

MAYORS’ CONSULTANT: CAL AM PROJECT COULD BE BUILT FASTEST BUT WOULD COST MORE

By KELLY NIX

A CONSULTANT tasked with analyzing the three water project proposals for the Monterey Peninsula found that none of them would be able to meet a crucial 2016 deadline, although California American Water’s plan could be up and running the quickest.

A 60-page report by consultant Separation Processes Inc. released Tuesday indicates Cal Am’s proposed water project could be operating by the fourth quarter of 2017.

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority, a group composed of the six Peninsula mayors to find the most feasible water project for the Peninsula, commissioned the detailed analysis.

A deepwater desal operation north of Elkhorn Slough in Moss Landing couldn’t be operational until the third quarter of 2018, while another desal plant in Moss Landing proposed by developer Nader Agha, called the People’s Moss Landing Water Desal Project, couldn’t be operational until the third quarter of 2019, according to SPI.

The consultant evaluated each proposal in terms of “project purpose, customers identified, adequacy of treatment approach, residuals handling, feed water characterization, quality of project information and any omissions or fatal flaws.” None of the projects was fatally flawed, according to SPI.

Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Bowie said the company is still reviewing the lengthy document, but said it appeared to be “very fair and thorough.”

“There was a lot of effort to do an apples-to-apples comparison, and we appreciate that,” Bowie said.

In October 2009, the State Water Resources Control Board imposed a deadline of Dec. 31, 2016, to secure an alternative water supply source to the Carmel River, the

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Mystery helicopter ID’d



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Was your weekend disrupted by a low-flying helicopter over Monterey, Pebble Beach and Carmel? The rumor mill was flying about what the chopper was up to, but it turned out not to be drug surveillance, Google mapping or pilot training. To find out what it was, and what the sinister-looking black box on the helicopter’s belly was for, see page 11A.

Feds also want Los Padres Dam removed



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Amid widespread controversy over the planned removal of San Clemente Dam in Carmel Valley, federal officials say they also want the much larger Los Padres Dam (above) removed to improve fish habitat.

Council green-lights ‘Carmel-by-the-Glass’

By MARY SCHLEY

RESTAURATEUR RICH Pepe can have his proposed Carmel-by-the-Glass wine tasting in Devendorf Park Thursday, Dec. 13, the city council unanimously decided Tuesday night, saying it would serve as a pilot test for holding such events in the park and learning what works and what doesn’t.

“I trust Rich Pepe to put this thing on and do it right,” commented councilman Steve Hillyard. “It’s a pilot program. Let’s not stand too much in his way. Let’s let him do it and see how it works out.”

The event, which will run from 5 to 8 p.m., will “feature approximately seven to 10 local wine tasting rooms, light classical guitar or soft amplified music, lighting installed for safety and ambiance, and small food samples from local

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By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE THE removal of the San Clemente Dam has been postponed over concerns about how the project’s construction traffic will affect nearby residential communities, the National Marine Fisheries Service is stepping up efforts to tear down Los Padres Dam, too.

NMFS is seeking public comment on a new “recovery plan” for steelhead trout that live along what it calls the “South-Central California Coast.” It held a little noticed public hearing on the issue in Monterey Oct. 30.

Soliciting public comment is one step toward adopting the plan. But it’s unclear how much weight the plan will carry. Representatives from NMFS and Congressman Sam Farr’s office were unavailable this week to talk about it. But Dave Stoldt, general manager of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, said the plan is something local residents should pay attention to.

“You won’t find any time-lines or cost estimates in the plan,” Stoldt said. “But once [the idea of removing Los Padres Dam] gets into a document as a solution, it becomes more real.”

Stoldt suggested the removal of the dam could create more problems than it solves.

“Without a regulated flow in the river, significant stretches could dry up,” he continued. “That’s not necessarily a healthy situation from a fisheries standpoint.”

And if the river dries up, the water rights of property owners who live alongside it could be jeopardized, he said.

Jeanne Byrne, a MPWMD board member, also encouraged local residents to learn more about the plan to tear down Los Padres Dam.

“People should be aware that this is on the radar,” Byrne said. “It forebodes a problem down the road.”

Built in 1948, Los Padres Dam is located about 25 miles

Both dams should go, the feds say, to protect the Carmel River’s population of steelhead trout

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Potter turns back big-money challenge from Del Piero

■ Opponent won’t concede because numerous ballots remain uncounted

By KELLY NIX

WHILE LONGTERM Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter celebrated his reelection this week, challenger Marc Del Piero refused to concede, pointing to thousands of uncounted absentee and provisional ballots.

Potter received 15,200 votes to Del Piero’s 12,786, according to preliminary results from the Monterey County Elections office, giving Potter a healthy lead over his challenger.

Despite the early numbers that heavily favor Potter, Del Piero was defiant during a brief interview with the Pine Cone, saying tens of thousands of votes have yet to be counted.

“I know there are 26,000 vote-by-mail ballots that haven’t been counted, probably another 7,000 envelopes that were dropped off at the precincts that haven’t been counted, and potentially 7,000 provisional ballots,” Del Piero said Wednesday. “I don’t have any comments on anything at this point.”

The county elections office has 28 days to certify the election, including counting absentee and other ballots.

Meanwhile, Potter, who has been supervisor for 16 years, said he didn’t think the uncounted votes would help Del Piero

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P.G. mayor loses in landslide to councilman

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE City Councilman Bill Kampe overwhelmingly defeated incumbent Mayor Carmelita Garcia in Tuesday’s election, while a Naval Postgraduate School professor won a council seat and two incumbents were reelected.

Kampe’s crushing victory landed him more than 71 percent of the vote, receiving 3,731 votes to Garcia’s 1,494, according to semi-official results released by the Monterey County elections office.

Kampe, who was pleased with the results, said there was a message behind the upset.

“I think the voters were saying they wanted to see something different happening, that they want to see a change in the way we do business as a council,” Kampe told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

Kampe thanked his supporters and urged them to stay involved in the three biggest issues facing the city — the high cost of public pensions, water supply and business vitality.

“I look forward to representing everybody and making

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Voters decisively favor city’s sales tax increase

By MARY SCHLEY

MORE THAN 75 percent of the residents who cast ballots in the Nov. 6 election voted in favor of a 1 percent sales tax increase in the City of Carmel.

The increase will begin appearing on register receipts in town April 1, 2013; the new tax will bring in an estimated \$2 million per year for the general fund and will be in effect for a decade.

According to semifinal results issued by Monterey County Registrar of Voters Linda Tulett early Wednesday morning, 1,333 of the city’s 2,789 registered voters decided

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By Lisa Crawford Watson

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“Andy is such a playful name, so we wanted something serious like Sir Charles, which sounded too serious,” she said. “He told me in a dream he’d like to be called Elvis, but I told him it was too late. We had chosen Chuck.”

Andy and Chuck love to hang out at the beach,



where they play ball, run along the shore and chill in the sand. Like most brothers, they look similar but don’t act the same. At any moment, they can be the best of friends or the worst of enemies, but they always seem to have each other’s back.

“Andy is well socialized and self-assured,” his family says. “Chuck, a little smaller than his brother, is a bit Napoleonic.”

He acts tough, says his family, and likes to sneak up on his brother, “but always from behind, because he’s actually a big chicken.”

An old soul; his family is sure this is Andy’s last life as a dog before he becomes human. Chuck seems to enjoy being a dog but will also climb to the highest point in any room or slip behind his person’s legs for a little affection that’s unmistakably feline, so he must have come from a cat and may have a few lives left.

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Council rejects jeweler's awning, sends him back to planning commission

By MARY SCHLEY

LACK OF an awning over the bay window in his Dolores Street jewelry store results in scorching temperatures that damage precious jewelry and cause burns to those who touch the pieces when the sun shines in, B&G Jewelers co-owner Alex Agacanyan told the Carmel City Council Tuesday. He was appealing the planning commission's Sept. 12 denial of the awning he wanted to install, but the council voted to uphold the commission's unanimous decision and urged him to submit a different proposal.

The previous jewelry shop in the historic stone-fronted building on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh, Giles of Carmel, had an awning, but the former owner removed it after it was tattered and worn, according to Agacanyan, whose family operates there now and wants to install a new one.

"The appellant originally proposed a yellow awning but is now proposing burgundy. The appellant has indicated a willingness to work with the city on the color," associate planner Marc Wiener said in his Nov. 6 report to the council. He said the planning commission unanimously denied the application because "the proposed awning would detract from the architecture and appearance of the building," and "would disrupt the symmetry of the front arched windows."

Agacanyan argued the awning is necessary to protect the merchandise and that his application should be approved

since an awning was allowed over the window in the past.

He said precious gems fracture in high heat, and that employees and customers "have complained of burns from touching the fine jewelry pieces" in the window, where the temperature can reach 130 degrees.

Wiener countered that the awning would not "provide much coverage to the storefront bay window" and said many other stores with display windows don't have awnings. He also said past approval does not mean the city has to allow one there now.

"The fact that there once was an awning at this location does not grandfather in all future proposals," he said. "This is considered a new application and is subject to discretionary review by the city."

While Wiener acknowledged some other nearby businesses, including Little Napoli restaurant, The Tuck Box, Jean de Luz and Le St. Tropez restaurant, have awnings, he recommended the council uphold the commission's denial, saying

"the proposed awning does not complement the architecture of the building and creates an inconsistency between the two arched windows," which is discouraged by the city's design guidelines.

Council member Steve Hillyard pointed out the building's arched windows are already asymmetrical because only one contains a bay window, and he observed that the building was designated historic when it had the awning in place.

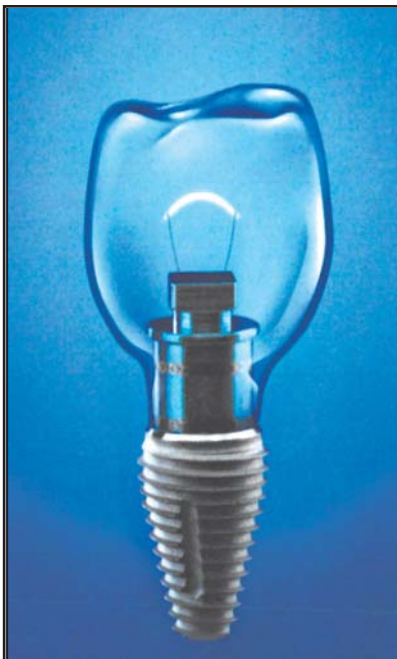
Councilwoman Victoria Beach asked Agacanyan if he would consider using another type of glass in the bay window, but he said tinting would prevent customers from being able to see the pieces displayed there.

Beach made a motion to deny the appeal and recommend Agacanyan reapply with the new design, which calls for different dimensions and a different color than the original application. She also said the city should waive the one-year

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The owners of B&G Jewelers on Dolores Street appealed to the city council to install the awning shown here in order to protect the jewelry in their bay window, but the council sent them back to the planning commission.



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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Children playing too loudly

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, OCTOBER 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen found an iPod on the beach and brought it to the department for safekeeping. An attempt to contact was made to an associate listed on the iPod and addressing an email to the owner of the device. The owner later called and made arrangements to pick up the property. At approximately 1230 hours, the owner signed the evidence record sheet, and the property was released to its right-

ful owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A Camino Real resident reported receiving annoying and harassing phone calls from an unknown caller.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 30-year-old male was arrested on Junipero for public intoxication. Two dogs placed in kennel at CPD and suspect was transported to county jail. Dogs were returned to owner.

Pacific Grove: Window-smash theft from a vehicle parked on Benito Avenue. Access cards stolen and used to make fraudulent purchases. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Person reported juvenile females sexually assaulted on Forest Avenue. A 36-year-old male suspect was identified.

Pacific Grove: Parking enforcement officer

was handed found money on Forest Avenue. Finder would like to have it if not claimed. Placed into evidence for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Woman on Forest Avenue reported her boyfriend's ex-girlfriend repeatedly sent threatening messages to her through Facebook and via text message through a third party. She will forward the evidence electronically.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle struck a parked vehicle on Lighthouse Avenue due to a an object sliding off of dashboard and striking steering wheel.

Pacific Grove: Subject came to the station to report finding money on Lighthouse Avenue. He would like to have the money if it is not claimed by its owner. Subject was given a field receipt, which he signed.

Pacific Grove: A 44-year-old suspect violated a restraining order on Mermaid Avenue and then fled. Staked out the residence, then captured suspect as he returned. Transported to county jail.

Carmel area: Carmel resident reported unknown person attempted to steal a large sum of money out of her investment account.

