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## Bernie Sanders wows big Monterey crowd

By KELLY NIX

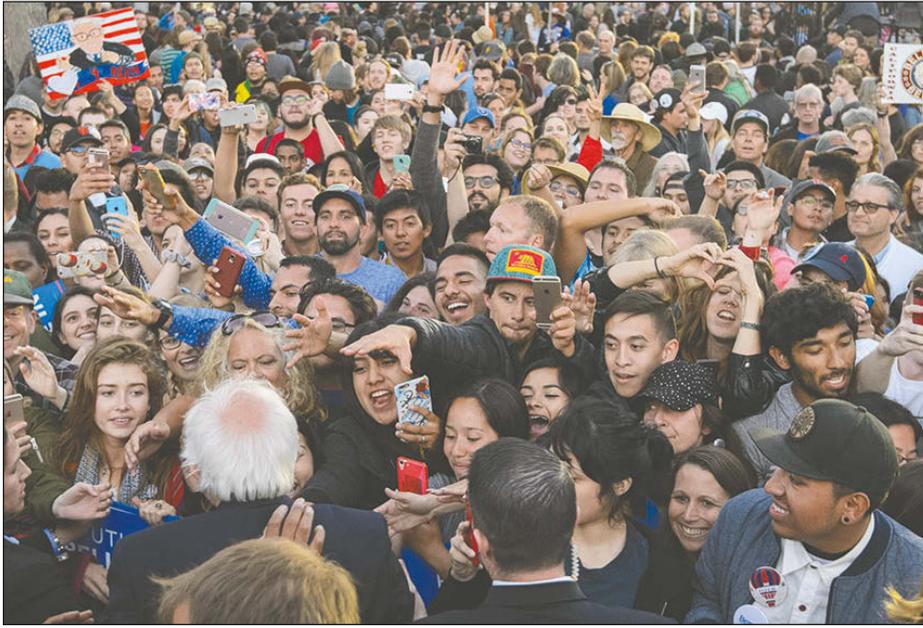
**T**OUTING FREE higher education, health care for all, and other ideas that have made him a modern socialist idol, Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders also told a fired up crowd of nearly 8,000 in Monterey Tuesday night that he expects to beat rival Hillary Clinton in California's primary election next week.

In a Tuesday night rally, Sanders, the 74-year old Senator from Vermont, addressed a diverse and enthusiastic crowd, most of whom packed the lawn in front of Colton Hall.

Claiming early in his speech that Clinton was "nervous" about winning the June 7 California Primary and securing the lion's share of the state's 475 delegates, Sanders toward the end of the rally urged supporters to turn out big at the polls and cast their votes for him.

"I believe if there is a large voter turnout, not only will we win this primary, we will win it big," he said to a roaring crowd that the City of Monterey said numbered 7,800.

In addressing one of the proposals that has landed him major support from millennial voters, Sanders said the United States should not charge students to go to public col-



PHOTO/MICHAEL TROUTMAN, DMT IMAGING

Bernie Sanders enjoys the adoration of a mostly young crowd in front of Colton Hall in Monterey Tuesday evening. Sanders drew a much bigger crowd than Hillary Clinton — his rival for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination — did in Salinas the week before.

leges.

"When we talk about free education, it is not good enough to talk about first grade through 12th grade," he said. "We need to make public colleges and universities tuition free."

Sanders conceded that free higher education and trimming student debt would cost a staggering \$70 billion per year. He said he would pay for the bill by imposing taxes on Wall Street, including a tax on the sale of bonds and stocks.

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## Adams mum on congresswoman's statement disproving claim against Potter

By KELLY NIX

**FIFTH DISTRICT** Monterey County Supervisor candidate Mary Adams this week stepped up her attacks on incumbent Supervisor Dave Potter, but she refused to comment on a statement by a United States congresswoman last week that undermined one of her key claims against him.

Last month, Adams, a former CEO of the Monterey County chapter of the United Way, launched a highly negative website in an effort to disgrace Potter, a tactic seldom used in Monterey County political races and surprising considering Adams vowed repeatedly to run a "positive campaign" after announcing her bid in fall 2015.

