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ONE STEP AT A TIME, VOLUNTEERS TAKE INVENTORY OF BIG SUR WILDERNESS

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE IT may not be as difficult as finding a needle in a haystack, creating an inventory of every recreational site in the Big Sur backcountry is certainly no easy challenge.

But that isn't stopping a team of six volunteers from trying to accomplish the task, which involves navigating about 300 miles of trails on steep terrain and visiting about 50 different backcountry campsites. The effort was orga-

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PHOTO/MIKE SPLAIN (ABOVE), BRYCE WINTER

Ventana Wilderness Alliance volunteers Sam Ellis and Bryce Winter (above) take a break at a Big Sur backcountry campsite they surveyed. Among the little known scenic wonders they will visit are Lost Valley (top right) and an idyllic swimming hole along Higgins Creek (right).



Preliminary hearing is more bad news for Collins

■ Fraudulent billing charges worse than conflict of interest

By KELLY NIX

FORMER COUNTY water director Stephen Collins' troubles go far beyond a possible conflict of interest over his participation in developing a new water supply for the Monterey Peninsula.

According to testimony this week in a Salinas courtroom, Collins committed fraud against a former employer by submitting invoices for meetings he never actually attended — even asking to be paid \$75 an hour for a meeting in Salinas that happened while he was in Washington, D.C. — according to testimony by a Monterey County District Attorney's Office investigator Thursday.

During Collins' preliminary hearing, investigator Heather Hardee outlined the prosecution's case against Collins, who faces charges of more than 30 felonies and misdemeanors, mostly related to phony bills for consulting services with Ocean Mist Farms, a Castroville artichoke grower.

In responding to questions from Monterey County Assistant District Attorney Stephanie Hulsey, Hardee testified Thursday morning that Ocean Mist Farms' CEO Ed Boutonnet told her he believed Collins was overbilling the company.

"He said that in 2006, when Mr. Collins went from a fixed contract to an hourly rate," Hardee said, "that he had suspected Mr. Collins had been padding his log."

Hardee outlined scores of invoices Collins submitted to Ocean Mist in which she said Collins billed the company for numerous meetings he never attended.

"There are a number of meetings you determined did not occur?" Hulsey asked.

"That's correct," Hardee responded.

Phantom meetings

According to Hulsey, Collins sometimes double- and tripled-billed. In March 2010, for instance, Collins billed for a Monterey County Board of Supervisors meeting when he was thousands of miles away doing busi-

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Del Piero backers gave LandWatch even more

By KELLY NIX

THE NORTH County activist group that bankrolled Marc Del Piero's unsuccessful campaign for supervisor has also been a bonanza to the county's most high-profile environmental activist group.

In a big-money effort to unseat incumbent 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter, the North Salinas Valley Fund for Responsible Growth gave Del Piero a total of \$132,500, a colossal amount for a county election.

But the North Salinas group has also been a huge contributor to LandWatch Monterey County this year, donating a huge \$197,600 to the development-wary organization. In fact, the contribution from the North Salinas group exceeded LandWatch's total donations in 2010 by nearly \$50,000, according to its most recent 990 tax form.

LandWatch executive director Amy White said the group's bounty has been and will be used to pursue LandWatch's goals, which include helping implement the county's general plan and battling Ferrini Ranch, a proposed 866-acre subdivision off of Highway 68, and Whispering Oaks, the proposed Monterey-Salinas Transit operations facility on the former Fort Ord.

"Whatever money LandWatch receives," White told The Pine Cone, "we use it to work on projects to achieve our mission."

The North Salinas group's big contribution to LandWatch

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Farr: 'No plan to tear down Los Padres dam'

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE IDEA came from a federal agency, but Congressman Sam Farr said this week "there currently is no plan to remove Los Padres Dam."

The National Marine Fisheries Service has made public a plan to help the Carmel River's population of steelhead trout by removing the San Clemente and Los Padres dams.

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Salinas urology practice accused of giving patients unnecessary radiation treatments

■ Profit motive, not patient welfare

By PAUL MILLER

AN ADVANCED radiation therapy center in Salinas, in which two Monterey Peninsula urologists have a financial stake, has been bombarding patients with radiation treatments they don't need because there's so much money to be made from the procedure, according to an investigation published last week by Bloomberg News Service.

Salinas Valley Urology Associates — owned by Aytac Apaydin and Steven Worsham, and used for referrals and

treatments by Monterey urologists Anthony Shaheen and David Flemming — has treated prostate cancer patients with its \$2 million IMRT accelerator, even though other therapies would have been just as good or better and cost much less, according to reporter Peter Waldman.

And the reason the doctors do it is to make money — lots of money, Waldman reported. Medicare reimburses up to \$40,000 for a course of radiation therapy, and private insurance pays even more, he said. The doctors who own SVUA and physicians who refer patients there can earn more than \$1 million a year, Waldman reported.

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Burnett says order is key to success as mayor

By MARY SCHLEY

COMING OFF the resounding approval of a ballot measure to boost the sales tax rate by 1 percent, and with the city's recent AA+ rating from Standard & Poor's, Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett is "feeling really good" about his job as the city's top elected official. But since he took office in April, he's had to learn a few lessons about the complexities and demands of his new role the hard way.

"You don't have time to do everything as well as you would like, so you have to prioritize," he said. "It really helps me, and I think it really helps the city council, to have the discipline of laying out key projects at the beginning of the year and then keeping that focus."

Major goals for this year, for instance, included passing the budget, getting approval of the hospitality improvement district to raise more money for marketing the city to visitors and convention groups, and convincing voters to decide in favor of Measure D, which will help the city refinance some \$6 million in retirement debt. All of those have been accomplished.

The smaller things are important, too, especially when constituents are always bringing up this or that, but it's important to not get sidetracked, Burnett said. The trick is acknowledging the importance of various



Jason Burnett

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Sandy Claws

From heartbreak to happiness

SHE WAS accustomed to sneaking into the kitchen and placing her paws on the counter to eat whatever was within reach. Unfortunately, JC celebrated her second Christmas with a platter of homemade fudge. Her family found her before she finished the fudge, but not in time to save their beloved Labrador retriever. Yes, chocolate can kill a canine.

Devastated, JC's family decided to get another dog immediately to help them through their loss, and turn their holiday memories from heartbreak to happiness. They returned to the trainer who had worked with JC and met Karley, a 1-year-old yellow lab.

"Karley walked past everyone and put her head in my lap," says her person. And that was it. She was the one for me. She actually had been sold to someone else, who had never come to retrieve her. So we knew it was meant to be."

The family was living between their Lodi and Lake Tahoe homes, and kept Karley with them wherever they went. During the winter months, they often rented out their cabin and came to Carmel. Here, Karley thrived in the canine culture of Carmel Beach, racing after shore birds, swimming in the shallows, and play-

By Lisa Crawford Watson



ing with other pups.

"The first time we took Karley to the beach," says her person, "she saw surfers in the water and jumped in to swim after them. Watching, we were both scared and amazed. She must have decided they weren't ducks. She abandoned her hunt and swam back to us."

Ten years ago, the family moved to the Peninsula, and five years later, chose Carmel as their permanent home. Karley, now 14, spends less time at the beach but still enjoys her morning walk along Scenic Road, overlooking the shore, and an occasional swim when the weather is warm and the surfers are scarce.

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Besides the lighting of the tree, there will be musical presentations by students from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center's Joint Service Band & Choir, and the Robert Down Elementary School Choir. Performances begin at 4:45 p.m.

At 6 p.m., the mayor and council members will turn on the lights of the city's holiday tree, followed by refreshments courtesy of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. Santa Claus will also make an appearance at Chautauqua Hall.

Cal Am distributes Thanksgiving turkeys

CALIFORNIA AMERICAN Water will distribute 400 turkeys to local nonprofits as part of its annual Operation Gobble program Tuesday, Nov. 20. The big birds will be donated to the Food Bank for Monterey County, The Salvation Army and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County, which will then deliver them to Monterey County residents in need.

California American Water employees have also volunteered to help serve the annual meal hosted by the Boys & Girls Clubs at the La Salle Avenue facility in Seaside the afternoon before Thanksgiving. Operation Gobble is a joint venture between the state's water companies, legislators and nonprofits.

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CHP sends Masten death case to DA

By MARY SCHLEY

THE 16-YEAR-OLD girl who struck and killed a Carmel man on Highway 1 while driving to school Sept. 7 may be charged with misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter, California Highway Patrol public information officer Bob Lehman said this week, because she drove straight in a left-turn lane and failed to yield to a pedestrian in an unmarked crosswalk.

"Instead of making the left turn at Flanders Drive, she continued straight through the intersection, and since that lane is designated for the left turn, that was one of the associated factors in the collision," he explained. Furthermore, the victim, 55-year-old Stuart Masten, was walking through the intersection legally, even though it contains no marked crosswalk, so she is accused of failing to yield to a pedestrian.

"That was basically what it came down to," Lehman said. "When there's a violation of the law like that in a fatality, we generally have to recommend charges."

The case against the Carmel High School student, whose identity is kept secret because of the criminal proceedings, was sent to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office for review and possible fil-

ing late last month.

"The investigation into the crash was completed and forwarded to the district attorney's office for their review to determine if they will file misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter charges against the driver," he said. "We won't release the driver's name, because she's 16, a minor."

The fatal collision occurred when Masten attempted to cross the highway near Flanders Drive as commuters were heading to work and students were arriving at school on a Friday morning at around 7:30. Driving in a Lincoln Navigator, the teen was in the left-turn lane on southbound Highway 1 when Masten stepped out from in front of a tall vehicle directly into the path of her SUV, Lehman explained at the time. Witnesses reportedly told officers she hadn't been driving very fast.

An ambulance took Masten, the son of the well known late poet, Ric Masten, to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, where he was pronounced dead. The crash kept the highway closed for about 20 minutes.

During the weeks since, CHP investigators looked into the details of the collision, including inspecting the vehicle, collecting evidence and interviewing witnesses before

forwarding their case to the district attorney's office.

"It was signed off officially on our end on the 25th of October," Lehman said.

Meanwhile, a memorial sign to Masten has been placed near the scene of his death

on the highway.

"Certainly, this was an unfortunate incident, all around," considering the Masten family's loss and the burden on the young driver, he said. "This is something she'll have to live with for the rest of her life."

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"We Jews are a storytelling people," said Falek, a longtime Santa Cruz resident who also plays traditional Jewish music accompa-

nied by the concertina. "Stories are the vessel that holds the riches, the smells, the sounds and the thinking of a culture."

Presented by Pac Rep Theatre's School of Dramatic Arts, the free event is the latest installment in SODA's Words on Stage series.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Stranger has knocked on door 'many times'

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen on Dolores Street reported receiving several harassing/annoying phone calls.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a subject who was lost. He was located near Rio and Ladera, which is outside the city limits. Sheriff's office provided a courtesy escort.

Pacific Grove: Observed a vehicle conduct an unsafe backing maneuver on Forest Avenue. Driver found to be driving on a suspended license. Released with citation.

Pacific Grove: 53-year-old female stopped on David Avenue for a moving violation was found to be driving on a suspended license. She was cited and her vehicle was impounded.

Carmel Valley: Woman reported her personal information was used to open two fraudulent cellular phone accounts. No suspects.

Carmel area: Man reported his vehicle was broken into via window smash on Friday, Oct. 26, between 1530 hours and 1630 hours. Taken was \$6,480 worth of property, including clothing and a laptop. No suspects.

Carmel Valley: A female was placed under arrest at an Upper Circle residence for being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, in violation of her probation, as well as having an outstanding arrest warrant.

