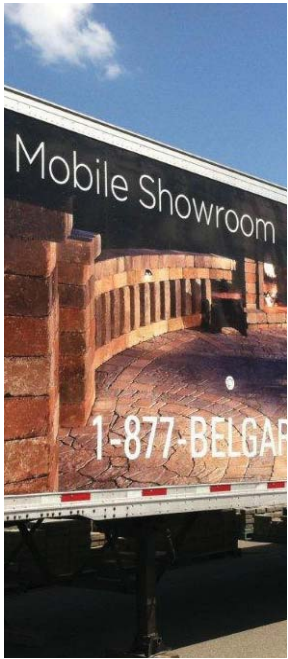
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P.B. executive recognized for raising millions for youth organization

By KELLY NIX

A VICE president of the Pebble Beach Company has been honored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for his longtime fundraising efforts for the group.

Paul J. Spengler was given the Herbert Hoover Humanitarian Award May 21 at The Olympic Club in San Francisco to recognize the millions of dollars he's helped raise for the Boys & Girls Clubs, which serves about 4 million young people every year.

The Hoover award is the highest volunteer honor from Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

A longtime supporter of the organization, Spengler was instrumental in establishing the Celebration Golf Tournament 12 years ago in which participants shell out \$15,000 for the opportunity to play on the U.S. Open golf course three weeks before the U.S. Open Championship, which, this year, will be June 14-17 at The Olympic Club.

Spengler told The Pine Cone he didn't have any idea he'd been chosen for the award until Roxanne Spillett, the Boys & Girls Clubs' senior vice president, announced it May 21 toward the end of the evening. Spillett called Spengler a "great humanitarian."

"I was overwhelmed," Spengler told The Pine Cone. The

ceremony was also attended by golf icons, including Nathaniel Crosby, Johnny Miller and Tim Rosaforte, who was the host of the night.

Spengler said he was honored that the organization — which holds hundreds of fundraising events every year — highlighted the charitable golf tournament.

"They honored our event with this award," Spengler said. "That is what made me proudest."

When he met Spillett at the 1998 U.S. Open at the Olympic Club, Spengler told her of his plans to launch a fundraiser in Pebble Beach in 2000 that would benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs.

"I told her we could get \$50,000 for a foursome," for the tournament, he recalled. "She said 'You can get that much for golf?' and I said, 'We can at Pebble.'"

Subsequently, the golf tournament fundraiser has been held at the U.S. Open Championship course every two years. (The price to play has risen to \$15,000 per player.)

The 2014 tournament will be held in May at Pinehurst, N.C.

"We have raised more than \$7 million" for Boys & Girls Clubs, Spengler said.

The money helps the clubs provide a safe place, adult mentors and development programs for youth daily at its 4,000 locations. Club programs promote academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles.

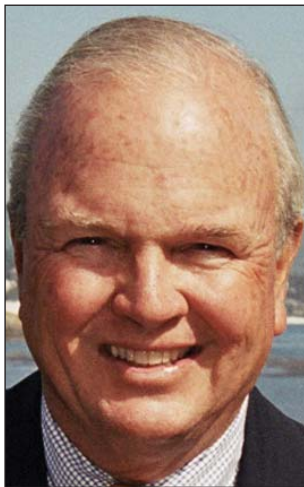
Apart from being chair of the golf tournament, Spengler is also a national Boys & Girls Clubs trustee, an appointment where he joins prominent civic and corporate leaders throughout the country.

The Hoover Award is named in memory of the 31st president of the United States, who was chairman of Boys & Girls Clubs of America for 28 years.

The award places Spengler in a distinguished club of former winners which includes five U.S. Presidents: Lyndon B. Johnson (1965), Richard M. Nixon (1970), Gerald R. Ford (1979), George H.W. Bush (1985) and Jimmy Carter (2000), and luminaries such as Colin Powell (1998) and actor Denzel Washington (2004).

In May 2011, Pebble Beach Company CEO Bill Perocchi was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his fundraising efforts for the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Perocchi was nominated by friends U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Sardine Factory owner Ted Balestreri, both prior recipients of the Ellis Island honor.



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SCHOOL DISTRICT PUTS OFF ASKING VOTERS TO APPROVE ANOTHER BOND

By MARY SCHLEY

VOTERS IN the Carmel Unified School District will not be asked to approve another bond this year, the board of education decided last week. Although a survey of 415 registered voters indicated the majority might support the district’s request for more money for construction and other infrastructure improvements, their favorable response was not as strong as it was before the last bond passed in 2005.

“It is feasible to place a bond proposal on the November 2012 ballot and expect to win the required 55 percent majority if the district is fully confident that a well planned, well executed citizens’ campaign will work vigorously to inform local voters of the need for the bond,” concluded the survey, which was conducted by The Center for Community Opinion and presented to the board during a meeting June 11. The results were based on phone interviews conducted between May 24 and June 3. “The level of support for a bond is slightly lower than the level of support found in the district’s 2004 survey.”

Survey takers first asked voters if they would be willing to pay more property taxes to raise another \$21 million to “continue the renovation and modernization of the dis-

trict’s classrooms, schools and other facilities.” (District voters approved bonds for similar amounts in 2000 and 2005.) Forty-seven percent said they would support it, 32.4 percent said they would oppose it, and 20.6 percent said they were undecided.

After learning more about what the money would be used for, such as roof repair, a new septic field at Tularcitos, improved parking and better bathrooms, the percentages changed slightly, with 51.7 percent saying they would pass a bond, 31.7 percent saying they would oppose it, and 16.3 percent remaining undecided.

The number of people saying they would be willing to pay more property taxes to benefit CUSD projects increased further when told the cost would be at or below \$7 per \$100,000 of assessed value, and that number predictably rose again if the rate dropped to \$5 or less per \$100,000.

A better chance of passage

In the 2004 survey that preceded the 2005 bond election, poll results indicated 53.1 percent of the respondents supported the idea before being informed of how the money would be spent, 54.8 percent favored a bond after they were informed, and 65.7 percent said they would vote for it if they had to pay no more than \$7 per \$100,000 of

assessed value, according to the survey.

After hearing the results during a meeting last Monday, the board decided to put off seeking a bond at least until next year, rather than putting it on the ballot in November and campaigning hard to get it passed.

Also, the bond’s chances in an election that draws a smaller turnout, rather than this fall’s presidential election, might give the bond a better chance, since many voters

oppose all new taxes, while ardent supporters of a particular measure will be more likely to vote when it’s one of just a few things — or the only thing — on the ballot.

“The proposed bond is intended to ensure that the district provides excellent facilities for all aspects of our program over the long term. As there is no need to rush this issue, I

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Former CHS student named Teacher of the Year in Sebastopol

By CHRIS COUNTS

A FORMER Carmel High School student who took an unconventional path to professional success was honored recently with a Teacher of the Year award from the Sebastopol Rotary Club.

Gianna De Persiis Vona teaches English and creative writing at Sebastopol’s Laguna High School, which serves students who are considered likely to drop out of high school.

“She teaches creative writing to high school students who have been basically labelled unteachable, and brings miracles of writing out of them,” said her mom, Embree De Persiis Vona, a fine art potter who lives in Big Sur’s Palo Colorado Canyon. “I am sure her former teachers here in Carmel would be delighted to know what they spawned.”

In addition to teaching youngsters valuable writing skills, De Persiis Vona edits a literary journal featuring the writings of her students.

The fact that she’s in the publishing business should come as no surprise to those who know her. When De Persiis Vona was just 12, she started the Palo Colorado Press, which served as a literary journal of sorts for

the residents of the north Big Sur coast.

Not content to follow the traditional path to college, De Persiis Vona took a proficiency exam and left Carmel High at 16 so she could attend classes at Monterey Peninsula College. There, she met teacher and poet Elliott Ruchowitz-Roberts, who inspired her and became a mentor.

She later received a bachelor’s degree in English from Sonoma State University and a master’s degree in creative writing from the College of California in San Francisco.

In addition to her day job as a teacher, De Persiis Vona is also the mother of two sons, one of whom will attend Reed College this fall on an academic scholarship.

At Laguna High School, De Persiis Vona has earned the respect of not only the local rotary club, but her students and co-workers as well.

“She never has to raise her voice in the classroom — it’s pretty amazing,” explained Brenda Hoff, the school’s principal. “She really connects on a personal level with every one of her students. She treats everybody the same. The kids really love her.”

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In July 2008 Robert and his partner Randell Bishop took advantage of the brief period when marriage equality was allowed in California and finally were officially married. Robert was passionate about equality for all. Robert loved hiking, Pembroke corgis, The Cotswolds, Vermont, picnics, Mozart and Mark Twain. He had a keen sense of humor which touched all of his many friends both here and in the UK. Robert is survived by his partner Randell, Shelby the corgi and his sister Susan Herriage.

At Robert’s request any donations in his honor go to: Human Rights Campaign, Monterey Country SPCA, Hospice of the Central Coast, Big Sur Land Trust. Robert and Randell thank Hospice for their sterling help!



Anna Vorkoeper

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Anna Vorkoeper passed away peacefully on Friday, June 15th in her lovely home at The Carmelo Park Senior Living Facility in Monterey. Anna Nell Redman was born in Evanston, Illinois on February 5th, 1922. After moving west to California with her family, and completing high school in Burlingame, she attended Stanford University and went on to receive a degree in Biochemistry from U.C. Berkeley. Her life was one full of ambition, curiosity and generosity, serving her local community as a docent at the Monterey Bay Aquarium for 18 years, traveling to Mexico and South America to study indigenous people and marine life and working with The Hesperian Foundation to set up medical clinics in remote areas of Durango, Mexico. She touched many lives along the way and has countless dedicated friends and family. She is survived by her five daughters, Marianne, Judy, Karla, Sara and Wendy and two of her five siblings, Mary Lou & Jim and will be deeply missed by all of them. She had been a devoted member of the Church of the Wayfarer, singing in the choir for many years. Memorial services will be held at The Church of the Wayfarer in mid July.

Inns to take on cost of getting more heads on beds

By MARY SCHLEY

NO CITY funds will be involved, but the city council is set to approve the creation of a Hospitality Improvement District that will utilize a \$1 fee paid by every hotel in town for each night a room is occupied to pay for a new staff person at the Carmel Chamber of Commerce who will focus on bringing small groups to town for midweek visits.

