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P.B. home sale ties all-time county record

By PAUL MILLER

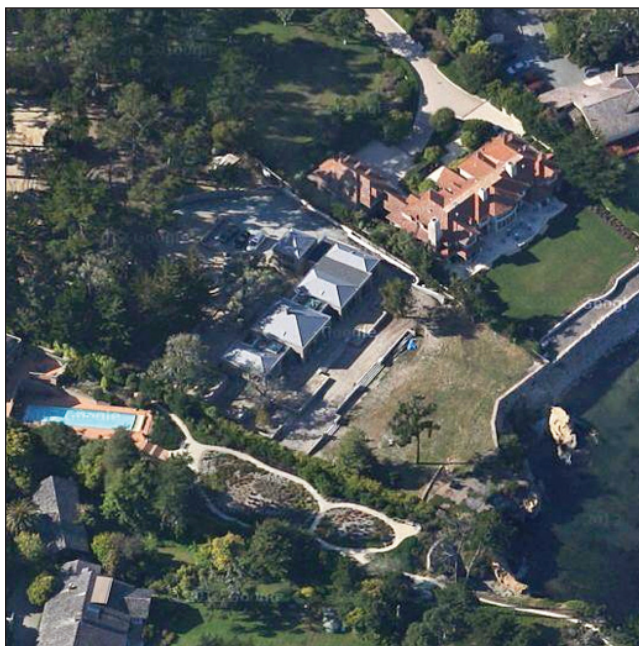
A MAGNIFICENT home overlooking Stillwater Cove, and just a few doors down from The Lodge at Pebble Beach, sold last week for \$28 million.

The buyers were Carl and Jane Panattoni, who also own an estate at the north end of Carmel Beach. Panattoni is chairman of Panattoni Construction, an international firm specializing in commercial and industrial development. The sellers were Gerald and Marjorie Burnett. He is chairman of Avistar Communications Corp., a computer networking company based in San Mateo.

The new Panattoni home was extensively remodeled by the Burnetts before the sale. According to county planning documents, in 2010 they received approval to expand the older home on the site to 4,970 square feet.

The previous record for a home sale in Monterey County is just three doors down from the new Panattoni home. In 2000, it was sold by Pebble Beach CEO Bill Perocchi to Silicon Valley billionaire Tom Siebel for \$28 million. After real estate values plummeted, Siebel sold the house for \$17 million in 2010, when it was subsequently torn down and is

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PHOTO/GOOGLE MAPS

A new home (center of photo) overlooking Stillwater Cove near The Lodge at Pebble Beach sold last week for \$28 million, which matches the highest price ever paid for a home in Monterey County.

Milestone reached with completion of final water project agreements

■ Signed by almost everybody

By KELLY NIX

AFTER MONTHS of confidential discussions, and decades of effort that always seemed to go nowhere, more than a dozen environmental groups, business organizations and government agencies reached a milestone Wednesday when they finalized a host of agreements outlining the terms of a \$400 million water project proposed for the Monterey Peninsula.

The agreement, forwarded to the state's Public Utilities Commission Wednesday afternoon, settles numerous environmental, technical and financial concerns by Cal Am and 15 other parties who have a stake in the Peninsula's water supply.

Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett, who is a member of the mayors' Regional Water Authority, said the agreement saves a lot of money for the public while providing accountability

and transparency for the development of the project, which includes a desalination plant in North Marina.

"We are substantially increasing the likelihood this project will get built with this agreement," Burnett told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

The agreement satisfies the mayors' list of conditions they wanted Cal Am to fulfill before endorsing the project, including strong oversight of the water project via a "governance committee" that will have members who are public officials, limited financial risk to water customers and a resolution of numerous other potential problems, such as coastal erosion and sea-level rise.

Besides the proposed desal plant, water storage facilities and a groundwater replenishment component make up the water project portfolio, which the signatories to this week's agreements see as the best solution to comply with a State Water Resources Control Board order compelling Cal Am to find an alternative water supply to the Carmel River.

The most significant element of the agreement is Cal

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MUSICIAN SUES CALTRANS FOR CLOSING HIGHWAY

By CHRIS COUNTS

FRUSTRATED BY road closures on Highway 1 as a result of the Rocky Creek viaduct project — which he claims are often unscheduled and have repeatedly kept him from getting home at night after working late on the Monterey Peninsula — Big Sur resident Blaine Deaton took Caltrans to small claims court.

But the court ruled June 24 that state taxpayers aren't responsible for compensating Deaton, who asked to be reimbursed \$6,000 for making 37 trips to Hayward, pricey motel stays, restaurant meals and other expenses.

According to Deaton, the closures have made his life miserable. In addition to the costs he has incurred, the Big Sur resident said he's lost considerable sleep. "I don't know how many times I've spent the night in my car," he said. "It's been a nightmare. These guys have turned my life upside down. It's ridiculous."

The keyboardist for a band called the Stingrays, Deaton regularly drives home after midnight because he has just finished a gig. But he said Highway 1 is often closed 12 miles south of Carmel due to roadwork — even at times that aren't

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Former Cypress Point pro Jim Langley remembered

By KELLY NIX

WITH THE passing of Carmel resident Jim Langley on July 20, the Monterey Peninsula didn't only lose a golf legend, it lost a kind and gentle spirit.

Langley, 75, — a well liked former golf pro at Cypress Point Club — was surrounded by his family when he died at home just minutes away from his 76th birthday after a lengthy illness.

Langley was best known for his 34-year tenure as PGA head professional at the Cypress Point Club. He also spent 41 years as a dedicated member of the PGA of America.

"Mr. Langley was a pro's pro," according to Chris Thomas, executive director for the Northern

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Peripatetic cartographer's guide to 'Que Syrah Syrah' and 'The Dog House'

By MARY SCHLEY

IF YOU'VE ever tried to give directions to someone who's never been to Carmel-by-the-Sea, then you understand why residents have embraced the idea of naming their houses. With the lack of numbers on most homes, it's much easier to identify yours as "To Beach or not To Beach," than it is to describe its location as "the third house southeast of

Lincoln Street on 13th Avenue" — especially to those who have no sense of direction.

Homeowners have engaged in the practice of house naming for years, choosing labels that reflect inside jokes, humor, the scenery, the past, the future, and just about everything else. "And Then There's Maude," "Barr's Open," "Cloud 9," "The Dog House," and "Nothing Happened Here in 1936" are just a few examples.

During his walks through the town's neighborhoods a couple of years ago, Joe Snyder began to take note of them. Many miles and hours later, he had compiled a list and set up a Google map noting their names and locations.

"In 2011, I was walking regularly around Carmel for exercise. In late April, I decided to start noting all the house

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