Carmel area: Carmel business reported someone hacked into its computer system and possibly compromised sensitive information.

Pebble Beach: Man reported his credit card number was possibly cloned, as his number was used to make several purchases and cash withdrawals in the East Bay.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man reported his wallet lost along Highway 1 south of Big Sur. He wanted to provide us with the information in case it was turned in.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 25-year-old female driver was stopped on Ocean Avenue for a variety of CVC violations and found to be DUI. She was later arrested for DUI and driving without a license. Vehicle impounded for 30 days.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject forced entry into a local business on Forest Avenue and stole a computer. No suspect information at this time.

Pacific Grove: Overnight burglary to a business on 17th Street. No sign of forced entry or suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Report of a non-injury collision on Mermaid Avenue with info exchange. Owner of vehicle later contacted the other person and caused a 415 [verbal peace disturbance.] No desire for prosecution.

Pacific Grove: Officer was contacted by a subject to do a welfare check on a cat on Spruce that appeared to be starving. Met the person and checked the cat for a microchip, and found none. The cat was very thin, dehydrated and old. His condition could possibly be due to a medical condition. Officer would hold the cat pending owner contact and take it to the veterinarian if needed. On Oct. 24, the cat owner called to see if anyone had picked up her cat. Officer advised her that PGPD did and that she would need to take her cat to a veterinarian to be checked for any medical conditions that may be causing the cat to lose weight.

Pacific Grove: Landlord reported a tenant on 16th Street became upset after being served a 60-day notice.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to Grove Acre for annoying and harassing phone

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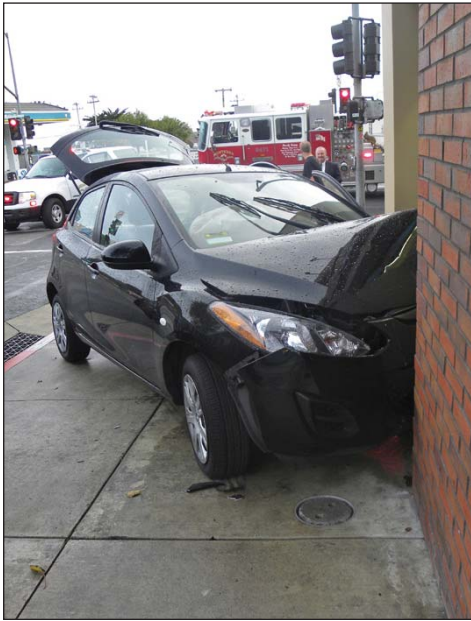
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A CARMEL man who may have lost consciousness because of low blood sugar let his 1997 Dodge run into several parked cars on Junipero Street south of Fifth Avenue Oct. 27, according to Carmel Police Cpl. Steve Rana. The collision (below) caused a chain reaction that ultimately involved four other vehicles and a bystander. But the driver, 64-year-old William Meneke, and the pedestrian refused medical treatment, reported Monterey Fire Capt. Barry Perkins. The pedestrian was standing on the left side of her car, which was hit by the vehicle that Meneke's Dodge smashed. "She was then hit by her own door on the hip but was uninjured," Rana said. And on Halloween morning, a driver described by witnesses as a "young female" crashed her late-model Mazda into the front of On The Beach Surf Shop on Lighthouse Avenue in Monterey (left). There were no injuries.

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IN WAKE OF SANDY, CITY URGES RESIDENTS TO PREPARE FOR DISASTER

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council hosted a special workshop Monday to help residents learn how to be ready for and respond to emergencies. Representatives from the city's police, fire, public works and forestry departments, as well as the local chapter of the American Red Cross, provided advice on everything from developing escape routes and compiling first aid kits, to registering contact information for emergency notification and knowing the location of the closest market with power during a blackout.

In general, they advised residents to not wait to develop a personal plan that can be implemented in the wake of a severe storm, fire, tsunami, or other natural or human-caused catastrophe.

Residents should be prepared to take care of themselves in case emergency help isn't be available for a few days, should know the best way to get out of town or reach high ground, and should develop means of letting loved ones know where they are. Families should also establish a meeting place, in case they become separated in the chaos following a disaster.

Furthermore, each home should contain a first-aid and emergency kit. The Red Cross sells pre-made first-aid kits and also offers advice to people who want to compile crucial items that will help them survive during a disaster.

Recommended items for an emergency kit include water, nonperishable food, a can opener, a working flashlight, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra batteries, a complete first-aid kit, a seven-day supply of medications, a multi-purpose tool, sanitation and personal hygiene items, copies of personal documents and identification, cell phone with chargers, family and emergency contact information, extra cash, an emergency blanket and local maps. People with cats, dogs or other pets should have a stash of supplies for them, too. Complete information, including the details of what a first-aid kit should contain, can be found online at www.redcross.org.

City forester Mike Branson advised property owners to stay on top of their tree maintenance, getting rid of dead branches, those that constantly hit part of a house during storms, and sick trees that could fall and damage property or injure someone. The city

will issue emergency tree-removal permits when needed, and Branson said people should have arborists examine trees they believe are unhealthy.

Public works superintendent Stu Ross reminded people they can fill sand bags as needed from the pile of supplies located behind the Carmel Youth Center at Torres and Fourth.

Carmel Police Sgt. Paul Tomasi explained the emergency command systems and how they operate so firefighters, police officers, paramedics and other responders can communicate and work together during a widespread incident, and he also recommended people register their contact information in order to receive emergency notifications. While residents with land lines will be automatically called, those using only cell phones or email can sign up at www.alertmonterey-county.org to ensure they receive crucial information during an emergency or disaster, too.

After the meeting, in response to an attendee's question, CPD Sgt. Mel Mukai compiled a list of nearby gas stations and markets that can operate on generator power during a blackout.

Carmel Alliance (formerly Chevron) at Junipero and Fourth has a generator powerful enough to run its pumps, as does the Lemos 76 at Carmel Valley Road and Carmel Rancho Boulevard. The Shell station in town, as well as the Shell and Chevron on Rio Road, do not.

For food and other supplies, Bruno's Market & Deli at Junipero and Sixth has a small generator, Nielsen Bros. Market at San

Carlos and Seventh has a turbine generator that will fully support all store functions, and Safeway at the Crossroads could operate minimally during daylight hours with generator power, while Save Mart on Carmel Rancho would only have enough power for safety, but not to preserve perishables.

“Keep in mind this is just a partial list — it only focuses on businesses in our city and within immediate proximity of the city,” Mukai said when he disseminated the list the day after the workshop.

Event benefits foster kids

CARMEL VALLEY Ranch will host a fundraiser for foster kids Sunday, Nov. 11, supporting the Cherish Receiving Center in Monterey County. The center is a program of a social services agency called Aspiranet.

The festivities will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the clubhouse, where guests will be able to enjoy the beautiful valley scenery along with music, games and gourmet food. A silent auction that includes a private dinner prepared in the winning bidder's home by Carmel Valley Ranch executive chef Tim Wood will benefit the Cherish Receiving Center located in Monterey County. The center is a safe haven for youth who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Tickets are \$100 per person and are available at www.aspiranet.org/carmelvalleyranch or by calling (831) 444-3654.

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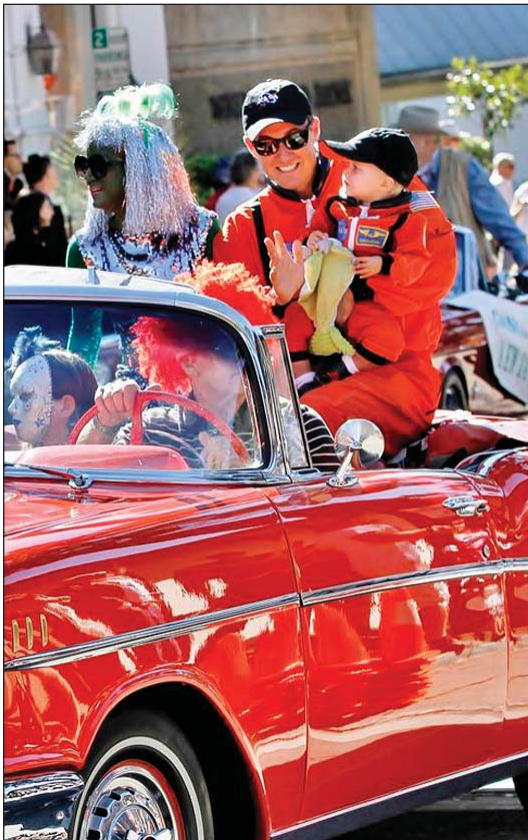


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Council members make spectacles of themselves

Under warm, sunny skies, Carmel celebrated its 96th birthday with a colorful Halloween Parade and community cook-out Oct. 27. In case you don't recognize them, participants included Mayor Jason Burnett; his wife, Mel; and their son, Sebastian (far left), council members Victoria Beach (second photo from left) and Ken Talmage (in cowboy costume), and former Mayor Sue McCloud. The parade is one of the city's most popular traditions. Coming up next weekend is another great one, the Homecrafters Marketplace at Sunset Center, and the community tree lighting will be held at Devendorf Park Dec. 7.

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Pebble Beach ~ John B. Bergin, a native of Los Angeles, passed away at Community Hospital in Monterey. He received his Master's Degree from UCLA. John retired as a Colonel from the US Army Reserve after a thirty-seven year career. A citrus grower, he owned and operated citrus groves in Riverside and the Coachella Valley for many years.

John was a member of the Riverside City Council for eleven years and, in 1964, served as President of the League of California Cities. He was an enthusiastic tennis player, swimmer and bridge player and enjoyed memberships in the Old Capital Club and the Pebble Beach Club.

John is survived by his wife, Alice; his daughter Beth Quin; his nephews and nieces, Leo P. and Gwen Bergin, Robert and Katherine Christensen, Donald and Kathleen Bergin, Diane Young and Linda Lloyd; twenty-three grand-nieces and grand-nephews and his step-children, Susan Bolgard, Howard D. Wolfe and Andrew M. Wolfe.

Private family services will be held.

WATER

From page 1A

Peninsula's primary water source. After that, water supplies could be sharply curtailed, or fines imposed.

Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett, who sits on the mayors' water group, said the group's technical advisory committee will discuss the SPI report next week, including the ramifications of missing the state's deadline.

"How much of a premium should we put on the project that is more likely to get built sooner?" Burnett asked.

Cost of projects

In terms of cost, SPI found that Cal Am's capital cost would be around \$207 million for a 9 million-gallon-per-day plant or \$175 million for a smaller 5.5 million-gallon-per-day operation.

Agha's project would be the second highest at \$190 million for the larger plant or \$161 million for the smaller one. Agha has boasted the project would cost \$129 million.

George Schroeder, a partner in Agha's project, said he took a quick look at the report but hasn't yet read it thoroughly. "Probably in a couple of days we will have digested it and figured how they came to their conclusions," Schroeder said.

DeepWater Desal came in at the lowest estimated capital costs at \$160 million for the larger plant or \$134 million for a smaller one.

Bowie said Cal Am estimated higher PG&E electricity costs for its project. The company is looking at options to reduce those costs, she said.

"It does show ours is the highest," Bowie said. "But if you make that substitution of electricity cost, we will be the lowest. We are taking very conservative estimates on power costs, and the other two [projects] are using the best case scenario."

Overall, SPI found that the final production costs of water for the three projects "are fairly equivalent." The cost per acre-foot (about 327,000 gallons) for the larger desal project option would be about \$3,250 with Cal Am's project, \$3,120 for DeepWater's project and \$2,980 per acre-foot for Agha's proposal. Agha has said his project could produce an acre-foot of water for about \$1,349.

The yearly cost to maintain and operate each plant was also found to be in the same ballpark, although Agha's project would be the lowest at \$10.1 million. It would cost about \$12.3 million per year for DeepWater Desal's larger operation and \$11 million for Cal Am's, according to SPI.

SPI said Cal Am produced the most detailed information for its plan, followed by DeepWater desal, which "prepared a fair amount of predesign data on their system along with active environmental investigations for their intake."

DeepWater Desal CEO Brent Constantz said his project is bound by confidentiality agreements with its partners, and

therefore, he was "not able to share a couple a key aspects of our project, both of which affect the timeline and cost."

SPI found Agha's project "is at a more preliminary level of engineering and planning in comparison."

While Cal Am has a "very well defined" implementation path, sticky bits with the project include uncertainty in the use of slant wells for the project and the complexities of obtaining a coastal development permit from the California Coastal Commission.

"Moreover, there are a number of legal uncertainties related to the path of development" for Cal Am's project "that can be assessed but not resolved at this time," SPI found.