The city's imprimatur is needed so all hotels within the city limits will be legally required to underwrite the effort, rather than doing so on a voluntary basis.

More people sleeping in town would not only mean higher revenues for the inns, it would also increase hotel taxes for the city, where transient occupancy tax is expected to provide \$4,463,000 of the \$13.4 million 2012/2013 budget.

A chief proponent of the hospitality district went so far as to say increasing tax revenue for the city is the main reason the district has been proposed.

"The reason for the district is to increase hotel taxes by increasing occupancy in Carmel," Carmel Innkeepers Association head Carrie Theis told the city council June 12 as its members considered voting on a resolution declaring its intent to adopt the program July 3. "The biggest challenge is the Sunday-through-Thursday market."

She said she has heard Carmel has been missing out on small-group midweek travel because "we don't have one point person who can organize with the hotels, Sunset Center and the chamber."

"We need to make it easy," said Theis, owner and manager of Hofsas House.

Chamber board chairman and Monterey Movie Tours owner Doug Lumsden agreed.

"I can't tell you how many times I have received calls from groups that would like to come here," but there was no one to coordinate with them, he said.

The program should raise \$220,000 annually, and while the city will audit the improvement district to ensure the funds are being spent as promised, it will be overseen by an advisory board that includes the Carmel Innkeepers Association president, the executive director of Sunset Center, two representatives from hotels with conference facilities, and two representatives from smaller inns. The board's quarterly meetings will be open to the public.

Chamber CEO Monta Potter described how the improve-

ment district's revenue would be spent: \$114,000 for a destination sales manager and part-time office assistant; \$15,500 to set up their workstations with computers and other equipment; \$25,500 for operations, equipment, postage and supplies; and \$65,000 for public relations and marketing, including the hiring of an outside PR firm and the necessary printed materials.

"The new role we're going to have at the chamber — I'm quite certain we'll get the right person," Lumsden said.

While Carmel Residents Association President Barbara Livingston saw creation of the HID as the innkeepers' means of avoiding a hotel tax increase, and urged the council to pursue other options if the district doesn't work according to plan, others lauded the hoteliers' efforts.

Former Mayor Ken White commended the hotel owners. "This is the first time in my memory that anything like this has been proposed," he said. "If it goes through, the documents should be framed someplace."

A handful of hotel operators, including Bobby Richards and Amanda LeVett, supported the plan, and Karen Redmon said she already spends a lot of money to market her Coachman's Inn and would be grateful for the combined efforts of the hospitality district.

"I'm paying for marketing," she said. "I'm willing to do that and willing to do the hospitality district, as well."

Without much discussion, the council unanimously voted to adopt a resolution declaring its intent to establish the Hospitality Improvement District. Provided the city does not receive protests from more than half the city's affected innkeepers, the council is set to adopt the first draft of the ordinance at its July 3 meeting and OK the final version at the Aug. 7 meeting. The improvement district would take effect Sept. 7.

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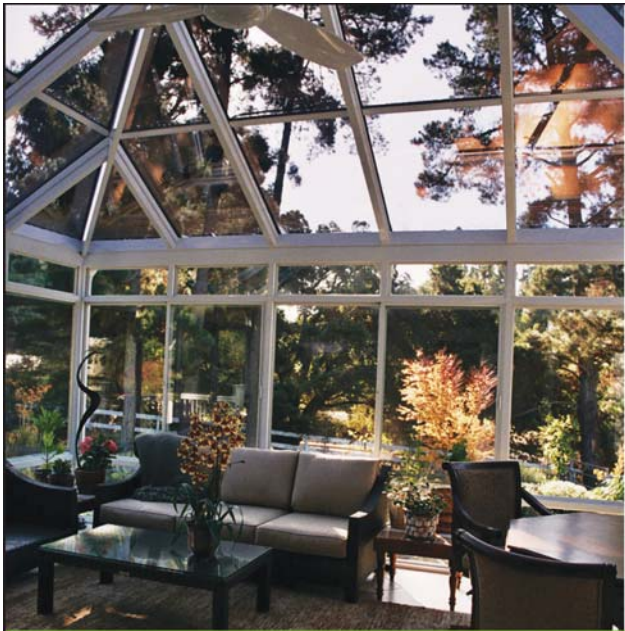
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CPUC OKs dam removal, allows Cal Am to recover contested costs

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE CALIFORNIA Public Utilities Commission endorsed a plan this week to remove San Clemente Dam, paving the way for a project environmentalists say will improve the steelhead habitat.

And by a 4-1 vote, the CPUC OK'd an agreement that would charge California American Water ratepayers \$49 million for the dam's removal and an additional \$26 million to pay for studies and staff costs associated with shoring up the dam over the past decade to meet seismic safety standards.

The estimated cost of removing the dam is \$83 million. Cal Am's \$49 million share will be supplemented by an additional \$34 million from taxpayers and private donors via the California State Coastal Conservancy.

Before the June 21 vote in San Francisco, the CPUC's Division of Ratepayer Advocates sided with administrative law judge Christine Walwyn, who said Cal Am should not be reimbursed for the additional \$26 million because the water company's initial plan to shore up the dam would not have addressed its fatal flaw — the fact that a buildup of debris and sediment had rendered it inoperable.

But the CPUC set aside Walwyn's pro-

posed decision, which was good news for Cal Am.

"This allows the project to move forward," said Cal-Am spokeswoman Catherine Bowie. "This is an important day for the Carmel River and it's an important day for the steelhead."

Environmentalists and elected officials were also satisfied with Thursday's decision.

"This represents a turning point in a decades-long endeavor to restore the Carmel River, which has seen its ecosystem decimated from a lack of water," said Loren Letendre, president of the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy. "The conservancy applauds this development and looks forward to working with California American Water through the dam deconstruction and the river's remaining restoration."

"Removing San Clemente Dam is among the most important things we can do to help improve the health of the Carmel River," said Congressman Sam Farr. "I am happy that we are finally moving forward to take this action."

Constructed in 1921 and operated by Cal-Am since 1966, the dam is designed to store 1,425 acre-feet of water. It hasn't been used since 2002 — in large part because 90 per-

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Water district's move to annex land could mean power struggle with Cal Am

By KELLY NIX

THE MARINA Coast Water District wants to annex the land where California American Water plans to put its wells for a new desal plant, but the general manager of Marina Coast said the annexation move is unrelated to its sour split with the private company over the failed regional water project.

But when Cal Am learned two weeks ago Marina Coast was planning to annex the land it wants to use to install slant wells on for its newly proposed desal plant, the company questioned the water agency's motives. On June 12, the Marina Coast board of directors voted 4-1 to go ahead with environmental studies for the annexation of the land.

"The timing is concerning," Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Bowie told The Pine Cone June 13. "We don't understand what Marina Coast's reasoning for the annexation."

Though he acknowledges the timing is coincidental, Marina Coast general manager Jim Heitzman told The Pine Cone the move to annex the land stems from a 1996 plan to solve a saltwater intrusion problem on the Cemex property.

"It's a process we started several years ago, and it's finally working its way through to the board," Heitzman told The Pine Cone after the meeting. "We are not trying to stop anybody or anything."

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‘THE 39 STEPS’ — FOUR ACTORS PLAYING 139 ROLES

By CHRIS COUNTS

ANTONY Award-winning play that spoofs a 1935 Alfred Hitchcock thriller opens Saturday, June 23, at the Golden Bough.

Presented by PacRep Theatre, “The 39 Steps” uses just four actors — **Cassidy Brown, Rebecca Dines, Tim Hart** and **Michael D. Jacobs** — to play a staggering 139 characters from the Hitchcock film. As a result, the actors are required to change costumes at a lightning-quick pace and play multiple characters at once.

Patrick Barlow’s stage version of “The 39 Steps” debuted in 2005 and opened on Broadway in 2008. His script instructed that only four actors would play all the parts from the 1935 film. The play won the Olivier Award in 2007 for Best Comedy.

In Hitchcock’s film, a man attends a performance at a London theater by “Mr. Memory,” who is famous for his photographic memory. During the show, shots ring out and panic

ensues. During the confusion, the man meets a woman who claims she is a spy who has uncovered a plot to steal vital British military secrets, and that assassins are hot on her trail. A short time later, she is stabbed to death by an unknown assailant, and the man soon learns he is the chief suspect in her murder.

For Brown, Dines, Hart and Jacobs, sharing the roles of 139 characters is no easy task. “It’s been a lot of fun for me, but for the actors, it’s a challenge to pull off dozens of locations and more than a hundred characters,” director **Stephen Moorer** explained.

The production will also make use of the Golden Bough’s new revolving stage to enhance the play’s numerous chase scenes, and its new projector and screen to create backdrops for its many locations.

Moorer calls “The 39 Steps” an “ode to the suspense film genre” and a “very funny play.”

“The adaptation is so clever and inventive,” he added. “It has a great hero, a great villain, and an interesting assortment of characters. It will be so much fun for the audience to see the actors reveling in their craft.”

The play continues Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through July 15. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m.

Tickets range from \$16 to \$38 with discounts available for seniors, students, children, teachers and active military. Call (831) 622-0100, visit www.pacrep.org or stop by the box office Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Golden Bough is located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth.



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June 22 - Fourth Friday Forum “How to Build Sustainable Retirement Income.” Join us Friday, June 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Rancho Cañada Golf Club, 4860 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel. There is no charge for this event, but reservations are necessary. Lunch will be served. Call (831) 656-0236 to reserve a spot for you and your friends.

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June 23 - 2012 Carmel Heritage House and Garden Tour, June 23, 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets are limited, order now. To order tickets, call (831) 624-4447 or email: info@carmelheritage.org. \$25 for members. \$30 for non members.

June 28 - Polaris Wines Winery Dinner hosted by Olivier Portet, 6 p.m. at Carmel’s “The Forge in the Forest” at Junipero and Fifth Ave. Featuring Heritance Wines from Napa Valley and Ñandú Wines from Argentina, all made by famed Winemaker Bernard Portet and paired with cuisine by Chef Jean-Paul. \$75 per person. To reserve call (831) 624-2233 or email jeanpaulpeluffo1@gmail.com.