HALLOWEEN

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported that about a year-and-a-half ago he was asked to go to a home on San Carlos Street for a possible listing on the real estate market. Upon arrival, he met with a female who invited him into the house. She said that she didn't own the house and rented from the owner, who was away. She offered him alcohol and asked if he would like some marijuana. He felt that the female's actions were inappropriate, so he left. The female called his office today and told his manager that

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he was the one that made advances and that he should be fired. It was unclear why the female called after a year-and-a-half making the allegation. Advised the manager and man to call the police if the female showed up at their office.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subsequent to a traffic stop on Ocean Avenue, the 24-year-old female driver was found to be on DUI probation. She was found to be in violation of her DUI probation terms by having alcohol in her system. She was cited, and the vehicle was towed/stored.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to a report of four juveniles who challenged and chased a female juvenile walking home by herself in the area of Country Club Gate. The girl ran to a local business and called the police. PGPD identified the main aggressor, which was a 12-year-old female. She was arrested and cited.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Juvenile contacted on Monte Verde Street at 0058 hours for curfew violation and found to be in possession of tobacco products (cigarette lighter). The subject's probation officer was notified of the incident, and the subject was cited/released to a parent at CPD.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle check was conducted in the Vista Lobos parking lot, and an 18-year-old female was found in possession of a false ID and alcohol as a minor. It was also found she provided alcohol to another minor. She was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: Report that a 10-year-old female was molested at a party in Pacific Grove. No suspect. Child is a resident in Carmel. Will be forwarded to appropriate agencies.

Pacific Grove: A semi truck collided with a traffic signal light and road sign, and fled the scene. Unable to locate suspect vehicle.

Pacific Grove: Female, age 12, was reported trying to instigate fight at school on Forest Avenue. She was suspended and cited. [This is the same juvenile involved in an incident the day before at Country Club Gate.]

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to report of an adult male stumbling around outside on Lighthouse Avenue, possibly intoxicated, at 1219 hours. The 46-year-old male was located, determined to be drunk and unable to care for himself. After he was arrested, several prior unrelated medical conditions were discovered, and the male was released for medical treatment. No prosecution.

Pacific Grove: Grove Acre resident reported getting a strange phone call from a blocked number. A man with East Indian accent calling himself "Henry" left her a voice message. He told her she is a valued customer at a "pharmacy" and he would like to offer her a discount on her "prescription for valium." She does not have a pharmacy or prescription. He left a phone number that does not work for the female to call him

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Agha says he '100 percent rejects' consultant's desal project analysis

By KELLY NIX

AN ANALYSIS released last week that compared three water projects vying to become the Monterey Peninsula's new water supply has drawn condemnation from a proponent of one of the plans.

On Nov. 6, consultant Separation Processes Inc. released a 60-page report indicating California American Water's proposed desalination plant in Marina could be operating the quickest but would be more expensive than a deep-water desal project in Moss Landing or the desal plant proposed by developer Nader Agha.

But during the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority's technical advisory committee meeting Tuesday, Agha blasted SPI's report, which found Agha's desal plant, also in Moss Landing, would cost much more than he claims and would take a lot longer to begin operating.

"I believe the report by SPI is definitely faulty and erroneous," Agha told the committee at Monterey City Hall, "and

we reject it 100 percent."

Agha also told the committee, whose members include Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett, that his project would only cost about \$128 million, even though SPI found that it would cost more in the area of \$190 million.

"When the consultant from SPI will tell you it will cost you much more, to me that's very troubling," Agha said.

He also took issue with the SPI's determination that his project couldn't be up and running until the third quarter of 2019 — the latest of the three projects.

"How can they do that? Who the heck are they?" Agha asked. "The least I can say is that they are at a big fault."

SPI found that Cal Am's desal plant could be operating by the fourth quarter of 2017.

The consultant also said Agha's project team had provided the least amount of information about its desal proposal, and that there is "a great deal of uncertainty with respect to [Agha's] plan for implementation."

Agha's project is dubbed the "People's Moss Landing

Water Desal Project" and would be located on a 200-acre parcel that used to be the home of National Refractories, which produced magnesium bricks.

Agha has long maintained that his project would cost the least, be online the quickest and would be the least environmentally damaging. His widely varying cost predictions, though, led Monterey Mayor Chuck della Salla to encourage him to keep speaking at a public meeting in 2010, because "the longer you talk, the cheaper the water gets."

In October 2009, the State Water Resources Control Board imposed a deadline of Dec. 31, 2016, to secure an alternative water supply to the Carmel River, the Monterey Peninsula's primary water source. SPI found none of the three projects would meet that deadline.

The backers behind DeepWater Desal, which proposes to draw water from about 60 feet below the ocean's surface, also challenged the consultant's report, though they called the

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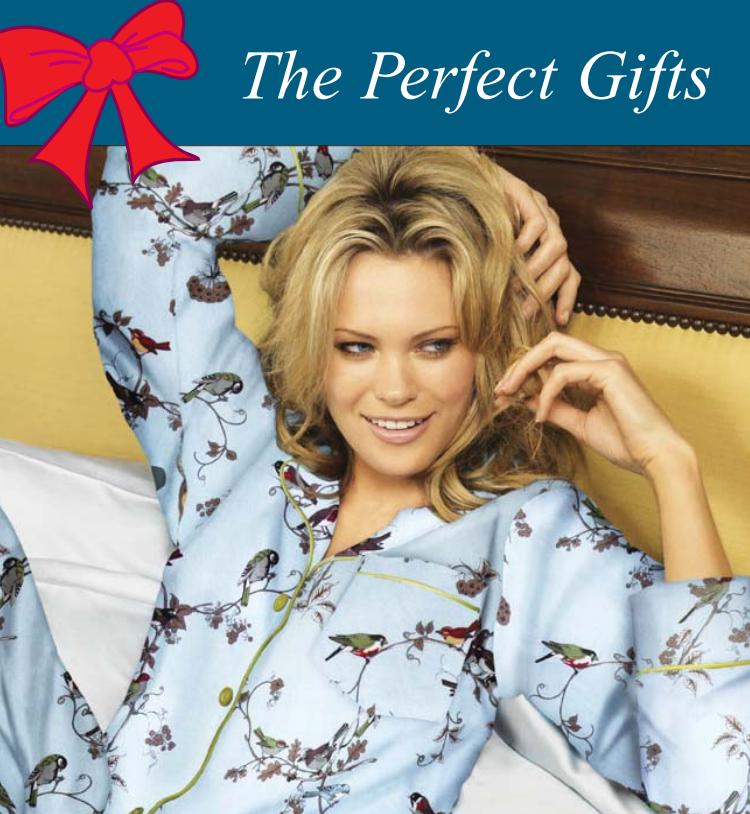
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Man suspected of molesting stepdaughters

By MARY SCHLEY

A 36-YEAR-OLD Pacific Grove resident is being held in Monterey County Jail on an immigration hold while he faces charges of molesting his two stepdaughters, PGPD Cmdr. John Nyunt told The Pine Cone. Ramiro Mejia was set to appear in a Salinas courtroom this week, but the preliminary hearing — when prosecutor Steve Holett will outline his case and the judge will determine if there's sufficient cause to charge Mejia — was delayed until December. If convicted on all charges, Mejia could be sentenced to life in prison, Holett said.

Mejia, who lives on Forest Avenue with his wife of about 10 years and her two daughters, was arrested Oct. 23 after school authorities alerted police to the possibility one of the girls was being molested, according to Nyunt.

"The kid was having some emotional problems, and school authorities alerted us," he said. Both of his stepdaughters are under 16 years old, though Nyunt wouldn't provide their exact ages, and both are alleged victims.

He said the man practically admitted his guilt.

"I wouldn't say he gave me a straight-out confession, but he implied lewd acts with his stepchildren," Nyunt said of Mejia, who is also facing deportation. "I know he's being held in custody until it's adjudicated."

Because the case involves sexual assault of minors, Nyunt wouldn't discuss many details of the allegations against Mejia, but he confirmed the accusations amounted to "improper touching."

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Permit for Carmel Sands project renewed

By MARY SCHLEY

A WELLS Fargo Bank executive appeared before the planning commission Wednesday to request that development permits for the Carmel Sands Lodge be extended for another two years while the bank seeks a buyer for the property.

Obtained after a hard-fought battle that involved multiple planning commission and council hearings, the permits approved by the council in December 2010 allow for the demolition of the old motel at San Carlos and Fifth and its replacement with a four-building boutique hotel containing 42 rooms, an interior courtyard, two retail spaces, a restaurant, a 64-space underground garage and a day spa.

Pacific Grove architect Eric Miller designed the new hotel, which was then owned by David How and his partners, but the property was foreclosed on and sold in an auction on the courthouse steps last December.

Zachary Bernstein, a Wells Fargo Bank vice president who handles commercial real estate, said the bank is serving as custodian for a group of investors and had hoped to have the property sold before the permits expire next month.

"We've been in the long process of trying to find a suc-

cessor for the project," he said. "We haven't been able to close the sale to date."

A few months ago, Bernstein met with then-planning and building services manager Sean Conroy to talk about the approved plans but opted against applying for a permit extension ahead of time, "because it was our intention to have sold the property by now."

With a sale completed, applying for an extension or submitting new plans would have been the decision of the new owners, but with none in line, the bank was forced to seek the extension itself.

"Our underlying request is just to grant the extension," he said, "and leave any changes to the application to the future ownership."

Associate planner Marc Wiener recommended the commission agree to renew the permits without any changes.

"The criteria for evaluating a time extension is whether the conditions surrounding the original approval have changed," or if the city's laws have been amended "in any manner which would cause the approvals to be inconsistent with these plans or codes," he advised commissioners at the Nov. 14 meeting.

Wiener also noted a hearing on the time extension would not reopen the discussions or debate on the project itself.

"Staff supports the time extension, as the conditions surrounding the project have not changed," he concluded.

Commission chair Jan Reimers pulled the item off the consent calendar in order to ensure a couple of changes made to the conditions of approval by the city council involving stucco finish, paint and a five-foot setback on the northern property line were included in the permit extension.

Commissioner Michael LePage made a motion to approve the extension, which was approved 4-1, with Reimers dissenting. She explained that since she had opposed the original permits, she had to vote against their renewal as well.

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Marjorie was a loving mother - Mom, Grandmother - Gram, and Great Grandmother - GG. She was preceded in death by her husband Don, in 1984. She is survived by her daughters, Donna Stuefloten, Suzie Gounier (Farley), grandchildren - Tracey, Kari (Stephan), Heather (Eric), Brandon and Scott, and great grandchildren - Victoria, Grace, Joshua, Nicholas, Stella and Lily.

The family of Marjorie Sands wishes to thank the staff of the Recollections Memory Care Center of Villa Serra in Salinas for their dedicated, loving and compassionate care of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Planning commission turns aside request for lower housing limit in C.V.

By CHRIS COUNTS

To SETTLE a lawsuit it filed two years ago over Monterey County's updated General Plan, a Carmel Valley residents group wants to see the plan's cap on new housing units in the valley reduced from 266 to 190. But the Monterey County Planning Commission this week unanimously rejected the offer.

The lawsuit, filed by the Carmel Valley Association, claimed the county used a faulty method to measure traffic congestion along Carmel Valley Road, and thus underestimated traffic impacts from new development. The lawsuit claimed the traffic discrepancy violated state environmental laws.

The group offered to drop the suit in exchange for a lower limit on future housing development in Carmel Valley and compromises on several other development-related issues.

But when the terms of the proposed settlement were presented at this week's planning commission meeting, commissioner Martha Diehl — whose district includes Carmel Valley — objected.

According to Diehl, the limit of 266 units "was negotiated with everyone involved." "There's nothing to persuade me that the 76 units here are worth voiding that agreement," she said.

Planning commissioner Keith Vandevere — whose district also includes Carmel Valley — backed Diehl's view but said he had misgivings about it.