The sensational, anti-Potter site includes a claim that Potter "was replaced on the California Coastal Commission" in 2009 "for consistently voting to overdevelop our coast and for being too close to developers." Then-California State Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, now a United States congresswoman in Los Angeles, made the appointment.

This week, Adams provided newspaper articles she said support her claim, but those articles only include hunches from some environmentalists about why Potter was replaced. In them, Bass is not quoted, and she did not tell the press in 2009 why she appointed then-Santa Cruz County Supervisor Mark Stone to the commission instead of reappointing Potter — who had already served a dozen years on the panel.

And last week Bass told The Pine Cone that her decision not to reappoint Potter wasn't made because of his voting record on the coastal commission, as Adams alleges. She also said that she didn't even examine

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## SCALED BACK PARKS PLAN STILL GETS ICY RECEPTION

By CHRIS COUNTS

**J**UST AS he did when he introduced a series of "improvements" to Carmel area state parks last July, parks official Mat Fuzie faced a skeptical and boisterous audience June 1 when the draft of a new general plan for those same parks was unveiled. Some, in particular, took aim at a provision in the plan that would allow a 150-vehicle parking lot and concessions west of Highway 1 in the former Odello artichoke fields.

An estimated 250 people attended the meeting at Rancho Cañada Golf Club — about 100 more than the number that turned out for last year's gathering on the same subject.

While the general plan omits many of the features that drew so much ire at the first meeting — such as zip lines — it does permit the development of several parking areas that could accommodate nearly 600 cars.

But Fuzie insisted those parking lots won't be created unless parking along Highway 1 in front of Point Lobos State Reserve is prohibited.

## Sheriff announces crackdown on illegal camping

By CHRIS COUNTS

**C**OMPLAINTS ABOUT illegal camping have reached a fever pitch in Big Sur, and in response, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office issued a warning on social media to those who are coming to Big Sur to camp and don't have a campsite already booked.

"Camping in Big Sur? Hope you have a reservation," the agency posted May 28 on Facebook. "Campsites at California State Parks and private campgrounds are in high demand.

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## Hardy unanimous pick to join council

By KELLY NIX

**W**ITH THE unanimous support of the Carmel City Council, and the blessing of numerous residents Wednesday afternoon, longtime community volunteer Carolyn Hardy was appointed to fill a vacancy on the council left by Steve Dallas after voters elected him mayor in April.

Dallas defeated fellow Councilman Ken Talmage on April 12 to replace former Mayor Jason Burnett, who opted not to seek a third term.

After being sworn in to the position by City Clerk Ashlee Wright during a Wednesday council meeting, Hardy said she was honored by the confidence that the council placed in her, and said she intended to live up to the city's expectations.

"I look forward to working with all of you," she said, gesturing to the council, "and city employees and residents and business owners." Hardy took the seat next to newly elected Councilwoman Jan Reimers after adding, "I have always been willing to take on whatever project the city has asked of me. I have answered the call."

Hardy continued by saying the city could count on her again "in whatever way you want to apply my skills, experience and institutional knowledge for the benefit of the city council and the community."

### Numerous applicants

An ad hoc committee composed of Dallas and Mayor Pro Tem Carrie Theis interviewed 11 applicants for the spot, finally choosing Hardy over the others. The council on May 3 decided to fill the vacancy by appointment.

The others residents who applied for the vacant seat were Jeff Baron, Martha Daly, Dixie Dixon, Donna Jett, Richard

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"We have no intention of building those lots until something reduces" the parking that's already available, said Fuzie, who is superintendent of the Monterey District.

About 600 cars park outside the entrance to Point Lobos on busy days — the same number that the new lots could hold. But Fuzie said it is just a coincidence.

Even if officials decide they need the new parking areas, Fuzie said they will still need to go through a local planning process, so residents will have more opportunities to comment.

While some in the audience accused state park officials of trying to bring more visitors to an area that is already overwhelmed with tourism — and make money from it — Fuzie said the plan actually reduces the number of cars at Point Lobos because it removes nearly 150 parking spaces from

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PHOTO/COURTESY MONTEREY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A sheriff's deputy contacts illegal campers on the shoulder of Highway 1 in Big Sur. Residents say the practice is trashing their neighborhoods and increasing the fire risk.