"There are conceptual advantages to public ownership" of Cal Am's project, "which may significantly enhance the prospects for political and legal approvals necessary for the project to succeed," according to SPI.

The consultant also found that "the simplicity of the commercial agreements when Cal Am owns all facilities creates schedule advantages," but the "ownership structure creates contingent risk and political opposition to the project which could delay ultimate approval."

DeepWater Desal's proposal displays a "sophisticated understanding" of the process and pitfalls associated in completing environmental review and obtaining permits for the project, according to SPI.

But the consultant also determined that "given the level of controversy" with DeepWater Desal's proposed new seawater intake system involving a "screened open ocean intake" — which would draw water from about 60 feet below the surface — it's likely that scoping hearings, preparation of a draft environmental document and other factors would take much longer than the company expects.

Constantz told The Pine Cone there were "some obvious mistakes" in the SPI analysis, "like water temperature, confusion on financials, etc.," but that he was confident they would be corrected.

Though Agha claims his desal plant would substantially reduce potential environmental impacts from brine discharge, the consultant said Agha's team did not describe how that would work. "It is thus not possible to independently assess potential impacts from the proposed discharge of brine," according to the report. "This leads to a great deal of uncertainty with respect to our assessment of [Agha's] plan for implementation."

As more details about Agha's project emerge and environmental assessments are completed, SPI found, "controversial issues will arise that will require re-assessments and analyses which will delay processing of the environmental compliance documents and major permits."

In contrast, according to SPI, those issues in Cal Am's proposal are "well understood," and the "potential areas for controversy are well documented."

The Monterey Peninsula Water Authority's technical advisory committee will meet to discuss the report Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Monterey City Hall, 580 Pacific St.

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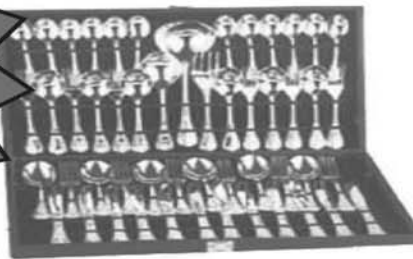
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Despite playoff loss, future looks bright for CHS girls tennis team

By CHRIS COUNTS

A CINDERELLA season for the Carmel High School girls tennis team came to a sudden end Nov. 7, when it fell to Los Altos High, 12-6, in the CCS playoffs.

After finishing the regular season with a sterling 19-1 record — and sole possession of the Mission Trail Athletic League for the first time since 1993 — the Padres were eliminated from post-season play by a school with more than twice as many students.

Los Altos High was also the only team Carmel High lost to during the regular season.

Despite the defeat, coach Michael Zury was thrilled by the girls' performance this year.

"I would consider this a great season," Zury told The Pine Cone. "We really came out of the shadows."

A day earlier at the Carmel Valley

Athletic Club — and playing without MTAL singles champion Kaylan Griffith, who was on a college recruiting trip — the Padres won their first round match against San Jose Evergreen Valley High, 13-5. Sophomore Megan Scannell won all three of her matches, as did the doubles team of Alexandra Eisinger and Juliana Burns.

While the season is over for the girls tennis team, Griffith and Scannell will compete in the CCS Individual Tournament, which starts Nov. 19 in Los Gatos. And with only two seniors graduating — Griffith and softball pitching ace Brittany File — Zury said he is excited about the Padres' future. "This is a very young team," he said.


Zury singled out freshman Lexi Snyder as a player to watch over the next few years.

"Lexi was the big surprise this year," he explained. "She was undefeated this year as our fourth singles player. She really stepped up to make a difference."

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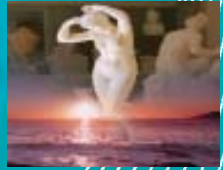
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Helicopter searching for gas leaks raises eyebrows, annoys eardrums

By PAUL MILLER

A HELICOPTER equipped with laser gas detection equipment made numerous low-altitude passes over the Monterey Peninsula last weekend, prompting complaints about its noise and quite a few different theories about what it was up to — everything from searching for drug smugglers for the DEA, to conducting mapping surveillance for the NPS.

The mission of the helicopter turned out to be something never seen before in these parts: It was searching for possible leaks from gas mains through the Monterey Peninsula.

“We are flying for PG&E, doing leak surveys on their pipelines,” said Winston Johnson, CEO of Lasen Technology of Las Cruces, NM. “We’ll be flying over 25,000 miles of pipe, which includes most of the high-pressure lines PG&E has in California.”

The utility stepped up leak detection after the San Bruno disaster in September 2010, when a high-pressure gas main through a residential neighborhood exploded, killing eight people and destroying 38 homes.

“They’re being very proactive about leak detection, and we’re helping them do that,” said Johnson.

His company’s helicopter is equipped with a laser tuned to the frequency of methane gas, he said. As the helicopter flies over the route of a gas main, the laser, mounted on the helicopter’s belly, bounces back from the terrain below but is partially absorbed if it encounters even very low levels of methane. The reflected laser is picked up and measured by sensors on the helicopter and matched with GPS data, producing a map of any possible leaks.

“Using helicopters is just another tool in our toolbox to identify any leaks and make repairs as quickly as possible,” said PG&E spokesman Monica Tell.

She said the company’s pipeline network includes everything in the state from

Bakersfield to the Oregon border, and that surveys would be made throughout the network six times a year. The helicopter did not detect any leaks last weekend, but will be back over the Monterey Peninsula in December, she said.

Concern about the chopper was heightened because it was flying just a few hundred feet above the ground, but the low altitude is necessary for the laser detection equipment to work. “We don’t fly higher than 500 feet,” Johnson said.

Even at that low altitude, the laser is safe for people on the ground, according to Johan Wictor, who is with Pergam Technical Services, which also does helicopter gas leak detection for many of the nation’s largest gas companies.

“You can not see the laser, and it does not burn you,” he said.

His company also records visual images of pipeline routes, which allows companies to keep an eye out for erosion, poachers and other problems that could affect pipeline safety. And, despite the occasional noise complaint, “when we tell them what we are doing, most people are comfortable with that,” Johnson said.

According to Tell, the helicopter laser detection is so sensitive, it will help keep gas leaks from becoming dangerous, as the one in San Bruno did.

“We can pick up concentrations as low of five parts per million,” Johnson said.

Natural gas isn’t considered explosive unless it is at least 5,000 ppm in an enclosed space, according to Prasad Saurabh, a professor of epidemiology and community health at the University of Ottawa.

The equipment is so sensitive, it also picks up other sources of methane. “If we fly over a farm, I can assure you the laser is going to see the cows,” Johnson said.

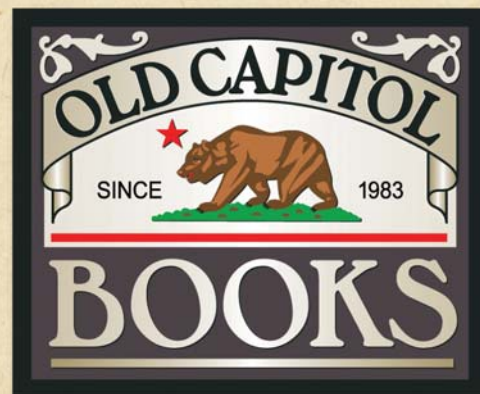
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Gallery throws party after four decades in business

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE CARMEL Bay Company celebrates its 40th anniversary Saturday, Nov. 10, with a reception showcasing the work of artists **Miguel Dominguez, Melissa Lofton, Erin Gafill, Peggy Olsen, Pamela Takigawa** and **Penelope Krebs**.

“It’s a stunning lineup of artists,” said **Maxine Russell** of the Carmel Bay Company.

Co-founded in 1972 by its current owners, **Barney and Patty Scollan**, the downtown gallery is located in the historic Seven Arts Building, which was built in 1925 by Patty’s grandfather, Forest Theater founder Herbert Heron.

In addition to housing Carmel’s first bookstore — which served as a popular gathering spot for early residents like writer Jack London — the Seven Arts Building once was the home of the Carmel Art Association. “The building has such a deep history in the arts,” Russell added.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. The gallery is located at Ocean and Lincoln. For more information, call (831) 624-3868.

■ The art of a vacant storefront

Located between China Delight restaurant and Yogurt Heaven, a vacant storefront in the Crossroads shopping center is getting a tem-

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Pictured here in the early 1980s are sculptor Bob Bennett, his wife, Debi Bennett, and brother, Tom Bennett. Debi Bennett recently reopened Bennett Sculpture at the same location.

With a plot to die for, ‘Death Trap’ opens at Magic Circle Theatre

By CHRIS COUNTS

A HIT on Broadway and the winner of a Tony Award for Best Play, Ira Levin’s “Death Trap” opens Friday, Nov. 9, at the Magic Circle Theatre in Carmel Valley.

Walking the fine line between a comedy and a thriller, the play tells the story of an accomplished playwright who is suffering from a bad case of writer’s block. When an aspiring young playwright shows up with a promising script, he hatches a murderous plot to steal it.

After opening in 1978 to packed houses and rave reviews, the play set a record for the longest-running comedy-thriller on Broadway, tallying more than 1,800 performances.

“It’s considered on the best comedy-thrillers ever written,” director Jack Stauffer told The Pine Cone. “What I like best about it is its combination of comedy, thrills and chills. Its twists and turns are unanticipated. It has all the elements of great theater in it. It’s great fun.”

The play stars Laura Cote, Sam Fife, Philip Pearce, Mark Shilstone-Laurent and Deena Welch.

See **DEATH TRAP** page 23A

Fundraiser showcases thriving C.V. music scene

By CHRIS COUNTS



In addition to playing music by Bach and Chopin, pianist Jeffrey Kahane performs a composition by his son Nov. 11 at Sunset Center.

WITH LOCAL music promoter **Kiki Wow** at the helm, Carmel Valley’s bustling music scene is moving over to Salinas Saturday to raise money for several charitable causes.

More than a dozen local musical acts — nearly all of which have played at Plaza Linda restaurant — will share the stage Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Fox Theatre Salinas. The lineup includes **Bryan Diamond, Martin Sheers, Kenny Stahl, The Vibe Tribe, Valley Soul, The Roger Eddy Band, The Dave Holodiloff Trio** and **Red Beans and Rice**, as well as a few surprises.

Proceeds from the event will benefit a variety of nonprofits, including the Carmel Valley History Center.

“This opportunity came quickly to me to produce a big show, and since my concerts in Carmel Valley were so well received, I hope people who love music, love to dance, and want to be around fun-loving people will find their way to Salinas,” said Wow, who will serve as the event’s co-host.

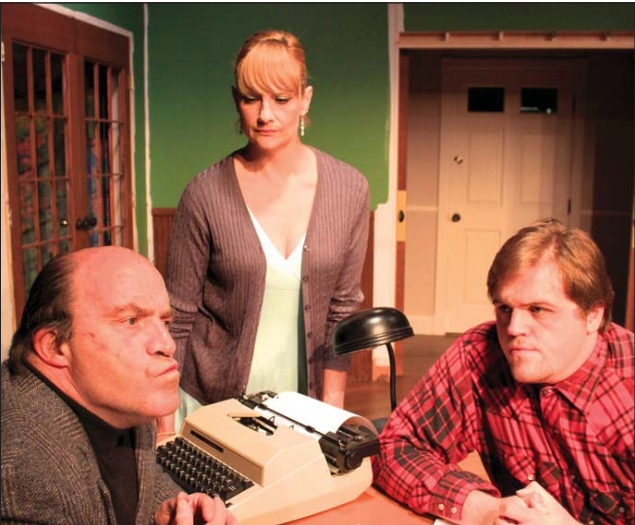
The music starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. The Fox Theatre Salinas is located at 241 Main Street. Call (831) 758-8459 or visit www.kikiwow.com.

■ From Baroque to today

Presenting a selection of music that spans three centuries, pianist **Jeffrey Kahane** performs a recital Sunday, Nov. 11, at Sunset Center.

“He’s a fantastic pianist and composer — and he’s internationally renowned as both,” explained Peter Tuff, executive director of the Carmel Music Society, which is presenting the concert.

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From the left, Mark Shilstone-Laurent, Deena Welch and Sam Fife star in “Death Trap,” which opens Nov. 9 in at the Magic Circle Theatre.

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FOCUSING ON FUNGI, THE CULINARY CLASSIQUE, AND A COLLABORATIVE FEAST



A chef carefully prepares artistic dessert for the Meals on Wheels Culinary Classique d'Elegance, an unparalleled night that stimulates all the senses.