Vandevere said, "I'm not going to stand in the way [of an

effort to maintain the cap of 266 units], but I'm not entirely comfortable with it."

But Christine Williams — who testified at the hearing — told The Pine Cone that the reduction in the cap is necessary because an increasing number homes and second units in Carmel Valley are being used for short-term rentals, which generate more traffic.

Also testifying at the hearing was attorney Pam Silkwood. Representing a local developer, Carmel Rio Road LLC, Silkwood questioned the fairness of such an action.

"It's discriminatory to Carmel Valley," Silkwood said of the cap. "There is no such unit cap anywhere else in Monterey County."

By limiting the number of units in Carmel Valley, Silkwood said the county would be limiting affordable hous-

ing opportunities as well.

The settlement agreement now goes to the board of supervisors, where CVA attorney Ron DeHoff said he's hopeful the supervisors will support it.

He said the agreement was part of a larger "grand bargain" that involved both sides making concessions on traffic studies, development on slopes and protections for native trees. In his words, the deal will "result in fewer lawsuits" and "bring both sides together."

"The county and the CVA really did a lot of good faith work to resolve" their differences, DeHoff said.

So what happens if the supervisors also reject lowering the cap? "If the settlement unravels, litigation could go forward or we could open more negotiations," he added. "We'd prefer the latter."

Kiwanis Club seeks Thanksgiving dinner donations

THE KIWANIS Club of Monterey is soliciting donations for its 42nd Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner in the Monterey Room at the Monterey Fairgrounds Thursday, Nov. 22, according to chief organizer and retired Monterey County Superior Court Judge Michael Fields.

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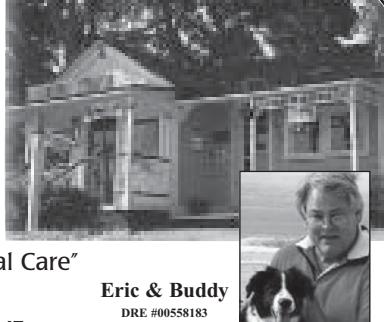
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In his later years he enjoyed the warm Carmel Valley sun and was a regular on the deck of a popular CV Restaurant. One could find him holding court and reliving the good old days of the Valley.

He is survived by his sister, Trulee Ricketts; his children, Teri, Cindi, Guy and Steve Scarlett; his nieces, Jody Schaffer, Jill Ricketts and Jennifer Lane, and numerous grandchildren and cousins. He was lovingly taken care of during his last days by his wife, Helga Scarlett. He was predeceased by his beloved mother, Elaine Scarlett, in 2008.

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Traffic and parking in downtown Monterey and the Cannery Row/New Monterey areas will be restricted between 2 and 11 a.m., and affected streets and the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail will be closed at 4 a.m. The Lighthouse Avenue tunnel will also be closed in both directions from 6

to 9 a.m.

Spectators and runners are encouraged to carpool and arrive early for the race, which will start on Del Monte near Camino el Estero, circle back over the lake and head toward P.G. through the tunnel, and then along Cannery Row and the Pacific Grove oceanfront. The out-and-back course turns around at Asilomar and ends at Custom House Plaza.

The event draws thousands of participants and includes shorter races and an expo. To learn more, visit www.bigsurhalfmarathon.org.

Training for risky rescues



PHOTO/COURTESY BUDDY BLOXHAM

Firefighters from Cal Fire stations in Carmel and Pebble Beach met at the Carmel Hill station Thursday to practice escaping through upper-floor windows during emergencies, according to Cal Fire Battalion Chief Buddy Bloxham. Some 50 firefighters participated in the "firefighters survival skills" training. Cal Fire manages the stations in the Cypress, Carmel Highlands and Pebble Beach fire districts.

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Water polo Olympian visits Santa Catalina



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Lauren Wenger

WATER POLO Olympian Lauren Wenger, who won a Gold Medal in women's water polo at the London Olympics this year, will visit Santa Catalina School Saturday, Dec. 1.

Wenger will visit Monterey's Legacy Water Polo Club the Bedford Family Gym at Santa Catalina School in Monterey at 10 a.m.

Wenger will discuss her career in water polo, from earning All-American honors in high school, to her experience on the USC women's water polo team, her international experiences, and two trips to the FINA World Championship resulting in a 2009 Gold Medal. She'll also talk about her participation in both the Beijing and the London Olympics.

After the talk, Wenger will have an "open, informal conversation with local youth and other members of the community who may have questions about her start in water polo, her training, motivations, and key individuals who helped her achieve her goals." There will also be a Q&A with Wenger, and she'll sign photo and training cards.

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Trio of calendar artists in new exhibit

By CHRIS COUNTS

SHOWCASING THE work of Monterey County artists who contributed to a fundraising calendar, a group exhibit opens Friday, Nov. 16, in Sunset Center's Room 5.

The display features artwork by **Dan Beck, Jim Lambert** and **Martha Renault**, each of whom is included in the 2012 Fine Art Calendar produced by the nonprofit **Arts Council for Monterey County**.

Beck, a Salinas resident, has pioneered a technique that allows him to create paintings on his computer that look like watercolors. A fine art photographer who lives in Seaside, Lambert has twice won Best of Show at the Monterey County Fair. And Renault, a Monterey resident, uses acrylics — as well as layers of transparent and translucent washes — to paint strikingly colorful landscapes of local scenes.

Paulette Lynch, executive director of the arts council, told The Pine Cone that the Sunset Center gallery has been a big hit with local artists and the public since opening its doors nearly two years ago.

"Our board members **David Larison** and **Gordon Mayfield** were the ones with the big idea to create a gallery [at Sunset Center]," Lynch explained. "Their motivation was to give a range of artists an opportunity to showcase their work and donate a portion of the proceeds to our Professional Artists in the Schools Program. Since we first opened the gallery, it has [provided] a great opportunity for the community to meet the talented artists that live right here in Monterey County. It is a beautiful, intimate setting, so it is possible to really get to know the artist behind the work and make friends with others who really care about the arts."

A reception to launch the exhibit will be held Nov.



"Integration," by computer artist Dan Beck, is featured in a group exhibit opening May 16 at Sunset Center.

16 at 4 p.m. The gallery will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment. Call (831) 622-9060.

■ Senior center hosts art show

An exhibit by members of the **Central Coast Art Association** opens Friday, Nov. 16, at the Sally Griffin Active Learning Center in Pacific Grove. Ten percent of the proceeds from the exhibit will be donated to the local chapter of Meals on Wheels.

Work by more than 40 mostly local artists will be featured in the show, including **Maria Poroy, Carole Klein, Deborah Russell, Leela Marcum, Jan Scott** and **Dorothy Stonely**. "A lot of different mediums will be represented in the show — from watercolors and oils, to acrylics and pastels," explained Marcum, president of the CCAA.

A reception starts at 5 p.m. The Sally Griffin Center is located at 700 Jewell Ave. The exhibit continues through Jan. 3, 2013.

■ Free painting demo

Artist **Michael Snodgrass** offers a free painting demonstration Saturday, Nov. 17, at Elliott Frame Design in The Barnyard shopping center. The event is presented by the Carmel Art Institute.

As a painter, Snodgrass incorporates elements of abstract expressionism into his own primitive style. The demonstration begins at 2 p.m. To RSVP, call (831) 626-0654.

■ Looking for a holiday gift?

Presenting a marketplace of handmade crafts, jewelry, and original pieces of art, All Saints' Episcopal Church hosts its annual **Fine Arts and Craft Faire** Saturday, Nov. 17.

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John Denver's memory lives on in tribute show, young pianist plays Sunset

By CHRIS COUNTS

FIFTEEN YEARS after John Denver died in a plane crash off Pt. Pinos, **Jim Curry** presents a tribute to him Friday, Nov. 16, at Sunset Center.

With a voice — and a look — that bear a striking resemblance to Denver's, Curry will play the late singer-songwriter's biggest hits, including "Rocky Mountain High," "Sunshine," "Thank God I'm A Country Boy" and "Annie's Song."

While Denver lived in Colorado for much of his life ("Rocky Mountain High" has been adopted as a state song), he had a great affection for the Monterey Peninsula, which he often visited. Sadly, he died here in 1997 when an experimental plane he was piloting plunged into the sea near Pacific Grove.



"John has a special place in the lives of many Monterey-area residents and visitors," said promoter and local resident **Mark Johnson**. "This really is an honest, heartfelt tribute to John's music."

Long an admirer of Denver's music, Curry was often reminded that he looked and sounded like the pop star. After Denver died, Curry landed a role in a CBS television special about the late musician. The experience inspired him to launch his own tribute show.

The concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$37. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit www.sunsetcenter.org.

■ Students join symphony

The Monterey Symphony performs its second concert of



Jim Curry (top left) brings his John Denver tribute act to Sunset Center Nov. 16. The Soft White Sixties (lower left) rock Fernwood Resort the same night. Pianist Tanya Gabrielian (above) performs with the Monterey Symphony at Sunset Center Nov. 17-18.

"The Season of the Piano," Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17-18, at Sunset Center.

With **Max Bragado-Darman** serving as conductor, the symphony will open the concert by performing Giuseppe Verdi's Overture to La Forza del Destino ("The Force of Destiny"). Accompanying the orchestra will be students-musicians from **Youth Music Monterey County**.

Next, **Tanya Gabrielian** — the winner of the 2010 Carmel Music Society's Young Musicians' Competition — will join the symphony for a performance of Aram Khachaturian's Piano Concerto in D-flat Major, Op. 38.

After an intermission, the concert will close with Jean Sibelius' Symphony No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 39.

Saturday's concert starts at 8 p.m., while Sunday's matinee begins at 3 p.m. A free pre-concert lecture begins an hour

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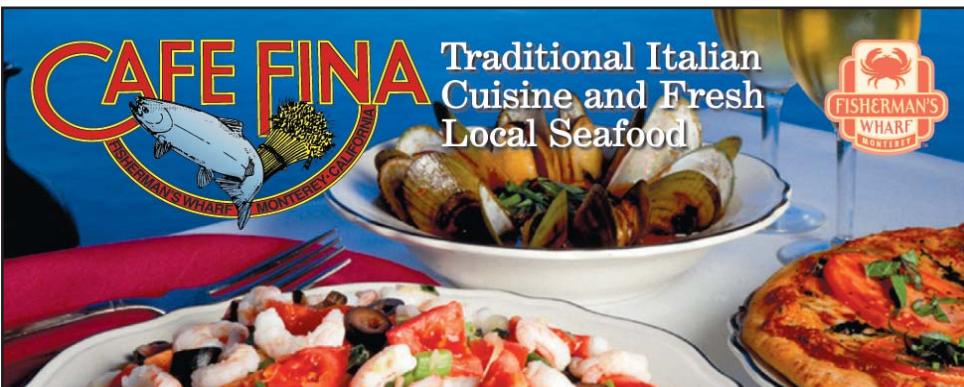
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Thankful for Thanksgiving, don't-do-it-yourself home cooking, and party planning

By MARY SCHLEY

AS USUAL, the Monterey Peninsula boasts no shortage of options for Thanksgiving feasts, whether at home or downtown — or on a mountaintop in Big Sur watching the sunset. From economical and traditional, to extravagant and expensive, restaurants everywhere are wooing customers who don't want to slave in their kitchens at home or be subjected to relatives' cooking.

■ For a splurge, consider sitting down to dinner at **Pacific's Edge**, with its breathtaking views of the sea dramatically framed by towering Monterey cypress and craggy seaside cliffs. From 4 to 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 22, the restaurant in the Hyatt Carmel Highlands will offer a four-course dinner prepared by executive chef Matt Bolton, pastry chef Gina Scalla and the rest of their culinary team. The menu, which costs \$85 per person plus tax and tip (\$45 for kids 5 to 12), is slated to include Brussels sprout salad, yellowfin carpaccio, porcini soup, squab, day-boat scallops, butternut squash agnolotti, rib chop, John Dory, Diestel turkey, pumpkin cheesecake, caramel pecan tart and chocolate ganache. To reserve, call (831) 622-5445 or visit www.pacificsedge.com. The restaurant is located in the inn at 120 Highlands Drive off Highway 1 south of Carmel.

