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Farr says 'No on O'

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By KELLY NIX

THOUGH HE seldom weighs in on local water issues, Congressman Sam Farr issued a strong message this week opposing a June 3 ballot measure that ultimately seeks a government takeover of the Monterey Peninsula's water system.

In a commentary in the Monterey Herald this week, Farr outlined his concerns with Measure O, which would require the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to study a Cal Am takeover and then carry out the takeover if the study determined it would lower customers' water bills. In the 415-word opinion piece, Farr called Measure O an unnecessary "diversionary tactic" that has been successful in shifting attention away from a new water supply project that's desperately needed for the Peninsula.

Measure O "asks a publicly elected water management board to study public acquisition of a private water utility company (Cal Am)," Farr said. "You don't need an election to have the water board study this proposal. They have the legal authority to do that."

The study called for by Measure O would likely cost Peninsula water customers between \$400,000 to \$600,000, according to water district general manager Dave Stoldt. In 2005, voters soundly rejected a ballot measure also seeking a buy-out Cal Am, and in 2011 water district board voted against pursuing a takeover on its own.

'A delay tactic'

In the commentary, Farr said it's taken local politicians 36 years — since the creation of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District in 1978 — to agree to a multifaceted water plan.

"This is great news," he said. However, "Measure O is a delay tactic to stop that agreement."

Farr joins Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett and the five other Peninsula mayors, four Monterey County supervisors and numerous groups, organizations and other elected officials in opposing the measure. They contend its passage could derail development of a proposed water project for the Peninsula that includes a Marina desalination plant, water storage facil-

PLUMBING WORK LEADS TO HOUSE FIRE



PHOTO/DIANE SINGER

Firefighters cut through the roof of a home at Monte Verde and Ninth Wednesday night to battle the flames. "This is very dangerous work that these men made look easy," said Monterey Fire Division Chief Stewart Roth. See the story on page 10A.

ities and a recycled water project.

Sen. Bill Monning, who helped author public financing legislation to lower the cost of Cal Am's proposed desal plant by as much as \$90 million, will not be taking a stance on Measure O, according to spokesman Bruce Van Allen.

"He feels it's up to the local voters to decide on Measure O," Van Allen said.

Public Water Now leader Ron Cohen told The Pine Cone Thursday that the group is disappointed in Farr's commen-

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CHARGES AWAIT LAB TESTS IN C.V. PEDESTRIAN FATAL

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Valley woman arrested March 8 on suspicion of drunk driving and killing her friend, Kate Thomas, who was walking on Esquiline Road in the middle of the night, has yet to be charged with any crime. Breezie Snyder, 28 at the time of her arrest, and 25-year-old Thomas had both been drinking at the Running Iron earlier that night, authorities said

CHILLING AT THE RUMING HOLD

Kate Thomas

at the time, and Thomas was walking home around 2 a.m. when Snyder, driving a Toyota Highlander, struck her.

"We're still waiting on toxicology from the Department of Justice," Monterey County Managing Deputy District Attorney Ed Hazel told The Pine Cone Monday. While investigators already have information regarding the woman's blood-alcohol content, they are waiting to see if she had drugs in her system. The victim's toxicology tests are also pending.

"It's basically for a number of different items — prescrip-

tion and nonprescription stuff," he said. "And depending on the workload at the lab in Sacramento, that takes awhile."

Hazel said the California Highway Patrol is still investigating the collision, including undertaking basic accident reconstruction. At the time, CHP public information officer Jaime Rios reported there was no sign of braking on the road, and officers were unsure where Thomas was walking when she was hit

In addition, interviews with witnesses are still under way, according to Hazel, who said the district attorney's DUI inves-

tigator, Terri Edwards, is handling the case.

"There are also some witnesses that are out there that probably don't know what we're looking into," he said. "We're trying to schedule some surprise interviews."

Meanwhile, Snyder is out on bail and has yet to be arraigned, since no formal charges have been brought against her.

"I can't say a whole lot, because it's still under investigation," he said, speculating that a decision about how to proceed with the case could be forthcoming in a month or so.

Regarding the time it takes to file formal charges in such

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Loved by some, hated by others, beavers are back

By CHRIS COUNTS

According to those who extoll their virtues, beavers and the dams they build offer rivers drought protection, improve water quality, reduce the risk of flooding, maintain flows, support biodiversity and even benefit steelhead. And, as an added bonus, they're undeniably cute. So why isn't anybody lobbying to bring beavers to the coastal watersheds of Monterey County, where they may have once thrived?

In Oregon and Washington, government agencies are working with conservationists to reintroduce beavers in an effort to boost populations of coho salmon. In Utah, a similar partnership has returned beavers to many streams. But in California—a state famous for its strict environmental policies—beavers are treated more like pests than the heroes their supporters say

See BEAVERS page 11A

Collins sentenced to jail, probation

By KELLY NIX

BEFORE A judge sentenced former county water board director Steve Collins to 270 days in jail Thursday for overbilling a Castroville artichoke grower and for illegal conflicts of interest over the regional water project, he told Collins that even "good people do illegal things."

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert O'Farrell sentenced Collins to jail, three years' probation and ordered him to pay nearly \$90,000 to his former employer, Ocean Mist Farms. Collins must surrender to law enforcement officials in about six weeks, though he may apply for home confinement through the county probation department in lieu of jail.

Though O'Farrell cited Collins' lack of criminal record and the positive letters he received about Collins' character from his family and friends, O'Farrell told Collins, "You have made some mistakes here, that's for sure." He also said that "Even basically good people do illegal things. That's not that novel."

On March 18, Collins pleaded no contest — the same as a guilty plea — to a felony count of violating government code section 1090, which precludes public officials from being financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity, and a felony count of grand theft by false pretenses for overbilling Ocean Mist Farms more than \$89,000 for meetings he did not attend or which did not even take place. Collins had originally been charged with more than 40 criminal counts.

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Burglary suspect still in jail as cops sort through loot

By MARY SCHLEY

RYAN SCULLY, the 27-year-old Fisher Place resident arrested earlier this month on suspicion of possessing

heroin and committing multiple burglaries in the City of Carmel and throughout the Monterey Peninsula, was set to appear in court this week. But his preliminary hearing was delayed to June 26, and investigators with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and Carmel P.D. are still working to determine which break-ins he committed among the dozens that have occurred recent months.

At the time of his arrest, Scully was suspected of breaking into



Ryan Scully

eight homes in Carmel and three outside the city limits, though those numbers could climb after officers finish combing through hundreds of stolen items found at the house he shares with his mother, Tammy Argust. Police said Scully entered the victims' homes through unlocked doors or windows and took things he could carry, such as jewelry and money.

"Scully has been linked to four of our burglaries, through either property possession or his own admission. We are still working with the DA's office on several more burglaries that we believe he may be responsible for," CPD Cmdr. Paul Tomasi said Wednesday. "We have had some victims come forward and identify their property that the sheriff's department took possession of at the res-

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Sandy Claws

Love is blind

HER FAMILY calls her a "freak of nature," which is one of the things they love most about her. They also call her Chunkers, which seems to suit the 50pound Corgi-Labrador mix, who has the head and torso of a Labrador, but her legs are only 2 or 3 inches long. Her family thinks she looks more like a pot-belly pig, with her round belly nearly resting on the ground. Which opens up a world of possibility for more nicknames.

"Chunkers is really funny looking," says her person. "If we try to walk her on a leash, she gets tangled in it because her legs are so short. So we gave up trying to use one and she just follows us.

Chunkers' family adopted her a year ago from Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, a Pacific Grove nonprofit organization that shelters and places older dogs whose companions can no longer care for them. The family was looking for a senior dog to be a calm companion to their older greyhound.

"At 10 or 12 years, Clunkers' health is generally good," says her person. "When Peace of Mind Dog Rescue got her, her eye was infected. Turns out she'd





been shot in the eye with a bb or pellet gun. So she now has one eye, which doesn't work well, and she's stone deaf. But she absolutely knows who we are. She gets by just fine and is a happy-go-lucky dog.

At the beach, Chunkers manages to get down to the sand, but wears out easily and usually sits with her family and rests.

'Chunkers is very loyal, and follows us everywhere," says her person. "She just wants to be near us. She's a great addition to the family.

Keenan Lucero scholarship awarded

CARMEL HIGH School student Alejandro Resendiz received this year's Keenan Tyler Lucero Memorial Scholarship at Senior Recognition Night Tuesday. The gift was presented by Lucero's mother, Tiffany, in honor of her son, who died in a tragic car accident in Cachagua in August

"Resendiz was given a \$1,000 award for his descriptive narrative essay on the topic, 'What Football Means To Me," Tiffany Lucero said this week. "His essay demonstrated his great respect for his coaches and teammates, and he will undoubtedly take his life's lessons in football into his future."

Lucero established the scholarship in 2011 and so far has awarded four \$1,000 gifts in honor of her son, who was a star athlete and four-year honor-roll student. Recipients are graduating seniors who play football and "exemplify Keenan's dedication to his sport; his worth ethic, humility, good sportsmanship, and his loyalty." Preference is given to honor students with financial need.

"We will continue to honor Keenan as well as help a Carmel High School football player achieve his dreams be giving out a scholarship award every year," she said. Anyone who would like to donate to the fund should send checks to Carmel High Scholarship Fund, C/O Michelle Pollack, P.O. Box 222780, Carmel, CA 93922-2780. Checks should be made payable to the Carmel High Scholarship Fund, with an indication the donation is for the Keenan Lucero Fund.

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Stevenson student takes home several awards

A STEVENSON School student who participated in the 2014 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles came home with an award in physics and astronomy.

Chapman Caddell, a Stevenson sophomore, emerged with the physics and astronomy "Best of Category" award at the fair, held May 11-16.

Caddell competed against 1,800 students from more than 70 countries, regions and territories during the weeklong competition. His winning science project was "The Leidenpump: A Non-mechanical Means of Fluid Delivery." While Caddell envisions various applications for the Leidenpump, the primary application presented at Intel involves a non-mechanical solution to cooling nuclear reac-

During the science fair, he interacted with students and scientists, including Nobel Laureates, and underwent eight hours of interviews with 21 judges, most of whom were physicists from around the world.

In addition to the awards, Caddell was also awarded an 11-day trip to China to attend the China Adolescent Science and Technology Innovation Contest, the largest national science competition in China.

Caddell also won two special awards, including Arizona State University's American University Scholarship, a renewable four-year comprehensive scholarship, and a first award from the Patent and Trademark Office Society. He also received nearly \$10,000 in monetary awards, \$1,000 of which will go to Stevenson School to support science pro-



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"Serving the Monterey Peninsula since 1963"

By MARY SCHLEY

FRIDAY, MAY 23, is the final day for residents, business owners and others interested in how the City of Carmel spends money to submit inquiries about its proposed 2014-2015 budget, which was released at the May 6 Carmel City Council meeting.

The first special meeting on the \$24 million spending plan is set for Tuesday, June 10.

The proposed budget calls for 4.5 new full-time jobs and an \$840,000 increase in spending over last year, according to city administrator Jason Stilwell.

"The primary reason for the increased staff is to meet the requirements of completing a robust capital improvement program and to implement policy plan objectives reviewed in 2013, including additional staffing for parking management, forest management and shoreline management," he wrote in his executive summary.

Among the new jobs is an executive assistant to work half the time for Stilwell and half the time for the city council, and a full-time building official. (The executive assistant, Yvette Oblander, is already working in city hall.)

The budget foresees growth in The Big Three: property taxes, sales taxes and hotel taxes, which account for 82 percent of anticipated general fund income.

Property taxes are estimated to be \$4,963,000, hotel taxes to be \$5,380,526, and sales taxes to be \$4,783,253.

"Given historical revenue patterns and forecasts for local and state economic data, an increase of 5.23 percent in discretionary revenues is estimated in fiscal year 2014-2015," Stilwell wrote.

He's also predicting increases in business license tax, and fees and permits, as more people open businesses, have better sales numbers, and undertake more building projects.

Estimated income for business license tax is \$571,000, and fees and permits are expected to bring in \$495,125.

As for expenses, salaries and benefits will total \$7,941,061: \$5,491,870 in salaries, \$167,750 in overtime, \$99,089 in holiday pay, \$774,505 for retirement and \$807,768 for the medical program, and other costs related to having employees.

Supplies and services, such as utilities and equipment, will add up to \$6,566,763.

Included in that total are \$289,850 for "outside labor," \$622,665 for "professional services," and \$2,603,111 for "contractual services," as well as the annual Sunset Cultural Center subsidy of \$650,000.

Public safety accounts for 32 percent of the budget, with public services and general city programs at 19 percent apiece.

Budget inquiries are due May 23, so the questions can be researched and answered in time for the June 10 meeting.

The form can be down-loaded from the city website at ci.carmel.ca.us, filled out, and submitted by email or in person at Carmel City Hall, which is located on Monte Verde Street south of Ocean Avenue.

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Nyunt admits federal charges of extortion, wire fraud

■ CalPERS may try to seize retirement pay

By MARY SCHLEY

JOHN NYUNT, the former Carmel and Pacific Grove police officer who pleaded guilty in April to threatening to slit his wife's throat after she said she would report him for crimes he had helped her perpetrate, also pleaded guilty in federal court to extortion and wire fraud May 13.