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August 3-4 - Contestants between the ages of 14-21 are now being sought for the 2nd Annual Miss Monterey National Horse Show Contest. The contest will be held on Friday, August 3. More details and the application are at www.montereycountyfair.com and additional information is available by calling (831) 372-5863 or emailing kelly@montereycountyfair.com. The entry deadline is Friday, June 20.

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Oboist juggles playing and teaching with ice skating

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR THE second installment of this summer’s Masters’ Festival Recital Series, oboist **Elaine Douvas** performs Tuesday, June 26, at the Hidden Valley Theater in Carmel Valley Village.

In addition to being the principal oboist for New York City’s Metropolitan Opera since 1977, Douvas has taught music at the Juilliard School since 1982 and currently serves as the chair of its woodwind department. She is in residence this week at Hidden Valley, where she is coaching young music students.

“Elaine is an extraordinary player,” said Peter Meckel, Hidden Valley’s executive director. “She was among the many great

players trained by John Mack, who taught here at Hidden Valley for 23 years and was the principal oboist for the Cleveland Orchestra. This should be a wonderful concert.”

Before Mack passed away in 2006, he recommended that Douvas succeed him as a master class instructor at Hidden Valley.

“This is her fifth year with us,” Meckel explained. “She’s one of the great master class teachers we’ve had.”

When Douvas is not playing the oboe, she can often be found on the nearest ice rink.

“Elaine a remarkable person,” Meckel added. “She’s a ranked figure skater. [When she’s in New York City] gets up very early in

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Oboist Elaine Douvas (above) performs June 26 at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, while singer-songwriter Drew Nelson (right) plays a house concert in Carmel Valley Village June 23.



Altman film series continues at Cherry Center with ‘The Player’

By CHRIS COUNTS

FAMOUS FOR its more than 50 cameos by Hollywood stars, Robert Altman’s 1992 film, “The Player,” screens Thursday, June 28, at the Cherry Center for the Arts.

Tim Robbins plays a studio executive who receives death threats from a screenwriter he presumably has rejected. Unfortunately, because his job requires him to reject countless scripts, identifying the writer who is making the threats is no small challenge. In desperation, the studio executive makes a fateful decision that could lead to his ruin.

Co-starring with Robbins are Whoopi Goldberg, Dean Stockwell, Vincent D’Onofrio and Lyle Lovett. Making cameos are Julie Roberts, Peter Falk, Gary Busey, Jack Lemmon, Bruce Willis, Susan Sarandon and many others.

“The Player” is the second installment in the Cherry Center’s latest four-part “Backstory” series, which offers an “in-depth look behind the scenes of movies” accompanied by commentary and insight from a local film authority.

Over the next three weeks, the series pays tribute to filmmaker Robert Altman, who is perhaps best known for directing the screen version of “M*A*S*H.”

Following the screening, local movie buff Malcolm Weintraub will lead a talk about the film.

In addition to the June 28 event, two other Altman films will be presented at Cherry Center — “Kansas City” (July 5) and “Gosford Park” (July 12).

Showtime is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. Call (831) 624-7491 or visit www.carlcherrycenter.org.

Shorts among the tall trees

The Big Sur International Short Film Screening Series continues this week at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur, Thursday, June 28.

This week’s lineup includes “Viti” by Dustin Bancroft (United States); “The Future” by Venetia Taylor (Australia); “Body Memory” by Ulo Pikkov (Estonia); “505g” by Jérémy Azencott (France); and “A Wonderful Day” by Ariel Weisbrod (Israel).

The event is free and begins shortly after sunset. Moviegoers are encouraged to dress warmly and try the library’s popcorn, which executive director Magnus Toren swears is “the world’s greatest.” The series continues through Aug. 26. The library is located on Highway 1 about 28 miles south of Carmel. Call (831) 667-2574 or visit www.bigsur-film.org.

Live ballet from Russia

Lighthouse Cinemas’ “Ballet in Cinema” series continues Sunday, June 24, with a live screening of “Raymonda” from the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow.

The three-act ballet tells the story of Raymonda, a French countess who is betrothed to a famous knight, while another suitor tries to abduct her.

Raymonda is played by Svetlana Zakharova, while Alexander Volchkov takes on the role of Knight Jean de Brienne. Showtime is 8 a.m. The film will play again Sunday, July 1 at 1 p.m. and Tuesday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and \$14 for children up to 11. Lighthouse Cinemas is located at 525 Lighthouse Ave. Call (831) 641-0747.

Crossroads art fair, painting demo set

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CROSSROADS Shopping Center will be the site of an Art Fair Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24, from noon to 6 p.m.

The event is presented by Artists Equity, the nonprofit group that stages the annual Monterey County Artists’ Studio Tour.

This weekend’s art fair will feature displays by painters **Emy Ledbetter, Gilbert Julian, Sandy Robinson, Vanessa Martin, Mark Zimmerman, Paola Berthoin** and **Marilyn Van Den Bogaerde**; photographers **Gloria Jelladian, Shirley West** and **Deborah Delatour**; and jewelers **Jody Royee, Kelli Mayer** and **Anna Bartoni**.

The fair will be located next to R.G. Burgers in the Crossroads.

Painter offers demo

Artist **Cyndra Bradford** will offer a painting demonstration Monday, June 25, at the Monterey Youth Center. Bradford is a Big Sur native who paints landscapes, seascapes and horses uses striking color combinations

and a palette knife. She is also co-owner of Galerie Plein Aire.

The event starts at 7 p.m. The youth center is located at 777 Pearl St. in Monterey next to Dennis the Menace Park.



The co-owner of Galerie Plein Aire, Cyndra Bradford will present a painting demonstration June 25 at the Monterey Youth Center.

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the morning and skates before she's off to the Met to play the oboe."

Next up at Hidden Valley is a concert Saturday, July 7, by mezzo-soprano **Susanne Mentzer**.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Hidden Valley is located at Carmel Valley and Ford roads. Call (831) 659-3115 or visit www.hiddenvalley.org.

■ Duo plays standards at Cypress Inn

Stevenson School student **Kanoa Mendenhall** and Big Sur pianist **Dick Whittington** will play jazz standards Saturday, June 23, at Cypress Inn.

Mendenhall plays bass for the Central Coast Section Middle School Orchestra, the Monterey Jazz Festival Middle School Honor Band and San Francisco Jazz All-Star High School Big Band. Whittington, meanwhile, is a gifted jazz pianist who's played at the Cypress Inn since Carmel lifted its ban on live music in bars and restaurants in 2005.

The music starts at 7:30 p.m. and there's no cover. Cypress Inn is located on the corner of Lincoln and Seventh. For more information, call (800) 443-7443 or visit www.cypress-inn.com.

■ Country, jazz down the coast

The unofficial house band at Phil's Fish Market in Moss Landing, the **Good Sams** play country music Saturday, June 23, at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur. They'll share the bill with **Carolyn Sills**, a Santa Cruz-based singer who pays tribute to Patsy Cline, Peggy Lee and others with a tasty mix of jazz, swing and pop.

The show starts at 10 p.m. and there's no cover. Fernwood is located on Highway 1 26 miles south of Carmel. Call (831) 667-2422.

The artistic director of the Monterey Jazz Festival and a co-founder of Santa Cruz' Kuumbwa Jazz Center, flutist **Tim Jackson** brings his band, Real Time, to the Big Sur River Inn Sunday, June 24. Performing on the restaurant's shady deck alongside the river, Jackson will be joined by guitarist **Jerry Shanahan**, pianist **Marshall Otwell**, bassist **Scott McKenna** and drummer **Mike Shannon**.

The music starts at 1 p.m. and there's no cover. The River Inn is located on Highway 1 two miles north of Fernwood. Call (831) 667-2700.

■ House concert showcases singer-songwriter

With the grand reopening of Plaza Linda in Carmel Valley Village on hold until its liquor license is transferred to its new location at 27 E. Carmel Valley Road, music promoter Kiki Wow is moving Saturday's concert by singer-songwriter **Drew Nelson** to a private home nearby.

Like Bruce Springsteen and Dave Alvin, Nelson serves up a mix of folk, country, rock and Americana that is gritty and heartfelt. And like his more famous contemporaries, the Michigan singer-songwriter often writes about the plight of the blue collar worker and families struggling to get by during challenging times.

"He received a standing ovation last time he performed at Plaza Linda," Wow said. "He's truly an excellent solo artist who satisfies any audience, although his songs are best received by avid music listeners who love the art of storytelling through song."

The concert starts at 6:30 p.m. A \$10 donations is suggested.

For reservations and direction, call (831) 235-7662.

Hawaiian shamanism subject of talk

ANTHROPOLOGIST **HANK Wesselman** will present a lecture about Hawaiian shamanism Friday, June 22, at the Carmel Art Association. Afterward, he will sign copies of his new book, "The Bowl of Light: Ancestral Wisdom from a Hawaiian Shaman" at the Pilgrim's Way bookstore.

At the CAA, Wesselman will talk about his friendship with Hawaiian elder Hale Kealohalani Makua, who offered him a glimpse into the little-known world of Hawaiian shamanism. The event starts at 6 p.m.

"It is my hope that sharing these philosophical conversations may contribute to the widespread spiritual reawakening currently in progress as both the Western world and the indigenous world reshape themselves in response to a time of global, social, and cultural change that goes unparalleled in the history of humanity," Wesselman writes.

Wesselman is a longtime workshop leader at the Esalen Institute in Big Sur.

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Cheeky Spanks will entertain the crowd, and food will be provided by local service clubs and groups, including the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Carmel Heritage Society, Carmel Host Lions, Carmel Residents Association, Carmel Woman's

Club, Mission Trail Lions and YES for Carmel.

People are encouraged to pack a lunch or snack on the treats offered by the nonprofits, and bring a blanket or chair to relax on the only grassy park (and the only place where dogs are forbidden) in town. Devendorf Park is located at Ocean and Junipero.