■ For festive, old-world atmosphere, head to **Fandango Restaurant** in Pacific Grove, where owners Pierre and Marietta Bain have spent the past quarter century making their customers feel at home while

serving them great European food. From noon to 7:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving, they'll offer a special menu for \$34.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity (kids 12 and under, \$16.50), that includes duckling paté and olives, Basque salad, and a choice of roast Tom turkey with gravy and stuffing, sliced New York strip with mushroom sauce and mashed potatoes, Virginia baked ham, grilled salmon or cheese tortellini with basil cream sauce, followed by traditional desserts. Fandango is located at 223 17th St. in Pacific Grove. For reservations, call (831) 372-3456 or visit www.fandangorestaurant.com.

■ For a complete meal to take home, send an order to **Wild Thyme Deli and Cafe** in Marina, where chef/owner Terry Teplitzky is offering mixed baby greens with candied pecans and goat cheese, petit green bean casserole in creamy mushrooms sauce, sweet potatoes and yams topped with maple brown sugar and pecans, cranberry sauce and relish, "turkey sauce," freshly baked rolls with butter, slow-roasted turkey with sausage and chestnut stuffing, and pumpkin crumble pie or apple walnut cobbler. Dinner for two is \$50, while dinner for 10 is \$240, and additional items like butternut squash soup are available for \$5 per person. Orders should be placed by Nov. 20 by calling (831) 884-2400. Wild Thyme is located at 445 Reservation Road in Marina.

■ For a Southwestern take on the holiday, check out what chef Cy Yontz is cooking at the **Rio Grill** in the Crossroads, where he

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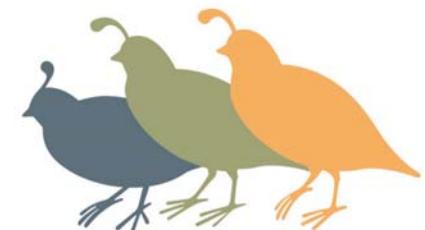
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deftly exercises his unique style. For private parties in the Sante Fe Room or the Barrel Room, the restaurant offers a four-course feast for \$65 per person, plus tax and tip. Highlights include sweet potato and raja chile empanadas with cinnamon crema, turkey breast with cranberry-ginger compote, red chile mole and squash chilaquiles, duck tamales, pumpkin bisque, pumpkin-seed-encrusted salmon with chipotle lime vinaigrette, house-smoked half chicken, roasted banana cake with cinnamon ice cream and berry pie. Yontz' wife, Inga, bakes pies for the restaurant and also offers them whole for sale during the holidays. Her olallieberry pie, lemon tart and seasonal pumpkin cheesecake are \$28 apiece and should be ordered 48 hours in advance. For reservations, pie orders and information, call (831) 625-5436 or see www.riogrill.com.

■ For a celebration in an historic setting, go to the **Sardine Factory** on Cannery Row, where a four-course dinner will be served from 1 to 8 p.m. for \$45 for adults, \$43 for guests 60 years and older, and \$19 for kids ages 5 to 12. The award-winning restaurant's special menu will include a trio of fall squash and green apple bisque with bacon and golden raisin compote, Tuscan lettuce salad with dried cranberries and gorgonzola, and an entree of roasted Diestel turkey with sage dressing and pan gravy, cranberry corn relish, Yukon gold and sweet potato gratin, green beans and baby carrots. Dessert choices will be pumpkin pie or vanilla creme brulee. The Sardine Factory is located at 701 Wave St. in Monterey. Call (831) 373-3775 to reserve.

■ For a sophisticated and interesting holiday meal, get seated in the tiny **Aubergine Restaurant** at L'Auberge Carmel on Monte Verde Street. Executive chef Justin Cogley and executive pastry chef Ron Mendoza will prepare "The Wild Turkey 2012" special menu for \$99 per person, plus tax and service, with wine pairings available for \$59

more. Seatings will be available between 2 and 9 p.m., when guests will be able to choose from whole roasted cauliflower with currants and cumin or chilled shellfish with roasted apple and chestnuts for their first course, followed by diver scallop with almond cream and braised lettuce, kabocha squash or Carnaroli risotto with Parmesan cheese and white truffle (add \$85) for their second course. Main course choices include turkey with pumpkin purée, pork belly and chanterelles, Maine lobster with brown butter and Brussels sprouts, or ribeye with black tea and matsutake mushrooms. An artisan cheese course commands another \$20, and for dessert, apple caramel tart with vanilla ice cream or chocolate pudding cake with spiced squash ice cream.

Those who want Cogley's cuisine without the restaurant setting can order his Thanksgiving to go, with juniper-orange spiced brined turkey (\$125-\$165) and numerous sides (traditional stuffing, \$18-\$40; sausage and apple stuffing, \$18-\$45; Yukon gold potato purée, \$18-\$34; green beans with crispy shallots and almonds, \$18-\$45; maple whipped sweet potatoes, \$18-\$45; Brussels sprouts with cumin and onion, \$18-\$45; honey-glazed carrots, \$18-\$45; salad with goat cheese, walnuts and cranberries, \$16-\$32), sauces (fresh cranberry and orange sauce, \$12; giblet or mushroom gravy, \$12), and desserts (artisanal cheese board, \$65; pumpkin spice custard pie with whipped vanilla cream, \$25; pecan pie, \$40; apple pie with cinnamon streusel, \$40). Prices do not include the 20 percent service fee and sales tax, and orders must be placed by noon Monday, Nov. 19, for pickup on Thanksgiving between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call (831) 622-5909 for restaurant reservations or to order.

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■ Donate!

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organizer and retired Monterey County Superior Court Judge Michael Fields said the dinner, which will be served from noon to 3 p.m., is free and open to all, but donations are needed to ensure everyone who walks through the door is well fed.

"It's always difficult to know in advance what we're going to be short of, but we're always short of something," he said. Typically, desserts and hams are needed most — sweets, because bakeries wait until the last minute to donate what they haven't sold, so organizers worry whether there will be enough, and hams, because people are more accustomed to donating turkeys, but the Kiwanians like to offer both.

Cash contributions are much appreciated, too, as organizers have a lot to buy: cooking supplies, spices, plates and cutlery, and other items that aren't or can't be donated.

To donate turkeys, hams, pies, cakes, money, clothing, help or anything else, contact Fields at (831) 659-2493. Checks can be made out to the Kiwanis Club of Monterey, with "Community Thanksgiving" in the memo field, and mailed to 127 White Oaks Lane, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

■ Party options

The holiday season provides a perfect excuse to party, and Mundaka restaurant in Carmel has developed special holiday party menus for groups from 10 to 50 people. Chef Brandon Miller and owner Gabe Georis devised a pair of affordable holiday menus that showcase some of the Spanish restaurant's most popular dishes and provide party-throws an option other than the typical festive fare served this time of year. The holiday menus are available Sunday through Wednesday.

For \$25 per person (plus 18 percent tip and tax), guests can fill up on the Basque-style hors d'oeuvres known as pintxos, like mushroom toast, pork rillettes and Spanish tortilla, as well as tapas of Pato (duck confit, bacon and leek purée), Bravas (fried potatoes with tomato sauce and aioli), Coliflor (cauliflower gratin with horseradish and Gruyere), Mixta (wild arugula with braised pepper, boiled egg and Basque cheese), Txipirones (grilled calamari, piquillo pepper and ink aioli) and Albondigas (chorizo meatballs, clams and saffron couscous). The \$35-per-person menu offers some of those same tapas, as well as Paella Valenciana and

dessert. Both include espresso drinks or Moroccan tea. Sangria and house wines can be added for \$15 per person. Mundaka is located on the east side of San Carlos Street between Ocean and Seventh avenues in Carmel. For reservations, call (831) 624-7400.

Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley is promoting Edgar's in the clubhouse as a party venue, too, with no site fees, and plated and buffet menus starting at \$45 per person, plus tax and tip. Customized menus and hors d'oeuvres-only cocktail parties are also available. Reserve by Nov. 30 to receive a 10 percent discount. Contact the lodge events team at (831) 620-8866 or email clubreception@quaillodge.com to learn more.

■ Drink wine for the library

The Friends of the Carmel Valley Library and Heller Estate winemaker Rich Tanguay are presenting their 11th Annual Wine Lover's Delight — the group's biggest fundraiser of the year — at Hidden Valley Theater at Carmel Valley Road and Ford Road in the Village Saturday, Nov. 17, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Throughout the evening, attendees will fill up on hors d'oeuvres from a buffet while taking in some of Tanguay's extensive wine knowledge. They will also have the opportunity to take interesting and coveted wines home with them, as local winemakers are contributing a variety of packages for the silent auction.

Tickets are \$35 each, or \$240 for a table of eight, and must be purchased in advance with check or cash at the Carmel Valley Branch Library on Carmel Valley Road next to the Heller tasting room or at Casa Del Soul in the Carmel Valley Village Center. No tickets will be sold at the door. For information, call the library at (831) 659-2377.

■ Mondays at Julia's

Bradly Bernier, who pulls a great espresso at The Works on Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove, is collaborating with a couple of friends to offer Monday dinners at Julia's, the vegetarian restaurant on Forest Hill. Since the restaurant is only open Friday through Sunday, Bernier and his friends proposed a trial run of family-style vegan and vegetarian dinners in the space on Mondays.

They launched the effort at the end of last month and have two more to go: Nov. 19 and Nov. 26. If their efforts are well received and successful, they hope to continue. Julia's is

located at 1180 Forest Ave. in P.G.

■ Aqua Terra @home

When takeout doesn't appeal and eating in a restaurant is a logistical challenge, and deficits of time or energy make cooking at home a chore, Peninsula residents might consider ordering food online from chef Dory Ford. As part of his Aqua Terra Culinary catering company, Ford has created a system in which customers order dinner by 2 p.m. the previous day, specify the number of people who will be eating, and then pick up their meal — neatly contained in oven-safe dishes packed in a thermal bag — or have it delivered.

After that, all they need to do is follow simple instructions for finishing the food in the oven, dressing the salad and assembling the meal at home.

A set menu is offered each night, Monday through Friday, and costs \$16.50 per adult and \$8.25 per kid age 5 to 11. Delivery costs an extra \$5, and no one need be home to receive it. Otherwise, customers can pick up their food at designated locations in Carmel or Pacific Grove. They return the bag and dishes when receiving their next order.

The entrées and side dishes are healthfully prepared with high-quality ingredients and generously portioned. Last Tuesday's chicken fricassee with pearl onions and mushrooms, accompanied by quinoa pilaf and butter lettuce salad with beets and citrus, was easy to execute and tasty to eat. The chicken had been slightly undercooked so it would remain tender after rewarming in a

350 degree oven under foil.

A few nights later, sliced spiced tri-tip came with risotto cakes, corn relish and 10-vegetable salad. Cooked rare, the tri-tip also remained tender after reheating, though close attention was required to not let it over-cook, and the risotto cakes crisped up nicely. While intended to be eaten raw, the vegetable salad of chopped carrots, corn, green beans, cherry tomatoes and red onion also lent itself to a sauté in butter with herbs and spices.

As a holiday promotion through Dec. 24, Aqua Terra is selling \$50 gift certificates good for dinner for three to four people, depending on their appetites, delivered. Pick up a gift certificate in Point Pinos Grill at the Pacific Grove golf course on Asilomar Boulevard or call Susan Castello at (831) 402-4094. For more information about Aqua Terra @home and to check out the menus, visit www.aquaterraculinary.com and click on the "services" tab.