In a San Jose courtroom, Nyunt admitted taking advantage of a woman who had come to the Pacific Grove Police Department, where he was a commander until he retired in late last year, to report she was the victim of electronic surveillance and stalking, according to U.S. Attorney Melinda Haag's office, by directing her to his private investigations firm instead of doing the police work to which she was entitled for free.

"He told a person who came to the police department looking for help that they didn't have the resources to help her, but his private investigations firm could," explained Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Steve Somers, who handled the local case against Nyunt and has been working closely with federal investigators and attorneys, including Assistant U.S. Attorney Philip Guentert.

"But Nyunts' firm didn't do anything — it just bilked her

for as much money as it could — until she went back to John at the police department," to tell him she could no longer afford his private investigator services, Somers said. Meanwhile, the stalking problem remained.

According to Haag, "Nyunt and his accomplice [Kristin Nyunt] pretended to investigate the victim's complaint and also pretended to provide the victim with security in the form of off-duty police officers, neither of which was true. The victim paid Nyunt and his accomplice \$10,000 for their purported services."

He also told another P.G. officer not to investigate the woman's complaints and instead give him whatever evidence she provided to the police department. "Nyunt maintained a file of this evidence without the knowledge of the police department," Haag's office reported in a statement. "When the victim could make no further payments for the services of the investigative agency, Nyunt told her falsely that the police department and the FBI would continue to investigate her complaint."

Those actions constituted extortion, because he obtained money, "induced by the wrongful use of fear, and under color of official right," according to the formal charges filed against him in federal court April 24.

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

They weren't sick, just drunk

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.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Pacific Grove: Arkwright Court resident said daughter was contacted by neighbor while walking to school. Resident said the neighbor offered to give the daughter a ride, which she turned down. Neighbor then asked for the daughter's phone number. Daughter gave the neighbor her phone number but did not want contact from him. She had a call from an unknown number later in the day. She is a juvenile and he is a married adult. He said he was trying to be a nice neighbor and offered a ride. He did not have a reason for getting the daughter's phone number. He said he did not and will not try to contact her further. Information only.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A political expression group was contacted and educated regarding local city municipal code statutes and requirements. The group was cooperative and removed a table that was deemed a code violation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on Santa Lucia. Property damage to city tree

Showroom Sale
10 Minutes from Carmel

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on Fifth Avenue found an unattended wallet on the street in front of a restaurant. Finder did not know or recognize the owner of the wallet and dropped it off at CPD for safekeeping. In searching for a phone number inside the wallet, officer noted a Seaside High class schedule with an emergency contact for the owner. Reached the owner's mother, who said she would send her son to the department to retrieve the wallet after he got out of school. The mother also said her son works at Casanova Restaurant, and the wallet most likely fell out of his pocket after he got out of work. The wallet will be placed in the temporary locker pending return. At 1545 hours, the wallet was turned back to the owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man reported he lost his cell phone in an unknown area of the beach.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to suspicious circumstances on Cedar Street. Woman stated she received a phone call from Homeland Security stating they had an arrest warrant for her husband and they needed to contact him right away. She believes this is a scam to obtain

Pacific Grove: Theft of purse on Lighthouse Avenue. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to possible theft of utilities on Wood Street. Female stated she received a very high bill from the water company for her rental home. She does not know why the water bill was so high. She had several peo-

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ple check her home before she made this report for any problems she might be having at her

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to investigate vandalism of garage sale flyers on Junipero. Woman stated someone tore her garage sale signs off her fence and replaced them with other garage sale signs at a different location. She does not know who tore the signs down.

Pacific Grove: A parental abduction occurred at Larson Elementary School in Lodi. The suspect brought his 9-year-old daughter to Pacific Grove and turned himself in at the police department. The suspect was detained, and the victim was turned over to her maternal grandmother.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 58-year-old male was arrested on Mission Street for public intoxication and lodged at Monterey P.D. until sober.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: The bartender at a downtown bar on Lincoln Street was struck in the head when a man threw a beer bottle at him. The suspect, a 22-year-old male, was later located hiding in a hotel room and arrested.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: In 2009, a customer purchased an antique chandelier and recently found the item was a replica. The store on Ocean Avenue where the chandelier was sold is no longer in business. The subject requested the incident be documented.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject on Junipero reported loss of a wallet while patronizing shops in the commercial district.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on Mission Street reported intoxicated subjects vomiting, and one of them was possibly unconscious. Ambulance and police units arrived and found the subjects were intoxicated, and no medical emergency existed. Subjects contacted a sober friend who responded and picked them up.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: iPhone turned in. Has black with white polka-dot Kate Spade cover with pink on the side. Phone placed in temporary evidence locker.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on Lincoln Street requested police assistance after a verbal dispute with a subject who had been drinking in his business. Contact was made, and the subject was advised he was not welcome in the business in the future. A cab was called to take the

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver stopped on Highway 1 at 2340 hours for CVC violations and found to be under 21 with a BAC over .01 percent. The 18-year-old male subject was also found to be in possession of a counterfeit license. Subject arrested, and the vehicle towed.

Pacific Grove: Father called PGPD regarding his son, who was making statements about harming himself and other family members. Juvenile placed on 72-hour hold for evaluation and transported to CHOMP.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile subject contacted during a traffic stop on Ocean View Boulevard and found to be missing/runaway. Subject's father was contacted and responded to PGPD to take custody.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A subject on Guadalupe Street who was hallucinating was placed on a 5150 W&I hold.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmel P.D. responded to a report of a non-injury vehicle collision into a parked vehicle on Fifth Avenue, with both parties standing by. Upon arrival, no visible damage was located. Both parties agreed to exchange information in the event internal bumper damage was located upon inspection by a body shop.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Monterey Fire Station 5 units, Carmel Fire Ambulance and Carmel P.D. responded to a medical emergency at Carmel Beach.

Carmel Valley: Female on Village Drive stated someone walked up to her front door and attempted to enter her house. The unknown person then walked to the back door and tried opening the door. The unknown person left without further incident. She concluded by stating the home was in foreclosure and recently purchased, but the previous owners are disputing the foreclosure.

Pacific Grove: Son became upset with parents and left his Bayview residence to cool down. Son returned home; nothing further.

MONDAY, MAY 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog observed running at large in the business district on San Carlos Street and brought to the police station for safekeeping. Owner was located, admonished, and kennel fee was paid. Dog returned to its rightful

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person found a dog at large and brought it to the police station for

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported a daytime burglary to a Junipero Street residence in Carmel.

Big Sur: Mother wanted to report that her neighbor asked her son if he wanted to get into his car. The neighbor was not home at the time

Big Sur: Man reported someone used his personal information to acquire credit.

Carmel Valley: Resident reported theft of checks from his Schulte Road residence by unknown person. Investigation continues.

Pacific Grove: Report of a subject in the water yelling for help. Fire, medics and California state parks lifeguards responded. Coast Guard sent a boat and helicopter. Children reported seeing a man's head and hands go under water while yelling for help. Bystander with a camera drone flew over area. Monterey fire used ladder truck to check the area. Coast Guard searched for approximately two hours. No vehicles left in parking areas, no local reports of missing persons. Nothing found. Report for information only in case body appears on shore in the near future.

Pacific Grove: Person on Sinex Avenue called to report an attempted fraud. Male said Social Security contacted him and said they prevented the fraud and made a report. He wanted to document the incident pending any further fraudulent activity.

Pacific Grove: Officer was asked by the district attorney's office to recontact two parties regarding alleged violations of a restraining order on Syida to determine whether there have been any other violations. There was no indication that any additional violations occurred.

Pacific Grove: Presidio Boulevard resident stated her son has been acting out of control due to the recent separation from her husband. She stated her son has vandalized her property, but she refused to press charges against her son for the vandalism.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman came into station to report the loss of her wallet, along with her driver's license. The report was taken to assist her with boarding an airplane.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An agent with the California Department of Consumer Affairs reported receiving a complaint of labor codes violations on Dolores Street. The incident was determined to be unfounded; however, the party then made an additional allegation of financial

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an unwanted patron at a bar on Lincoln Street. The subject in question was not allowed to visit the bar based upon previous incidents. The subject was compliant in leaving — no further action.

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Senior facility faces another lawsuit over death of resident

By KELLY NIX

COTTAGES OF Carmel is facing its second wrongful death lawsuit in two months, based on allegations from a man that his mother died because of inadequate care by staff. However, a spokeswoman for the Cottages refutes the claims and points to the facility's track record (since it opened in August 2011) of providing excellent care to its residents.

In a claim filed May 8, Jeffrey Sailer, the son of Sue Creel, who died in 2013, contends the staff at Cottages of Carmel provided inadequate care which ultimately led to her death. Sailer seeks damages "well in excess of \$75,000," according to his lawsuit filed in Monterey County Superior Court.

Creel, who began living full-time at Cottages of Carmel in March 2012, "suffered injury-producing falls" in January 2013 as a result of negligence by its staff, the suit alleges. In April and May of that year, she developed severe constipation caused by obstruction in the intestines. Creel, who was in her 80s, was hospitalized and died May 11, 2013.

"The injuries sustained by [Creel]," according to the lawsuit, "were the result of defendants' reckless, neglectful, improper and conscious failures to protect her safety and well being despite knowing since at least July 2012 that she was a high risk for fall and/or injury, and that she was in need of supervision and assistance with her daily hygiene needs."

Alzheimers disease

Sailer alleges the Carmel facility failed to put his mother, whom he said had Alzheimer's disease, into a facility that would have allowed her to receive specialized care. It also did not properly train and supervise its staff, he said.

Sailer's lawsuit is strikingly similar to another wrongful suit filed in April by the

family of Katherine Bower, a former Cottages of Carmel client who died in January. Los Angeles attorney Clay Robbins III is representing the families in both claims.

Cottages of Carmel marketing and sales director Cynthia Duvall told The Pine Cone Wednesday that staff members at the facility grow close to its residents, and they were saddened when they learned of Creel's death.

"She was a wonderful and spiritual woman who loved living at the Cottages with her two little dogs, and she was loved by our staff and others," Duvall said. "Ms. Creel left our community last year to receive care at a hospital, where she subsequently passed away."

And Duvall said that Cottages of Carmel is proud of its "excellent track record of care, support and service."

"We strongly disagree with the claims filed by the Southern California lawyer handling these matters," she said. "Our staff is committed to the highest standards in maintaining a quality living environment and services for all of our residents."

Mirroring the April lawsuit against Cottages of Carmel, Sailer contends that prior to Creel's death, she was in "constant pain and increased confusion," and had to be hospitalized and thereafter underwent painful physical therapy for the injuries she sustained.

Besides wrongful death, the lawsuit alleges elder abuse, negligence, fraud and deceit, and unfair business practices. It names several members of Cottages of Carmel's staff.

The Vancouver, Wash., company that owns Cottages of Carmel, Milestone Retirement Communities, LLC, and Monterey-based Alta California Land Company, are also listed as defendants, as is Lisa Karen Georgeson, Creel's daughter, "who has not been named as a plaintiff and is therefore joined as a nominal defendant."

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Grange hall, fire station host short term rentals meetings

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE DEBATE over short-term rentals heats up again this week.

The Big Sur Grange Hall will be the site of a meeting on the subject Wednesday, May 28. The following evening, Thursday, May 29, the Carmel Highlands Fire Station hosts a meeting on the same topic.

Two months ago, two separate draft ordinances were released addressing short-term rentals in the coastal and inland portions of the county.

Also circulated was a draft ordinance presenting guidelines for special events hosted by property owners.

While draft ordinances allow short-term rentals in residential neighbors, some property owners say they are too restrictive, limiting rentals to just seven days a month, capping the number of rentals to one per 15 acres, and charging applicants a \$4,500 administrative permit fee.

But county officials say the details of the

draft ordinances are simply a starting point for negotiations.

The meetings start at 6:30 p.m. The Grange Hall is located just off Highway 1, about 25 miles south of Carmel. The fire sta-

The draft ordinances can be viewed at www.co.monterey.ca.us/planning.

tion is located at 73 Fern Canyon Road.

Memorial Day in the park

THE CITY of Carmel and American Legion Post 512 will hold a Memorial Day ceremony in Devendorf Park at Junipero and Ocean Monday, May 26. The event will begin with the ceremonial ringing of the World War I Memorial Bell in the median at Ocean and San Carlos at 11 a.m., followed by the ceremony in the park with local dignitaries.