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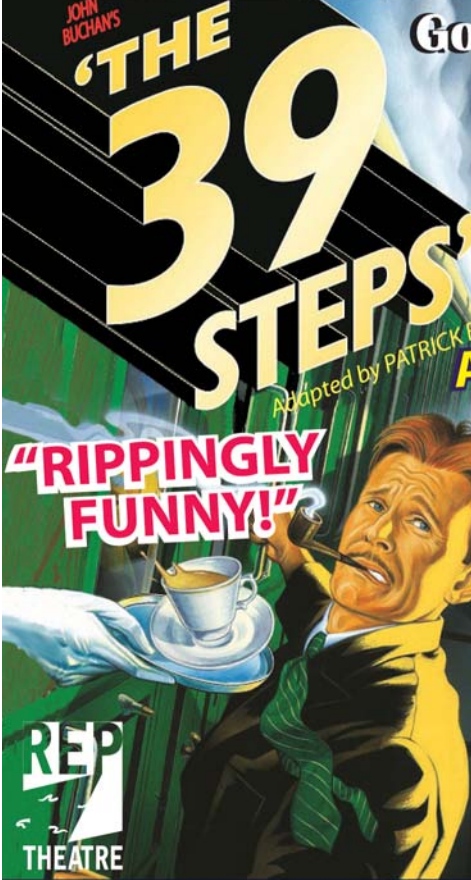


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Tasting at Trio, Forge wine dinner, and getting in on the fair

By MARY SCHLEY

IT MIGHT be the subtly sweet and citrusy grapefruit white balsamic vinegar. Or maybe the red balsamic flavored with espresso. Or maybe the piquant, complex and slightly grassy olive oil. Or the chance to sip some unusual local wines and peruse modern art. Or, perhaps, it's just spending a few minutes chatting with Charlotte and Karl Empey, the enthusiastic owners of **Trio Carmel** on Dolores Street.

Whatever the reason, their new venture is inviting, a fact to which many visitors will no doubt attest when they attend the free Carmel Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting there Friday, June 22, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The couple, both of whom worked in high-tech and have traveled all over the world during the past two decades (he is from Ireland), had a life-changing experience during a family reunion just outside Florence, where some friends grow olives and make their own oil.

"They were our first really true tasty olive oils," Charlotte recalled. "It really started us thinking."

They initially wanted to sell one-of-a-kind items discovered during their world

travels, but their vision morphed into a shop of artisanal products, including their friends' olive oils and wine made by another Italian producer with whom they became smitten.

But, while the Carmel Planning Commission bought into their concept overall, the permit it approved in January required they feature local wines, not those from halfway across the world. With the help of **Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association** executive director Rhonda Motil, they selected Pelerin, Chualar Canyon and Mesa del Sol. All are small operations.

"We're thrilled they sent us down the path, because it's made us more of a local community-building thing," Charlotte said.

"We're able to expose these smaller wineries to the local community and the visitors who are coming in," Karl added. "We think it's the right thing to do."

Trio launched its wine tasting last Friday, offering five tastes for \$15, and "the response has been great," he said. A purchase of at least \$75 will get the tasting fee waived, and the store is also hosting Meet the Winemaker tastings from 3 to 6 p.m. on Fridays through October. The first, set for June 29, will feature Chris Weidemann, owner and winemaker for Pelerin.

While wine tasting takes place at the rear

of the airy store, which used to be a gallery, the shelves of olive oils and balsamic vinegars, all kept fresh in airtight metal dispensers the Empeys found in Italy, hold court.

"All our vinegars come from Modena, Italy," Charlotte said, where their source works with small growers to procure the best red and white balsamics, which range in flavor from grapefruit and honey ginger, to fig, chocolate and espresso.

They carry 14 extra virgin olive oils spanning from very mild to very intense, and every label indicates the polyphenol content (said to be healthful), a description and other useful information. Oils flavored with extracts, including herbs de Provence, wild herb and mushroom, and blood orange, are featured, too. All of the oils are freshly pressed and capitalize on the latest olive harvest, whether in Italy or Argentina.

"It's fresh, high quality and has a fast turnover," Charlotte said.

They sell for \$12 for 200ml, \$17 for 375ml and \$28 for 750ml, with incentives for buying multiple bottles.

Trio also carries related accessories, herbs and spices, a popular olive-oil-based skincare line — and modern artwork by Carmel Valley resident Patricia Qualls and Tucson, Ariz.-based painter Carol Ann.

"A big part of the inspiration for Trio Carmel was the abstract artists that we know," Karl explained. "All the artists that we carry have found their true calling in a slightly indirect way, and when people get there, they've kind of landed, and it just comes out in their personality and their art. I find it very inspirational."

Located on the east side of Dolores south of Ocean Avenue, Trio Carmel is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The website, www.TrioCarmel.com, is under construction but should be up and running soon. Call (831) 250-7714 for more information.

Franscioni won't be able to pour his wines for tasting, because commissioners said there are too many tasting rooms in the area already, but they will be served to diners in the restaurant next door. The kiosk was last occupied by a store selling the works of late painter Thomas Kinkade.

■ Forge's first wine dinner

Heritage Wines from Napa Valley and Ñandú from Argentina will be paired with each specially crafted course during the inaugural **Winery Dinner at The Forge** Thursday, June 28, at 6 p.m. Made by Bernard Portet, who left his winemaking family in France 40 years ago to launch his own venture in Napa, the wines will be presented by his son, Olivier Portet.

The ninth generation in a family of wine growers and makers, Portet learned the craft from his father, went on to study enology and viticulture, and then left his native country to explore other wine regions in Europe, as well as Chile, Argentina and Australia. Ultimately, he decided the Napa Valley was the place to be, and he cofounded Clos du Val. After 35 years there, he retired but then launched Polaris Wines about a year ago with business partner Don Chase. He now produces Heritage Wines.

A preview of the menu revealed plans for lobster bisque, spinach salad, and main-course choices of crepe-wrapped tilapia with tarragon mushrooms or rack of Colorado lamb with a lavender crust and rosemary sauce — both of which come with potato gratin and sautéed spinach. Dessert will be chocolate mousse with cherry brandy.

The Forge in the Forest is located at the corner of Junipero and Fifth in Carmel, and the dinner costs \$75 per person. To reserve, call (831) 624-2233 or email jean-paulpeluffo@gmail.com.

■ Bon anniversaire, Moulin!

Chef/owner Didier Dutertre is celebrating the fifth birthday of his Monterey restaurant, **Bistro Moulin**, this month by offering his signature spinach gnocchi appetizer for \$5, as well as glasses of Jean-Luc Colombo Provence Rosé — a summertime wine spe-

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BIDEN

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‘Go,’ and was confident, and that the president listened to.”

But another story about another Carmel resident emerged at the event, and that was

the appearance on the national political stage of Mayor Jason Burnett, who was elected to the post just three months ago but played a lead role in arranging the Biden appearance, was selected to introduce the vice president to the enthusiastic crowd, and was asked to remain on stage while Biden spoke.

“It certainly was an honor to do this,”

Burnett said after the event. And he said he was nervous about playing such an important role.

“I only learned the night before I was going to be given the opportunity to make some remarks,” he said. “I was going to cook dinner, but then I told Mel [his wife] she was going to have to cook, and I sat down and drafted them.”

He sent them off to the White House, where the press office “tightened them up a bit” and sent them back. And then he was told the morning of the event that after introducing Biden, he was supposed to stay at the vice president’s side while he spoke.

Burnett’s hands seemed to shake a bit while he read his five-minute remarks from a piece of paper, praising Biden for “working his entire career” to advance values such as smart growth, livable communities, environmental protection and public education. And he called him “an extraordinary vice president and extraordinary human being.”

But he relaxed as he sat on a stool while Biden spoke about the importance of the upcoming election, which he said was a contest between Obama’s agenda to protect the middle class, and what he characterized as an extremist Mitt Romney brand of conservatism.

“This is not your father’s Republican Party,” Biden warned.

He arrived in the Monterey Peninsula Tuesday night after appearances in Los Angeles and Sacramento. But the campaign’s decision to stage the rally in Carmel wasn’t a geographical coincidence.

In talking with other prominent Monterey County Democrats about how to help the president’s reelection bid, Burnett said there was discussion of having a campaign event in the county.

“It was my idea to have it at Sunset Center,” Burnett said. “I thought it was the perfect venue.”

After the Obama/Biden campaign was convinced there would be enough support to underwrite the costs of the rally, including renting Sunset Center and paying for security, the event was scheduled, with attendees paying up to \$15,000 to sit in the front rows and have their picture taken with Biden. Some people in the audience, including high-school students, union members and longtime supporters of the Democratic Party, were able to attend for free.

The event also included a performance by Mary Chapin Carpenter and the screening of an Obama campaign film. Outside the hall, a scattering of mostly left-wing protesters barely managed to make their presence felt.

Biden said he missed his home in Delaware but also expressed gratitude for being given a “passport” to visit Carmel.

FOOD

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cially selected by wine director and bistro manager Colleen Manni — for \$5. To get the specials, you have to ask for them.

Bistro Moulin specializes in French country and Mediterranean cuisine — with an interesting and accessible wine list to match — and is open nightly at 5 p.m. It’s located at 867 Wave St. in Monterey and can be reached by calling (831) 333-1200. Visit www.bistromoulin.com.

■ Paella on the patio

Chef Tom Snyder of **Estéban** will hold a Paella Class on the Patio at 700 Munras Ave. in Monterey Saturday, June 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. The day will begin with the restaurant’s signature pintxos (Spanish bar snacks) cooked to order on the grill, with plenty of sangria, Cava, house wine and Spanish beer to wash them down as Snyder demonstrates how to cook Spain’s iconic rice dish.

Afterward, guests will enjoy the dish family style at a large communal table set on the patio, and will finish out the feast with coffee and churros. The cost is \$79 per person. Call (831) 375-0176.

■ Venture to Japan, make pie

The series of intimate cooking classes hosted in the kitchen of **Aubergine** restau-

rant at Monte Verde and Eighth continues with “Culinary Adventure — Japan” Tuesday, June 26, and “Pies ... Like Mom Never Made” Wednesday, June 27. Each class runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and costs \$100 per person, plus tax and tip.

For the Japan class, executive chef Justin Cogley will teach students how to make okonomiyaki, a savory pancake, and chawanmushi, an egg custard dish steamed in a teacup. The following day, executive pastry chef Ron Mendoza will show attendees the ins and outs of making cream pies with cookie crusts and fresh fruit pies with a traditional crusts.