■ Ioli's expanding

Ioli's Pizzeria in Carmel Valley's Mid Valley Center is expanding, according to owner Janice Robertson, to add 20 seats. There's no set date for opening the new space, which is located next door, but the popular place will continue serving its pizzas, soups, salads, sandwiches, pastas, calzones, beer and wine seven days a week during construction.

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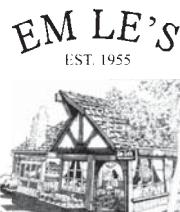
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underscores its growing leverage in Monterey County politics, which largely began this year when it provided major backing to Del Piero and 4th District Supervisor Jane Parker's campaigns.

The donations are not surprising, given the shared interests of LandWatch and the North Salinas Valley group, whose members include former LandWatch executive director Chris Fitz and chair Julie Engell, who is also LandWatch's current treasurer.

The tax-exempt North Salinas group became instantly wealthy in 2008 when it received a \$600,000 settlement stemming from a lawsuit it filed against Monterey County over permits for Butterfly Village, the proposed residential development north of Salinas. The group was then called the San Juan Opposition Coalition.

Its members' desire to see Potter ousted from the county board of supervisors led it to donate heavily to Del Piero. Potter has accused the group of trying to "buy" Del Piero's supervisor seat. However, according to the Monterey County Elections department, Potter handily defeated Del Piero, 54.3 percent to 45.7 percent. By comparison, President Barack Obama's margin over Mitt Romney was 51.4 percent to 48.6 percent.

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■ Mirani showcases new band

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For more than a decade, Mirani was the frontman of **The Young Presidents**, one of the most popular Monterey Peninsula bands in the late 1980s and early 1990s. When he performs at the Running Iron Saturday, he'll be joined by drummer **Michael Mahoney**, guitarist **Donavan MacVicker**, bass player **Riddle Riddle**, and percussionist **Bongo Blake**. Mirani describes the band's sound as "eclectic bluesy, rockish, soulful psychedelic country."

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■ From Bach to the Bossa Nova

Kicking off its 2012-2013 music series, All Saints' Episcopal Church presents a concert Friday, Nov. 16, by the **Brasil Guitar Duo**. From Bach to the Bossa Nova, **João Luiz** and **Douglas Lora** will play an eclectic set of music that spans the centuries — and the continents. The music starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for general admission, \$45 for

premium seating, and \$10 for students. The church is located at Ninth and Dolores. Call (831) 624-3883 or visit www.all-saintscarmel.org.

■ Music for Wounded Warriors

Pianist and organist **Eun Ha Chung** plays classical music Saturday, Nov. 17, at Mayflower Church in Pacific Grove.

While the performance is free, any donations received will be sent to the Wounded Warriors project, which aids injured service members. The recently restored organ Chung will play is considered "the oldest intact, originally installed" pipe organ in Monterey County.

The performance begins at 2 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Central Avenue and 14th Street. A reception at the church's Fellowship Hall will follow the concert.

■ More hooks, less jams

Describing themselves as "a perfect collision between the sweetly subversive melodies of T-Rex and the hard-edged pop sensibilities of The Strokes," **The Soft White Sixties** take the stage Fernwood Resort in Big Sur Friday, Nov. 16.

Like The Rolling Stones and Creedence Clearwater Revival, the Soft White Sixties play an economical brand of hard-edged retro-rock that favors catchy hooks over lengthy jams.

Led by soulful lead singer **Octavio Genera**, the band has created a buzz in San Francisco, where it formed three years ago and frequently performs.

The music starts at 9 p.m. and there's no cover. Fernwood is located on Highway 1 25 miles south of Carmel. Call (831) 667-2422 or visit www.fernwoodresort.com.

■ 'Sounds in the Round'

Also down the coast, singer-songwriter **Jill Knight** performs Monday, Nov. 19, at Treebones Resort in Big Sur. A longtime resident of Cambria, Knight serves up a smart blend of folk and pop. Like **Alisa Fineman** — another local singer-songwriter who performs at Treebones — Knight is a skillful songwriter with a warm, rich voice and an engaging personality.

The show, which begins at 6:30 p.m., is the latest installment in Treebones' "Sounds in the Round" concert series. Treebones Resort is located just off Highway 1 about 65 miles south of Carmel. Call (877) 424-4787.

■ Swingin' jazz and more

Vocalist **Andrea Carter** serves up "swingin' jazz, rockin' blues and and popular standards" Friday, Nov. 16, at Bistro 211. The music starts at 6 p.m. and there's no cover.

Pianist **Dick Whittington** and bassist **Dan Robbins** perform jazz standards Saturday, Nov. 17, at Cypress Inn. The show starts at 7 p.m. and there's no cover.

Rollin' and Tumblin' plays the blues Friday, Nov. 16, at Carmel Mission Inn's Fuse Lounge. The following evening — Saturday, Nov. 17 — **The Dino Vera Band** performs soul and jazz at the same venue. Both gigs start at 9 p.m. and there's no cover.

Singer-songwriter **Rose Merrill** plays an original mix of folk and pop Wednesday, Nov. 21, at Will's Fargo restaurant in Carmel Valley. The music begins at 6 p.m. and is free.

And **The Cairo Gang** plays indie folk Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10.

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RADIATION

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This week, Apaydin and Worsham issued a press release saying they were "surprised and disappointed" at the accusations in Waldman's story, which they said had its "facts wrong."

"All of our patients are fully informed of their treatment options," the doctors said. Furthermore, the decision to treat someone with SVUA's radiation equipment is a made by a patient and his doctor, and "the physicians and staff at Salinas Valley Urology Associates honor and respect our patients' decisions," the release said.

But Waldman's research showed that use of radiation therapy at medical facilities around the country typically goes way up as soon as doctors acquire their own radiation therapy machines. A 1989 federal statute prohibiting doctors from sending patients to medical facilities they own has a loophole allowing them to treat them with equipment in their own offices.

"IMRT is overused, period," said Matthew Cooperberg, a University of California San Francisco urologist who has studied the issue. He estimates that about half the 50,000 men who receive the radiation treatment in the United States each year don't need it, or "don't gain anything from it that exceeds cheaper treatment, resulting in about \$1 billion of overspending," most of it courtesy of U.S. taxpayers via Medicare, according to Waldman.

The Bloomberg story also cited local statistics to illustrate the overuse of SVUA's radiation therapy equipment, which is in south Salinas, not far from Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital.

In 2006, before the SVUA facility opened, Salinas Valley Memorial performed 16 surgical prostate removals. In 2011, it did none. At Monterey's Community Hospital, surgeries dropped from 21 to 4 during the

same period.

And the discrepancy didn't occur because SVUA's radiation machine was new to the county; CHOMP already had one, and another facility in Salinas did, too, according to local doctors.

The difference was that the handful of physicians who own SVUA and who sent patients there could make a killing from the use of its machine, according to Waldman's report.

A Salinas oncologist, Laura Stampleman, said Apaydin tried to get her involved in the scheme, calling it a "gold mine." But she declined to participate, she said.

Waldman managed to uncover the stories of several local patients who were treated with radiation at SVUA under what they said were false pretenses.

"He gave me radiation 47 days. No one gave me an examination to determine the length I should get radiation," said Max Calderon, a retired construction worker who appears on a bloomberg.com video prepared by Waldman. His doctor was Amir Saffarian. "There's something fishy going on," Calderon said.

In 2006, a Salinas resident, Wallace Ahyte, said he was told by Apaydin he had prostate cancer and advised to have radiation treatment at the facility Apaydin was building at the time.

"He recommended that I wait until the facility was finished. In the meantime, he said, 'I'm going to give you shots,'" Ahyte said. But then he saw other doctors, who told him he didn't need any treatment at all.

Monterey resident Richard Dunsay was told by Shaheen last year he had prostate cancer. Instead of sending him to CHOMP, Shaheen offered a limousine to take him to the SVUA facility in Salinas.

"I was concerned that Dr. Shaheen was pushing this Salinas deal," Dunsay said. "And I kept saying to myself, 'CHOMP' is right here, so why would I have to go all the way to Salinas?"

And when he went to another doctor for a

second opinion, he was told he didn't need radiation treatment at all.

"What you have is extremely minor, and all we have to do is watch it every six months," Dunsay said the doctor told him.

A Georgetown University researcher who's studied the issue said that when doctors have a financial stake in an IMRT

machine, use of it "roughly triples within about two years," Waldman reported — much of it at a high cost to taxpayers and for little patient benefit.

Federal investigators are reportedly going over SVUA's records with a fine-toothed comb to determine if self-referral and anti-racketeering laws have been broken.



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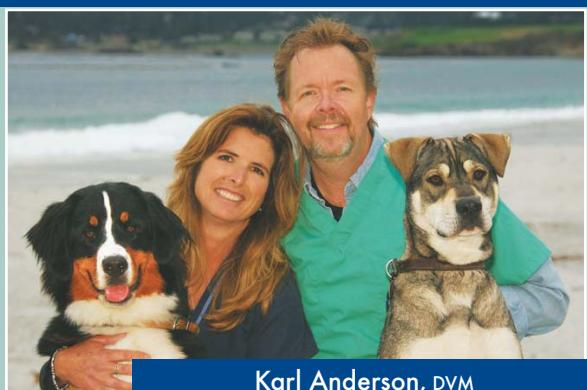
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Overtone beat boxer in court on DUI case

VALENTINO PONSONBY, a member of the South African a capella band that Dina Eastwood discovered and brought to the United States, was arraigned this week on a DUI charge for the August incident in which he drove a Cadillac Escalade into the ocean off 17 Mile Drive in Pebble Beach. According to Monterey County Chief Assistant District Attorney Terry Spitz, the 26-year-old beat boxer will next appear in a Salinas courtroom for a pre-trial hearing in his case Dec. 14.

Ponsonby, whose wedding to Nicole Simonsen was broad-

Dump will have limited holiday weekend hours

THE MONTEREY Regional Waste Management District will close for Thanksgiving, but its disposal site will be open Friday, Nov. 23, from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Its Last Chance Mercantile and Household Hazardous Waste facility will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The waste facility is located two miles north of Marina at 14201 Del Monte Boulevard. Visit www.mrwmd.org.

cast on Eastwood's reality TV show, was allegedly drunk when cops and firefighters found him lying on the beach near Spyglass Hill Road around 11:15 a.m. Aug. 23 after he freed himself from the waterlogged SUV.