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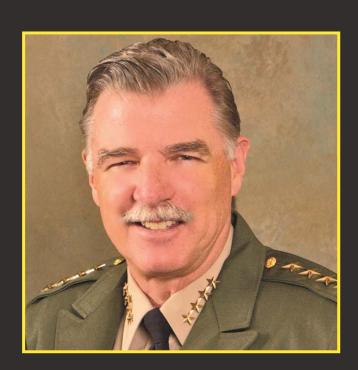


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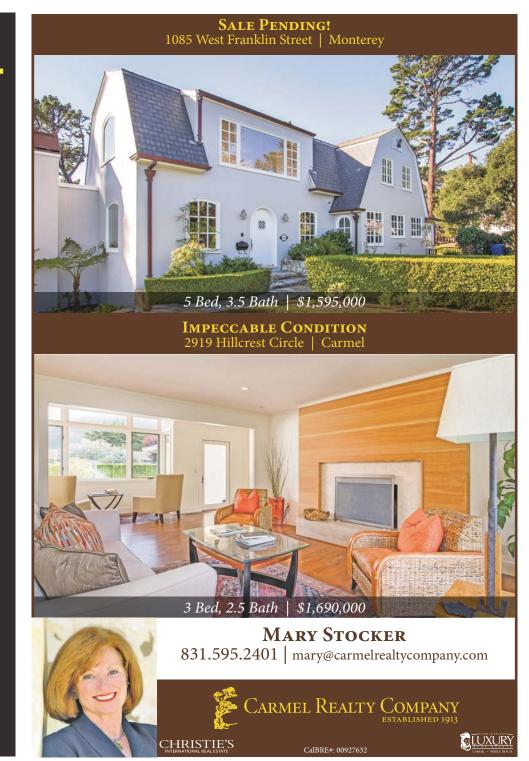
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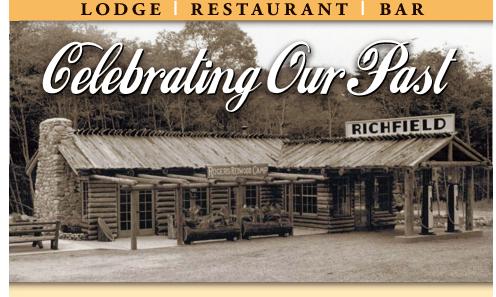
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Rowing quartet from across the pond tackles marathon boat race

By CHRIS COUNTS

SEEKING A big challenge and place in the "Guinness Book of World Records," four women from the British Isles plan to row a boat 2,400 miles from Monterey to Honolulu, Hawaii.

Calling themselves "Team Boatylicious," the quartet of rowers — Emily Blagden, Amanda Challans and Ingrid Kvale of England, and Aoife Ni Mhaoileoin of Ireland — plan to launch their boat Saturday, June 7. when the first Great Pacific Race begins.

Eight other teams and four soloists plan to compete in the event, which bills itself as "the biggest, baddest human endurance challenge on the planet." With no sails, motors or external support other than a navigator's voice on a satellite phone, the participants will rely on nothing but their oars, their muscles and their determination to propel themselves across the Pacific Ocean.

The four women — who range in age from 26 to 44 — hope to become the first all-woman team to make the crossing from California to Hawaii. Their goal is to accomplish the feat in 45 days.

"We heard about the race, and we were excited by the idea of doing such an extreme challenge and raise money for charity," Kvale told The Pine Cone.

On their website, a statement puts the challenge into perspective: "Over 5,700 people have reached the summit of Mount

See RACE page 23A



Members of "Team Boatylicious," Emily Blagden, Amanda Challans, Aoife Ni Mhaoileoin and Ingrid Kvale (left to right), who plan to row from Monterey to Hawaii, pose in their boat, "The Black Oyster





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SPCA offers stables for neglected horses and for private boarding

By KFIIY NIX

The Carmel Pine Cone

IN ORDER to care for horses that have been neglected, while also offering riding classes and boarding for horse owners, the SPCA for Monterey County is now operating its own stables in Salinas.

Formerly known as Indian Springs Equestrian Center off of River Road, the SPCA on March 15 began leasing the facility, which has been renamed the SPCA Stables at Indian Springs. The facility will offer high quality, affordable horse boarding in large stalls, paddocks, or pasture, according to SPCA executive director Gary Tiscornia.

"In addition to a place where people can board their horses," Tiscornia told The Pine Cone, "we have a nice arena for riding, and we do have trainers who will be offering training there as well."

Indian Springs was set to shut down the stables after deciding it no longer wanted to be in the horse-boarding business, Tiscornia said. The SPCA came to an agreement with Indian Springs that allows the animal group to lease the facility for 10 years.

The stables will enable the SPCA to make money from boarding, clinics, training and other events. The SPCA's costs to board a horse ranges from \$250 per month for self-service boarding in a pasture, to \$450 for a large paddock that includes cleaning, feeding and bedding provided by the organiza-

tion. Interested horse owners can contact the SPCA for more information.

The new stables will also mean speedier adoptions for horses that have been seized due to neglect or those that have been surrendered by their owners.

Later this month, the SPCA will be partnering with Hope, Horses and Kids, an established nonprofit equine learning program designed to help children with social and emotional difficulties and physical disabilities. The organization is run by executive director Lori Tuttle.

"They will be developing their program with horses for individuals who have special needs," Tiscornia said. "We are really looking forward to that collaboration."

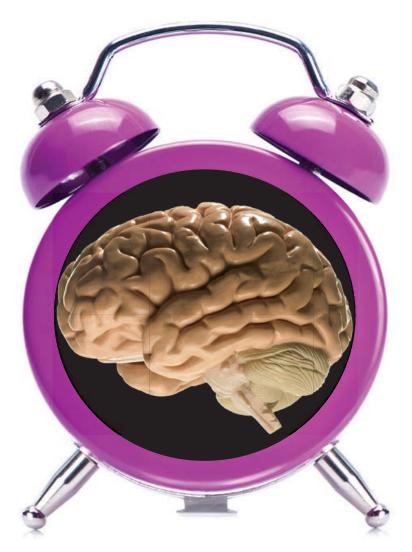
The stables will also provide riding areas for multiple equine disciplines, and lighting for evening riding. A new round pen and other features will be added soon, the SPCA said.

The SPCA will offer its own riding programs, but there will also be other private trainers to provide lessons at the facility, Tiscornia said. On May 31, the stables is offering a Sensory Training Clinic presented by Benston Equine Sensory Training. The clinic offers sensory training in a "low stress, calm environment designed to help horse and rider overcome confidence issues."

For more information about the SPCA stables at 22400 Indian Springs Road off of River Road, go to www.spcamc.org/stables/.

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■ 98 years ago — May 17, 1916

Many Show Their Interest in Socialism

Notwithstanding that there were several other meetings, requiring the attendance of a considerable number of our town residents, about 150 persons showed their interest in the Socialist doctrine by attending the meeting at the Manzanita Theatre on Wednesday evening last.

Mr. Walter T. Mills, Socialist lecturer and author, of Berkeley, came here to speak on "The World's Crisis – Its Cause and Cure." The crisis, of course, is the present world; the cause, a row among the ruling classes; the cure – that's where the speaker was not very clear. In answer to a query as to whether a nation or municipality could, by itself alone, put into operation a Socialistic program, the speaker's reply was somewhat vague and unsatisfactory.

■ 75 years ago — May 19, 1939

Carmel Ambulance Crew Aids Rescue As One Killed, Four Imperiled In Plunge Over Cliff

The second woman to die in a car wreck on the Carmel-San Simeon within a year was crushed to death near The Anderson Creek highway maintenance camp last Monday evening, and the lives of her three women companions and Filipino chauffeur endangered as their heavy new sedan plunged 250 feet to within 100 feet of the beach. All four women were from Los Angeles.

In this rescue the Carmel Red Cross ambulance and crew of Birney Adams, Fred Mylar and Gil Severn played a heroic and invaluable role, bringing up the injured to the road and taking two of them to the hospital. Also a hero of the day was Dr. H.C. Murphy, retired Salinas physicians, owner of Slates Springs, who in spite of his age answered the emergency call and administered first aid.

The accident climaxed a week-end in which three other persons were left dead and 16 injured on Monterey County highways, bringing the total for the county to 20 dead and 160 injured since Jan. 1.

■ 50 years ago — May 21, 1964

Mayor Herb Blanks last night called for immediate and positive action from the city council in providing leadership to combat juvenile delinquency. He said that in recent years he had shared a feeling of complacency with many other residents of Carmel about the absence of this problem in our community. But, he pointed out, the shocking events of this week, which saw children of respected citizens involved in a

Mayor Moves To Fight Juvenile Delinquency

action is required now.

He was given the green light by other members of the Council to move to set up a committee of local agencies and officials to combat the problem. Police Chief Clyde Klaumann said, when asked about the proposal, that "This is

series of 31 separate burglaries, have made it apparent that

a problem for the whole area.

Only one of the four offenders in these burglaries live in our jurisdiction. Furthermore, we have no jurisdiction at the high school or the junior high."

■ 25 years ago — May 18, 1989

Sunset Center has found a new friend in foundation

There is nothing like a friend to give that extra boost when it's needed. That is just what the newly formed group, Friends of Sunset Foundation, plan to do for the Sunset Center complex.

Joyce Wright, one of the founding members, explained that the new Friends of Sunset Foundation is there to give assistance where it is required the most, anything from raising funds for fixer upper projects or lending a hand painting a room to giving a reception for performers.

The group is strictly non-political and will not be lobbying for any particular new building additions or indulging in any political advocacy of any kind, Wright said.

Exactly what the group's relationship with the city will be is still in the works. It is the first time Sunset Center has had a community support group such as this, Wright added.

The Friends of Sunset Foundation's support will include Sunset Center, Forest Theater and the Scout House on the corner of Mission Street and Eighth Avenue, Wright explained.

One of the first projects the group plans to undertake is setting up a concession stand, in conjunction with GroveMont Theater Group, for major performances at Sunset Center.

He provides role 'model' for Carmel Valley youths

A fixture in Carmel Valley Village for almost 20 years, [Don] Jensen, 64, has become a sort of Pied Piper for youngsters wanting to explore their innermost creativity through plastic and balsa wood [airplane] models. "Wherever I'm at they (kids) seem to hang around," says the smiling Jensen, who adds that his craft classes began when youngsters saw him working on a balsa wood model, circa 1972. "Now we've got something I can't get out of."

Ensconced in his cramped Carmel Valley Village Art

Ensconced in his cramped Carmel Valley Village Art, Hobby and Sports Shop, Jensen holds court daily for the kids, among a backdrop of Exacto knives, model glue and badminton rackets. "Young people of today are pressured," he says of the world's frenetic pace. "There's no place to sit and watch the fog go by – they get driven."

For a \$2 bench fee (\$4 for all day), youngsters age 5 to any age (his oldest follower is 70), can step up to any of the 11 small, wooden work stations, occupying two rooms in the rear of the store, and start crafting under Jensen's tutelage. Separated from his wife and children, Jensen has no intention of retiring or cutting back his classes as the years roll by. "I don't dare quit," he says. "One little guy looked at me and said, 'You're not going to die, are you?' I said, 'No. I'll be around here teaching your kids. That means I have to be around at least 30 years."

-Compiled by Lily Patterson

P.B. Fire hosts pet CPR class Thursday

CONSIDERING THE importance of pets and their prominent status in many Monterey Peninsula households, it only makes sense the local fire department would offer vital lifesaving tips for cat and dog owners.

Dr. Karen Allies of Parkview Veterinarian Hospital in Monterey and firefighter paramedic Dan Ponti will hold a free pet CPR class Thursday, May 29, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Pebble Beach Fire Station at 3101 Forest Lake Road. During the session, they will discuss and demonstrate side compression CPR, how to administer breaths, animal disaster preparedness, and how to recognize cardiac distress and respiratory arrest.

Anyone interested in attending should email Cal Fire Capt. Jennifer Valdez at Jennifer.Valdez@fire.ca.gov.

Mary Jane Culver

September 22,1918 - May 16, 2014

Mary Jane (Rarig) Culver of Carmel, died peacefully at home, surrounded by her family. Born in Oakland, California, Mary Jane was raised in the Oakland/Piedmont area and attended UC Berkeley. During her years at Cal she was introduced to Yosemite and discovered her love of the Sierras and enduring passion for nature's beauty.

Mary Jane married Alexander Culver in 1942 after meeting in Yosemite. They moved to Concord in the 50's where Mary Jane raised 4 children. After the children left the nest, Mary Jane rekindled her rapture for nature, becoming a docent at the Oakland Museum of Natural History, sister- in- law, Virginia "Ginny" Rarig, at her side. Her love of birding, hiking and wildflower outings provided much joy and adventure as she traveled the beauty of California following rare bird alerts, annual bird counts, and spring wildflower displays with dear friends among the foothills and Sierras.

A lifelong dream, passage through the Panama Canal, was realized at the age of

90 aboard the Sea Voyager, where Mary Jane also floated the warm Pacific waters of Costa Rica with her children. The vast natural, icy beauty of Alaska, experienced aboard the Sea Lion, kayaks and float planes, was another dream adventure completed in 2000.

In 2004 Mary Jane and Alex moved to Hacienda Carmel. Shortly thereafter, in 2005, her husband passed away. Mary Jane enjoyed 10 years of friendships and countless mornings of camaraderie with her water aerobics friends. Mary Jane's love of the outdoors, of flowers and of her garden continued while living in Carmel. Many a morning she could be found drinking tea in her flower-filled garden,



soaking up the sun's rays. Mary Jane's gardening prowess was a family tradition, begun by her mother, a plant nursery owner, and shared with her son, Patrick, who assured a 'victory garden' was always available for harvesting, steps from her back door.