By MARY SCHLEY

AT BERNARDUS Lodge in Carmel Valley, people are crazy about mushrooms, and with fall rains finally arriving — and wild mushrooms popping up in forest floors all over the Monterey Peninsula — the resort has planned forays, special menus and even spa treatments inspired by wild fungi.

Starting this month, Bernardus is organizing twice-weekly guided forages led by “Ranger Chuck” Bancroft — everyone’s favorite local (now retired) state parks ranger and mycologist — every Wednesday and Saturday.

And after trekking about in search of wild gems, they can tuck into special dishes, and even drinks, celebrating various types of mushrooms.

Dinner could begin, for instance, with a Chanterelle and Elderflower Martini, or an apple martini featuring aptly named candy cap mushrooms and garnished with sugared, crisp bacon.

Despite the statewide ban that took effect in July, chef Cal Stamenov has chosen to keep foie gras on the menu at Marinus, and the fatty duck-liver delicacy appears in his deli-

cious portobello mushroom soup with pata negra and goat milk foam offered on the restaurant’s “Hunted & Gathered” menu. (Hudson Valley Foie Gras from New York also stars in a dish with roasted heirloom apple, frisée, duck jus and toasted brioche.)

Other mushroom-focused dishes include risotto with golden chanterelles and black truffle, rainbow trout with white chanterelle, California squab with porcini, and fallow venison with matsutake mushrooms.

On Nov. 17, Stamenov, pastry chef Ben Spungin and wine director Mark Buzan will present a five-course mushroom-centric tasting menu that will feature Carmel Bay spot prawns with matsutake angnolotti

and even a black truffle ice cream sundae. The cost is \$150 per person, including tax and tip.

And, of course, for the truly indulgent diner, Stamenov presents the annual Truffle Dinner next month that treats 40 fortunate guests — who have paid \$500 apiece — to an elegant and decadent homage to black and white truffles that

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soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

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begins with a Grey Goose truffle-infused vodka martini. (Word is the oversized bottle of vodka and black truffles is treated with reverence whenever it's moved in the freezer, where it's been quietly intensifying for the past several years.)

The Carmel Valley resort is offering shroom-inspired spa treatments, too, and overnight packages combining stays, treatments and dining.

For more information, or to reserve a spot at the table in the recently remodeled Marinus restaurant or buy a seat at the truffle dinner, which always sells out, visit www.bernardus.com. Bernardus Lodge is located on Carmel Valley Road at Los Laureles Grade.

■ MOW's culinary extravaganza

Designers, florists and chefs pair up for Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula's unique and indulgent Culinary Classique d'Elegance Sunday, Nov. 18, at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach.

Founded by Sardine Factory co-owner and chef Bert

Cutino, the event features two dozen unique tables, each with a particular chef and design team assigned to create an awe-inspiring tablescape and menu to match.

Cutino assigns the main ingredients for the six-course menu, and the rest is left up to each chef's creative interpretation. This year's menu starts with quail, followed by scallops, an intermezzo, lamb, cheese and salad, and then dessert.

Tickets for the dinner are \$275 per person and can be obtained by calling Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula at (831) 375-4454 or by emailing development director Christine Capen-Frederick at devdir@mowmp.org.

■ Baum & Blume's tannenbaum

Baum & Blume in Carmel Valley Village will host its 45th annual Lighting of the Tannenbaum Holiday Open House Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10-11, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Located at 4 El Caminito in the Village, Baum & Blume and the Carriage House boutique present a different theme for the free open house each year. In 2012, the owners have planned "A Winter Fanta-sea," with gifts and decor focusing on everything marine.

In the pantry, B&B is selling artisan fruitcakes, jams and

chutneys, frozen hors d'oeuvres and other gourmet treats.

During the Lighting of the Tannenbaum, customers will be treated to free wine and olive oil tasting, hors d'oeuvres, chef's demonstrations, artists' demonstrations, live music and hourly door prizes.

■ Learning at Aubergine

Aubergine restaurant in L'Auberge Carmel on Monte Verde Street at Seventh Avenue hosts a special cooking class from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, focusing on umami — known as "the fifth taste." Executive chef Justin

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Giuseppe Panzuto returns to manage Catinetta Luca and other Fink properties. Last week-end's Big Sur Food & Wine included tasting wonderful Pinot Noir and nibbling artisan cheeses in the sunshine amidst the splendor of Sierra Mar's kitchen garden.

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Cogley will explain the Japanese concept of umami, which translates to “pleasant savory taste” and is often said to appear in dishes containing mushrooms, anchovy and other similarly complex ingredients. In Cogley’s class, students will prepare two types of miso to take home for winter as well as learn about different mushrooms and seaweeds.

And on Wednesday, Nov. 14, also from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., executive pastry chef Ron Mendoza will teach attendees all about curds and creams. Just in time for the

holidays, Mendoza will show how to make fruit curds and pastry creams for seasonal pastries and tarts.

Classes are limited to very small groups that work in the impeccable Aubergine kitchen, and the cost to attend is \$100 per person, plus service charge and tax. Visit www.laubergecarmel.com to learn more.

■ New talent in Sierra Mar kitchen

Executive chef John Cox, who moved last

summer from the kitchen at Casanova in Carmel to take the reins at Sierra Mar in Big Sur’s Post Ranch Inn, has brought a new sous chef and chef de cuisine on board with him.

The talented executive sous chef Matt Millea, a longtime compatriot of former Sierra Mar executive chef Craig von Foerster, has left, while Jacob Pilarski from Manresa in Saratoga is Sierra Mar’s new chef de cuisine. He will soon be joined by sous chef Willy Ono, who has cooked at the Mandarin Oriental in New York City, NOMA in Denmark, Mugaritz in Spain, and Relae in Coppenhegan.

“I feel incredibly lucky to have built such a talented team and am confident that together we can accomplish the challenging goals I have set for Sierra Mar,” Cox said.

■ Rising Star in P.G.

Point Pinos Grill in the clubhouse at the Pacific Grove golf course on Asilomar Boulevard will host an Evening with Rising Star Friday, Nov. 16, showcasing Pinot Noir and cuisine prepared by four chefs.

Each chef has created a course to pair with a distinctive Pinot Noir, and the evening will begin with a 6:30 p.m. reception, followed by dinner at 7.

Aqua Terra Culinary chef/owner Dory Ford will prepare the first course of alder-smoked white sea bass with crisp potato and celery root pancake, baby beets and truffle crème fraîche paired with Bjørnstad 2011 Sonoma Pinot Noir Rosé.

Point Pinos executive chef Tom Stutzman is in charge of the second course of wild chanterelles and sweet potato gnocchi with pancetta, carrots, pearl onions and black truffle jus paired with Whitcraft Winery 2009 Santa Barbara Pinot Noir.

Safeway “director of culinary innovation” Jeff Anderson will present the third course, cranberry-ginger-lacquered quail with sticky rice cake and star-anise-glazed carrots, served with Wes Mar 2009 Russian River Ohlmann Vineyard Pinot Noir, and Aqua

Terra chef de cuisine EJ (Estevan Jimenez) will prepare the fourth course, braised wild boar croquette with Russian red kale, pan-roasted cipollini onions and poached quince with thyme jus, served with Bjørnstad 2008 Sonoma Mountain Pinot Noir.

Ford will return for the fifth and final course, anise and fennel-spiced lamb T-bone with cauliflower puree, Brussels sprouts and pomegranate reduction paired with Capiaux 2009 Pisoni Pinot Noir.

The cost is \$75 in advance or \$85 that evening, all inclusive. To reserve, call (831) 648-5774.

■ Chamber mixers planned

The Carmel Chamber of Commerce will hold a mixer Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. in da Giovanni restaurant upstairs in the courtyard on Lincoln Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues. The cost to attend is \$10 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Call (831) 624-2522.

And on Thursday, Nov. 15, Tarp’s Roadhouse on Highway 68 at Canyon del Rey will host a joint mixer of the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley chambers, also from 5 to 7 p.m., also for \$10 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. The mixer will feature tastes of the restaurant’s new menu items and Ventana Vineyards wines. Attendees are encouraged to bring nonperishable food for the Food Bank for Monterey County, and anyone who brings at least two items will be entered into a drawing for lunch for two at Tarp’s. To learn more, visit www.mppcc.com or call (831) 648-5350.

■ Galante Blending Bash

Galante Vineyards will present its third annual custom blending seminar Saturday, Nov. 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The day will begin at the Cachagua win-

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Tender and succulent Wagyu beef is accompanied by roasted and raw porcini mushrooms, Brussels sprouts and cipollini onions in one of Marinus chef Cal Stamenov’s homages to the mushroom.

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■ Sweet Elena's pies

Sweet Elena's Bakery and Café, located at 465 D Olympia Ave. in Sand City, will host its annual pie tasting Saturday, Nov. 17, from 2 to 5 p.m. For an additional \$5 per person, customers can taste five small slices of pie if they purchase an espresso drink or glass of wine.

The tasting will include Mary's Mince Meat Pie (a special recipe using apples, pears, quince, dried figs, currants and lots of brandy), lemon tart, and pumpkin, pecan, apple, ollalieberry, strawberry rhubarb and apple crumble pies.

For more information, call (831) 393-2063 or visit www.sweetelenas.com.

■ Giuseppe returns to Luca

Giuseppe Panzuto, who helped open Cantinetta Luca on Dolores Street as general manager in 2006 before returning to Italy to care for his mom a few years later and then detouring into a wine sales career, has returned to serve as food and beverage director and partner in the restaurant and David Fink's Mirabel Hotel & Restaurant Group.

In 2010, after coming back to the United States from a four-month stint in Italy during which his ailing mother returned to health, Panzuto went to work for wine distributor Young's Market Co., where he was soon promoted to import specialist and received the company's Rookie of the Year award.

"Because of my knowledge in the wine business and I am a sommelier, I decided to take a different route, because I had worked in hospitality for almost 33 years," Panzuto explained.

But he had also been hearing from former fans that "something was missing from the restaurant," after he left,

and he couldn't resist the pull to go back to Cantinetta Luca.

"I'm not trying to make myself out to be a superhero," he said. "But I had everybody telling me it was not the same, and in the back of my head, I was not comfortable that someone was running it who was not giving it the same love and attention that I was giving it."

So, when Fink offered Panzuto the opportunity to become

a partner in Luca and serve as food and beverage director for the entire restaurant and hotel group, he couldn't decline.

"I thought, 'I need to do it,'" he said.


Panzuto's role includes overseeing all food and beverage operations for L'Auberge Carmel, Aubergine Restaurant, Cantinetta Luca, Salumeria Luca and 400° Gourmet Burgers & Fries.

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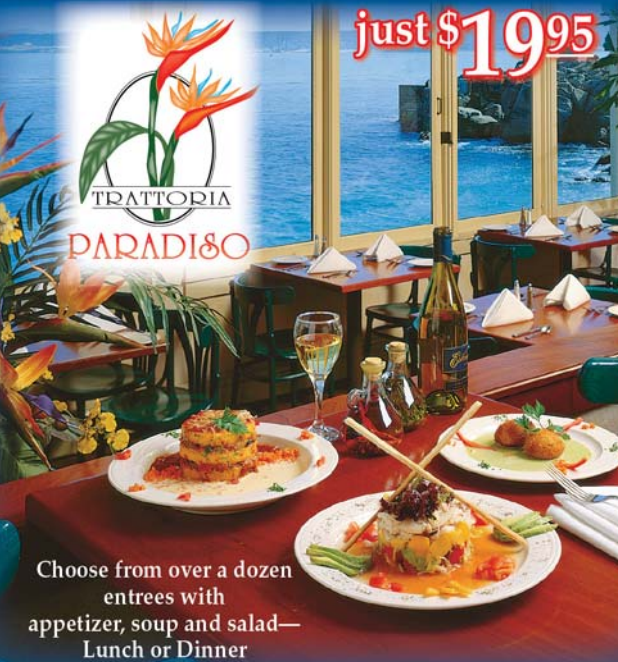
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The conductor of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Kahane has been featured as a soloist with some of the world's finest orchestras. When he performs at Sunset Center, he will present a program that includes works by Bach, Schumann, Shubert, Chopin — and his own son, contemporary composer Gabriel Kahane.

“Gabriel is quite eclectic and edgy, but he’s a classically trained pianist and composer,” Tuff added. “This should be an exciting program — from Baroque up to today.”

A free pre-concert talk by **Dr. Anatole Leikin** of the UC Santa Cruz music department will be offered in Sunset Center’s Studio 105 at 2 p.m.

The concert starts at 3 p.m. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. General admission tickets are \$48 to \$60. Tickets for students with ID are \$10.