Reservations are recommended by calling (831) 624-8578. www.auberginecarmel.com

■ Go for that blue ribbon

The **Monterey County Fair** is accepting entries for its myriad competitions, and its entry guide is now online, as well as in print form in the office at 2004 Fairground Road in Monterey and at local craft stores. Paper entries must be postmarked by July 20, while online entries will be accepted until July 31.

The guide explains all the ins and outs of exhibiting at the Monterey County Fair, including detailed explanations of each class and category, as well as rules and recommendations. Categories for food competition in the Adult Home Arts Department include baked goods, preserved foods, bottled wines and beer. The fair will be held Aug. 29 to Sept. 3. Call (831) 372-5863 or visit www.montereycountyfair.com.

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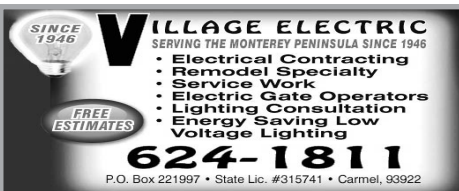
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EVENT

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golf clubhouse, also sent an email to Frutchey about Phoenix Coins' plans.

But Frutchey said nobody from the city gave the event the thumbs up.

"Phoenix Coins says they were told by the county that the clubhouse was in the unincorporated area," and could use the venue, Frutchey said, "so they didn't know to call us or to check our codes and use permit restrictions."

Phoenix Coins then phoned an event planner with Aqua Terra Culinary, the company that operates the Pt. Pinos Grill, stating "they wanted to have a meeting at the clubhouse." The

woman from Aqua Terra, apparently not knowing what Phoenix Coins had planned, said it was OK, Frutchey said.

"We didn't hear about it until the flyers started appearing in residents' mailboxes last Friday," he explained.

Catherine Stepnitz from Phoenix Coin told The Pine Cone

Wednesday the company had no idea the Point Pinos Grill was off limits or that the city owned the clubhouse.

"The last thing we want to do is be somewhere we shouldn't be," Stepnitz said. "We pride ourselves in being honest."

Best-selling author to appear at P.G. Library

NEW YORK Times best-selling author Ann Packer will appear at the Pacific Grove Library, where she will present her newest short-story collection and sign copies.

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Though the Pacific Grove City Council was expected to decide Wednesday whether to continue to pursue Agha’s project, it continued the issue to the July 18 council meeting. Councilman Dan Miller, who has supported Agha’s project from the beginning, told The Pine Cone he strongly disagreed with Frutchey’s report.

Frutchey called Agha’s offer to the city “generous,” and said if the water project was successful, water costs for Pacific Grove residents “may be significantly lower” than other projects, including Cal Am’s proposal, which also includes a desalination plant.

However, he also said the city’s “primary guiding principle must be minimizing the risk of harm,” and by “minimizing the likelihood that our actions could put the [city’s] general fund at risk.”

And because the financial resources Agha is willing to commit to the project “are not likely to be sufficient” to see its completion, another partner will be needed to back the project, which Frutchey said would “complicate an already challenged relationship even further.”

No other Peninsula city has said it’s interested in teaming up with P.G. and Agha in the project.

Furthermore, Agha and the city, Frutchey said, have markedly different goals, and the proposed partnership is ill-

sued to help either party in reaching them. Agha wants to sell his Moss Landing property to the city for tens of millions of dollars before contracting with the city to design and build the desal plant.

Frutchey said there are several factors that would make it preferable for the city to lease the land, not buy it. For instance, if the city owned the land, it could be responsible for paying all of the environmental remediation costs if the property — a former magnesium brick manufacturing plant — is found to be contaminated. Agha has said he has performed an extensive environmental cleanup of his property.

Devoting time to Agha’s project would also take time away from tackling other important city issues.

“Even though Mr. Agha has committed to pay for the staff time involved,” according to Frutchey, “there is no way to make up for the time lost on other projects.”

Five of the seven-member city council — including Mayor Carmelita Garcia, who accepted \$5,000 in contributions from Agha for her unsuccessful county supervisor campaign — have voted in favor of partnering with Agha on the water project. Councilmen Robert Huitt and Bill Kampe are against the deal.

‘Bias’ allegations addressed

Frutchey also cited Agha’s accusations of bias against members of Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority board’s technical advisory committee and Agha’s request to have his project withdrawn from the technical group’s vetting process.

On June 14, though, the committee voted unanimously to rejected Agha’s request, which Agha made after accusing some members of the committee of being “biased” against his project.

Agha claims, among other things, that TAC member John Narigi had called his desal proposal a “joke.”

“He’s the wrong person to be on that TAC committee,” Agha said about Narigi during last week’s meeting in Monterey, “and that is one of the reasons we withdrew.”

Narigi, who is the vice president and general manager of the Monterey Plaza Hotel, responded by saying that he has been “fair-thinking” during his time on the board.

And committee chair Bill Reichmuth, whom Agha also accused of publicly being opposed to his project, said the TAC members were justified in expressing their views of the various water proposals.

“Yes, they have opinions, and they voice those opinions,” Reichmuth said. “And they darn well should.”

The TAC voted to include Agha’s project in its vetting process. An independent consultant will likely perform a detailed study of Agha’s proposal, a \$370 million project proposed by Cal Am and another deepwater desalination proposal.

Meanwhile, Agha reiterated his position that his desal proposal is the best one to meet a Jan. 31, 2016 deadline set by the state to have a water project in place to stop illegal diversions from the Carmel River.

“We have the real answer for the water,” Agha said. “Nobody else does.”

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dental records, said Dyck, who responded to the scene of the crash, collected the body and brought it back to the morgue for the subsequent investigation and autopsy.

"A postmortem examination determined Westcott died of coronary artery atherosclerosis," he reported. "Westcott suffered no antemortem injuries in the crash," and his death was ruled as natural. The remains were turned over to the Paul Mortuary following the investigation.

Memorial service planned

Westcott was born Jan. 2, 1939, and joined the Navy after high school, attending basic aviation school and a course on jet engines. He served four years and went on to study aviation at Northrop Institute of Technology, after which he took a mechanic's job with Norma Larson Beachcraft. Westcott became a flight engineer and commercial pilot before being hired by Flying Tiger Line, where he rose through the ranks to captain, flying the CL 44, DC-8 and B 747 all over the world. FedEx merged with Flying Tiger in 1989, and he flew the 747 and the DC-10, retiring at the mandatory age of 60.

"Chuck passed away while doing what he loved best ... flying. It was his passion in life," the family said in an obituary, which said he died flying his "dream plane" — a "cross between a P-40, a Spitfire and a P-51," that he spent years building.

"He had built a good plane and it did not falter. He would want you to know that," the obituary said. "He also loved riding his motorcycle and driving his '36 Ford. Chuck loved his

toys! He was a wonderful man, full of life, extremely generous, loving and caring, and he was always ready to help in any situation."

Westcott is survived by his wife, Nancy, his sons and her children, and their grandchildren. A memorial will be held at the Carmel Mission Basilica on July 9 at 10:30 a.m.

McCloud declines term on landfill board

FORMER CARMEL Mayor Sue McCloud was recently nominated to retain her position as vice chair of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District but declined the offer. McCloud has served as the board's vice chair since 2005, and she has served on the board since 1998.

The former six-term Carmel mayor recommended Del Rey Oaks City Councilman Dennis Allion as her replacement. The board endorsed McCloud's nomination, and Allion takes over as vice chair July 1.

The board also re-elected Pebble Beach Community Services District Director Leo Laska as its chairman.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of MASON CASE

Case Number MP 20700 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MASON CASE.

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

The Petition for Probate requests that SUZANNE CASE 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: August 3, 2012 Time: 10:00 a.m. Dept.: 16 Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujaito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner: Kim Marois (State Bar # 71821) 3333 Mendocino Ave., Suite 200 Santa Rosa, CA 95403 (707) 523-1181 (s) Kim Marois, Attorney for Petitioner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 13, 2012. Clerk: Connie Mazzei Deputy: Lisa Dalia Publication dates: June 15, 22, 29, 2012. (PC616)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M117272. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, CHAD STANGE, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A. Present name: CHAD STANGE Proposed name: CHAD CHAMBERLAIN

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: June 8, 2012 TIME: 9:00 a.m. DEPT: 15 The address of the court is 1200 Agujaito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Lydia M. Villarreal Judge of the Superior Court Date filed: april 25, 2012 Clerk: Connie Mazzei Deputy: Carmen B. Orozco Publication dates: June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2012. (PC618)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of LUCILLE D. WOLF, aka LUCILLE DUANE WOLF

Case Number MP 20779 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LUCILLE D. WOLF, aka LUCILLE DUANE WOLF, deceased.

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

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

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: August 3, 2012 Time: 10:00 a.m. Dept.: 16 Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujaito 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: David Scott Wolf 3511 Taylor Road Carmel, CA 93923 (831) 402-4073 (s) David Scott Wolf, Petitioner.