Mary Jane, "Mimi" to her extended family, is the last surviving of the Rarig siblings, James Rarig, Patricia (Rarig) Patterson and John "Jack" Rarig, having all predeceased her. Mimi's love of her brothers, sister and sisters-in-law and their children was unbounded. She was also predeceased by two of her children, Marylanne and Michael. She is survived by Ginny Rarig, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and faithful friends, many of whom helped celebrate her 95th birthday in Carmel last September.

Mary Jane will be missed by her surviving children, Patrick Culver and his partner Diane of Willow Creek, and Julie Culver of Carmel.

Donations in Mary Jane's honor can be made to the Hospice of the Central Coast (2 Ragsdale Dr., Monterey, 93940) whose support and guidance is truly appreciated.

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Hilary

Carmel High cheerleader in the fabulous fifties. She had a great group of friends: Connie, Gail, Lucinda, Wendy, Donna, Polly, Ciji, Sam, Dennis, Steven, Jeff, Bill... If you were lucky enough to have been at Carmel High in the fifties, you may have shared a soda at Konrad's Creamery. Read about Hilary and her friends at the local history branch of the *Harrison Memorial Library*. Just go to any catalogue terminal and type in "Hilary."

That Varsity lineup?

Carmel vs. Hollister on November 15, 1957.

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Soldering catches insulation, house on fire

By MARY SCHLEY

A HANDYMAN replacing a shower valve in the second-floor bathroom of a home at Monte Verde and Ninth caught the wall on fire while he was soldering copper pipe Wednesday night, leading to a blaze that caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage, according to Monterey Fire Marshal

"It caught the wall material, and he couldn't extinguish it. It took off pretty quickly," Reade said of the fire. "It's an old Murphy house with single wall construction and a kind of furry insulation material — and it burns."

As it happened, the woman who owns the home, Charlotte Tolhurst, had just stepped out to go to the store, and the plumber was working alone when the fire broke out, according to Reade. He dialed 911 and got out of the house, and she returned shortly after.

The blaze drew several fire engines and trucks from Monterey Fire and nearby agencies, as well as a Monterey County Sheriff's deputy, to assist.

Firefighters used chainsaws to cut holes in the roof to get to the blaze and douse it with water, coordinating with crews attacking it from inside the house, according to a report from Monterey Fire Division Chief Jim Brown, who said it took about 30 minutes to get the fire out.

Reade estimated the fire caused about \$100,000 in damage, including holes cut in the roof, and water and smoke damage to the inside of the home, even though, he said, "It was only really one wall that was burned."

Nonetheless, Tolhurst will have to obtain a building permit to repair the damage and is staying elsewhere in the meantime, according to Reade.

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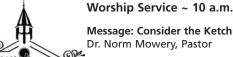
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idence where he was arrested."

Tomasi said Carmel P.D. is so far recommending criminal charges against him for break-ins at Junipero and Ridgewood, Rio Road and Atherton, Camino Real and Ninth, and Mission and Vista.

Meanwhile, court records show that jail cells, courtrooms and drug rehab centers are familiar territory for Scully, who has multiple felony and misdemeanor convictions going back to 2004. An 18-year-old at the time, Scully was arrested by Monterey County Sheriff's deputies for stealing a Sony PlayStation from a friend's Carmel Valley home and selling it to a Del Monte Center store for \$27, after which he turned himself in at Carmel P.D. While the burglary charge against him was dismissed, Scully pleaded guilty to possession of stolen property, a misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 45 days in jail and three years' probation.

In 2009, the sheriff's office arrested him again for multiple counts of grand theft and possession of stolen property, and he eventually pleaded guilty to felony and misdemeanor counts, accumulating hundreds of dollars in fines, three years' probation and jail time. He was also ordered to pay \$6,795 in restitution to six victims, from whom he stole jewelry, medication, electronics, cash, a camera, a guitar and amp, and other valuables. He argued against the restitution total, and ultimately it was reduced to \$2,895.

History of drug use

When he was arrested by Carmel police detective Greg Johnson and sheriff's deputy Fernando White on May 6, Scully reportedly told them the burglaries were driven by his addiction to heroin, which police said he also had with him at the time.

Court records indicate he has been convicted of similar charges in the past. Seaside P.D. arrested him for possession of drug paraphernalia in 2012, and in 2010, Monterey police arrested him for using a controlled substance. Both cases were misdemeanors, and he served jail time and paid fines.

But the Monterey arrest also constituted violation of probation, and on Aug. 30, 2010, probation officer Brenda Marshall reported he additionally violated the terms by failing to complete the Salvation Army Men's Residential Treatment Program of San Jose, and using Klonopin, a controlled substance, without a prescription, while in treatment.

He also drank alcohol, went to the Crown & Anchor pub in Monterey, associated with another probationer and didn't report his new address to his probation officer within 24

Six months later, when he was in the Bridge Ministries residential drug rehab, he asked on Feb. 1, 2011, for a sentence modification so he could visit his brother, Michael Bolick, a prisoner working at the Jamestown Fire Camp who was getting out on parole Feb. 13.

"I have not seen him in four years. He has worked his way up to the highest position in fire camp. He is being released early on good behavior," wrote Scully on his petition. "My family really wants to work on building a healthy relationship between all of us. I think it would benefit us all to be able to spend time together. Please take this into consideration."

'A big difference in attitude'

Argust also wrote a letter to the court on his behalf, saying, "I have seen a big difference in Ryan's attitude since he has started the program. Ryan has matured over the last year. He has shown great growth and strength. Ryan is a wonderful individual, he just needs guidance."

The probation department agreed he was in compliance with his probation and was making progress. "This family is trying to put themselves back together, and it is believed this is a step in the right direction," the officer wrote, and the judge granted his request.

But in September 2011, he violated probation again, failing to report to his probation officer and being discharged from the Bridge Drug Treatment Program for failure to com-

As a result, in October 2011, Scully's probation was terminated, and he was sentenced to 16 months in Monterey County Jail, along with court fines and the restitution payments to his half-dozen victims.

Public records indicate he has been living with his mother at her Fisher Place residence, where Johnson and White contacted him after he was seen by a passerby climbing over the back fence. At the house, they reportedly found hundreds of stolen items, heroin and paraphernalia, and subsequently linked him with multiple break-ins in town. He remains in Monterey County Jail.

TESTS

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collisions, Hazel mentioned the DUI case against Stuart Elder, the Pacific Grove resident involved in a double-fatal accident in Pebble Beach more than a year ago. No charges were filed against him until last November, after the CHP completed an exhaustive investigation that included a highly detailed reconstruction and analysis of the crash.

The case against Elder is pending in Monterey County Superior Court, as is a civil suit filed against him by the families of the two women who died when his car ran head on into theirs.

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they are.

While beavers have yet to establish themselves along the coast of Monterey County, they can be found in some of the county's interior watersheds, such as the Arroyo Seco River.

Beavers, like humans, can dramatically alter a landscape over a short period of time. Their handiwork may restore habitat and save water, but they are also capable of wreaking havoc on suburban neighborhoods and agricultural fields, according to environmental scientist Matt Meshriy, who works for the California Deptartment of Fish and Wildlife.

To build their dams and fill their bellies, beavers consume or take down large numbers of trees. They are capable of rerouting waterways, making it difficult for farmers to irrigate crops. They can block culverts, causing roads to flood.

"They are really extraordinary engineers of the ecosystem," Meshriy told The Pine Cone. "They create conditions for a whole suite of plants and animals to thrive. But it's this ability that brings them into conflict with agriculture, infrastructure and human health."

Beloved creatures

The City of Martinez in Contra Costa County has emerged as the epicenter of California's beaver debate. In 2007, a family of beavers built a dam in Martinez along Alhambra Creek. Worried the beavers threatened a recently completed \$10 million flood control project, some called for their extermination. Others pressed for their relocation, which a tangle of state regulations make very difficult. State officials eventually relented and agreed to move the beavers, but a public outcry convinced city officials to let them stay.

To mitigate potential problems associated with beavers, a flood control device was installed in the dam. Also, some trees were coated with sand to deter beavers, while others were planted.

As a result of the beavers' arrival in Martinez, supporters say Alhambra Creek not only has far more water in it today than it had a decade ago, but is now home to river otters, mink and steelhead. The beavers have also become a tourist attraction, and the city honors them with an annual Beaver Festival.

It's too early to say if beavers will ever be welcome in Monterey County, but wildlife biologist Tom Murphey has his doubts. "I consider them a pest in this area," said Murphey, who works for the United States Forest Service.

Murphey said beavers have built dams along the Arroyo Seco River near the day use area of a popular campground.

"It's a relatively new phenomenon," he said of their arrival. "They're taking out a lot of trees."

Murphey is also not convinced beavers are native to the watershed. "I don't think they naturally occurred in this area," he added. "We don't have water all the time. We don't have enough trees" along the Arroyo Seco River.

While the California Deptartment of Fish and Wildlife doesn't recognize coastal Monterey County as part of the beavers' historical range, a study done for an advocacy group contests that assertion. Released last fall, the report insists beavers "have for decades thrived in coastal streams" from Mendocino County to San Diego County.

The report states that the Native American people who lived along the Salinas River, which it refers to as the "Rumsen Coastaoan," had a word for beavers — "sur-ris." It also mentions an English explorer, Peter Corney, who included beavers in an 1818 description of "the fauna of the Monterey area."

Before trappers practically eliminated them, beavers were plentiful in the Sacramento Delta region, which some historians believe had the highest concentration of beavers in North America. While few beavers remained in California a century ago — Meshriy estimated about 1,000 existed at the time of World War I — their numbers rebounded significantly after they were reintroduced to parts of the state between 1923 and 1950

An uphill battle

While some call for beaver reintroduction projects in California, they face an uphill battle. They would likely encounter strong opposition from many groups, including rice farmers, whom Meshriy said "go to great lengths" to get rid of beavers.

Citing concerns about trees and flooding, the city of Elk Grove paid to have more than 50 beavers killed in recent years

Meshriy estimated that about 100 to 300 beavers — out of a statewide population in the tens of thousands — are killed by trappers each year.

Reintroduction projects would face another significant hurdle — the state's strict environmental laws. Without a permit, any effort to relocate a beaver is illegal, Meshriy said. And he confirmed that any proposal to do so would likely require an environmental impact report, which would be

expensive and time-consuming.

One beaver advocate, though, is convinced many of the problems associated with the rodent can be overcome. Martinez resident Heidi Perryman encouraged people to be open minded about the beavers. "We've started teaching other cities how to live with beavers," said Perryman, the founder of the nonprofit Worth A Dam, which stages the yearly festival in Martinez.

While beavers have made themselves at home there, it's unknown how they would fare in one of Monterey County's larger watersheds, such as the Carmel River. Steelhead advocate Frank Emerson is skeptical there would be enough water available for beavers in the lower part of the river during the dry months. But he said beavers might prove beneficial if they were relocated to the portion of the river that exists above Los Padres Dam. "I'd be excited to see some research done," Emerson said

But Emerson said beaver supporters would need the public on their side. "It would take a lot of community support to get the government on board," he added.

Well known for its successful efforts to reintroduce both condors and bald eagles to Monterey County, the Ventana Wildlife Society has never explored the idea of bringing back the beaver, executive director Kelly Sorensen told The Pine Cone. But he said it's a subject worth investigating.

"We just went through a strategic planning process and beavers never once came up," Sorensen said. "But having beavers around is generally a good thing. They're excellent at retaining surface water. From an ecological standpoint, that's a really valuable service. They're an important part of the ecosystem, and if they could fit back into it, that would really be fascinating."

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Man tries to break into house with axe

By MARY SCHLEY

POLICE TOOK a 41-year-old Pacific Grove man into custody at gunpoint Wednesday night for trying to break into a house with a double-sided axe and damaging a car. But instead of going to jail, he was taken by ambulance to Community Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation after he

told officers he believed the home he was trying to enter was "filled with bombs and his friend was inside," according to Carmel Police Cmdr. Paul Tomasi.

The residents were away from their house at Carmelo and Ninth when the neighbors called police to report the man who was not named, since he wasn't arrested — was trying to chop his way through the doors with an axe at around 7:35 p.m. May 21.

The suspect, who had no connection with the house, had broken through the locked front gate, smashed the windows of a car belonging to the people who live there and sprayed a fire extinguisher into it, according to Tomasi.

He also hacked at the front and side doors with his axe

before climbing back into his vehicle, where CPD Cpl. Rachelle Lightfoot and officer Chris Johnson found him. According to Tomasi, the suspect had gotten into his car because he was planning on using it to smash through the house to get in, but Lightfoot and Johnson "removed the subject from the vehicle at gunpoint and took him into custody without incident."

They subsequently determined the P.G. resident "was suffering from some sort of psychiatric issue," Tomasi said, so an ambulance took him to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for an evaluation. (Involuntary hospitalization and psychiatric evaluation are permitted under the California Welfare & Institutions Code, and patients can be held for up to 72 hours.)