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■ Singers launch second season

Formed just 10 months ago, the **Aria Women’s Choir** kicks off its second season this weekend with concerts in Carmel and Pebble Beach.

The choir performs Saturday, Nov. 10, at Carmel Mission. The concert starts at 8 p.m. The following afternoon — Sunday, Nov. 11

— the singing group takes the stage at Pebble Beach’s Church in the Forest. The event begins at 2 p.m.

With founder **Sean Boulware** serving as its conductor, and operating under the banner of the Monterey Peninsula Choral Society, the choir presents a diverse program that includes Randal Thompson’s “Allelui,” Schubert’s Psalm 23, and Vivaldi’s “Gloria” and “Kyrie.”

Tickets for Saturday’s performance are \$25 for general admission and \$15 for students with ID. Carmel Mission is located 3080 Rio Road.

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■ Big Sur tap house

Singer-songwriters **Walter Rose** and **Mikey Selbicky** share the stage Friday, Nov. 9, at newest live music destination down the coast, the Big Sur Tap House.

Earlier this year, Rose released his debut LP, “Cast Your Stone.” Not only does Grammy Award-winning roots-rocker Lucinda Williams make a cameo on the record, but her stellar band backs up Rose throughout the disc.

Big Sur singer-songwriter **Talmon Owens**, who works as a bartender at the Tap House, plays original acoustic music the following night — Saturday, Nov. 10 — at the same venue.

Both shows start at 8 p.m. and there’s no cover. The Big Sur Tap House is located on

Highway 1 27 miles south of Carmel. (831) 667-2225 or visit www.bigsurtaphouse.com.

■ The Rats are back and more

From 1960s psychedelic blues rockers to 1980s dance party favorites, **The Wharf**

Brain expert offers library talk

THE AUTHOR of “Welcome to Your Child’s Brain: How the Mind Grows from Conception to College,” Dr. Sam Wang presents a talk and signs books Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Sunset Center’s Carpenter Hall.

An associate professor of molecular biology and neuroscience at Princeton University, Dr. Wang also penned the amus-

Rats play classic Friday, Nov. 9, at the Carmel Mission Inn’s Fuse Lounge. There’s no cover, and the music starts at 9 p.m.

And the following night — Saturday, Nov. 10 — **The Dino Vera Band** plays jazz and blues at the same venue.

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Monarch film festival launches in P.G.

LIGHTHOUSE CINEMAS in Pacific Grove will be the site Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10-11, of the inaugural Monarch Film Festival.

Featuring a mix of professional and student filmmakers — both local and not-so-local — the two-day festival will showcase 23 films. Awards will be presented in five categories: Best Documentary, Best Narrative, Best Narrative Short, Best Student Narrative and Best Student Short.

The festival is founded by a pair of Pacific Grove filmmakers, Cristiana DiPietro and Matthew Kalamán, who produced and directed a short independent film, "Where Monarchs Die."

"Matt and I were thinking about a good way to incorporate films into our lives and do something for the city," DiPietro told The Pine Cone. "We decided to combine the best of both worlds and create a film festival."

They approached the Santa Rosa Entertainment Group, which owns Lighthouse Cinemas, and pitched the proposal. "They thought it was a great idea for the theater and the city," DiPietro said. As they put the finishing touches on their inaugural event, DiPietro and Kalamán hope to create something that will serve as "a catalyst for greater appreciation of cinema as art, build the local film-making community and work with Hollywood and independent film makers alike to showcase Northern California as a dynamic place to shoot and screen movies."

Day passes for the film festival are available for \$50. A limited number of tickets for individual films — \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students — will be sold at the door. Lighthouse Cinemas is located at 525 Lighthouse Ave. Call (831) 224-0099 or visit www.monarchfilmfestival.com.

Visually Impaired Center's country store

TEDDY BEARS, homemade jams, cookies and crafts for sale, as well as a raffle to win a four-burner grill, silent and live auctions, and plenty of time to mingle with friends will be offered during the Country Store & Auction benefiting the Blind & Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County Saturday, Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Barbershop quartets will entertain visitors, who will also enjoy light refreshments and wine tasting.

The event, which is free to attend, will be held at the Blind & Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County, 225 Laurel Ave. between Second and Third streets in Pacific Grove. The proceeds will help fund programs and services designed to assist Monterey County residents who are blind or visually impaired. For information about the BVIC, visit www.blindandlowvision.org or contact program director Jeannie Cordero at (831) 649-3505.




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ART

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porary makeover for the holidays — and offering a boost to local artists.

For the next seven weekends preceding Christmas, the Artists Equity Gallery will present paintings by **Sandy Robinson**, **Arlene Stigum** and **Emy Ledbetter**; photography by **Debbie Delatour**; jewelry by **Lenka Manning-Warder**; wooden bowls by **Steve Trapkus**; and recycled wood art by **Brett Ledbetter**.

“The Crossroads is so supportive of local artists,” gallery director Emy Ledbetter said. “They are allowing us to use this space on weekends through the holidays.”

The gallery is open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

■ ‘The Face of Homeless Women’

An exhibit opening Friday, Nov. 9, at the Carl Cherry

Center for the Arts explores the lives of homeless women in Monterey County.

Titled, “Becoming Visible: The Face of Homeless Women in Monterey County,” the display uses still photography by **Margo Duval**, **Lina Vital** and **Ken Wanderman**, video and narrative text to illustrate the issues homeless women face locally.

“The goal of this project is to give homeless women a chance to be heard in our community,” the Rev. Michael Reid of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Pacific Grove said. “We do not expect to solve the issue of lack of services for these women but hope to raise public awareness and encourage the efforts of homeless providers.”

A reception starts at 5 p.m. The exhibit continues through Dec. 14. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. Call (831) 624-7491 or visit www.carlcherrycenter.org.

■ The Bennetts are back

It’s déjà vu all over again at Bennett Sculpture. More than a decade after closing its doors, the gallery reopened in August in the Cottage Row building on San Carlos between Fifth and Sixth — a downtown space the gallery occupied in its heyday.

During the 1980s and 1990s, twin brothers **Bob and Tom Bennett** opened more than 20 galleries, including one in Carmel. Along the way, they sold thousands of bronze sculptures.

Nine years after Bob Bennett’s death in 2003, his widow, **Debi Bennett**, decided to reopen the Carmel gallery.

“I felt compelled to return Bennett Sculpture to the most beautiful location in the world,” she explained. “So here I am, in Carmel, 30 years after our opening in the same building.”

The response from those who visit the gallery has been



“Laundry with Grapevines” by Melissa Lofton is featured in a show opening Nov. 10 at the Carmel Bay Company.

overwhelmingly positive. “A lot of people who own a Bennett sculpture are coming by and saying, ‘Oh my God, you’re back,’” Debi Bennett said.

In addition to presenting limited-edition designs by the Bennett brothers, the gallery will feature work by Bob Bennett’s daughter, painter **Ashley Bennett-Stoddard**.

“Ashley adds bright color to the mix, and her strong spirit shows within her paintings. You can easily see that Ashley has inherited her father’s artistic talent and strong feel for line and design,” Debi Bennett added. “She has combined this with a sense of color and shape to create her own unique style. Since her father’s death, she has become even more determined to carry on the family legacy.”

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DEATH TRAP

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"I'm blessed with great cast of very talented people," explained Stauffer, whose long acting career included starring roles in the TV series "Battlestar Galactica" and on the ABC soap opera, "All My Children."

Stauffer said he has no plans to take any

creative liberties with the play, which he has great admiration for. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," he laughed.

Friday and Saturday shows start at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22, with discounts available for students and seniors on Sundays. The play continues Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 9. The theater is located at 9 El Caminito. Call (831) 659-7500 or visit www.magiccircletheatre.net.

Artist lectures

PAINTER LUCAS Blok will talk about his artwork Friday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m., in the Monterey Institute of International Studies' Irvine Auditorium in Monterey at 499 Pierce St. Using larger-than-life-sized canvases, simple shapes and bright colors, Blok creates paintings that he calls "visual music." Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Visit www.aia-montereybay.org.



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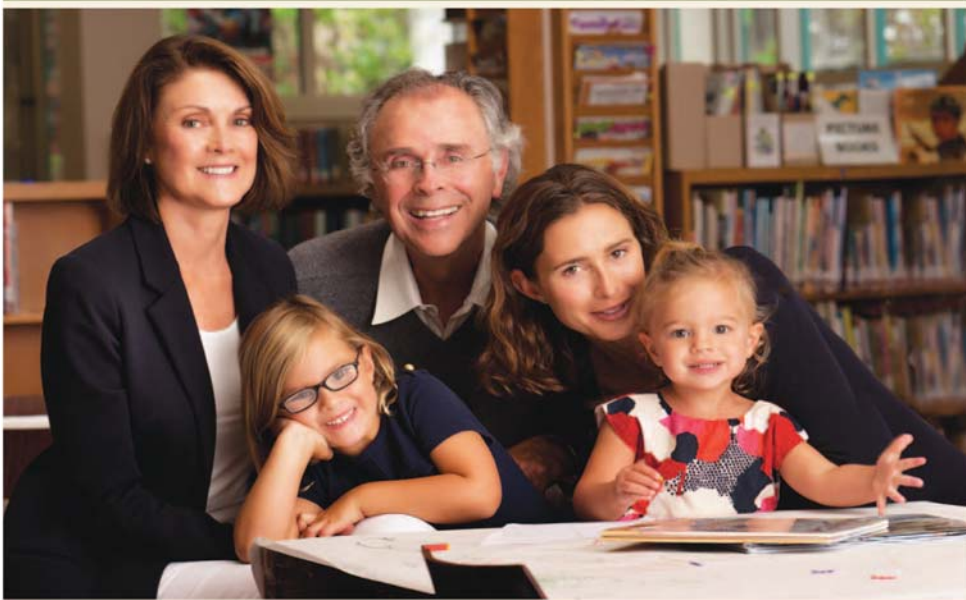


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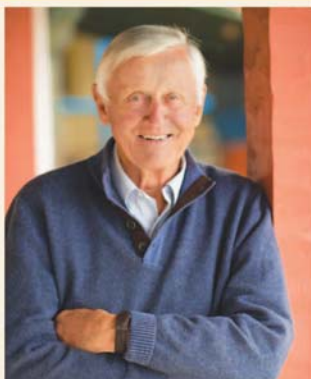
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Pebble Beach ~ Betsy, born in Palo Alto, passed away peacefully at home after a lengthy illness, surrounded by her family. She attended Carlmont High School and continued her education in the arts at Willamette University in Oregon and Monterey Peninsula College.

Betsy moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1970 and immediately got very involved in the community. She worked at The Potter’s Wheel on Cannery Row and, later, began her design career at Rudolph’s Furniture Store in Monterey. From there, she worked at OPI in Monterey and went on to open her own interior design firm, Betsy Brown Interiors, which she ran with her daughter, Kathryn.

From there, Betsy decided to get her Real Estate License and became a very successful agent on the Peninsula over the past thirty years. In fact, she listed a home for sale in Pebble Beach one week prior to her passing.

Betsy’s community involvement included being on the Board of Directors for the Pacific Grove Art Center, Chairman of the Board for Beacon House Recovery Center, Chairman of the Beacon House Annual Art Auction. She was also involved with the Pacific Grove Unified School District, Monterey Youth Arts Collective and St. Mary’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Pacific Grove.

Betsy’s love of the arts was so prominent that it was integrated into every area of her life. From the garden outside her window, to the paintings on the walls of her home that she collected during her world travels, to the art-work and drawings that she did every day, she had a love of anything that was art. She was wonderfully creative and was always painting, making jewelry, knitting scarves or just sketching anything in which she saw beauty.

Betsy is survived by her daughters, Libby Brown Sizer and Kathryn Brown Meyers; her son-in-law, Joe Sizer; her sister, Diana Rhodes and her beloved and cherished grandchildren, Justin and Ryan Miller, Amanda Meyers, Brianna Hubbard and Taylor and Annabella Sizer.

Services for Betsy will be held on Saturday, November 17 at 10:00 Am at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church. Contributions in her name may be made to Beacon House Recovery Center, 468 Pine Ave., Pacific Grove, 93950 or Youth Arts Collective, 472 Calle Principal, Monterey, 93940. Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com to sign Betsy’s guest book and leave messages for her family.

Best-selling author signs books for charity

TO HELP raise money for the Hospice Foundation of Monterey, writer Anita Moorjani will sign copies of her best-selling book, “Dying to Be Me,” Sunday, Nov. 11, at Pilgrim’s Way.

In “Dying to Be Me,” Moorjani shares with readers the details of her battle with cancer, and her subsequent recovery, which baffled doctors.