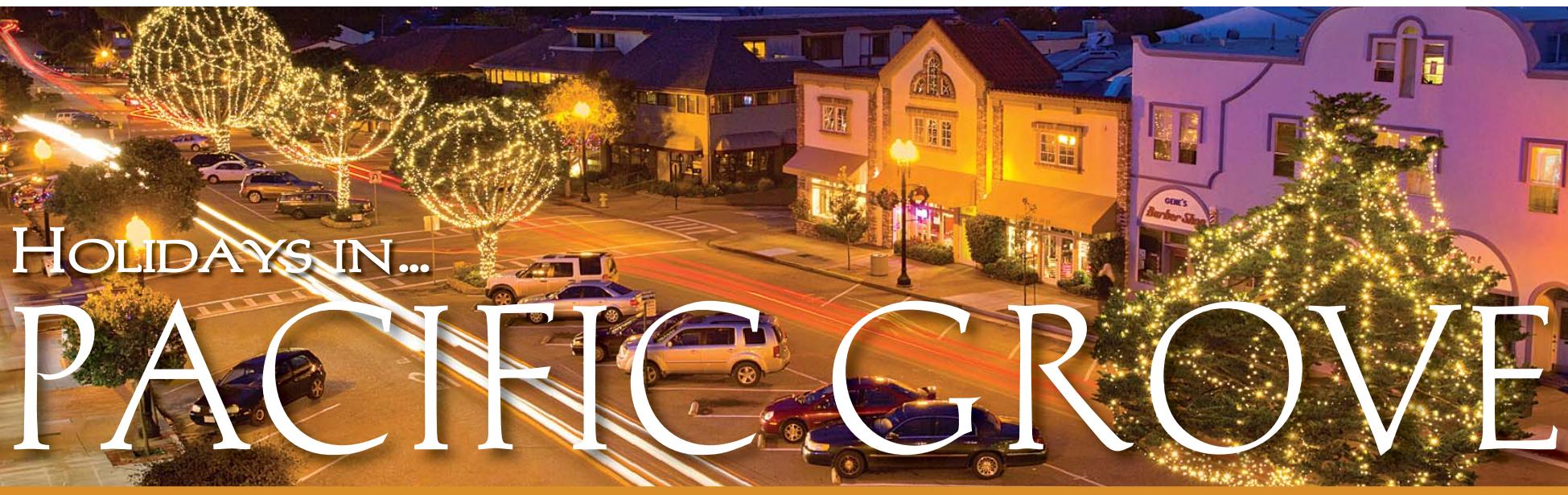
Ponsonby's in-laws live on 17 Mile Drive near the crash site, and there was speculation at the time that he and his new wife had been fighting. Afterward, he was placed on a 72-hour hold for a mental health evaluation at the hospital.

Big Sur art fair offers holiday shopping ideas

THE BIG SUR Grange Hall will host the 32nd annual Harvest and Craft Fair Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24-25.

The sale will showcase the talents of an eclectic group of local artisans, including jeweler Rachel Moody, and painters Erlinda Montano-Hiscock, Lorena Del Campo and Edmund Moody. Also on display will be handmade flutes, preserves from Happy Girl Kitchen, locally-made soap and much more.

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DAM

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While Farr insisted there is no plan in place to remove the dam, he isn't discounting the need for it.

"The National Marine Fisheries Service has recommend-

ed the removal of the dam in order to increase the steelhead trout population," Farr noted. "That is a factor that should be considered when discussing the future of the Carmel River. However, Cal Am owns the dam and any decision on its removal would have to be made in consultation with them and various other entities."

"It's a very complex issue and there's a lot of stakeholders' concerns that need to be addressed," said Catherine Bowie, a spokeswoman for Cal Am. "What's happened here is that NOAA has announced this among its goals and priorities over the coming decades. There would need to be a lot of review and there would be many opportunities for public comment."

Dave Stoldt, general manager of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, told The Pine Cone last week that the plan is something local residents should pay attention to.

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

More than San Clemente

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

Built in 1948, Los Padres Dam is located about 25 miles upstream from the Carmel River's outlet to the ocean. The dam was built to store 3,030 acre-feet of water, but by 2008, silt had reduced its storage capacity to 1,775 acre-feet.

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Case No. GNMP20891

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M120521.

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

A. Present name:
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Proposed name:
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NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Dec. 21, 2012
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 14

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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(s) Kay T. Kingsley
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 5, 2012
Clerk: Connie Mazzei

Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 5, 2012
Clerk: Connie Mazzei
Deputy: Carmen B. Orozco

Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2012. (PC1115)

Deputy: Carmen B. Orozco
Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2012. (PC1114)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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(s) Kay T. Kingsley
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 5, 2012
Clerk: Connie Mazzei
Deputy: Carmen B. Orozco

Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2012. (PC1118)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20122100. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **NICHOLAS BOGHOSIAN FINE ARTS**, Dolores & Fifth Streets, SW corner, Carmel By The Sea, CA 93921. Monterey County. THE NICHOLAS COMPANY, LLC, 5714 N. Van Ness Boulevard, Fresno, California 93711. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: March 18, 2010. (s) Nicholas P. Boghosian, Manager of The Nicholas Company, LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 2, 2012. Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2012. (PC 1119)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20122138. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ABBOTT STREET AUTO SALES**, 366 Abbott St., Salinas, CA 93901. Monterey County. JAMES FRANCIS LAZAROS. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Feb 1, 1996. (s) James Francis Lazaros. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 8, 2012. Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 2012. (PC 1120)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 20090315. The following person(s) have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s) listed: **SUN RAY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**, located at 26563 Mission Fields Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.

The fictitious business name was filed in Monterey County on Feb. 4, 2009. File Number 20090315.

REGISTERED OWNER(S):
1. LEONARD FUNG-SUN LEUNG
26563 Mission Fields Rd.
Carmel, CA 93923

This business was conducted by an individual. (s) Leonard Fung-Sun Leung. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 14, 2012. Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 2012. (PC 1119)

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

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Jerry Cornish

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

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Joe Ward, Bond#7580952
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Publication date: November 9, 16, 2012 (PC1110)

COLLINS

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ness in another state on behalf of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

"Mr. Collins was billing Ocean Mist Farms for meetings in Salinas," Hulsey said. "But we know that Mr. Collins also billed RMC for going to Washington, D.C., on March 9."

Prosecutors also contend Collins was paid about \$160,000 from RMC Water and Environment, the consulting company that won a \$28 million contract to manage the now-defunct regional desalination project, even as he was lobbying for the plant to be approved and participating in meetings to decide whether it should be.

But most of the grand theft charges Collins is facing stem from his advisory work at Ocean Mist.

Collins' work with Ocean Mist ceased in 2011 when the company stopped using his services.

But during an interview with Collins, Hardee said that he asked her to consider if the artichoke company was unhappy with him, why did Boutonnet give him a "bonus." Collins also said Ocean Mist gave his nephew a job as a favor and issued Collins a "standing offer" to come back to work for the company.

But Hardee said the "bonus" was actually

related to a \$25,000 bridge loan Ocean Mist gave Collins in 2007 for an outside business deal he was involved in. Collins paid thousands of dollars back, but not the entire amount.

"Collins later said the bonus was the forgiveness of that debt," Hardee said.

Hardee also said Boutonnet told her that he did not give Collins a standing offer to come back to the company.

"He had no intention of Mr. Collins coming back as an employee based on what he found out about the fraudulent entries in the billings," Hardee said.

Furthermore, Hardee said that Boutonnet didn't even know Collins' nephew, who had been offered a lower-level intern position by another Ocean Mist employee.

In cross examination Thursday afternoon, Collins' attorney Michael Lawrence grilled Hardee in an effort to discredit the contention Collins fraudulently billed Ocean Mist.

The prosecution also presented in court numerous email exchanges between Collins and Boutonnet in which Collins justified his work for Ocean Mist — work that Boutonnet sought to keep to a maximum of 25 hours per week.

In some cases, according to Hulsey, when Collins exceeded the maximum number of work hours for the company, it was a result of billing the company for meetings that he didn't attend.

In February 2006, after Boutonnet sus-

pected Collins was over billing, he requested Collins provide more detail about the invoices he submitted the company.

Movie deal?

In an apparent effort to bolster the prosecution's contention Collins is dishonest, Hardee pointed to another outside business deal she said Collins was involved with.

More than 10 years ago, Collins convinced Dale Huss, Ocean Mist's vice president of operations, to invest \$6,000 in a film Collins was interested in making, according to Hardee.

"He was approached by Mr. Collins to invest in this movie project that involved,

like, Bollywood-type movies ... Indian movies," Hardee said.

After giving Collins the money, Huss — who Hardee said "trusted" Collins — asked Collins several times about his investment and when he would see his money back.

"Mr. Collins would always come up with an excuse as to what was going on with the investment," Hardee said.

Eventually, Huss came to the realization he wouldn't get a return on his investment, Hardee said.

"He felt it was Ponzi scheme, and he was never going to see his money," she said.

The preliminary hearing is scheduled to resume Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Homecrafters Marketplace set for Saturday, rain or shine

THE CITY'S 42nd Annual Homecrafters' Marketplace will be held in the parking lots at Sunset Center on San Carlos Street between Eighth and 10th avenues in Carmel Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with more than 70 vendors selling unique gifts, from tiny air ferns and spiced nuts, to ceramic bowls and freshwater pearls.

In order to sell at the marketplace, which attracts crowds of locals every year, artists and craftspeople must submit their products for consideration by a group of judges several months earlier. The group decides which vendors can participate, to ensure there isn't a lot of duplication in the items offered and that all are of good quality and not mass made. The jury's approval is good for three years.

"There's a woman who makes African-inspired jewelry, and we have some vendors who were in the show when we were on Ocean Avenue who have returned, as well," said organizer Cindi Lopez, who works in the city's community services department.

She also highlighted jewelry, sand art, coat racks and other household items made out of antique door knobs, ceramics and pottery, and handmade purses.

Edible gifts are well represented, too, including English toffee, spreads and sauces, and spiced nuts.

While rain is in the weekend forecast, it won't do anything to stop the market from happening.

"Hopefully, the weather will cooperate," she said. "The event will proceed, rain or shine."

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Pro golfers on the roster this year include former winners Mark Brooks and John Mallinger, as well as PGA Tour champions Jonas Blixt, Scott Stallings, Bryce Molder and 2011 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am winner D.A. Points. Champions Tour participants include 2011 U.S. Senior Open Championship winner Olin Browne, 2011 British Senior Open Championship winner Russ Cochran, and three-time major championship winner Fred Funk.

Two World Golf Hall of Fame members are also back: Annika Sorenstam, winner of 10 majors and 72 victories on the LPGA Tour, and Juli Inkster, winner of seven majors and 31 LPGA victories. Mina Harigae, Anna Rawson and Cheyenne Woods, the niece of 2000 U.S. Open champion Tiger Woods, will also represent the LPGA.

They will be accompanied by 324 amateur players.

Tournament rounds began Thursday and will take place at all three courses through Saturday, Nov. 17. Pebble Beach will be the site of Sunday's final round.

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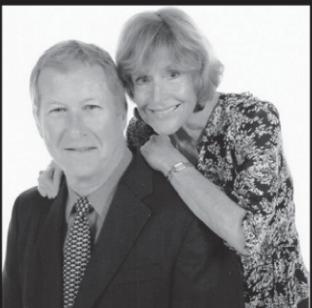
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Nov. 17 - Ice Skating by the Bay, open daily Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m. at Custom House Plaza, Saturday, Nov. 17, through Jan. 6, 2013. Adult tickets are \$12; children 12 and under, \$10; and skate rentals, \$3. Private parties can reserve the rink by calling (831) 649-2685. For more info, call (831) 649-4511.

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

Nov. 19 - Carmel Woman's Club presents "The Candid You" with Peter Funt, Monday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. Funt, producer, author, columnist and TV Host, will show a film based on the popular "Candid Camera" TV show. San Carlos & Ninth. Everyone welcome. Guests \$5. Members free and memberships available. Delicious Refreshments. Contact: (831) 622-7412 or (831) 238-9081.

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Nov. 26 & 27 - Camila's Cure Nov. 26 & 27 - Camila's Cure Benefit Concert, November 26 & 27, Golden Bough Playhouse. Camila was enrolled for her senior year at CSU Fullerton when she was diagnosed with Acute Leukemia. She is a theater education and directing major, an exhibition Latin and ballroom dancer, and choreographer. She is a young Latina woman with a promising future - and she needs your help. Silent auction begins at 6:30 p.m. Wine and dessert will be available. Tickets: (831) 646-4217, www.ticketguys.com.

Nov. 27 - Carmel Public Library Foundation and Carmel Youth Center are working together to bring Library Film Nights back to the community. No reserved seating, so please arrive early. Questions? (831) 624-7323. Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. Carmel Youth Center, Fourth & Torres. Free and open to public. Film Night, Foreign Letters.

Nov. 30 - The Cottages of Carmel Gracious Senior Living in the Heart of Carmel Mingle and Jingle at our Holiday Boutique & Open House, Friday, Nov. 30, 2 to 6:30 p.m. Join us for a joyful afternoon of shopping and good cheer. 26245 Carmel Rancho Boulevard. (831) 620-1800.