"Considering the potential for what could have happened, I think both of them did an excellent job," Tomasi told The Pine Cone, adding that all CPD officers have taken the 40hour Critical Incident Training course "designed to help offi-

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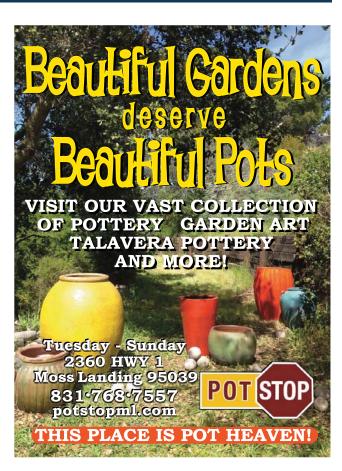
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tary. He also said that Measure O's success would probably help expedite the development of a water project.

"The concept that Measure O is a delay tactic is incorrect," Cohen told The Pine Cone. "Does Congressman Farr actually think we don't want a new water supply as much as everyone else? Ridiculous. Passage of Measure O is more likely to sharpen everyone's effort to get a desalination solution sooner rather than later."

He also cited the 2005 measure that called for a study to take over Cal Am.

"After all, Cal Am said in 2005 that the measure calling for a study was a distraction," Cohen said. "Voters bought it. That was nine years ago, and we still have no new water."

Cohen and other supporters of Measure O, who deny a

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Collins also pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor violation of Penal Code section 70, which prohibits public officials from receiving payment, not authorized by law, for "doing an official act." That charge stemmed from Collins billing RMC Consulting \$160,000 in 2010 for services on the former regional water project at the same time he was a director of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and advising county supervisors whether the project should

But at Thursday's roughly 40-minute court hearing, which drew about a dozen of Collins' friends and family, including

flict-of-interest laws for his dual role. "I could have ignored these attorneys and resigned my seat on the advisory board," he said. "For that, I am truly remorseful."

Collins' mother, who outlined to O'Farrell her long history in local water issues, said her son is not guilty of the crimes he pleaded to.

"My son is 100 percent innocent of these spurious charges," she said sitting in front of her walker. "I don't believe he has done anything of a criminal nature in his life."

But Monterey County Assistant District Attorney



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Stephanie Hulsey said the county probation officer's report indicated that "the totality of evidence in this case is irrefutable." She also said that Collins has shown a complete "lack of remorse" and has failed "to acknowledge any wrong-

"That lack of remorse, in light of the weight of the evidence," she said, "is very disturbing to the people."

Hulsey went on to say that "most people would intuitively know and understand that if you are being paid \$160,000 to work on a project, you can't use your position as a public official to vote for approval on that same project."

She also said that Collins had taken ethics courses in 2006 and 2008 that specifically addressed conflicts of interest, and that he'd previously been slapped with a \$7,000 fine from the state for a campaign finance violation. "So he has had prior experience with these issues," she said.

She also slammed Collins for blaming others for his actions. "Saying, 'Somebody else told me to do it, or that 'it's OK," Hulsey said, "is no more persuasive under these circumstances than if the court had somebody who was convicted of a robbery tell the court 'I did it because my friend told me it was OK to go on the street and rob the clerk at the 7-11

After 18 months, Collins may petition the court to have his felony charges reduced to misdemeanors, although prosecutors can object to the request.

His attorney, Daniel Clymo, told O'Farrell that the criminal case has resulted in Collins filing for bankruptcy. It's also taken a physical toll. "When this case started he was healthy," Clymo said. "During the past three years, he developed high blood pressure, anxiety and is on a half-dozen medications."

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takeover would affect the water project proposal, include some local city council members, the League of Women Voters of Monterey County, 4th District Monterey County Supervisor Jane Parker, the Carmel Residents Association and Green Party Monterey County.

The Carmel Pine Cone

May 23, 2014

The Carmel Pine Cone and the Monterey Herald published editorials opposing Measure O, while Monterey County Weekly supports the ballot item.

Farr, who goes on to say he's always thought public ownership of water is "better," questions how the takeover of the Monterey water system would be funded, and he points out that Cal Am has the ability to raise capital, unlike the water management district — which would be tasked with operating the local water system if the analysis under Measure O concluded a takeover would save money.

"So where would the money come from? A tax increase?" Farr asked. "The Peninsula wants the water district to solve all water problems but has consistently voted against paying for

Estimating it would cost \$180 million to take over Cal Am a figure the water company says is much lower than its worth — Public Water Now claims it water customers would pay \$12.5 million per year for the purchase, figuring a 30year tax-free bond with a interest rate of 5.25 percent. The government takeover would yield more than \$22 million in annual savings, the group says.

Farr, however, said takeover proponents "forget to include having to buy liabilities along with assets," including tearing down the San Clemente Dam at more than \$50 million, fish fines to NOAA at \$1 million, the cost of paying for the Monterey Peninsula's water project at \$400 million and millions of dollars in other costs.

"Before we pass anything we should know all the costs and be assured that a successful election will raise the taxes and water rates to pay for it," Farr said. "Measure O does not do that. Instead it just delays getting the job done."

Meanwhile, in one of the last organized efforts to get their word out ahead of the June election, Measure O supporters and opponents spoke to about 40 members of the Carmel Valley Rotary on Tuesday afternoon. Each side had 10 minutes to present their side before Rotary members asked questions.

For Yes on Measure O, Cohen told those in attendance that under public ownership, the removal of the San Clemente Dam could be done for about half the price Cal Am is charg-

"And that's part of the reason we believe public ownership will lower everyone's cost," he said.

Scott Dick, a public water system supporter who is now working hard to defeat Measure O, cited the hundreds of millions of dollars it would cost in eminent domain proceedings in a takeover process — one of numerous "unintended consequences" that would result in water bills not being any less under public ownership, he said.

"When it comes down to it," Dick said, "you're not going to save money."



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his mother, Janet Collins, and his children, a defiant Collins spent 10 minutes going over what he said were mitigating factors in his case — essentially a summary of what he said were instances showing that county officials, county attorneys and others knew he was being paid by RMC. "I have come to appreciate my actions regarding conflictof-interest, however unintentional," he told O'Farrell. "It's had a significant impact on delaying a water project desperately needed for the Peninsula. I own that. No one put a gun to my head and forced me to sign the RMC contract." Collins also told O'Farrell that he received numerous opinions from attorneys that he was not violating any con-

Wilderness bill introduced, 421-mile trail to be created

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE PROGRESS on the 1,200-mile-long California Coastal Trail moves forward at a snail's pace, plans for another lengthy recreation trail are gaining steam.

Congresswoman Lois Capps of Santa Barbara this week introduced the Central Coast Heritage Protection Act, which among its many components, would formally recognize the Condor National Recreation Trail.

Traveling from Lake Piru in Ventura County to Bottchers Gap in Monterey County, the 421-mile trail would connect the northern and southern sections of the Los Padres

While nobody is certain what the route of the California

Coastal Trail will be, the proposed route of the Condor Trail displayed on a website dedicated (www.condortrail.com).

A map shows the trail entering Monterey County northeast of Ragged Point near San Carpoforo Camp. From there, it meanders along existing hiking trails through the Silver Peak and Ventana wilderness areas, passing numerous backpacking camps and crossing several major watersheds, including the Big Sur and Carmel rivers, before it reaches Bottchers Gap at the end of Palo Colorado Road.

On the trail's website, its architects describe it as a "work in progress." "Experienced hikers are able to hike most of the trail, but it will require some advanced route finding and bushwhacking," a passage reads.

The trail planners hope to complete the route "in the next few years.'

"Creating a trail of this distance is a difficult task and not something that will happen overnight," another passage reads. "That being said, we are moving forward, keeping the momentum building and the dream alive."

If passed, the bill would also designate 180,000 acres of wilderness in Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. "Today's announcement marks the first step toward securing permanent protection for some of the best wild landscapes, free-flowing rivers, and backcountry trails in our region," said Jeff Kuyper, executive director of Los Padres ForestWatch, a Santa Barbara-based nonprofit that works to preserve and restore wild lands.

The trail project was conceived about 20 years ago by an Irvine software engineer, Alan Coles. Bryan Conant, who has

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Case Number MP 21498

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WILLIAM LEWIS MACK.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBERT WALKER MACK in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that ROBERT WALKER MACK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or conity to administer the estate under notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held on in this court as follows:
Date: July 9, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: PRO
Room:
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at

the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the

you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined a continue 50(b) of the California personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code

Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowl-

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

Attorney for petitioner:

YVONNE A. ASCHER

444 Pearl Street, Suite A-1

Monterey, CA 93940

(831) 641-9019

(s) Yvonne A. Ascher,

Attorney for Petitioner.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on

County Clerk of Monterey County on April 16, 2014.

Publication dates: May 16, 23, 30, 2014. (PC522)

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> SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. M127828. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

petitioner, KELLY L. AYON, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Changing names as follows:

A.Present name:
ALYSSA K'LYNN CEPEDA
Proposed name:
ALYSSA K'LYNN AYÓN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indi-cated 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: July 11, 2014 TIME: 9:00 a.m.

TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15
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

general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel, 734 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 94950. (s) Thomas W. Wills Judge of the Superior Court Date filed: May 9, 2014 Clerk: Teresa A. Risi Deputy: L. Cummings Publication dates: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2014. (PC530)

Carmel High lacrosse team saves its best for last, wins crown

By CHRIS COUNTS

AVENGING A loss in last year's title match, the Carmel High School lacrosse team captured the Mission Trail Athletic League championship May 16 by defeating Stevenson School 11-5.

Playing on their home field at Carmel Valley High School, the Padres jumped out in front early and never let up. Sophomore Morgan Koucky paced Carmel High's offense with scored four goals, while Bo

Brothers added another three scores. The Padres were also aided by Cole Kennedy, who won 25 of 30 face-offs, and and goalie Joe Taormina, who recorded nine saves.

The win marks the culmination of a hardfought rivalry this year between the two teams. Stevenson won the first match, 9-7, in March, and Carmel High came out on top, 10-9, a month later.

While the Padres were firing on all cylin-

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By defeating rival Stevenson School May 16, the Carmel High School lacrosse team earned the Mission Trail Athletic League championship.

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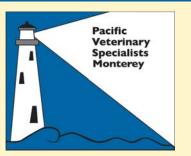


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Sunset Center hosts vocal quartet, fundraising gala, 'Beatles' at Golden State

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH A new generation of members singing its trademark four-part harmonies, The Four Freshman perform May 24 at Sunset Center.

One of the premier pop and jazz vocal groups of the 1950s, the quartet recorded hits like "Blue World," "Mood Indigo," "Graduation Day" and "Their Hearts Were Full of Spring." They also influenced many performers who would shape the next generation of pop music.

"In the late 1940s and early 1950s, the Four Freshmen were the first all-male vocal group to have their lead vocalist sing the melody," member Bob Ferreira said. "Their sound was very innovative."

All of the group's original members have passed on, but the Four Freshman continue to tour and record. In addition to Ferreira, their latest incarnation features singers

Brian Eichenberger, Stein Malvey and **Curtis Calderon** — none of whom was even born when the quartet had its heyday. But the new members stay true to the group's original sound and do justice to its legacy.

While he was raised on hard rock and heavy metal in the 1980s, the 43-year-old Ferreira — like the group's other members appreciates music from many genres and eras. He's a big fan of singers like Nat King Cole and Peggy Lee, so becoming a member of the Four Freshman wasn't as big a stretch as it might seem.

"I love music that catches my emotions and hits me deep inside," he explained.

The music starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$49 to \$69.

Also happening Saturday is Sunset Center's Annual Gala, which raises money for the performing arts center and its numer-

In a nod to the Four Freshman, the theme of this year's gala is "Mood Indigo -

Martinis, Manhattans & Memories." The gala includes VIP seating for the concert, a four course gourmet dinner, a fundraising live auction, wine pairings from Hahn Estates, port wine and chocolate, an after-party and much more. Black tie or "50's Supper Club" dress is encouraged.

Food &

The gala begins at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$275. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048.

■ Rechristened series debuts with pianist

Marking the start of its new Masters and More Concert Series, Hidden Valley Music Seminars hosts a performance Monday, May 26, by pianist Jura Margulis.

Born in Russia and raised in Germany, Margulis presents a program featuring music by composers Schumann, Bach, Mozart, Liszt, Puccini, Shostakovich and Sousa.

"He's really an intense performer," said Lisa Manning of Hidden Valley. "He juices all the energy there is out of every piece he

Once known as the Masters Festival, the series — which previously exclusively fea-

tured classical music — has been renamed to reflect its inclusion of jazz, folk and world music. The lineup of performers features oboist Elaine Douvas (June 9), cellist Stephen Geber (June 23), flutist Ali Ryerson (July 10) and others.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Hidden Valley is located at 88 W. Carmel Valley Road. Tickets are \$25. Call (831) 659-3115.

■ Reggae meets rock

Showcasing a lineup of world class reggae and reggae-rock performers, the fifth annual California Roots Music and Arts Festival comes to the Monterey County Fairgrounds Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 23-25.