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

Publication dates: June 15, 22, 29, 2012. (PC619)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE File No. 7081.23500 Title Order No. 6471986 MIN No. 100052550209147593 APN 015-531-041-000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/19/08. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in §5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Trustor(s): ALEJANDRO HOGAN and VICTORIA HOGAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS. Recorded: 05/30/08, as Instrument No. 2008034929 of Official Records of MONTEREY County, California. Date of Sale: 07/17/12 at 9:00 AM. Place of Sale: Fox Theater, 241 Main Street, Salinas, CA. The purported property address is: 3850 RIO RD APT 41, CARMEL, CA 93923-8627 Assessors Parcel No. 015-531-041-000 The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be

sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$518,314.87. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid, plus interest. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the beneficiary, the Trustor or the trustee. 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, you may call 877-484-9942 or visit this Internet Web site www.USA-Foreclosure.com or www.Auction.com using the file number assigned to this case 7081.23500. 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. Date: June 8, 2012 NORTHWEST TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC., as Trustee Morgan Armstrong, Authorized Signatory 1241 E. Dyer Road, Suite 250, Santa Ana, CA 92705 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: (866) 387-NWTS THIS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE ORDER # 7081.23500: 06/15/2012,06/22/2012,06/29/2012 Publication dates: June 15, 22, 29, 2012. (PC 620)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20121156. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BIG HEART IN HOME MEAL SERVICES**, Monte Verde 3 SW 11th, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921. Monterey County. GAYLE PATRICE CURETON, Monte Verde 3 SW 11th, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A. (s) Gayle Cureton. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 7, 2012. Publication dates: June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2012. (PC 621)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20121176. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CYPRESS CLEANING COMPANY**, 4140 Sunset Lane, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. Monterey County. NEW CREATION CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC., 4140 Sunset Lane, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: May 25, 2012. (s) Rod Le Vasseur, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 25, 2012. Publication dates: June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2012. (PC 622)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20121177. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PEBBLE BEACH & CARMEL HOSPITALITY COMPANY**, 3239 Serra Ave., Carmel, CA 93923. Monterey County. NEW CREATION CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC., 4140 Sunset Lane, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: May 25, 2012. (s) Jim Somerville, Treasurer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 25, 2012. Publication dates: June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2012. (PC 623)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20121155 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20121155 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

JMG Events, 33 Lorraine Ct., Seaside, CA 93955; County of Monterey Mark Feldman, 33 Lorraine Ct., Seaside, CA 93955. 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/ Mark Feldman, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey on June 7, 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).

Original filing 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13/12 **CNS-2331959#**

CARMEL PINE CONE Publication dates: June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2012. (PC 624)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20121202. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CINQ MONDES SIGNATURE SPA CARMEL**, 118 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923. Monterey County. CINQ MONDES USA LLC - California, 118 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel CA 93923. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A. (s) Philippe Tourtin, General Member/ CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 13, 2012. Publication dates: June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2012. (PC 625)

FC #: 12-104 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED December 24, 2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On July 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. of said day, at: the main entrance to the County Administration Building, 168 W Alisal Street, Salinas, CA CJ Investment Services, Inc., a California corporation the Trustee or Successor Trustee, or Substituted Trustee, will sell at a public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) the following described property situated in the County of Monterey, State of California, and described more fully on said deed of trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 24815 Carpenter Street, Carmel, CA APN: 009-144-015 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown here. Said sale will be made AS IS, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by TRUSTOR(S): TARPON INN, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Recorded December 31, 2008, as Inst. #2008083929, in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey County. At the time of the initial publication of this Notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, fees, and advances is \$1,211,304.45. To determine the opening bid, you may call: The day before the sale (831) 462-9385. Dated: June 14, 2012 CJ Investment Services, Inc. 331 Capitola Avenue, Suite G Capitola, CA 95010 By: Sue Jamieson, Foreclosure Officer P958667 6/22, 6/29, 07/06/2012 Publication dates: June 22, 29, July 6, 2012. (PC 626)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20121231. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MAIN STREET PARTNER-SHIP**, 240 Main Street, Salinas, CA 93901. Monterey County. CLOVIS C. CLINTON, 18370 Meadow Ridge Rd., Salinas, CA 93907. TOMMIE W. CLINTON, 565 Stilson Canyon Rd., Chico, CA 95928. FLOYDENE R. MITCHELL, 430 Natividad Road, Salinas, CA 93907. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above

on: Jan. 1, 2012. (s) Clovis Clinton. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 19, 2012. Publication dates: June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2012. (PC 628)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1201340-14 APN: 012-285-013-000 TRA: 010000 LOAN NO: Xxxxxx2581 REF: McBride, Concetta IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED November 09, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On July 12, 2012, at 10:00am, Cal Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded November 17, 2006, as Inst. No. 2006101641 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey County, State of California, executed by Concetta McBride A Married Woman As Her Sole and Separate Property, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank At the main entrance to the county administration building, 168 W. Alisal Street Salinas, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: **Completely described in said deed of trust** The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1291 Waring Street Seaside CA 93955 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$623,066.00. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. **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, you may call (619)590-1221 or visit the internet website www.rppsales.com, using the file number assigned to this case **1201340-14**. 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. For sales information: (619)590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: June 15, 2012. (R-413123 06/22/12, 06/29/12, 07/06/12) Publication dates: June 22, 29, July 6, 2012. (PC 629)



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Editorial

The vice president taught the wrong lesson

JOE BIDEN was charming and, in his own way, quite convincing Wednesday morning about why he and President Barack Obama deserve to be reelected. Convincing, at least, to the crowd at Sunset Center, which wasn’t a hard thing to achieve, since almost everybody in attendance was already firmly devoted to the cause and not a hard sell at all — even when it came to things the vice president claimed are established facts about the benefits of having him and Obama in charge, but which were actually wildly partisan assertions, such as that Obamacare will save the country money (which it won’t), that the rich don’t pay their share in taxes (which they do) and that government spending is the best way to stimulate the economy (which it isn’t).

While they needed no convincing that these exaggerations are true, it was still worthwhile for the campaign to make sure the people in the audience heard them in person from Biden, since the purpose of having everybody there was to inspire them to go back home and try to get their neighbors to support Obama/Biden, too. Campaign rallies happen for a reason.

Still, there was one assertion Biden made that was so untrue, and so unfaithful to history, that it deserves to be corrected. The high school students in attendance, especially, deserved to be told the truth about the great events of the last 300 years, and what those events mean for their futures.

According to Biden, Republicans just want to protect the wealthy at the expense of the middle class, but “we’ve seen this movie before and we know the ending.” According to him, the verdict of history is in: A free market economy, in which people succeed or fail on their own, doesn’t work, because the little guy ends up being screwed by big corporations. The only way to “protect the middle class,” Biden said, is to have the government regulate the economy and redistribute wealth in a way that is “fair.”

Unfortunately for him, history has proven the opposite. The reason the United States and other western countries are prosperous is that their economies have been based on free-market principles. It’s patently obvious from even a brief overview of world events that the more a country adheres to free-market principles, the more successful it becomes, with higher standards of living and greater life expectancies for everybody. From China to Cuba, and from the United Kingdom to Venezuela, planned economies have only stagnated, with their people becoming poorer and more miserable the tighter their economic strictures have been. The only way to make everyone equal, history proves, is to make everybody poor.

So instead of telling the high school students that he and Obama will take care of them, Biden should have admonished them to do their homework and take responsibility for their own futures.

Because the ones who do will be the ones who will succeed, and also the ones who help this country do the same.

That’s the message the vice president should have delivered.

BEST of BATES



“Do they really get mail in these little boxes?”

Letters to the Editor

‘Honking big toilets’

Dear Editor,

For everyone who’s checked out the netting installation, it’s obvious that our city council has approved one honking, big public toilet at Scenic and Santa Lucia. Alongside one of the major entrances to the beach, we will offer men’s and women’s separate toilets, showers, a comfort station for baby, and pet washing facilities. Did they forget wash tubs for cleaning out cooking grills? This so-called “attractive nuisance” with skylights and solar panels is a nuisance waiting to attract everything undesirable. In the same edition of The Pine Cone, the city council is also asking voters for a sales tax increase to pay for this fiasco and others like it.

How is this bigger, better public toilet going to be maintained, if we are out of money and almost out of water? The city has no business adding another maintenance project when they can’t maintain what we have. Every holiday and busy weekend, the trash cans are overflowing – dirty food plates, bottles and debris blow everywhere – a health disaster – and no place to put trash. Just imagine what the toilet building is going to look like – smell like – on the Fourth of July? How much money will the city have to spend to keep the restroom clean? Or will they? What about litigation costs involving

disgruntled homeowners on Scenic? Where’s the water coming from, when visitors have to request drinking water at our restaurants?

Tourists visit Carmel from all over the world. The natural beauty here is our treasure. The beach eventually survives all the trash and smoke-filled air, but it won’t recover from a permanent eyesore like this and the construction damage that goes with it.

Patricia Van Kirk, Carmel

How to attract crowds

Dear Editor,

Back in 1974, oil exports to America were cut off by the Muslim OPEC nations and gasoline was hard to come by. Carmel and the nation suffered an instant recession. Sales were dismal and our city’s revenues dried up. The action taken by the City of Carmel was to mount an advertising campaign in the San Francisco bay area that stated “Carmel is just a tankful away.”

People still needed, then as now, a little time to “get away.”

The result was a terrific and instant response, with sales, and the city’s share of the revenues, gaining considerably. And this was before the existence of Silicon Valley.

Perhaps if the city undertook such an advertising program now they could solve their, and our, revenue problem in the best possible way. The response may even be good enough that they won’t have to wait for November elections to see if they can even raise the tax that they seek. A positive response will greatly help our businesses and employees.

Paul Laub, Carmel

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There's no place like home — and that's especially true here

NOT A day passed when someone didn't let me know how lucky I was to be working in Carmel.

That was 30 years ago, when I worked as a reporter for The Pine Cone. They may have been correct, but all I really knew for certain was that the parking tickets I amassed while working in Carmel were bankrupting my family.

I am, in retrospect, quite lucky. In fact, we're all lucky to be living in Carmel, Monterey, Seaside ... and even in Prunedale.