Starting at 10 a.m., the book signing follows Friday’s talk by Moorjani at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Pilgrim’s Way is located on the east side of Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 624-4955 or visit www.pilgrimsway.com.

Christmas book launched

Five writers who contributed to a collection of holiday stories will sign copies of the book, “A Miracle Under the Christmas Tree,” Saturday, Nov. 10, at The Works bookstore and coffeehouse in Pacific Grove.

Pat Hanson, Jo Anne Boulger, Jack Skillicorn, Harry Freirmuth, and Paul Karrer will attend Saturday’s reception, which celebrates the release of a book that features “true stories of the kindness of strangers and the blessings of answered prayers.”

The free event starts at 2 p.m. The Works is located at 667 Lighthouse Ave. Call (831) 372-2242 or visit www.thework-spg.com.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20122088

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This business is conducted by a general partnership

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/ Gordana Dilber

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey on November 01, 2012.

NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M120521.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, JANETTE PATRICE WAHL, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A.Present name:
JANETTE PATRICE WAHL
Proposed name:
JANETTE PATRICE YHIP

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: Dec. 21, 2012
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 14

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito 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) Kay T. Kingsley
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 5, 2012
Clerk: Connie Mazzei
Deputy: Carmen B. Orozco
Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2012. (PC1114)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M120005.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, CIRILO DE JESUS GONZALEZ & VERONICA LOPEZ ESPINOZA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

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NOTICE OF HEARING:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20122096. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SUBCONSCIOUS SUMMIT, 4107 Pine Meadows Way, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.** Monterey County. LASZLO G. LAKY, 4107 Pine Meadows Way, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A. (s) Laszlo G. Laky. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 1, 2012. Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2012. (PC 1116)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20122100. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **NICHOLAS BOGHOSIAN FINE ARTS,** Dolores & Fifth Streets, SW corner, Carmel By The Sea, CA 93921. Monterey County. THE NICHOLAS COMPANY, LLC, 5714 N. Van Ness Boulevard, Fresno, California 93711. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: March 18, 2010. (s) Nicholas P. Boghosian, Manager of The Nicholas Company, LLC. This statement was

filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 2, 2012. Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2012. (PC 1117)

LEGALS DEADLINE:
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AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property, pursuant to sections 21700-21716 of the business and professions code, Section 2328 if the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at public auctions by competitive bidding at 2:00pm, Tuesday November 20, 2012. Located at Valley Village Self Storage, 15 Del Fino Place, County of Monterey, State Of California, the Following:

Steve Bennett
Jerry Cornish

Description: Household goods, Yard Tools, sofa, desk, audio equipment, fishing poles, TV, Bamboo Stake, Portable AC unit.

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Joe Ward, Bond#7580952
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STEPHEN WALKER	Refrigerator/ recliner/ television/ statues/ night stand/ 30 boxes/ tools/ office chair
NELLIE MARRERO	Appliances/ bedding/ 8 boxes/ 2 bags
SAURENA FLORES	Dining table/ chairs/ chest of drawers 3 boxes/ exercise equipment

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408-891-6108

Publication date: November 9, 16, 2012 (PC1111)

TAX

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in favor of the tax increase, while 435 opposed it. Countywide, the tens of thousands of vote-by-mail ballots dropped off at the polls or received by the elections department since Friday have yet to be counted, according to Tulett, but it’s unlikely the result on Measure D will change.

While he wasn’t surprised at the tax’s passage, Mayor Jason Burnett said Wednesday he was relieved.

“I was fairly confident that it would pass, but it’s really good that it passed by such a significant margin, because we didn’t want the community divided on it,” he said. “And it’s really nice to know that not only the majority, but the vast majority of people in town want this.”

Now, he said, energy spent on promoting the tax can be focused on other business, like figuring out how to spend it.

“It’s also really nice to have it behind us, because there’s been a lot of planning that’s gone on, but all that planning is conditioned upon this result,” he said. “We now can get together and actually talk about the reality.”

He cautioned people not to expect drastic changes and improvements anytime soon.

Since the tax has a decade-long lifespan, the improvements it will pay for and debt it will reduce will occur throughout that time.

“We’re not going to be able to repave all the streets in town tomorrow,” he said. “We’ll see the benefits over a 10-year period.”

Come April 1, 2013 shoppers with begin paying the higher tax, which will increase from 7.25 percent to 8.5 percent, since voters also approved a statewide sales tax increase of .25 percent that will last four years.

The county has 28 days to certify the election results, according to Tulett, who plans to issue more reports on the election results Nov. 9, Nov. 16 and possibly thereafter.

“It will be in the final quarter of this fiscal year that we will see that increase, which in rough terms will be half a million dollars,” Burnett said.

The fourth quarter of the fiscal year ends June 30, 2013.

“The real planning will be in next year’s budget and subsequent budgets,” he said.

But some financial burdens will be eased sooner, such as the expensive retirement debt the council has discussed reducing by issuing pension obligation bonds. Since the tax passed, the council will proceed with the bond issue to refinance more than \$6 million the city owes the California Public Employees Retirement System. The state is charging the city 7.5 percent interest on the debt, but the bonds will

accumulate interest at a significantly lower rate and allow the city to pay off the debt more quickly, according to consultants working on the proposal. The council is set to hold a special meeting to discuss the bond issue on Thursday, Nov. 15, at 4:30 p.m. in city hall.

“And we can probably get a jumpstart on some of the most needed capital maintenance and street repairs,” he said.

The new funds would also offset some of the city’s anticipated \$600,000 draw from reserves.

“And obviously, we’d like to reduce that,” Burnett said.

He said Measure D experienced such resounding support because residents, business owners and taxpayer advocates all saw its merits.

Burnett, city councilman Ken Talmage and others worked hard to push a pro-tax message that outlined how the money would be used to sustain city services and fund overdue maintenance and repair.

“When you come together and have unity, you can get stuff done,” he said.

The council is set to begin discussing how to put the new money to use at its regular December meeting.

“We will have the question as to what adjustments we may want to make this fiscal year,” he said.

“Staff will lay out the options to the council in December.”

Concours d’Elegance raised record \$\$\$ for charity

THIS YEAR’S Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance raised more than \$1.2 million to help local charities during the August event, according to the company.

Pebble Beach Company CEO Bill Perocchi and Pebble Beach Concours chairman Sandra Button announced Wednesday how much had been raised.

Charitable partners of the Concours include United Way Monterey County, Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County, Natividad Medical Foundation, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Kinship Center, Voices for Children (CASA) and Animal Friends Rescue Project.

Additional charitable funds are distributed to the community through Pebble Beach Company Foundation, which focuses its efforts on the youth of the Monterey County community, providing grants to support and enhance educational programs that span the arts, sciences, sports and technology.

This year marks the seventh year in a row that charitable donations have topped \$1 million, according to the company.

David Steven Miller

August 23, 1949 - October 12, 2012

David Steven Miller of Midland, Texas, died Friday, Oct. 12, at Midland Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. He was born Aug. 23, 1949, in Ardmore, Oklahoma, to Sam Miller, Sr. and Dorothy Kirkpatrick Miller, who preceded him in death.



David grew up in Pecos, Texas, and Fort Stockton, Texas. He graduated from Fort Stockton High School in 1967, where he was valedictorian. He earned a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and an M.A. from UTPB in Odessa.

He enjoyed a career in education that spanned 38 years, having taught in several schools in West Texas and in Carmel, California.

A certified member of MENSA, David truly loved learning as well as teaching. He was certified to teach in nearly every area—math, science, social studies, gifted/talented studies, English, and elementary education, as well as being a reading specialist.

On May 20, 2006, in Pacific Grove, California, he married Kathy Favor, whom he first met in 1979 when they taught together at Pecos High School. From that time on, David and Kathy collaborated in almost every aspect of their teaching. Indeed they were true partners in education and in life. In their spare time, they enjoyed theater, classical music, and traveling.

David is survived by his beloved wife Kathy, his brother Sam Miller, Jr. (Pam), nephews Trey Miller (Amy), and Jim Miller (Trudi), his niece Robin Miller, and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

A service of remembrance was held Oct. 16, at St. Luke’s Methodist Church in Midland, with the Reverend Cody Favor and the Reverend Clark Ford officiating.

Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

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LANDSLIDE

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progress on the issues we have in front of us,” he said. “Continued support from citizens is important.”

Garcia was elected to the Pacific Grove City Council in 2008. In September 2009, upon the resignation of Dan Cort, she was appointed mayor on a coin toss against Kampe after the council couldn’t come up with the four required votes to select a mayor. She ran unopposed and was reelected mayor in 2010.

Garcia did not return phone and email messages left by The Pine Cone.

Professor wins seat

NPS professor Casey Lucius, who has lived in Pacific Grove for four-and-a-half-years, received 3,746 votes, the biggest number in the council race, which had four other candidates.

Lucius, 36, also the youngest person to be elected to the council in a long time, thanked residents for their monetary donations, putting up “Casey for Council” signs in their yard and general show of support.

“It was really touching to have so much support,” Lucius told The Pine Cone, “and to know so many people were backing me.”

Incumbent councilmen Dan Miller and Robert Huitt were reelected. Miller received 2,300 votes, and Huitt got 3,072.

“I’m glad the people of Pacific Grove have entrusted me to represent their interests for another four years,” Miller said.

Huitt said he’s looking forward to continuing to work on the city’s “tough issues.”

“I’m of course very pleased with the outcome,” Huitt said. “I’m very grateful for the show of support from the public.”

Council candidates Mary Norton and Bob Pacelli fell short but received a surprisingly strong show of support, with Norton getting 1,909 votes and Pacelli, a filmmaker and monarch butterfly enthusiast, getting 1,637.



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This week, Pacific Grove city councilman Robert Huitt (left) was reelected, councilman Bill Kampe (middle) defeated incumbent Carmelita Garcia for mayor, and Casey Lucius won a council seat.

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Nov. 10 - Asilomar Neighborhood Craft Fair at 1150 Pico Avenue in Pacific Grove from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Nov. 11 if it rains). Handmade gift choices, watercolors and drawings, vintage pots with plantings, knit items, jewelry, woodworking, photography, pressed flowers and misc. crafts. Bake sale with proceeds to be donated to AFRP.

Nov. 14 - The Monterey Neuropathy Support Group, Pacific Chapter of Neuropathy Association, is presenting a lecture by Bill Donovan, M.D., “Overview of Neuropathy – More than sore feet and numb toes,” Wed., Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall located at 501 El Dorado in Monterey. (831) 372-6959, www.pnhelp.org.

Nov. 15 - CRA Meeting and Talk, 5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15, in the Vista Lobos Community Room, Junipero & Third. Peterson Conway, owner of Conway of Asia, will speak on his adventurous travels in Afghanistan. Meeting is free and open to the public.

Nov. 17 - A Carmel Tradition! Join the holiday shoppers at **All Saints’ Episcopal Church** for our famous **Annual Fine Arts and Crafts Faire!** Local artisans have been working all year to produce a vast array of colorful handcrafted gifts and trinkets for your favorite family members and friends. Bake sale on upper level features holiday treats. Picnic style lunch and beverages also available. All Saints’ Episcopal Church, Dolores at Ninth Street, (831) 624-3883, www.allsaintscarmel.org.

Nov. 18 - GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays, a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one’s death, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Carmel Presbyterian Church, corner of Ocean and Junipero. Info at www.GriefShare.org. Pre-register by calling the church (831) 624-3878. \$5.

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waiting period usually required after a denial and should not require him to pay a new application fee.

Hillyard suggested the city also waive Agacanyan’s appeal fee if he doesn’t get what he wants from the planning commission, but Beach disagreed.

“I would prefer they work with the planning commission,” she said.

The council, minus Ken Talmage, who stepped down because he lives nearby, ultimately agreed with Beach, and unanimously approved her original motion.

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P.G. voters reject Holman Building measure, PGUSD parcel tax

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE voters this week shot down two ballot measures, including a zoning change that would have allowed a hotel to be built where the Holman Building stands and \$65 parcel tax that would have helped fund local schools.

Measure F asked P.G. residents to amend the city’s municipal code to increase the height of the Holman Building to 75 feet and allow 100 percent lot coverage. The zoning amendment was requested by Holman Building owner Nader Agha, who wants a developer to build a 200-plus room hotel on the property.

But the measure failed, with 3,242 voters saying, “No,” to the project and only 2,264 voters approving the measure.

City councilman Dan Miller, who was reelected Tuesday, was a proponent of Measure F. Now that it’s failed, he said the city needs to come up with a way to generate revenue since it was estimated the hotel would raise more than \$1 million per year in transient occupancy tax.