While Saturday and Sunday are sold out, there are still a few tickets available for Friday, when Steel Pulse, SOJA and 14 other acts take the stage.

"This is the largest reggae-rock festival in the world," said Tanya Moore, one of the festival's organizers. "It's not a traditional reggae festival, but a festival where reggae and rock come together. We're expecting

30,000 people this weekend.'

The gates open at 10 a.m. Single day tickets are \$65, Children under 10 get in free with a paid adult ticket. Visit www.californiarootsfestival.com.

■ New owners, new schedule

The sale of the Golden State Theatre in Monterey is still in escrow, but its would-be owners, Eric and Lori Lochteseld, have already taken the helm at the downtown landmark.

Kicking off a busy schedule of events over the next three months, a Beatles cover band, The Sun Kings, plays May 24. The lineup also includes a big band tribute to Frank Sinatra and Harry James (June 1), a

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Pianist Jura Margulis (top left) kicks off the season at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley Mav 26. The Four Freshmen (left) perform at Sunset Center May 24, the same night the center presents its annual gala. David Hinds of Steel Pulse (above left) plays May 23 at the California Roots Rock Music and Arts Festival in Monterey. And the Sun Kings (right) pay tribute to the Beatles May 24 at the Golden State

Guild finds stage for 'Swiss Family Robinson'

IN A strange twist of fate, the Forest Theater Guild kicks off its 2014 season without the Forest Theater.

The nonprofit theater group learned late last month that the century-old theater needed to be shut down indefinitely for repairs. Thankfully, the guild's production of "Swiss Family Robinson" could be moved to the Pacific Grove High School Student Union, where it opens Saturday, May 24.

Written by Johann Wyss in 1812, "Swiss Family Robinson" is one of the literature's best-loved "shipwreck" stories.

Directed by Michael Blackburn and Tia Green, the play features a cast of 30 studentactors. It continues Fridays (8 p.m.), Saturdays (2 and 8 p.m.) and Sundays (2 p.m.) through June 15.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students, seniors and active military, and \$10 for children.

The high school is located at 615 Sunset Ave. Call (831) 626-1681 or visit www.foresttheaterguild.org.

Big Sur book sale, marine biologist signing

OFFERING A treasure trove of books, the Big Sur Library presents its annual fundraising Book and Bake Sale Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 24-26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thousands of second-hand books will be offered. Proceeds benefit the library. Also, a bake sale raises money for Big Sur's Grange

The library is located on Highway 1 adjacent to the Ripplewood Resort and Cafe.

Steve Palumbi signs copies of his book, "The Extreme Life of the Sea," at the American Cetacean Society's monthly meeting Thursday, May 29, in the Lecture Hall at Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove.

The director of the marine station, Palumbi is considered one of the country's most respected marine biologists.

The event starts at 7 p.m. The marine station is located on Ocean View Blvd. across from the American Tin Cannery.



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Burk in charge 1833, Chalone at II Fornaio, and the first Occasional Chef

ABBY BURK is getting her sea legs in the kitchen at Restaurant 1833, where she became executive chef in late February. This job is her first in the head-chef position, and she's figuring out how to make her mark on the menu while also getting her large kitchen

"I've made a few menu changes — not as

many as I would have liked to have made

- but it's kind of difficult inheriting a

kitchen," she said. "I've had some turnover,

and with getting the basics down first, it's

remained largely unchanged since 1833

opened on Hartnell Street in the former

Part of the challenge is the menu has

and its staff in order.

kind of a lot to deal with."

soup to nuts

Stokes Adobe restaurant in July 2011.

"So everyone's good at doing what they do," she said. That's a good thing, but it also means that when a new recipe is introduced, her kitchen staff has to tackle it from scratch. "So it's just going to take some time,"

Burk said.

Nonetheless, she's already vinaigrette, micro

and popcorn," she said.

By MARY SCHLEY

made some changes. "One of my favorite dishes is an avocado salad: half an avocado with lime cilantro, crispy jalapeños -

She's also featuring Monterey Bay king salmon with caramelized fennel puree, watercress and pickled grapes, which she described as "a really simple preparation,"

chilled oysters, and sardines prepared in the wood-fired pizza oven. The arrival of softshelled-crab season also had her inspired.

"I'm going to do those with a fried green tomato and a yogurt sauce of some sort," she

said, adding that she's also put pork rillette on the small-bites menu and is regularly serving Wagyu beef at din-

Before landing the top chef job at 1833, Burk, 37, spent six years cooking with chef Cal Stamenov at Bernardus Lodge, where she was chef de cuisine.

"I kind of grew up there," she said, since the job followed brief stints in the kitchens of Bouchée in Carmel and the former Citronelle, Michel Richard's restaurant at Carmel Valley Ranch. "Cal is a really great influence - he taught me a lot about being generous and the spirit of hospitality, and making sure that goes into the dining

Born in Falls Church, Va., Burk said she learned quickly she wanted to be a chef. "I just felt a passion for it and pursued it," she said. "It's not easy, but it's fun. I'm doing what I love to do. That's pretty lucky, in my book."

She came west and studied culinary arts and hospitality at Cabrillo College, and worked at the Shadowbrook restaurant nearby in

Capitola. "That was my first job, and I could really tell I was going to be on this path."

At Bernardus, her appreciation of local produce, seafood and other top-quality ingredients grew, and she enjoyed "being able to feature those and not get too tied up in techniques."

While there, she said, Stamenov allowed her to develop and hone her own style as a chef.

"Cooking is very collaborative," she said. "I feel like I definitely have a point of view that was different from Cal's, but he gave me tremendous amounts of freedom with the menu."

Eventually, executive chef John Cox from Sierra Mar at the Post Ranch Inn in Big Sur, as

well as CLM — the team that owns 1833 and Cannery Row Brewing Co., and runs Pebble Beach Food & Wine — recruited Burk. And though she committed to the job at Sierra Mar, when CLM offered her the chance to take the executive chef position at its Monterey restaurant, she backed out at the last minute to take it.

"It was a lot of factors, but I felt like I just couldn't say, 'No,' to this opportunity," she

said. "Being an executive chef — I couldn't say, 'No,' to that."

Incidentally, the move also put her back in the kitchen with much-loved pastry chef Ben Spungin, who left Bernardus last year to go work for CLM and is traveling between its restaurants and other ventures in Las Vegas, Los Angeles and the Monterey Peninsula, his

To find out what Burk is up to, stop by Restaurant 1833, which is open for cocktails and dinner every day, at 500

Hartnell in Monterey. www.restaurant1833.com



Abby Burk

Il Fornaio restaurant in the Pine Inn at

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Schramsberg Brut Rosé complemented Fifi's chef Fernando Rodriguez' baked leek-wrapped prawn with lemon risotto.





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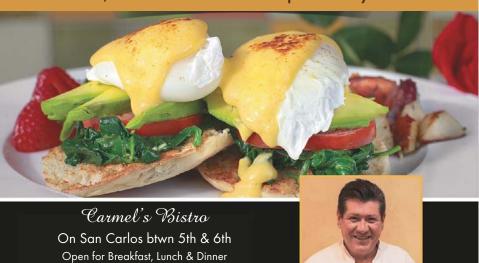


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Monte Verde and Ocean in Carmel will present a wine dinner with Chalone Estate Vineyards Thursday, May 29, starting at

Chalone, located at the base of the Pinnacles National Park, owns the oldest producing vineyard in Monterey County — Chenin Blanc, planted in 1919 — and turns out excellent reds, whites, and even a rosé, under the guidance of winemaker Robert Cook. Cook, who cares so much about what he does that he's known to be out in the vineyards with the harvesting crews as they pick in the wee hours of the morning in order to avoid the heat of the day, will be at the dinner to share stories about Chalone.

His wines will be paired with chef Gabriel Rodriguez' five-course authentic Italian feast, including thinly sliced grilled eggplant topped with marinated roasted red bell peppers, Kalamata olives and goat cheese, paired with 2010 Estate Pinot Blanc; grilled pork tenderloin with porcini, shiitake, Champagne and portobello mushroom sauce, paired with 2008 Estate Pinot Noir; and profiteroles filled with caramel sea salt ice cream, paired with 2011 Estate Rosé.

The cost is \$70 per person, including tax and gratuity, and reservations may be made by calling (831) 622-5100.

National Escargot Day

Hooray for snails — when they are cooked with a lot of butter, wine, garlic and herbs, that is - and National Escargot Day is May 24.

So why not sample the delicacy that's said to have originated in ancient Roman times but is most commonly associated with France, where the population consumes some 14,000 metric tons of snails every year?

Fortunately, the Monterey Peninsula is full of restaurants that offer escargot in a wide variety of styles.

La Bicyclette at Dolores and Seventh in Carmel is known to fire-roast them with garlic and hazelnuts, and they are offered in more traditional style at Fandango on 17th Street in Pacific Grove and at L'Escargot (of course) on Mission Street south of Fourth in Carmel. Andre's Bouchée on Mission Street south of Ocean in Carmel prepares them with garlic, shallots, parsley, hazelnut and demi-glace on puff pastry.

Perhaps the best escargot, ever, is served at Bistro Moulin, near the intersection of Wave Street and David Avenue in Monterey a block from the Aquarium. Among the secrets to chef Didier Dutertre's rendition are Pernod and hazelnuts.

And the list goes on, giving fans of snails — which, as it so happens, are also high in protein — plenty of venues to visit in honor of National Escargot Day.

Tasting wine and test driving

Rich Pepe is hosting what he is calling, "Pop Up-Plug In: Electrify Carmel," Saturday, May 24, when a handful of brand new Teslas will be parked outside his wine bar, Vino Napoli, at Dolores and Seventh

"There will be four new Teslas outside my wine bar, ready for guests to test drive," he said. "Guests can come inside the wine bar and check out all the design options and enjoy a complimentary beverage and some small bite appetizers."

Pepe said he has "worked very hard to convince Tesla to come and use Carmel as its hub for the Monterey Peninsula," so showing hospitality is important.

Test drives will be available between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., guests can sign up for www.teslamotors.com/event/test-drive-model-s-carmel-0.

■ Wine and pizza

Wine and cheese go so well together, it goes without saying that wine and pizza go well together, too. Holman Ranch Vineyards & Winery is teaming up with Ioli's Pizzeria at Mid Valley Center for a gourmet dinner benefiting the Alzheimer's Association Wednesday, May 28, at 6 p.m.

The strolling dinner with gourmet pizzas, salads and small bites will cost \$30 per person. Holman's whites, reds and pink

will be poured throughout. To purchase tickets, call (831) 622-

Occasional chef debuts

Sharon Crino debuted as the first in the Occasional Chef Series Wine Dinner at Fifi's Bistro Cafe in Pacific Grove Sunday, teaming up with Fifi's chef Fernando Rodriguez to create a feast paired with wines from all over the world.

Crino, who has visited dozens of countries and cooked in many of them, and has become good friends with Fifi's owners Calvin and Michele Wilkes, is an accomplished home cook. She handled herself well at Sunday's dinner, which sold out the restaurant and drew many of her friends. Her husband, Sam, also assisted in the kitchen — and then stayed out of the way and chatted with guests as needed.

Dinner began with Shramsberg Brut Rosé 2010 and Rodriguez' oven-baked, leek-wrapped prawn with lemon risotto and Dijon aioli — a pairing that worked well, given the acidity of the sparkling wine and the richness of the risotto. Next came a salad of grilled pineapple and avocado over butter lettuce with a light lemon vinaigrette dressing, served with Louis Latour Montagny 1er Cru 2011. While salads are notoriously difficult to pair with wines, due to the vinegar in their dressings, this duo worked well, with the minerality and leanness of the white Burgundy coming into play.

The main course was one of Crino's specialties: Beef Wellington with duchess potatoes, green beans and shallots, served with a delicious and relatively soft Fossacolle Brunello de Montalcino 2009. Her Wellington was superb: crisp and browned puff pastry, over a layer of rich and savory mushroom duxelle, with the beef cooked an ideal medium rare.

Finally, vanilla-orange panna cotta with fresh berry compote was served, complemented by De Bortoli Noble One Botrytis Semillon Australia 2006.

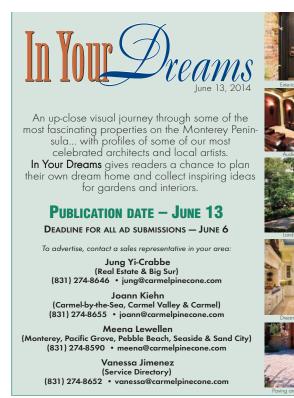
While Crino reported being nervous, facing the prospects of serving so many people at the same time, by the end of the night, she was ready to do it again. Rumor has it her next collaboration with Rodriguez will focus on Italian cuisine. Stay



Farmers Market Settling In: After having its new location blessed by city council, the Carmel Artisan Food Experience – AKA, the farmers market – opened at Devendorf Park Thursday. The weather was overcast and cool, but a big crowd turned out anyway.











(June 1), a performance by Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame inductee Darlene Love, (June 29) and a series of National Geographic Live events. The theater also plans to add comedy and live theater to its schedule.

'We're going to have something for every-

body," Lori Lochtefeld said.