In fact, here are 100 reasons we're lucky to live in Monterey County, in no particular order:

1. The view from (fill in the blank)
2. Tuesday market on Alvarado
3. The Rec Trail
4. Point Lobos
5. Moss Landing's otters
6. The Osio
7. Point Lobos
8. The jazz festival
9. Everything Steinbeck
10. Dennis the Menace Park
11. Blues in the park in Seaside
12. Forest Theater
13. PacRep Theater
14. Paper Wing Theater
15. The Western Stage
16. Bixby Creek Bridge
17. Playing tourist on Cannery Row
18. KAZU
19. Memory Garden in Monterey
20. Bach
21. Not just one symphony orchestra, but two
22. The Aquarium
23. The Aquarium's research
24. Hopkins Marine Station
25. Everything Eastwood
26. First Night Monterey
27. How in hell did the Henry Miller Library manage to
book (fill in the blank)?
28. Phil's
29. Montrio Bistro
30. Mike Hale
31. Budget golf
32. A beach teeming with sea glass
33. Asilomar
34. Mission Soledad
35. Limits on coastal development
36. Surfing
37. Kayaks
38. Sailboats
39. The working wharf
40. My secret morning running track
41. Harrison Memorial Library
42. Morley's house
43. The Pinnacles
44. MY Museum
45. Lovers Point
46. Festa Italia
47. Randy's Sandwich Shop
48. Jo Mora
49. KPIG
50. Pelicans
51. Big Sur River Gorge
52. Fishing off the pier
53. The Merienda

54. The Alternative Café
55. Red Beans and Rice
56. Garland Ranch Regional Park
57. Mac About Town
58. The Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy
59. The characters passing through Naval Postgraduate School
60. Salinas Valley wineries
61. Tassajara Hot Springs
62. The Movie Tour
63. Red's Donuts
64. Manzanita Park
65. Big Sur Bakery
66. The stuff that happens at Custom House Plaza

73. Everything Panetta
74. Dogs on Carmel Beach
75. Philanthropy
76. Pico Blanco Scout Reservation
77. Big-time golf tournaments
78. International motor racing events
79. Feast of Lanterns
80. Fireworks on the beach
81. The Sand Castle Contest
82. Registered Republicans: 25 percent
83. KRML
84. Artichokes
85. Paddle boats on El Estero
86. Hidden Valley
87. The Money Band
88. The Cherry Bean
89. Oak forests
90. San Carlos Cathedral
91. Kiddie Kapers Parade
92. The West End Celebration
93. Mount Manuel Trail
94. Ed Ricketts' Lab
95. Hotel Del Monte
96. Egrets
97. Doris Day
98. Robert's Lake
99. Nepenthe
100. Elkhorn Slough

beyond the realm

By JOE LIVERNOIS

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DAM

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cent of its capacity is filled with debris and sediment.

Because the California Department of Water Resources determined in 1992 the dam needed upgrading to comply with modern seismic safety standards, Cal Am initially considered shoring up the dam. The private water company also conducted a study to determine the cost of removing the dam. The Carmel River Watershed Conservancy and Carmel River Steelhead Association endorsed the second proposal because of its benefits to the environment — and in particular, its population of steelhead. According to Cal Am’s website, the dam’s removal will allow steelhead “unimpaired access to over 25 miles of natural spawning and rearing habitat.”

LUAC hearing postponed

The next step for the dam removal is approval by Monterey County. But after listening to a presentation by Jeff Szytel, who is a consultant on the removal project, the Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory committee decided to

STRUGGLE

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The arrangement between Marina Coast, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and the City of Marina was to permit the owner of the land, the Mexican company Cemex, which mines it for sand, to receive water from the Salinas Valley as long as Marina Coast could annex the Cemex land, which is adjacent to the Marina landfill.

Cemex would get water from the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project, a MCWRA and Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency facility that supplies water to farmland. Marina Coast helped fund the project. Because groundwater wells in the area Cemex is located are experiencing gradual seepage of saltwater, the company will eventually need non-salty water for its operation.

After Marina Coast performs the environmental review, its annexation proposal will go before the Local Agency Formation Commission for consideration. The Marina Coast

postpone a June 18 hearing on it.

"We need more time to review it," LUAC member John Anzini said.

In particular, LUAC members wanted assurances that the dam's removal won't increase the risk of flooding to homes located downstream. Szytel and Cal Am engineering manager John Kilpatrick insisted the project won't endanger residents who live below the dam.

When LUAC members wondered if the project can be completed on schedule, Kilpatrick replied, "Everyone is committed to finishing this project on time."

They said construction on an access road to the dam will likely begin in August or September, while most of the actual dismantling of the dam will occur between 2013 and 2015.

At the peak of construction, there will be about 20 vehicle trips a day along Cachagua Road. Larger vehicles will use Tassajara Road to avoid sharp turns along Cachagua Road, and a bridge along the latter will be modified to accommodate larger loads.

When the project is completed, Cal Am will donate 928 acres to the Bureau of Land Management, which intends to work with the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District to provide hiking access for the public.

board also voted 4-1 Tuesday to pay Denise Duffy & Associates \$68,000 to perform the environmental work.

Cal Am is concerned the Marina agency's process to annex the Cemex land could delay its pursuit of its new Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project, which includes a desal plant, water storage and recycled water. The company is under the gun to meet a Dec. 31, 2016 deadline by the state to come up with an alternative to pumping water from the Carmel River.

Bowie also warned that residents who live in Marina but work in hotels, inns and restaurants on the Peninsula could be adversely affected if a replacement water supply project isn't built by the end of 2016. The state has warned of drastic cutbacks, which could have devastating effects on the tourism industry.

"If we face anticipated delays and the cease and desist order goes into effect before a new water supply is developed," she said, "the consequences will be regional, and it will affect customers of Marina Coast who work on Peninsula, as well as our own customers."

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How to make your father very proud

BILL SHARPE was born in Boston in 1934 and raised in California in the midst of the Great Depression. While he was just a boy, his father went into the military while his mother worked in a dress shop, often

Although he had a master's, he was informed that he needed to take two education courses. The first was "embarrassingly stupid," leading him to realize it would make more sense to get a Ph.D. While working on his Ph.D. in economics at UCLA, Bill was a research assistant for the revered J. Fred Weston.

At the time, "Finance was basically bookkeeping and rules of thumb. There really wasn't much theory under it, but economists had started

intruding into the field, and putting in economic theory, and empirical standards from economics and other sciences," Sharpe recalled.

He taught at the University of Washington for a number of years and got a position at Stanford Graduate School of Business, teaching what's now called financial economics.

He was on the cutting edge of this field, a fact made clear in 1990. At 4 a.m., the phone rang in his hotel room in Tucson, where he was attending an economics conference. Shaking the sleep from his ears, and getting past the presumption that it was a crank call, Bill learned that he had been awarded the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences.

The prize was based on the body of his work in the field over thirty

from early morning to night. After the war, his father worked at the Veterans Administration and then at Golden Gate University, went to Stanford for a Ph.D. and later became president of Golden Gate. Bill's mother went back to school after the war, earning a master's degree and then an education credential. She taught and then became an elementary school principal. "Education was the family business," Sharpe said. His son and daughter are also educators.

After starting college in a pre-med program to satisfy his mother, he decided he didn't like the sight of blood, and changed schools and majors. He earned a B.A., and an M.A. at UCLA and was going to get a job in business, but his interviews at banks didn't go well. They made it clear that he wouldn't fit in; his grades were too high.

So Bill decided he'd like to teach.



Bill Sharpe

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Alleged DUI motorcyclist airlifted after trying to outrun CHP

By MARY SCHLEY

A 40-YEAR-OLD Pacific Grove man was airlifted to a San Jose trauma center after he tried to outrun a California Highway Patrol officer Friday night, crashed on a city street and was thrown from the bike, CHP public information officer Bob Lehman said. Eugene Colis remained hospitalized this week but is facing charges of felony DUI, felony evasion of a police officer and driving on a suspended license.

“Our officer was stopped on the side of Highway 68 near SFB Morse Drive facing eastbound on the shoulder there, when he saw a motorcycle coming down the hill crossing the double yellow lines to pass traffic,” Lehman described the incident, which occurred around 10 p.m. June 15. Seeing Colis speeding by, the officer made a U-turn and attempted to stop the rider, who instead accelerated.

Alternately speeding up and slowing down, Colis turned downhill onto Prescott Avenue and continued to flee until he lost

control of the black 1981 Suzuki and crashed near the intersection of Prescott and Seaview in New Monterey, according to Lehman. No other vehicles were involved.

“Our officer, of course, was right on scene almost immediately,” he said. “He contacted the rider and told him not to move.”

The CHP officer concluded Colis, who was able to talk, was drunk.

A helicopter flew the motorcyclist to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center for treatment of severe injuries, Lehman said. “I believe he’s still in the hospital.”

But when Colis is released, he’ll likely be arrested for felony DUI, felony evading of a peace officer in a reckless manner, and driving with a suspended license.

A prior felony DUI conviction in Monterey County in 2004 allows him to be charged with a felony for a second DUI, according to Lehman.

“There are several charges pending against him,” he said. “When he is released, I’m certain they’ll request him to be booked into Monterey County Jail.”

Plant sale, volunteer chances at MEarth

THE HABITAT project adjacent to Carmel Middle School will hold a clearance sale on native plants Saturday, June 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., when “hundreds of trees, shrubs, grasses, bulbs, annuals and perennials are available at the lowest prices of the season.”

One-gallon plants will go for \$7, while 4-inch pots will sell for \$2.50, and small cells will be 50 cents apiece. Proceeds will “help support sustainability education programs for thousands of Monterey County youth each year.” The habitat project is a nonprofit that operates separately from the middle school next door, though many CMS students study there and help with the hands-on work.

Throughout the summer, however, when the kids are on vacation, volunteers are needed to assist in tending the garden every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. The first volunteer day was June 20, and they will continue weekly until Aug. 1.

Helpers are asked to arrive ready for work by wearing close-toed shoes, sunscreen and a hat, and by bringing a water bottle. A light snack is provided. Anyone interested in volunteering should email mearthvolunteer@gmail.com.

The habitat project is located on Carmel Valley Road next to Carmel Middle School. To learn more, visit www.MEarth.info.

Thieves take computers, TV from project’s buildings

SOMETIME FRIDAY or Saturday, burglars broke through windows in two buildings at the MEarth habitat project, stealing electronics totaling \$1,650 in value, Monterey County Sheriff’s Cmdr. Lisa Nash said.

The thieves broke a side window to climb into a classroom, from which they stole a television and an older Macintosh desktop computer.

“Then they broke into the office and got a laptop, a color printer and ink cartridges,” she said.

The breaks-ins occurred sometime between when the buildings were locked up at about 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 15, and Saturday, June 16, at around 7:30 p.m., when the thefts were reported to the sheriff’s office.

There are no leads in the case, according to Nash.

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years, but what the committee pointed to was a paper published in 1964 built on ideas in his dissertation. In that paper, Bill had moved financial economics up a step, from normative to positive theory. Very simply, a normative approach would be a plan for an individual to enter the investment market and build a portfolio. His positive theory was about the big picture, the state of the whole market.

You don’t have to understand it; just appreciate that Bill and the Nobel committee did. (There were other aspects to the award, which was shared with Harry M. Markowitz and Merton H. Miller.)