“At some time, we must establish new sources of revenue and everyone has to decide what is acceptable to them,” Miller said, “or we will continue to have to cut city services.”

Measure F opponent Sally Aberg told The Pine Cone a project application for the hotel should have been submitted long before voters considered the zoning change.

“Residents have clearly confirmed they will not grant such changes without first having a fully reviewed, refined and approved application that answers all questions about design, height, massing, water source, impacts on infrastructure, and the preservation of our unique architectural heritage and natural environment,” Aberg said.

Opponent Mary Flaig said she heard similar concerns from residents while she promoted Measure F’s defeat.

“Two responses I heard repeatedly while campaigning: “It’s too big, it’s not Pacific Grove,”” and, “Where are they going to get the water?””

Parcel tax fails

Voters also rejected a Pacific Grove Unified School District parcel tax that would have levied \$65 for five years to “aid in preserving educational quality in schools in the face of statewide budget cuts.” Approving the measure would have funded science, math, music, art, computer technology programs and school libraries.

POTTER

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close the gap.

“I don’t think it’s possible to recoup that,” Potter said.

The race for the supervisor’s seat was costly, with the candidates raising a total of about \$600,000. Most of Del Piero’s money came from the North Salinas Valley Fund for Responsible Growth — a slow-growth group that gave him a total of \$132,500.

Potter Wednesday took aim at the group, which is made up of LandWatch Monterey County activists and others, whose board members mostly do not live on the Monterey Peninsula.

“This was a blatant attempt to buy that seat,” Potter said. “I found it appalling and was relieved that it did not succeed.”

The tax-exempt organization got into county politics after receiving a \$600,000 settlement in 2008 from a legal fight it waged with Monterey County over permits for Butterfly Village, the proposed residential development north of

The measure needed a two-thirds majority to pass and came close, receiving 65.05 percent of the vote this week. It’s close enough that outstanding mail-in ballots could push it over the top once they’re counted later in the week.

Proponents of Measure A contend the hundreds of thousands of dollars raised from the tax would protect academic programs that are in danger of being reduced or eliminated. It also would maintain the smallest possible class sizes, preserved adult school programs and increased student access to technology and computers in the classroom.

PGUSD board president John Thibreau told KSBW the district is looking at whether to go forward with another type of parcel tax.

Measure A would have replaced and extended Measure X, a \$35 parcel tax residents approved in 2008. The measure would also have ensured the creation of a citizens’ oversight committee to review expenditures, and a guarantee that the funds couldn’t be used for administrator salaries, benefits or pensions.

Salinas.

Besides the North Salinas Valley group, Del Piero had other unlikely supporters including the local Green Party and other left-leaning activists who don’t often side with Republicans like Del Piero.

Del Piero ran a campaign promising transparency, accountability and “honest government,” but did not offer evidence to show Potter or the other supervisors had been dishonest or untransparent.

Both men ran costly TV spots, but each took completely different approaches.

While Potter’s ad portrayed him as down to earth and relaxed, with testimonials from his supporters, Del Piero’s ad, in contrast, was matter-of-fact.

In a rare endorsement for a political candidate, The Pine Cone offered its support to Potter in last week’s edition, a move the supervisor said was helpful to his campaign.

Potter also poked fun at the Monterey County Herald, which endorsed Del Piero. “Obviously, it goes to show the Herald’s editorial board doesn’t know what the heck they are talking about,” he said.

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Editorial

The Hispanic ascendancy

ON THE right, President Barack Obama's surprisingly solid victory Tuesday is being attributed to his success at buying the loyalty of low-income Americans by expanding government benefits and handouts, while on the left, it's being celebrated as the long-overdue triumph of the interests of the masses over the privileges of the few.

You could hardly come up with more divergent interpretations.

But one thing both sides agree on: His victory could not have come without the huge increase in the number of Hispanic voters in the country over the last 20 years.

According to exit poll data analyzed by the New York Times, in 1992, whites made up 87 percent of the electorate, a number that this year had fallen to 72 percent. Meanwhile, in just the past four years, 4 million Hispanic voters were added to the electorate, increasing their share of the vote to 10 percent.

And while 59 percent of whites supported Mitt Romney for president, 71 percent of Hispanics picked Obama. Combine the president's support among them with the 93 percent of blacks and the 73 percent of Asians who backed him, and you had an unbeatable formula for Democratic success at the polls.

Obama himself agreed with this analysis.

"A big reason I will win a second term is because the Republican nominee and the Republican Party have so alienated the fastest-growing demographic group in the country, the Latino community," he told The Des Moines Register last summer, after announcing his administration would grant work permits to illegal immigrants who came to this country as children.

It's long been true that a majority of whites vote Republican. The last time a Democratic candidate for president captured most of the white vote was in 1964, when Lyndon Johnson trounced Barry Goldwater. But only recently has the minority vote been large enough to sway an election.

The question for Democrats and Republicans today is: How long-lasting will the minority-Democratic Party alliance prevail?

Most analysts in the post-election debate are acting as though it's permanent.

"The 2008 and 2012 Obama coalitions are no longer the exception to electoral politics. They are the new rule," wrote Juan Williams in the Wall Street Journal.

"The conservative consensus that took hold of America with Ronald Reagan's election in 1980 is over," trumpeted Bob Moser in The American Prospect.

And in New York magazine, Jonathan Chait called last week's election, "the white right's last gasp."

Little mentioned in their analyses was the fact that Obama's success also sprang from his solid support among low-income voters, not to mention the longstanding tendency of people to start voting Republican as soon as they move out of low-income groups and start paying plenty of taxes.

Last week, 63 percent of voters with annual incomes less than \$30,000 backed Obama, while Romney was the choice of 54 percent of voters who make more than \$100,000 a year — proportions that have been evident in many elections.

Conservatives would say that the failure of Obama's economic stimulus programs, and the colossal debt he ran up to implement them, will keep the country's poor that way for a long time, not to mention add to their numbers. Free markets and individual initiative are the only forces that can lift large numbers of the poor out of their poverty, as they have done in many parts of the world over the last 200 years, Republicans say.

Meanwhile, Democrats claim that it's the Republicans who perpetuate economic hardship among the masses, including Hispanics and other minorities, and that only liberal policies will provide a path to prosperity for them.

If the Democrats are right, now is their chance to prove it. But in the process, will they be saying goodbye to a lot of their voters?

BEST of BATES



"No, no Mama! The cross is up there!"

Letters to the Editor

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'Everything but the kitchen sink'

Dear Editor,

Your article about the former teacher who filed a lawsuit against the Carmel Unified School District (Nov. 2) appears to be taken completely from the court filing and, therefore, by definition, presented only one side of the story. As the spouse of a Carmel school district teacher who, after many years as a teacher, moved to administration, I have been a casual observer of the way the district functions. It's been my perception that the district not only has an effective system for the administration of employees, but is made up of people who care about individuals. It looks like there are a lot of "safety nets" that assure that employees are treated fairly. Another way to say that might be: in terms of Carmel Unified School District human

resources, the deck seems to be stacked in favor of the employee, even a probationary one.

In the present case, based on the information presented in the article, the former employee seems to wander from one claim to another. By throwing everything but the kitchen sink at the district, it makes none of the arguments credible.

Jim Dunn,
Carmel Valley

Election reflection

Dear Editor,

I have steered 100 percent entirely clear from any political comments both in my personal life and my career life during this election year. However, now on this first day after the election, because I have not seen a single person say it in this month of supposed thankfulness, I unwaveringly offer this:

Why are so few giving thanks that you could get in your car, or get on a free bus, or have the right to miss work and know that it is your right, your freedom, to vote?

To vote without intimidation?

To vote in private?

To rant and rave on social media, in newspapers, in editorials, at work, at home, in other people's homes for months and months and not once ever fear for your life or your family's lives or your freedoms, because we have the right to have a voice about our government?

Today, give thanks we all had the right to

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A word from the mayor —

After a year on the job, city manager’s hiring proves to be a ‘home run’

By JASON BURNETT

ON TUESDAY voters overwhelmingly passed Measure D, trusting city hall with additional resources to invest in improved quality of services, infrastructure, and fiscal stability. I believe a significant reason voters trust Carmel with their tax dollars is our competent, hard-working staff, lead by Jason Stilwell.

A little over a year ago we welcomed Stilwell to town as our new city administrator. As I look back over the first year I notice three things.

First, Stilwell has worked with the city council to create a common set of expectations. We have four goals and ten key projects for 2012 (see <http://tinyurl.com/Carmel-goals> for a list) to provide focus across the organization. Stilwell has worked with each department to translate these goals and projects into performance measures and expectations so the community and the city can track progress, address any shortcomings and

manage accordingly.

Second, Jason Stilwell has worked with the city council to engage in long term, strategic planning and budgeting. He worked with staff to develop a five-year capital maintenance and improvement plan, a five-year economic forecast, and a detailed budget that reflects the four goals described above. These documents provide a road map for staff and council decisions. Stilwell’s management approach helps staff and the council be more strategic and proactive than simply reacting to individual problems after they occur.

Finally, Stilwell has worked with the council to make significant progress in improving the fiscal sustainability of our community. He proposed and the council agreed to a reorganization to consolidate all of our marketing efforts to reduce duplication and encourage collaboration. Working with the chamber of commerce and the innkeepers, Stilwell smoothly and efficiently implemented the



Jason Burnett

Hospitality Improvement District to put more “heads on beds.” Stilwell has consolidated three staff positions (administration, HR, and finance) into one Administrative Services Director, saving taxpayer money. He provided the information necessary for the council to determine a temporary one percent sales tax increase was justified. The vast majority of voters agreed by passing Measure D.

Based on feedback I hear, Stilwell’s managerial leadership is getting attention. Community leaders say Carmel is “well managed” and the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce describes “the outstanding fiscal responsibility” and “forward thinking” of Carmel-by-the-Sea. I was recently at a meeting of the Carmel Residents Association where someone commented on Stilwell’s performance and the whole room joined in spontaneous applause.

It may be most telling that the only criti-

cism that I’ve heard is that Stilwell is too “serious” and “always focused on work.” That might be true in his first year where most of Stilwell’s time has been internally focused. Now that the internal operations are working more smoothly, we both hope and expect that you will see him out in the community more.

Not only is Stilwell a good fit for Carmel, Carmel seems to be a good fit for the Stilwells. Jason, his wife Julie, and their son live right in town and their son attends Carmel Middle School. You’ll see them walking their dog around town, joining in the Halloween parade, and attending other community events. Jason Stilwell walks to work on most days, so please stop him on the sidewalk and say hi.

As our Vice Mayor Ken Talmage has said, we hit a home run in finding Jason Stilwell. Please join me in saying “thank you” for a great first year.

THE HERALD IS LIBERAL BECAUSE THAT’S WHAT ITS READERS WANT

PERHAPS IT’S time to dispel the fantasy, once and for all, that the local media are “out of touch” with mainstream Monterey County.

Not that it matters, of course, inasmuch as the local daily newspapers are busily self-destructing as a result of forces beyond anything the locals can control.

But there seems to be a weird perception out there that the local dailies are failing because they don’t sway with the prevailing political winds.

While toiling for one of those dailies in a past life, I became very familiar with this hogwash. I took the phone calls; I got buttonholed on the streets. The voices of these fantabulists were inevitably shaky with hysteria, when they weren’t barky with outrage,

newspapers to local values?

As of Wednesday morning, a full 66 percent of those going to the polls cast votes for Obama. With nearly 78,000 votes counted, almost 51,000 endorsed the godless radical of suspect birthright.

Beyond the presidential election, perennial do-nothing Democrat Sam Farr picked up yet another term in the House by defeating some tea party maniac in a cowboy hat by a 69-31 margin. If conservatism is indeed so damned strong in Monterey County, you’d think the leaders of the Republican Party’s so-called brain trust could scrounge up someone who could give Sleepy Sam a run for his money.

The “radical” element achieved an across-the-board partisan sweep of Monterey County during this election cycle, in the state senate and the state assembly. No Republican came close to winning. Marc Del Piero couldn’t pull out a win in the supervisorial race, even as he took the form of a

beyond the realm

By JOE LIVERNOIS

and I could always sense the throb of their broiling temples.

Ever in high dudgeon, ever in reaction to an editorial comment, they called to bitch me out for something they read on the opinion page. The newspaper was “too radical” for this county, they told me. It supported seditious and dangerous notions. It failed to reflect the righteous political and social tenets shared by the heaving masses of Monterey County. It is no wonder, they concluded, that people stopped reading the local newspapers.