The Beatles show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18.50 to \$39. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. in Monterey. Call (831)

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Editorial

Water myths

"I believe that water, like air, belongs to all living things. And certainly not to corporations."

May 23, 2014

That was the opinion expressed in one of our letters to the editors last week — an opinion based on such shallow thinking and so many wrong assumptions it actually resembles a fairy tale more than a political argument.

The writer's "water belongs to everybody except corporations" argument was put forth, of course, to support Measure O on the June 3 ballot, which is the latest attempt by local activists to have the government take over the local water company. The entire pro-Measure O campaign amounts to foolishness — but some things are more foolish than others.

Point 1: "Water, like air, belongs to all living things."

The sentence makes no sense as soon as you think about it.

It's true that air and water are naturally occurring substances and are essential to life. It's also true that the air in front of your nose "belongs" to you, in the sense that nobody is going to try to charge you for inhaling, no matter where you are.

The same thing applies to the water that Mother Nature drops in your lap. When it rains, you can catch the water that lands on your roof or your driveway and use it without asking anyone's permission.

But a long time ago, as people gave up their hunter-gatherer lifestyles and began to establish towns and cities, they realized that the water that fell in their immediate vicinities, and even what they could take from the ground beneath their feet, wasn't enough to supply their needs. Instead, they needed elaborate and expensive systems to collect water from lakes, streams, mountains and aquifers, and deliver it to their homes.

And, regardless of whether the water itself that began to flow from everyone's faucets belonged to them, or to somebody else, or to nobody, ownership of the infrastructure to deliver it was a completely different issue.

That was true at the inception of modern water systems, and it's still true today. Thus, even if you believe that the water you use in your home belongs to you or to everyone, the system that puts it there has to belong to somebody.

Should that somebody be a private company or the government? The answer could be either. The fatal flaw in Measure O isn't that it asks the question, it's that it asks it now, when this community has a much bigger problem to solve; namely, that we do not have enough water.

The public ownership issue can be raised after the desal plant is built, but it is highly counterproductive for it to be raised — for the umpteenth time — now. Point 2: "And certainly not to corporations."

What is a corporation? It is a group of people who join forces to undertake a project that's too big for an individual or a few people to do on their own.

To some, of course, the definition of the word "corporation" is "an evil, faceless entity that tries to screw everyone while it grubs money." Which is baloney.

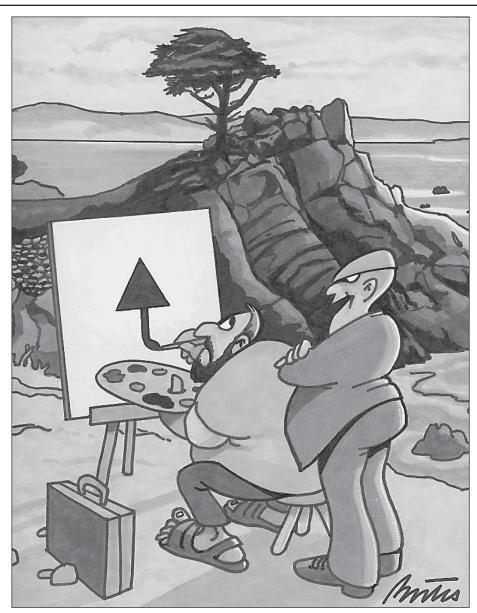
Corporations, since they are nothing more than groups of people, can have all the flaws that individual humans sometimes possess — including being dishonest and greedy.

But the people who make up the corporations also have all the virtues of the human race, including ingenuity, industriousness and concern for their fellow men.

And because of the advantages of collective action, corporations can achieve great things individual humans never could. The writer of the letter decrying corporations benefits from the actions of corporations, big and small, 1,000 times a day, in almost everthing she does and everything she touches. The fact that she pretends otherwise is just an act of superstition.

Cal Am is a private, profit-making enterprise which owns the Monterey Peninsula's water system. It doesn't have to be that way, but it is, and now is definitely not the time to try to change it.

BEST of BATES



"Hard to paint, huh?"

Letters to the Editor

'Fear and fabrication' Dear Editor,

The Cal Am shills and special interest groups are now fully in the "fear and fabrication" phase of their anti-truth campaign against Measure O. They can't win on the facts, so they prop up a few straw men and struggle to invent mysterious and confusing distortions of reality to dupe gullible voters. Here's some of their phony arguments:

The "distraction" argument? Obviously bogus and self-perpetuated! The "desal delay" argument? Even Cal-Am has quashed this. The "community unity" theory? Refuted by state officials. The "million dollar study" claim? Debunked by Dave Stoldt. The "blank check" assertion? Silly hyperbole. The "\$500 million" valuation of Cal Am assets? Imaginary and unsubstantiated. The "look at Felton" postulation? Omits almost all relevant facts. The "Water Management District hasn't produced one drop of water" claim? A patent denial of proven fact. The "Measure O could force rationing" avowal? Aren't we rationing already? (Yes) "Measure O won't provide any new water." True, but Measure O is about cost, not supply. The desal will provide the new water supply. The "Cal Am has served us well" assertion? Any rational, informed ratepayer can readily discount this notion.

And here's the latest — "Measure O will raise your property taxes." An outright fabrication. The cost of buying Cal Am would simply be transferred from the "profit for Cal Am" column to the "purchase of Cal Am" column, resulting in a surplus and lower water bills — both modestly in the short term and substantially in the long term. Any honest inquiry into the numbers will show this. There's only ONE avenue to lower water costs, and that's Measure O. JUST DO THE STUDY! Vote YES on O.

Larry Parrish, Carmel Valley

A takeover of all distribution systems? Dear Editor,

Measure O provides for more than the takeover Cal Am. It requires the purchase and maintenance of all water delivery systems in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's territory.

Measure O, if adopted, provides a policy for the district "to establish and maintain public ownership of all water delivery system assets and infrastructure within its territory and to acquire, if economically feasible, all assets of" Cal Am. By use of the word "and" Measure O clearly intends to separate "all the water delivery systems and infrastructure" from "all the assets of Cal Am."

What are all these separate water delivery system assets over which the district would be required to "establish and maintain public ownership"? The Pebble Beach recycling facilities? The distribution systems from pri-

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Eating your way through Europe is harder than you think

THE SKEPTICS ridiculed our quest. They said it could-

Three regional food-and-wine festivals in three different European countries in three consecutive days? Impossible.

Yes, this would be a marathon — albeit without the bleeding feet and chafed thighs — but we set out to prove the doubters wrong when we embarked on our odyssey earlier

With careful planning, a splash of luck and a providential schedule, we were confident we could overcome the grueling pace required to reach our Everest.

The idea of a three-day galloping feast arose when we learned that the first three days of our excursion down the Danube would take us through Budapest, Hungary; Bratislava, Slovakia; and Vienna, Austria. When we discovered that each of the cities would be hosting regional food events, we resolved to eat and drink our way through them during our boat's daily stops.

Aboard the boat, we shared our ambitions with another couple, Mary and Mike Skoien of Philadelphia. Despite the overwhelming odds, the Skoiens also signed up for the challenge, and we became fast friends in our shared adventure.

Maps in hand and taxis at our disposal, the four of us sallied forth into the cities to complete the unimaginable gastro-

Day One: Budapest. We launched our marathon at the annual Rosalia Festival, an event sponsored by the Budapest International Wine Festival.

Rosalia is promoted as Hungary's only festival dedicated

to rosé wines. It did not disappoint. Representing the country's Carpathian Mountain region, the festival offers rosé blends that fully span the varietals from about 50 wineries.

The event was held in the shadows of Buda's Castle district, in a park called Gesztenyés kert, and included live jazz and tasty regional pork cuisine and cheeses.

Unfortunately, we had come to Rosalia on a Friday afternoon, while government bureaucrats and other Hungarian elites were still on the job. As a result, the event was not the drunken riot we had hoped to experience, though several sketchy public-works employees had apparently checked out early and snuck into the festival to get a good buzz going in preparation for their long night.

Focused on the task at hand, we eagerly sampled all we could for several hours before our scheduled departure.

Returning to our boat amid an agreeable haze, we soon descended into a far deeper state of incapacitation after someone insisted we try the traditional Hungarian fruit brandy called palinka. We found that palinka merges the gagging combustion of grappa with the lethal delight of strych-

Day Two: Bratislava. The event was billed as Bratislava Culinary Days, and was promoted heavily by the local office of tourism. That sort of hype might have led the average visitor to assume it was some sort of major event.

Instead, a popular local caterer had set up a big white tent for the weekend on a plaza around the corner from Saint Martin's Cathedral and sold a half-dozen asparagus dishes and a limited variety of local wine.

While it was all very delicious, it barely qualified as the sort of food-and-wine festival worthy of notice among the more prestigious culinary events of the world.

Still, given the effort expended just to find the damn tent

beyond the realm

By JOE LIVERNOIS

in the muddle of cobblestone and plazas, our hearty participants agreed that Bratislava Culinary Days, for purposes of our marathon, should qualify as a legitimate food-and-wine

Day Three: Vienna. For the final day, we were joined by two true foodies, Michael and Pauline Ng, former restaurant owners from Los Angeles and the parents of celebrity chef Bryant Ng, of The Spice Table.

Unfortunately, a forecast of heavy rain threatened our quest. Girded with slickers and umbrellas, we found our way to Genussfestival, a massive outdoor affair in the extraordinary Stadtpark, in the heart of the city.

Genussfestival was the coup de grace, the appropriate climax to our improbable marathon. It attracted hundreds of vintners and craft-food producers from the hinterlands of Austria. (Our guides inform us that "hinterlands" and "Austria" are not synonymous. Who knew?)

We lingered over the jellied peppers, noshed on heavenly cheeses and sausage, reveled in new surprises at every kiosk.

Genussfestival was our Shangri-la.

But then the skies opened, and a persistent rain drove our party and thousands of others from Stadtpark. We dashed across Ringstrasse, finding shelter in a restaurant called Plachutta, an institution that happily boasts its culinary importance by lining the stairway walls with photographs of celebrity diners. Pele and Henry Kissinger ate here!

Under the heat lamps in Plachutta's solarium, we toasted our accomplishment. Our three-day marathon completed.

Beat that, Mr. Bourdain!

NYUNT

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Nyunt also admitted to giving passwords — and access to a government-contracted database full of vital personal information — to his wife, Kristin Nyunt, who was arrested in January 2013 and stands accused of 43 counts of identity theft, burglary and other crimes.

That information allowed her to search the Accurint LE database, through which the department has access to people's Social Security Numbers, credit card activity and other valuable information, according to Somers.

"It's also an identity thief's nirvana," he said.

In doing so, he defrauded the department of "the information available to it as a subscriber to Accurint LE, its right to the exclusive control and official use of that information, and the fees paid by the department as a result of [Kristin Nyunt's] unauthorized searches," according to the federal complaint.

With Nyunt's knowledge, his accomplice presented herself falsely as an authorized departmental user of the commercial database and did, in fact, obtain financial and personal information belonging to various people," Haag's office stated. "Nyunt concealed this wrongful use from the department, in part by making false statements to department

Nyunt, who also worked for Carmel P.D. for many years before going to PGPD, is in federal custody. He received a three-year prison sentence after pleading guilty in Monterey County Superior Court in April to one count of dissuading a person from reporting a crime by threats of violence, one count of being an accessory after the fact to theft and burglary, and one count of being an accomplice to the burglary of a business, all felonies.

Nyunt's federal sentencing hearing is scheduled for Sept. 2, in San Jose, and while the maximum is 20 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000, plus restitution, Nyunt and the lawyers agreed he should be sentenced to two years in prison, to run concurrent with his state sentence.

Somers also said officials from the California Public Employees Retirement System are researching whether they can revoke some of his retirement pay.

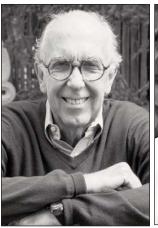
"CalPERS wants official documentation so they could take part of John's pension away from him," Somers said. Nyunt was placed on paid leave in January 2013, right around the time his wife was arrested. Nyunt retired in November, allowing him to collect an annual pension of about \$67,620, based on his annual salary of \$98,000 at PGPD and his 23 years of work in law enforcement.

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ders against Stevenson School Friday, the same could not be said when the season began in March. That's because most of the team's players were busy with other sports. "We weren't even able to have our first practice until a day before our first game," first-year coach Max Murphy recalled.

But Murphy soon discovered he had a wealth of talent on the team's roster. Over the next two months, Carmel High compiled a 9-2 record in league play and a 15-4 overall mark.

Only a sophomore, Koucky led the team with 56 goals and added 23 assists. "Morgan had a huge season for us,"

Leading the Padres with 48 assists was senior Colin Empey, who also scored 31 times. "Colin ended up assuming a big leadership role," the coach explained.

Murphy said one of the team's biggest surprise was the emergence of senior Cole Kennedy, who tallied 41 goals. "Cole had 179 ground balls, more than triple anybody else on the team," he said.