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Dec. 3 - Monday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m., Carmel Woman's Club presents "Music for the Holidays" with well known actors and singers Gracie Poletti, Phylis Davis and Lyla Englehorn who will recreate the music and style of the "Andrew Sisters" with song and timeless humour. Start your holiday with tea and refreshments, San Carlos & Ninth. Memberships available, guests \$5. Everyone welcome. (831) 238-9081.

Dec. 7 - The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea invites you to attend the annual Holiday Tree Lighting, which will be held on Friday, Dec. 7, in Devendorf Park, Ocean and Junipero. The fire department will deliver Santa Claus at 3:30 p.m. Entertainment starts at 4:30 p.m., and Mayor Jason Burnett will light the tree at approximately 5:30 p.m. Rain or Shine!

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Editorial

The purpose of government

MITT ROMNEY was soundly mocked for suggesting this week that President Obama helped himself get re-elected by handing out “gifts” to various constituencies, such as free contraceptives to young women and amnesty to young illegal immigrants. During the campaign, of course, Romney also famously said that “47 percent” of Americans pay no taxes and wouldn’t be voting for him no matter what he did.

While it’s easy to dismiss Romney’s comments as sour grapes, the underlying issue is worth some consideration, because it’s indisputably true that for millions of Americans, the government is something that sends them checks, while for others, it is the place where a lot of their money goes.

As everybody knows, upper-income taxpayers pay almost all the income taxes in this country. Meanwhile, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that 110 million Americans receive some form of means-tested aid, such as food stamps, public housing, the Earned Income Credit and Medicaid. The total cost for the 80 federal government programs that support the poor is now running about \$1 trillion a year, the Congressional Budget Office says — and that’s up about 32 percent in just three years. And the total doesn’t include Social Security or unemployment insurance.

When liberals read numbers like these, they say, “Good!” because for them, the chief purpose of government is to help the needy.

When conservatives read them, they ask, “Are government handouts really the best way to help the poor?”

Both groups are right, of course. In the short term, giving someone who’s hungry a box of food is certainly the right thing to do. Likewise, a poor person who needs emergency medical treatment should get it for free. And a politician, such as President Obama, whose entire political philosophy is based on such accommodations, can always count on getting the votes of people who receive them, as well as the people whose focus is on the road immediately ahead.

However, it’s also true that the best social welfare program is a good job, and that the most ardent Great Society ambitions can only be fulfilled if there’s a vibrant private economy to pay the bills.

Unfortunately, a politician, such as Mitt Romney, who promises to foster individual success, is accused of being a selfish snob. Utterly ignored is the role individual success plays in the payment of taxes and, thus, making government welfare programs possible. All you have to do is look at the federal deficit to see that the economic scales have tipped so far in the wrong direction, a fiscal collapse is possible. Where will Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Section 8 Housing be when a loaf of bread costs \$100 and unemployment is 30 percent?

The Founding Fathers said the organizing principle of the government of the United States would be to secure the people’s rights of “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.” That formula worked so well, the country became very rich, which also meant it became very generous.

Will our success lead to our ruin?

BEST of BATES



You remember the two artists Bill Dodge and Ed Ward that moved to Oregon. Well, my youngest daughter, the artist, moved to Oregon and met the most wonderful man who is also an artist. His name is Sam. He does abstracts. Well, would you believe, they got married and have two of the most beautiful children you have ever laid your eyes on. The baby, her name is Megan, has the biggest brown eyes and her big brother, his name is Collin, will be three in December. Oh, he's a piece of cake. Sometimes he"

Letters to the Editor

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The Pine Cone only accepts letters to the editor by email. Please submit your letters to mail@carmelpinecone.com

Where was Clint ten years ago?

Dear Editor:

Ten years ago, Bush and Cheney were talking up attacking Iraq with the excuse Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, which it didn’t. Last month, Clint said “President Obama is the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people.” In reality, without a doubt, the greatest, most horrible hoax on the American people was our attacking a small, semi-defenseless country for no damn reason, except maybe to help their friends control the oil supply, which didn’t work either!

Our country is over a trillion dollars in debt. Clinton left our country with the

biggest surplus when Bush took over, and after eight years, Bush left Obama with the largest debt, which was a trillion dollars.

In a speech Bush declared: “Iraq is a menace to the world and Saddam Hussein has to be taken out.” Bush tried to talk the United Nations into sending troops to Iraq and they refused. On Sept. 19, Bush asked Congress for authority to “use all means,” including military force if necessary, to disarm and overthrow Iraq if its government didn’t quickly meet U.N. demands to abandon weapons of mass destruction. Ten years ago, on August 26, Vice President Cheney, speaking at a V.F.W. convention in Tennessee, warned that the U.S. could face devastating consequences from any delay to remove Saddam Hussein as president of Iraq.

Iraq allowed the U.N. weapons inspectors to return and they didn’t find any. Our weapons inspectors didn’t find any either. On Sept. 13, Bush said it was “highly doubtful” Saddam Hussein would comply with demands to disarm. He mocked Democrats and other lawmakers who wanted United Nations action before a Congressional vote on confronting Saddam. Many other public speeches were made along the same lines. In March 2003, our armed forces attacked Iraq, bombing the hell out of Baghdad and starting the strictly un-American style so-called “war” which has cost our country billions and solved nothing. Halliburton/Blackwater

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Sometimes, it's really hard to tell the comedy from the news

TODAY'S JOE Livernois column offers a quiz to test your "news sense." Most of it is multiple choice, but the test also requires a quick essay that accounts for 50 percent of your grade. First, the explanatory setup:

Comedy Central, the cable network,

beyond the realm

By JOE LIVERNOIS

broadcasts a program called "Tosh.0" ("tosh-point-o"). The show airs exceedingly stupid videos that its producers have discovered online, and each video is subject to exceedingly vapid and often racist observations by the show's host, Daniel Tosh.

The program bills itself as "comedy," and each episode usually includes a segment called "Web Redemption."

KION-TV, a Salinas television station, produces a nightly local show called "Central Coast News," which it kindly shares with KCBA-TV. The program bills itself as a "news show" that features a weekly segment called "Manhunt Monday."

Your challenge today is to determine which of these shows is which.

Now it's time for the quiz. We will give you descriptions of actual videos broadcast during the past week and you will be asked to determine whether the segments were aired by "Tosh.0" or by "Central Coast News." Answers below. The clock starts now:

1. A football player shatters his leg and flops to the ground in intense pain after he is tackled behind the line of scrimmage. A close-up of the snapping leg is shown again and again, while the show's host laughs giddily while remarking about the alignment of the jagged fracture.

a. Tosh.0
b. Central Coast News

2. A sprinter shatters his leg and flops to the ground before reaching the finish line during a 100-meter race. A close-up of the disfigured leg is shown again and again, while the show's host jokes that there's nothing wrong with finishing seventh in a field of seven.

a. Tosh.0
b. Central Coast News

3. A man challenges himself to find a parking spot near a sports arena, but it's not much of a challenge, inasmuch as there is no sports event currently scheduled. The man immediately finds many available spaces directly across the street from the arena.

a. Tosh.0
b. Central Coast News

4. A cheerleader at a basketball game in Florida slips off her colleague's shoulder during a maneuver and smacks her head on the hardwood floor.

a. Tosh.0
b. Central Coast News

5. A thrill-bike trick rider speeds off a steep ledge in an attempt to leap across a canyon, but the bike slips out from under him halfway across, and the rider smashes into a boulder.

a. Tosh.0
b. Central Coast News

6. A random vehicle — a red Corvette — is involved in a high-speed chase through a random European street.

a. Tosh.0
b. Central Coast News

7. A random vehicle — an SUV of some kind — is involved in a high-speed chase that ends in a random cul de sac.

a. Tosh.0
b. Central Coast News

8. The host of the show moves into something called the "digital operations center" to talk about Gen. David Petraeus's infidelity problem.

a. Tosh.0
b. Central Coast News

9. Grown men stuff themselves with a bunch of disgusting carnival food immediately before strapping in to a spinning carnival ride. Most of them lose their lunch in violent fits.

a. Tosh.0
b. Central Coast News

10. A hidden camera catches people

snacking off a plate left on a break-room table at work. It is later divulged that the food they are eating is actually dog biscuits.

a. Tosh.0
b. Central Coast News

Extra credit: Write a 500-word essay describing the de-evolution of local TV news programming in your community, comparing and contrasting local news with the ridiculous tripe you might see on "Tosh.0."

Answers: You have passed the quiz if you answered "Central Coast News" to questions 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8.

WILDERNESS

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nized by the nonprofit Ventana Wilderness Alliance and is funded by a \$40,000 grant of taxpayers' money from the National Forest Foundation.

According to VWA executive director Mike Splain, the U.S. Forest Service needs extensive information about its backcountry trails and campsites so it can best determine how to spend its limited resources on maintenance and improvements.

Big Sur's backcountry can be a particularly unforgiving place. Human "improvements" often don't last long, as slides make trails impassable, wildfires turn trail signs into cinders, and the region's famously dense vegetation swallows up everything in its path.

Even the best cartographers have found themselves challenged by Big Sur's topography. Earlier this year, a VWA member found more than 250 mistakes on a Big Sur map produced by National Geographic.

Ideally, the forest service would conduct its own inventory of backcountry sites. But budget and staffing constraints make that impossible, Splain said. With the federal agency undermanned, the VWA is becoming its eyes and ears in the Ventana and Silver Peak wilderness areas, which encompass about 270,000 acres. "They have a hard time getting boots on the ground," Splain told The Pine Cone.

Some backcountry campsites badly need work. For instance, Big Pines Camp — which is located seven miles from Bottchers Gap — no longer functions as a viable camp-

site because of the rapid growth of chaparral surrounding it following the Basin Complex Fire. "It used to be a beautiful camp," Splain said. "But you can't camp there now. Every flat spot is covered with ceanothus [also known as wild lilac], which has sprouted so fast."

On the other end of the spectrum, Sykes Camp on the Pine Ridge Trail gets too many visitors — and it shows. With so much traffic resulting from its no-so-hot springs, the camp is often trashed. And it's also a fire risk. "We counted 70 fire rings there on Memorial Day," Splain recalled. "Most of those are inappropriate."

A condition of the grant requires that the inventory project to be completed by May, 2013. "I think we're going to beat that date," Splain predicted.

With short days, long shadows and cool temperatures, winter hardly seems like a great time to visit the Big Sur backcountry. But Splain said the season does have its advantages. "We want to do the work when nobody is camping," he said.

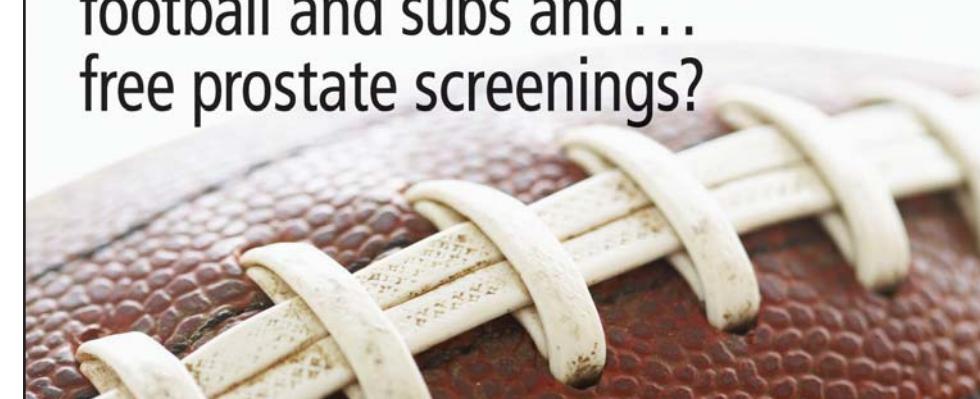
In addition to identifying where repairs and improvements need to be made to campsites, Splain hopes the inventory project will shed light on the small but growing number of people who come to Monterey County to hike Big Sur's backcountry — and spend money while they're here.