After hearing this so often, from so many random kooks floating about in the netherworld of alternative reality, I might have been swayed by their arguments. Until Election Day rolled around.

It rolled around again the other day.

As you might have heard by now, President Obama was elected to a second term. Yep, Obama won. So I suppose it’s time to fire up the socialist bus, load up the bong and roll into town for my government hand-out before the bus flies off the cliff. Because, you know, that’s what this whole election was all about.

(By the way, who wouldn’t want to have been a fly on the wall in Mitch McConnell’s fortress of evil on Tuesday night? Speaking of sedition, the creep McConnell spent four years advancing a single agenda — to block any progress in America’s recovery so that the incumbent president would be vanquished in his reelection — and he failed.)

Last I saw, the president won the national election by a 50-48 percent margin. Of more than 117 million votes cast in this nation on Tuesday, only about 2.5 million separated Obama from Richie Rich. It was a tight election, and the president managed to succeed because he eked out marginal wins in key states.

So how did Monterey County fare? How “out of touch” were those commie local

heaving environmentalist.

Over on the initiative-and-referendum side on the ballot, Monterey County proved it is even more craven-liberal than the rest of California. Statewide, genetic labeling of food products and death-penalty reform went down in flames. But voters in Monterey County endorsed both those propositions. By wide margins.

Fact is, Monterey County is considerably more liberal than the rest of the country. Not as radical, certainly, as neighboring Santa Cruz County, where 75 percent of the voters cast their lot with the incumbent, but I’d like to think that Monterey County liberalism is at least more pragmatic in its approach.

There exists, of course, a brand of temple-throbbing fantasist who will assert that the heaving masses are brainwashed by what they read in the newspapers, that the people in this county are only liberal because their newspapers (save this one) infuse them with radical notions.

If their lunatic logic was true, you’d have to think that the Santa Cruz Sentinel is the most liberal paper in America, and not among the most right-wing rags in California.

Anyway, these are the same knuckleheads who insist that Fox News is fair and balanced, that Benghazi would have changed everything if only the libtard media had been doing its job.

Liberalism is mainstream in Monterey County. The opinion pages in its newspapers reflect that reality. Get over it. And shut up, already.

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Congratulations to Dave Potter for winning another term as supervisor. I wish him well, but I also implore him not to confuse his success this week as a mandate to race horses in Fort Ord. Who comes up with these goofy ideas, anyway?

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Leslie-of-all-trades becomes globe-trotting volunteer

IT IS said that a resume should be a single page. In Leslie Geyer's case, there isn't much to cut from her 13 pages. She has traveled the world and done a zillion things, from journalism and teaching, to helping needy children on several different continents.

A global citizen from the start, she was born in Sumatra, where her father was working for Goodyear on a rubber plantation. He barely escaped with his life as the Japanese invaded, and he set up his family in Arlington, Va. Next stop was Costa Rica, where she lived for three years, then back to the United States and Carpinteria, where her father bought a lemon ranch. Not long after that, Leslie moved up to Carmel and graduated from Carmel High School.

Then her professional life began. She was a teacher and librarian, sports photographer, public relations director, swimming coach, sailing instructor, CPR instructor, estate planner, insurance agent, benefit planner ... and then she shifted her full-time focus to volunteer work.

In October, Leslie and eight others from Carmel Presbyterian Church spent a week at Lighthouse Orphanage with Child Hope International in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. They

took a pallet of medicines donated by CHOMP. It was a challenging experience, but one with which Leslie was very familiar, as she personally gave her time and heart to some 1,500 people needing dental work in Guatemala and those devastated by Hurricane Mitch in Honduras.

While in Guatemala, she helped dentists

Great Lives

By TONY SETON

take care of people who traveled three days to get attention to their oral problems. This, where the culture is constantly chewing on sugar cane. Their teeth rot, their gums get infected, their life expectancy diminishes. "It was a touching duty, because they'd be so stoic and brave. In one case, a man had to have 12 teeth extracted."

When she comes to describing the situations, like the tent city refugee camp near the Haitian capital where families with an average of eight children are living in deplorable conditions, she smiles at some of the successes she's had and cries about the myriad other children for whom there wasn't time or resources. It's heart-rending to know that so

many fellow human beings lack the basics of life, such as food, shelter, health care.

Perhaps naively, I ask about the eight children per family. It is endemic to the culture where the women have no power, where the men leave them when they become pregnant. Birth control isn't even a concept amongst Haiti's poor, let alone accessible. So the tragedy of starving, homeless children only gets worse.

Doesn't it raise a question about when intervention is fruitless? "There is that intellectual argument that Darwinian thinning out by survival is a good thing. Because the last ones left will be fittest and the ones that are able to think their way out of the problem. But when you're surrounded by a group of these little children, what are you going to say, 'OK, you live. You die. You die. You die. You live. You die. You die. You die. You die. You die.' You see all these little souls, and they come up and they hug, and how can you not help them? It's too up-close and personal."

Leslie also volunteers every week at the RotaCare Free Clinic in Seaside run by

Pamela Norton of Carmel Valley and supported by Rotary.

Leslie not only walks the talk, but she lives her life openly. Shortly after we sat down for an interview, she told me, "I just had a mammogram and they found a spot. So

I went in the next day for more tests and the doctor came in and said it was totally normal. It is an incredibly releasing feeling."

She is a person who not only experiences life but puts those experiences to good purpose. "That a lot of life. Fear and paralysis come from not knowing. And when somebody knows what the problem is and it's defined and you can really get into what made it happen, understand how it works, it takes the fear away, because then you can start really solving the problem. So until you know the facts,

there's no point in worry. Worrying is just so much negative energy. It just doesn't make any sense. You can choose to worry about it, or you can choose to be part of the solution."

Leslie Geyer is very much part of the solution.



Leslie Geyer

EVENT

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restaurants," code enforcement officer Margi Perotti reported to the council Nov. 6. To involve local retailers, models wearing apparel they carry will stand on pedestals near the tasting tables.

Because it involves alcohol, admission will be limited to those of legal drinking age, and a temporary fence will be erected around the park so entry can be controlled. The cost will be \$10 per person, with \$5 going to the nonprofit Carmel Mission Foundation, which is funding the seismic retrofit of the historic Mission Basilica.

Pepe's application, which received a go-ahead from the Carmel Community Activities & Cultural Commission last month, marks the city's first request for wine tasting in Devendorf Park. He's responsible for paying \$1,406 in fees for the privilege of holding the event there.

Run in the Name of Love race director Susan Love supported the proposal and remarked that "every endeavor Rich Pepe has undertaken in and for Carmel has always been a success." She said the tasting would

draw people into town and is already being "perceived as exciting, different, new and lively."

Carmel Chamber of Commerce board chairman Doug Lumsden said his organization "is wholeheartedly behind this event," and hopes it will inspire others to hold similar gatherings, and chamber CEO Monta Potter agreed.

But residents Catherine and Jim Bell strongly opposed the proposal for its "use of public property for commercial use."

"To associate Carmel-by-the-Sea with alcohol is not only undesirable, it strikes us as tacky as well," they wrote in a letter to the city. "Such is not consistent with the high cultural atmosphere and natural attractions which are so valuable to our residents as well as to the visitors we want to attract." The event is to be called Carmel-by-the-glass, a name Bell called "tasteless" and "a corny pun."

Resident Monte Miller thought it should benefit the Red Cross or hurricane victims, rather than a group associated with a church, even though the foundation is strictly for rehabilitation of the Mission and is not a religious organization.

Carmel Residents Association President Barbara Livingston also criticized the event

and said it would be better if the chamber of commerce promoted its wine-tasting passport program to draw the estimated 150 to 200 people to town that Pepe said his tasting would bring.

"Have them go into the tasting rooms and have those people get their tastes of wine at those tasting rooms," she said.

Roberta Miller said the CRA board felt the city should establish criteria for holding such events in the park before approving Pepe's, but resident Jonathan Sapp said he had spoken to a lot of residents who support it.

"I think the CRA is over-thinking this. This is an experimental idea, theoretical, and we can tweak it if it doesn't work," he said. "People like to drink wine. They like to meet with their friends and come in groups to things like this, and I think this would be very good for the city."

Councilwoman Carrie Theis said she thought Pepe's proposal would be worth trying once, and she applauded him for attempting it on a Thursday night in December, typically a slow month for tourism and business in town.

"I love the fact it incorporates three segments of the business community," she said.

Mayor Jason Burnett said he would like the park to remain open for public use for as long as possible during setup time, and councilwoman Victoria Beach suggested just the main event area, mostly the large lawn, be fenced, so that other parts of the park could remain available to passersby.

"We want to maximize the chances of success for this event and that it will spawn other events, so that it won't get the kind of backlash that would discourage others," Beach said.

"There are two things we should work to learn from this: What works and what doesn't," Burnett added. "We're doing this in part because we hope it's good for business and has this multiplier effect that people come to spend time in the park and then go have dinner or go shopping. We'll see if it works as planned."

Talmage proposed a thorough post-event analysis "so we don't make the same mistakes and reinforce the things that did work," and the council unanimously approved Pepe's special event permit.

DAMS

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upstream from the Carmel River's outlet to the ocean. The dam was built to store 3,030 acre-feet of water, but by 2008, silt had reduced its storage capacity to 1,775 acre-feet.

Released in September, the steelhead trout recovery plan suggests removing the San Clemente and Los Padres dams to allow steelhead "natural" rates of migration to upstream spawning and rearing habitats, and passage of young trout downstream to the Carmel River Lagoon and ocean.

Despite the fact that the species is one of the most common in the world, the numbers of steelhead trout in the Carmel River have declined significantly, resulting in NMFS listing what it calls the "distinct population segment" and "biogeographic population group" of the fish that lives along the Central California coast as threatened in 1997.

It is unknown how much it would cost to tear down the dam, although the removal of the considerably smaller San Clemente Dam is estimated to be \$83 million — and that number could climb as the project encounters delays.

Congressman Farr has been an outspoken supporter of the plan to remove the San Clemente Dam.

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vote. Women. Men. Impoverished. Super wealthy. Former addicts. Current addicts. Employed. Unemployed. White. Black. Latin. Asian. Any color that is a U.S. Citizen.

What is even better that? I give thanks I got to vote in a church. A church that happened to be my denomination. No one forced me to go there. No one intimidated me who to vote for or threatened me when I left to find out whom I voted for. No one told me that was the only church I could ever belong to.

While we may disagree on the candidates, the issues, the fear of the past, the fear of the future — why not for once give thanks that we can vote freely and without fear. And just move ahead.

Laura Green, Carmel Valley

Carmel Valley reads The Pine Cone

Rev. Allan R. Wolter

Beloved cleric and longtime Peninsula resident, the Rev. Allan R. Wolter returned home to God on the morning of October 31, 2012. Fr. Wolter passed peacefully in his sleep. He was born in Sioux Falls, SD on April 19, 1924, where he grew up before moving to Washington State. Wolter joined the Army Air Corp in 1944, flying 25 missions as a B-17 pilot. Following the war he attended and graduated from the University of Southern California, majoring in architecture. He then attended the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, CA, graduating with a Masters of Divinity in 1951. He moved to his first calling as Rector at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Vista, CA where he and his wife, Helen started a family. Later, he was called to be Rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Orange, CA; then he became Rector at St. Mary's By-the-Sea in Pacific Grove, CA; Assistant Pastor of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Carmel, CA; and eventually became assisting priest at St. John's Chapel, Monterey, CA.

Fr. Wolter loved sports cars, flying planes, music, especially liturgical, classical, and jazz. He was an avid reader and loved watching his alma mater play football. He left this world a better place by his kindness and his more than 50 years of selfless ministry. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched but especially by his family.

He was predeceased by his longtime companion, Muriel C. Powers of Carmel, CA and is survived by his son Allan Richard Wolter, Jr. of Berkeley, CA, his daughter Catherine L. Dunn of Albuquerque, NM and his sister, Emily A. Bohn of Jackson, OR.

Services will be held at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Carmel on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to The Carmel Foundation, P.O. Box 1050, Carmel, CA 93921.

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When eating at holiday parties (or even at home), exchange a larger dinner plate for a smaller salad plate. Your plate will look more full with less food, which will trick your brain into eating less.

Don't show up to a holiday party hungry. Have a healthy snack before arriving, and you'll have more self-control. Also, don't skip breakfast!

When gifted with high-calorie goodies at work, put them in the break room or next to the coffee pot. They'll be gone in no time!

Try not to over-extend yourself. Maintain your regular exercise and sleep routines during the holidays as much as possible. Don't skip your workouts because you have house guests. Invite them to work out with you!

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