While Carmel High had little problem scoring, they needed a boost on defense to win the league title — and senior Joe Taormina provided it. "We started five goalies this year," Murphy explained. "Joe stepped into the cage at the end of the year and had some real big games. Without him, we wouldn't have gone as far as we did."

Working at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey on a one-year assignment, Murphy isn't sure if he'll be back next year. But he's certain he'll look back fondly on this season. "I never envisioned myself becoming so involved with the community," he said. "Meeting these guys was so rewarding, and it was a great feeling getting the championship."

NOTICE OF BUDGET ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING 2014-2015 NOTICE OF LCAP PUBLIC HEARING 2014-15

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Pacific Grove Unified School District's 2014-2015 Budget and LCAP will be available for public inspection from May 21, 2014, at the Pacific Grove Unified School District's Office, 435 Hillcrest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A public hearing of the 2014-2015 Budget and LCAP will be held June 3, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at the Jessie Bray Board Room of the Pacific Grove Unified School District, 435 Hillcrest, Pacific Grove, CA.

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The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is soliciting applicants to fill an unexpected vacancy on the Planning Commission. The term of office begins immediately upon appointment and continues to October 2016.

Persons interested in applying for the vacancy may pick up an application at City Hall, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. Applications are available during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.).

Applications will be accepted until noon May 23, 2014.

DATED: May 08, 2014

May 23, 2014

When his wife lays down the law, even Moe Ammar listens

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m M}$ OE AMMAR's a glass-half-full kind of guy, which is great for Pacific Grove's Chamber of Commerce, where he's been president since 1993. His energy, passion and unabashed affection for the Last

Ammar was born and raised Beirut, Lebanon. He came to the United States along with four of his five brothers to escape the civil war that broke out in 1975. His destination was the University of Nevada at Las

Vegas, where he earned a B.S. in hospitality. During his freshman year, he fell in love with a young woman named Trina, and four years later, in 1979, they married. They honeymooned in Pacific Grove, sparking a dream that would

last a lifetime.

"We really wanted to live here. We thought it was an ideal place to raise a family," said Ammar.

But first, his hotel career took them to Chicago, New York, Damascus, Baghdad and Dubai. Ammar finally landed in Monterey for the opening of the new Sheraton (now the Marriott). When the corporation later tried to transfer him, Trina —

who had thus far cheerfully followed him — laid down the law. They had two small children and she had a job at CHOMP, and moving away from their life in Pacific Grove was not in her plans. So Ammar left the Sheraton and took a job across the street at the Doubletree (now the Portola Hotel), where he stayed for a little over two years before taking the job at the chamber.

A third child came along; later became CHOMP's lactation education coordinator — a career Ammar deeply admires. He

thinks his own job is pretty darned wonder-

Moe Ammar

"If someone had to create a job for me, this would be it." He said that the chamber board and volunteers are among the hardestworking people he's ever met. Among other things, they've adopted a section of Holman Highway and regularly go out and clean it

"We want the entrance of the town to be clean," he explained.

He said he's always cared about where he lives and about his neighbors, an ethic he acquired from his parents. Another source of Ammar's ethos is his membership in the Rotary Club. He told me he tries to live by the organization's "Four Way Test:" When making a decision, members are urged to ask themselves: "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?'

When the answer to all four questions is, Yes," it's safe to proceed.

Of course, not all dilemmas have ideal

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solutions. Sometimes decisions are hard, issues are divisive and there can be tension until problems are resolved. Ammar said he

> likes to burn off that kind of stress — literally — on a mat at the Bikram yoga studio just up the street from the chamber's visitor center at Central and Eardley. He told me a combination of the 90-minute hot yoga classes and a five-day-a-week running habit keep help him flexible in body and mind.

> Ammar also gains satisfaction from his job as a hospitality instructor one night a week at Monterey Peninsula College. He teaches two courses, one on guest services and front office management, and one on execu-

tive housekeeping, security and maintenance. The courses meet on site at various local hotels to bring the lessons to life for the students. "It's so refreshing to see young people learning," he beamed.

Ammar sees himself as an advocate for young people, lobbying for more activities and things for them to do. He hopes that will help Pacific Grove attract more young families and reverse the dip in population in recent years. Although he's always taken his job seriously, he said that ever since the late Mayor Sandy Koffman gave him the key to the city in 2000, it's become more of a calling than a career. As the only living holder of a key to Pacific Grove, he said, "I feel responsible to take care of things and make things happen. It's a privilege for me."

Retirement is not in Ammar's plans. He said that as long the board wants him around, he'll do his best to keep, "the most quaint, romantic, safe and family-friendly town," a great place to work and live.

To suggest someone for this column, email emgiuliano@gmail.com.

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

Hometown are infectious — as are his smile and laugh. He loves the chamber staff, loves the board — who he refers to as "the 15 people who sit around and tell me what to do" and loves the volunteers. Although he's not a native Pagrovian, he has plenty of enthusiasm for his adopted home.

cers deal with subjects in crisis" that's offered

by the Monterey County Behavioral Heath

Peninsula Hostage Negotiation Team, was

named CIT Officer of the Year earlier this

month by the county's mental health commis-

sion and the Monterey County chapter of the

is different; training and experience are

extremely helpful in resolving issues, but

unfortunately the outcome isn't always posi-

tive," Tomasi said. "We were very fortunate

that this did not turn into a more serious situ-

"Every encounter with a subject in crisis

National Alliance on Mental Illness.)

(Johnson, who is also a member of the

TRAIL

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headed up the project for the past five years, told The Pine Cone the bill's introduction marks "a big step" in the trail's evolution.

The project will take advantage of existing trails, Conant said. "The plan is not to build any new trails, only connect existing trails," he explained.

Conant said the biggest challenge the project faces, "besides the resistance of chaparral," are several easement issues involving private property in San Luis Obispo County. He and other trail supporters are hopeful they can convince the owners of those properties that the trail is a good thing. "It's a marathon, not a sprint," said Conant of the effort to create the trail.

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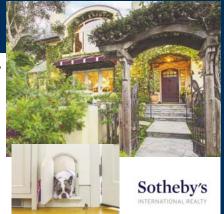
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LETTERS

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vate wells? The distribution systems connecting Cal Am water to homeowners associations such as Del Mesa Carmel? What about landscape watering systems publicly or privately owned? All are "water delivery system assets and infrastructure." Measure O doesn't even require the mandatory acquisition of these systems be "economically feasible" as it does for the Cal Am assets.

The language of Measure O is clear: The water management district's bureaucrats are to find, value, buy and maintain every water distribution system in its Monterey Peninsula and Carmel territory, not just Cal Am. The result: expansive governmental regulation and control, tens of millions more in purchase and maintenance costs, higher taxes, time wasting, expensive litigation and delay in solving our water problems.

No on Measure O.

Franklin J. Lunding, Carmel

A judge's endorsements Dear Editor,

Thanks for the well written article by Kelly Nix recently about the upcoming judicial elections. Just in case it's not clear to readership, I am endorsing Andrew Liu and Heidi Whilden for the two respective contested seats on the bench. I know and respect both these candidates. Please be sure to vote June 3.

> Tom Wills, Supervising Civil Judge, Monterey County

We don't need a new sheriff in town Dear Editor.

Mike Richards won't say why he was fired as a commander at the sheriff's department. Yet, he calls himself a "retired" commander. That's what appears on his candidate statement in the voter guide as well as the absentee ballot I later received.

Fred Garcia doesn't mention he retired from the sheriff's office in lieu of being demoted as a result of an internal affairs investigation under the former sheriff. His late filing of campaign contributors' names and claiming he made a "simple mistake" about the probation department endorsing him on his mail fliers also raise questions.

Steve Bernal lacks executive or even supervisory law enforcement experience. He would be overwhelmed by the job. He says morale in the department is terrible, yet it's telling that not one deputy has resigned to work for another police agency under Sheriff Miller's tenure. Having his home foreclosed on and then his personal truck repossessed, as reported by KSBW, demonstrates he cannot be trusted with an \$80+ million dollar budget. Maybe he should apply to be police chief in King City and see how far he gets.

Sheriff Scott Miller's solid leadership, vast executive experience, integrity, and implementation of positive changes make him worthy of being re-elected.

Gregory D. Lee, Pebble Beach

Somers would be a 'top-notch judge Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Steve Somers' candidacy for Superior Court judge in the upcoming election. Let's face it, both candidates for this seat are competent, experienced and qualified. They are both strong trial advocates, and both have numerous supporters, from sitting judges to professional organizations, to respected community members. But what distinguishes Steve, making him the better candidate? Simply put, Somers has dedicated his career to law enforcement as a prosecutor. Rather than representing individuals, a prosecutor must advocate for the truth to ensure that the community is protected; and so too are the rights of the accused. Steve has performed his duties professionally and with the pursuit of justice always in mind.

As a former Monterey County deputy district attorney, it was my observation that he was assigned to prosecute some of the most difficult cases submitted to the district attorney's office. Steve Somers has continually been regarded by his peers as one of the best prosecutors in the office. He has the ability to fully and accurately analyze the facts of each case and to prosecute only those charges warranting prosecution. These skills are critical to the proper enforcement of the law and provide the voter with insight into the type of judicial officer he will become.

Steve Somers has dedicated his career to preserving the well-being of Monterey County as a whole, and he will make a topnotch judge if he is elected.

Liz Thomas, Pacific Grove

Somers is an 'exceptional prosecutor' Dear Editor,

Steve Somers is an exceptional prosecutor. Having worked with him in our court system, I know what an excellent prosecutor

One of the most important qualities that an attorney or judge must possess is integrity. Steve has integrity without question. He methodically evaluates his difficult cases and proceeds for justice as a prosecutor. He will apply that same ethic as a judge.

Steve will be a perfect and valued asset to the Monterey County Superior Court bench. Will you please join me in voting for Steve Somers for judge?

> Marti Ortiz-McKim, Monterey

Quick response to fire Dear Editor,

Sunday I discovered fire coming from a house across the road from mine on the edge of Pescadero Canyon. I called 911, reporting the fire to dispatch. Minutes later sirens could be heard coming from multiple direc-

The first responder was officer Juarez of the Carmel Police Department, who arrived in tandem with a Carmel Fire truck. Minutes later Cypress Fire and Cal Fire trucks and personnel were on the scene. It was reassuring to realize how quickly all three public safety departments could mobilize equipment and men to avert what could have been a catastrophic event.

I was the administrative supervisor on duty at CHOMP when the Pebble Beach fire broke out. I learned from that experience how quickly a small grass fire could become a huge conflagration, destroying homes and forest. Sunday's situation prevented major damage to a home and potential harm to a hillside neighborhood.

We, as a community, can be thankful that protection from fire is nearby with personnel dedicated to their jobs. I, for one, will personally thank each department. Join me. They deserve to know we appreciate them.

Lucinda Lloyd, Carmel

RACE

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Everest, whereas only five people have ever rowed this route."

For more than six weeks, the women will call a 24-foot row boat named "The Black Oyster" their home. The vessel has two rowing positions, a small cabin at the stern and a storage area at the bow.

"The cabin we will sleep in is about the size of a two-person tent," explained Kvale, who arrives in town this weekend and plans to stay in Carmel.

If all goes according to plan, two women will row for two hours, while the other two will rest, eat or perform other tasks. Every two hours, the women will trade places. The arduous routine is aimed at "keeping the momentum going." "We could drop anchor and [all] sleep through the night, but the journey will just take longer," Kvale said.

Anchoring at sea

Because they'll be traveling in water too deep for a conventional anchor, they'll use one made of plastic that acts like a parachute and helps the boat maintain its position in the

If they run into a big storm, the women will simply squeeze into the cabin and wait for the weather to clear. And with their boat at the mercy of the elements, they'll have to be ready for a wave to capsize it.

'We know the boat will right itself" if a wave flips it over, Kvale explained. "It's not as scary as you might think.

For fresh water, the women will use a reverse osmosis desalination system. They plan to sustain themselves with a diet of freeze-dried food, bolstered by nuts, raisins and chocolate.

In addition to planning for their meals, the women are preparing themselves for the inconveniences of living on a small boat for 45 days or more.

"There will be physical exhaustion," Kvale predicted. "There will be dehydration. We will suffer from sleep deprivation. We will be living in cramped quarters. There will be no privacy. We're all going to have blisters and sore bottoms. We're going to be pretty sore from rowing 12 hours a day. Everybody will be under extreme pressure."

But Kvale is confident she and her friends are up to the task.

"We'll all be tested," she conceded. "But we're good friends. We're looking forward to the challenge."

Another hurdle facing the women is paying for the voyage. The boat, for instance, cost \$50,000. They also spent \$7,000 on freeze dried food, and \$3,000 for a life raft.

"It's hugely expensive," Kvale said of the journey. "We've had a couple fundraisers, and we're grateful for the support we've received. But we're still looking for a major sponsor. For a \$500 donation, we'll put your name on our boat."

The women also hope to use the race to raise money for and bring attention to three charities: WaterAid, which improves the quality of drinking water in poor countries; Hope and Homes for Children, to aid orphans in Eastern Europe and Africa; and the Ahoy Centre, which uses water sports to teach life skills.

If you would like to make a contribution, visit www.boatylicious.org.

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