It was a grand 12 days in Stockholm. Bill brought his family to the ceremonies. As it turned out, everyone but his aged father got ill during that time. “He had the most wonderful time in his life. He was in his element. It was worth getting the prize just for him.”

The days included speeches and meetings, sometimes stretching until 4 in the morning.

“It was arduous, but fantastic. In Sweden, science is a big deal; it has been since the mid-1800s.”

What happened to him as a result of the Nobel Prize? “In academics, believe me, you don’t have to worry about getting a swelled head. Your colleagues, of course, almost immediately say, ‘What have you done late-

ly?’”

Some people “leave the lab” and use the honor as a bully pulpit. Bill was a consultant for two years and then returned to Stanford. There were myriad invitations to deliver talks. “The biggest shift of all was instead of ‘Will you come talk to our people about X?’, it was, ‘Will you come talk to our people? You can pick the topic.’”

Bill and his wife, Kathy, moved to Carmel 11 years ago. She is an artist with a studio and gallery on Dolores. Bill is involved in a number of nonprofits. He is a trustee at the York School and is especially proud to be on the board of the Bach Festival. (He used to jazz the bass until he blew his arm out.) Does he think there is a correlation between classical music and numbers? “Bach in particular really appeals to mathematicians.”

His skill parsing economics paid off considerably for his community. Last year, he led an elite committee of locals to explore the City of Carmel’s pension finances as regards the CalPERS system. They discovered the city could pay off a loan out of reserves or new financing and save itself a substantial amount of money.

Bill is still active in economics; he’s involved in the Stanford longevity center and is writing code for software that will help individuals to do a better job of planning for their retirement.

Brilliant, contributing to the common weal, Bill Sharpe is humble: “I’m just a hardworking guy who got lucky.”

Pair of albino deer roaming the Monterey Peninsula

By KELLY NIX

IF YOU’VE spotted a pair of stark white deer on the Peninsula, you haven’t been seeing ghosts.

Two albino fawns and what appears to be their mother, who is not albino, have been eyed by numerous residents in the past several weeks.

The deer, which have been seen in several areas on the Peninsula, including Monterey and Pacific Grove, appear healthy.

The pink-eyed albino deer lack pigment in their skin and are a rarity in the animal kingdom. Pacific Grove animal control officer Liz Conti-Yeo told The Pine Cone she

hasn’t seen an albino deer in the city during the 15 years she has worked there.

Apart from their bright white coats, albino deer also have poorer vision, making them easier targets for predators. However, the only natural predator to deer on the Peninsula are mountain lions. Hunting by humans is prohibited.

In some states it’s illegal for hunters to kill albino deer because of their rarity.

In Seneca County, N.Y., a large herd of white deer on an old Army depot has roamed there since the 1940s. Those brown-eyed animals, unlike the albino deer spotted on the Monterey Peninsula, lack pigment only in their fur.

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per year to help pay for underground water storage and a new project that would turn wastewater into drinking water, according to the district.

Some at Tuesday’s meeting, such as Ron Pasquinnelli from the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers’ Association, said his group wouldn’t be satisfied unless the district started the process over and put the user fee before voters.

He also said the fee could open up the district to litigation.

“If you don’t put it up to a vote of the people and convince them this is right,” Pasquinnelli said, “it will blow up in your face.”

The ineligible votes the district received included protest forms or letters that didn’t

have signatures or addresses and some that were from owners of property not subject to the fee.


In tallying up the votes, the district also found that the 10,343 valid notices came from 8,300 people, including many individuals who own more than one piece of property.

About 1,700 protests were received by property owners with mailing addresses outside the Peninsula.

And water district general manager Dave Stoldt said a handful of notices it received had “suspect” signatures.

The water supply committee meeting will make a recommendation to the water district board, which canceled its discussion about the user fee Tuesday afternoon until the compromise talks were complete.

The district board is set to meet June 27, the date it will also consider ratifying the user fee.



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH A LODGING BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISRICT

The City Council of the City of CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA shall conduct a public meeting at 4:30 p.m. on July 3, 2012 at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean Avenue and 7th Street, Carmel, California and a public hearing to consider establishing a Lodging Business Improvement District hereinafter referred to as the Carmel-by-the-Sea Hospitality Improvement District (HID), at the request of lodging operators and the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, and pursuant to Section 36500 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code.

The purpose of the HID is to levy an assessment on all lodging operations within the HID boundaries to pay for all activities of the HID, commencing September 1, 2012. As used herein, the lodging operation shall mean a lodging unit as defined in Section 17.70.020 of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Municipal Code. The method and basis for levying the assessment on such lodging operations within the HID shall be as follows: An assessment will be levied against lodging operations to pay for the activities within the HID and shall be paid at the time the lodging establishment pays transient occupancy tax to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. The proposed assessment is to be levied on all lodging operations within the HID boundaries based upon the formula of \$1 per occupied room/unit night. It is anticipated that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will receive \$220,000 annually.

The City Council will receive oral and written testimony of all interested persons, for or against the establishment of the HID, the boundaries of the HID, the area of benefit within the HID, the annual assessment to be levied, or the furnishings of specified types of improvements or activities including, but not limited to, employing a lodging operations manager or recovery of reasonable costs by the City of public meeting(s), public hearing(s), and notice required at the July 3, 2012, public hearing. A protest may be made orally or in writing by any interested person, but only those protests submitted by those lodging operations that would pay the assessments under the proposed HID will be counted for the purpose of determining a majority protest. Protests may be submitted at the hearing, by mail, or in person to the City Clerk at Carmel City Hall, located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and 7th Avenues, Carmel, California 93921. If, at the conclusion of the public hearing, written protests are received from the owners of lodging operations in the proposed area which will pay 50 percent or more of the assessments proposed to be levied and protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the protests to less than that 50 percent, the HID will not be established and cannot be reconsidered for a period of one year. A written protest must include (i) A statement that it is a protest against the formation of the HID, the boundaries, the area of benefit, annual assessment, or the furnishing of specified types of activities or improvements including but not limited to employing a lodging operations manager or recovery of City costs for noticing, meeting(s), and hearing(s); (ii) the name of the record owner of the lodging operation who is submitting the protest; (iii) the identity of the lodging operation, by street location or assessor’s parcel number (APN) to which the protest is made; (iv) the number of lodging units within the lodging operation; and (v) the original signature and legibly printed name of the owner of the lodging operation who is submitting the protest.

If you would like additional information regarding the formation of the proposed HID, boundaries, the area of benefit, proposed rate of assessment, or the furnishings of specified types of improvements or activities including, but not limited to, employing a lodging operations manager or recovery of City costs for noticing, meeting(s) and hearing(s) on this matter, please contact City Clerk Heidi Burch at City Hall, Carmel-by-the-Sea, located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean Avenue and 7th Avenue, by mail at PO Box CC, Carmel, California 93921, by phone at (831) 620-2000, or by e-mail at hburch@ci.carmel.ca.us.

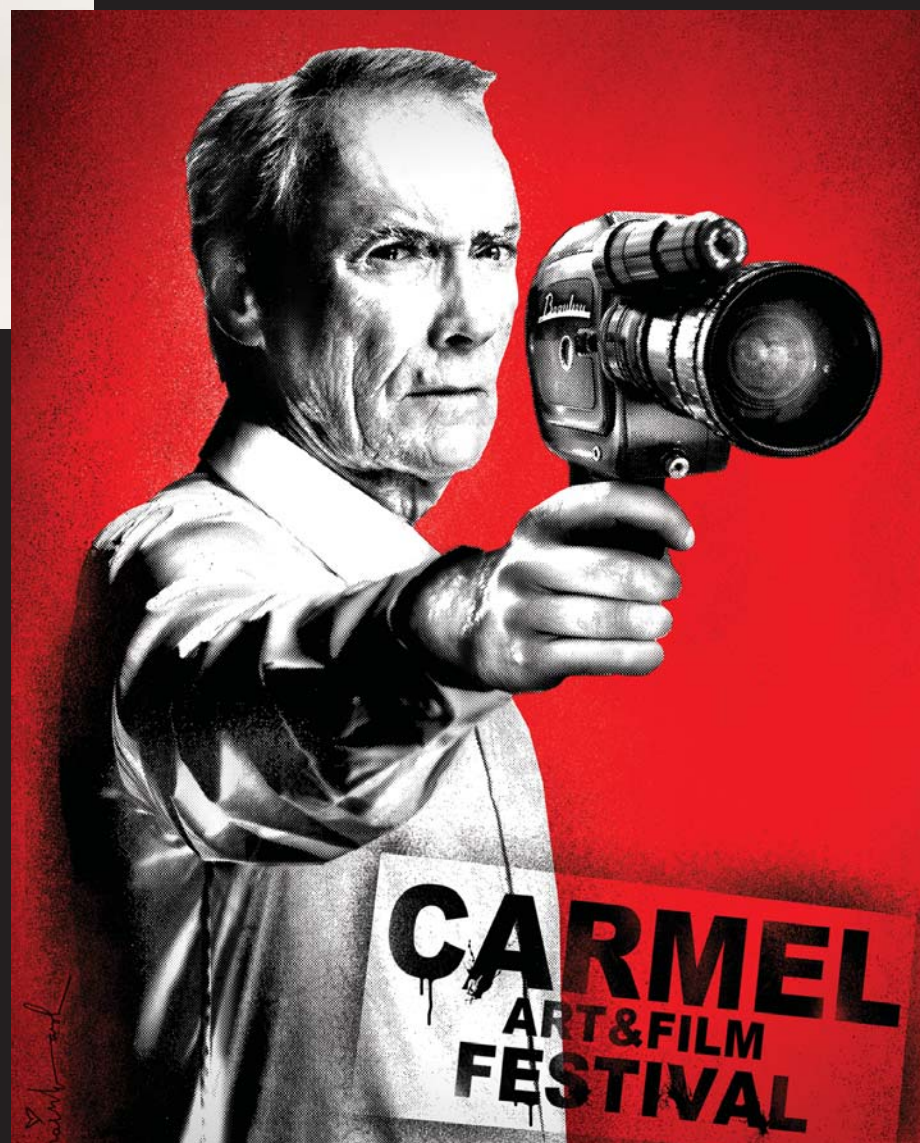
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