"There's no good data on where hikers go," Splain added. "How many people are coming here to visit the wilderness? And can we improve our resources? If we can learn more, it's going to be a benefit for the country."

One of the six volunteers, Bryce Winter has launched a blog about the project. Visit www.wildventana.org.

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'If you've been blessed, you've got to give back'

DUNCAN MATTESON had finished college at the University of Missouri when he got an offer to work at IBM in its computer division. He told the company that, because he had been in ROTC, it was likely that the Air Force would be calling. IBM said come anyway. He recalled, "I had just completed my first three months of training in St. Louis and, lo and behold, here came that telegram, 'You will report in 10 days to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.'" That's where they brought all the shave-tail lieutenants and others out of ROTC who had their commissions.

Because Duncan's eyesight was just 20/25, he could not be a pilot, so that meant he could only become a navigator/bombardier.

He was sent to Ellington AFB near Houston for basic navigation training — he learned how to "shoot" stars with a sextant — and then he was off to Mather AFB, near Sacramento, for advance radar bombardment training.

But first he had to do a three-week survival training in the winter climbing over snow-covered mountains near Lake Tahoe in the middle of the night. "It nearly killed me. I had to go to Letterman Hospital in San Francisco because I couldn't feel my toes. It was tough."

Back at Mather, the fresh-faced trainees were told that the men who scored highest on the bombardier and navigator courses would have their choice of assignments. Russ

Great Lives

By TONY SETON

Meachem, Duncan's good friend through training, told him he would go for the navigator prize. "I looked at him and said, 'I know you're already a better navigator than I am, so I guess I have to go for the best bombardier in the class.' As it turned out, they were both successful, and they chose as their next station, March AFB in Riverside.

Duncan and his wife, Shirley, loved the assignment. Most of the SAC (Strategic Air Command) bases were in no-man's-land, but at March they were not far from Hollywood and Las Vegas. The young officers and their wives would share babysitting duties so they could go see hotel lounge shows featuring Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, and Louis Prima and Keely Smith. They weren't gamblers, so it was always a cheap vacation for them.

As it turned out, Shirley's father and mother moved out to the West Coast around 1952, and they got a taste of the Monterey Peninsula. They were hooked, especially Shirley. It was not long before they followed her parents down to Pebble Beach, where they live much of their busy lives today.

The 1960s were a great time for the Mattesons. Duncan was a stockbroker for a while, and then he went into real

estate — in a very big way — developing, building and managing. He also established a number of banks ringing the San Francisco Bay Area, which served his real estate interests. He loved what he was doing, and he was very successful at it.

Everything felt possible back then, he reminisced fondly, but his perspective has changed. "I'm genuinely concerned about what's going on in the country today. I had hoped that President Obama would bring everybody together. We're all proud to be Americans, and we want the best of everything for America. Unfortunately, that's not what happened."

Duncan has been a major political contributor over the years, and that has given him access to many who have reached the pinnacles of our political system. One of his favorites was Ronald Reagan, and particularly because the Republican president spent considerable time working personally with Tip O'Neill, the Democratic Speaker of the House. That's the sort of collaboration he'd like to see today.

Duncan would also like more cost efficiency in government. While a conservative, he thinks our military could provide excellent national security without ridiculous spending on procurement.

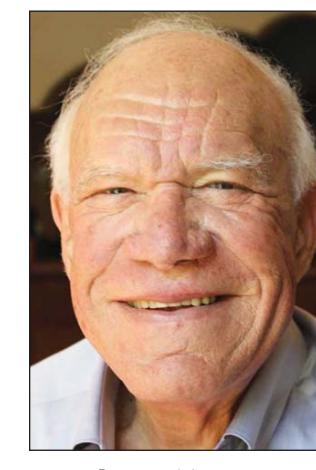
He also wants us out of Afghanistan, because he thinks the Taliban will always remain in control there. But that in no way diminishes his ardent support for our men and women in uniform.

Duncan has turned over management of the Matteson Companies to his son. In an aside, he says that the son is a first-rate, detail-oriented executive, while the father takes more of a visionary role. The two make a great team.

It is the philanthropy that is now taking most of the Mattesons' time.

Not only are they generous with the checks they write to charities, they have served on the boards of many nonprofit organizations, providing their experience, connections and hearts to making a better world. Cancer research has been a major focus of their beneficence, in large measure due to so many family and friends who have died from the disease.

They are recognized as being among the top 50 philanthropists in Central California. Their motivation is to give back to the community. "If you've been blessed, you've got to set a good example. You've got to give back," Duncan Matteson says.



Duncan Matteson

MOLEST

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"There was no rape or anything like that," he said, though he did not downplay the egregiousness of the alleged crime.

"They're sensitive cases, and we'll try to do our best," to obtain a conviction, he said.

No charges yet in St. Mary's rape

Nyunt also said the investigation into the alleged rape of a homeless woman who was sleeping on an outdoor porch at St. Mary's church Oct. 3 is ongoing. The 23-year-old woman was taken to the hospital by a church official several hours after the incident. She underwent a Sexual Assault Response Team exam and told police she'd been attacked by another transient staying at the church as part of the I-Help program for homeless men at around 4 that morning.

At the time, Nyunt went to investigate and summoned a forensic technician from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office to collect evidence.

This week, he said he's still conducting interviews and trying to determine what happened, exactly.

"It's a lengthy process. We do have evidence; however, at this time, I can't say much," he said. "We're still trying to confirm some of the story. We've identified potential suspects and are trying to confirm the circumstances."

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companies were hired and spent millions without any control over where the money went, etc. Obama wanted to close Guantanamo Bay prison with all those so-called prisoners, but still didn't get it done. Iraq has plentiful supplies of oil, but their people have to wait in line for gas. The military casualties and tremendous costs of keeping troops there was a terrible mistake. Costly airports and bases were built. The same sad situation exists in Afghanistan, where they take our money, which amounts to billions over the long years, and still murder our soldiers. They don't want us there and they never will want foreign troops in their countries, just like we wouldn't.

The first time I voted was for General Dwight Eisenhower in 1952. He did a fine job for eight years. Later, in a speech he stated, "The American people have to be aware of the military-industrial complex." I guess we didn't know what that meant then, but we sure as hell know now!

Bob Hall, Carmel

BURNETT

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matters for the people closest to them, and trying to work them into the system he's established.

"That's one of the big challenges of the job: When someone approaches you with an idea or a problem, you want to treat it as a key issue, because from their perspective, it is," he said. "But you don't want to distract from the goals the full council has set. I think we have a good system for that."

For example, people who approach the city about potholes, cracked sidewalks or run-down buildings are advised the capital improvement projects list is reviewed each spring, "so they don't have an expectation we're going to get to it in the next month."

Repeatedly reinforcing that system and structure will help the council operate more efficiently, according to Burnett.

"I want to really work on making sure we're putting in place the right expectations for the culture we want to have," he said. "And how I operate as mayor and how we operate as a city council — that the people are comfortable with that and there's a common set of expectations."

Soon after Burnett took office, he established workshops held in city hall for an hour on the Monday before each regular council meeting. They serve as more casual forums for discussion between elected officials and the public on particular matters, such as parking, a farmers market or disaster preparedness.

(Initially, he also said the workshops might help the formal meetings operate more smoothly and efficiently, but they have continued to run between three and five hours.)

"The concept of workshops has been going fairly well, but I think there's room for improvement about publicizing them," he said. "We've started to lay out a longer term calendar for them."

Keeping people informed about future council business, even several months down the road, has also helped constituents feel more connected with their city government.

"We've put in place an agenda calendar so anyone can look at when we expect to get to any particular item," he explained. "They can look out over the next six months. There's always an item that comes up at the last minute, but by and large, we're trying to avoid that."

Overall, Burnett said he's pleased with the current council and its ability to amicably discuss matters even when opinions differ.

"I feel like there are different points of view represented — different ways of approaching a problem or an issue — but I think we genuinely like each other and benefit from each other's thinking," he said. A recent council retreat at Il Fornaio, in fact, focused on how council members communicate with each other.

"Looking around at how some other councils operate, I think we're lucky," he said. "It's not that we all share the same point of view, but we are good at sharing those differences."

Balancing time

Burnett also contends with the demands of business beyond the city limits, such as representing the city on the Fort Ord Reuse Authority board governing how the former military base is developed, playing a key role on the mayors group tasked with the monumental effort of trying to get a reliable water project, and supporting efforts to widen Highway 156.

"How important are those decisions, relative to dedicating my time to Carmel-specific issues?" he asked, describing the balance he has to strike. "How do you allocate your time between water issues, FORA issues, the Highway 156 project and Carmel-specific issues?"

And then he's also a new father who wants to spend time with his 1-year-old son, often leaving him wishing he could be in more than one place at a time.

"When you're a council member and you're invited to an event, if you're able to go, that's appreciated, and if you're not, hopefully there will be some other council members there," he said.

But there's only one mayor, and if he's invited to an event and doesn't appear, people notice.

"It's nice that people want me to be there, so I need to do a better job of explaining to people that I can't be in two places at once," he said. "And we on the council need to do a better job of making sure someone can make it. That's one thing I didn't fully realize."

He also has to be mindful that he's never off duty.

"The other thing is that I have to remember that what I say in any context, I am representing the city," he said. "And so you have to just be aware of that — it's still an adjustment."

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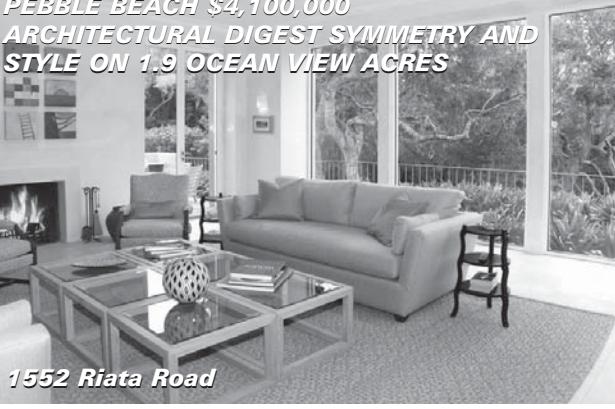


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BY AL SMITH

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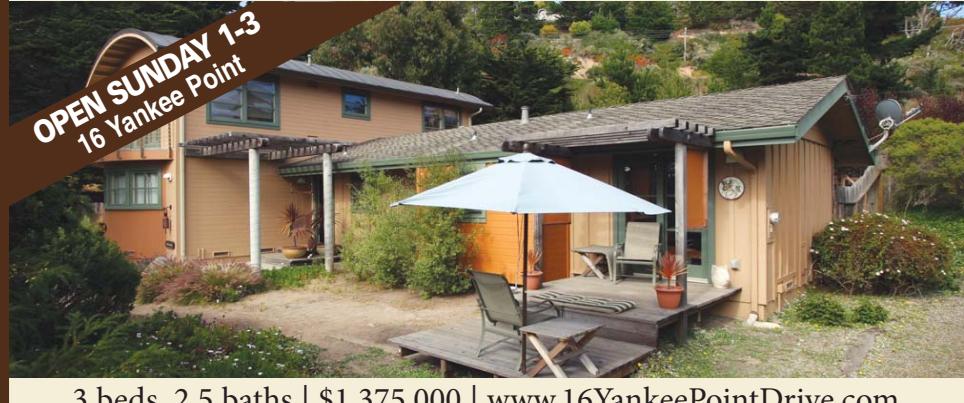
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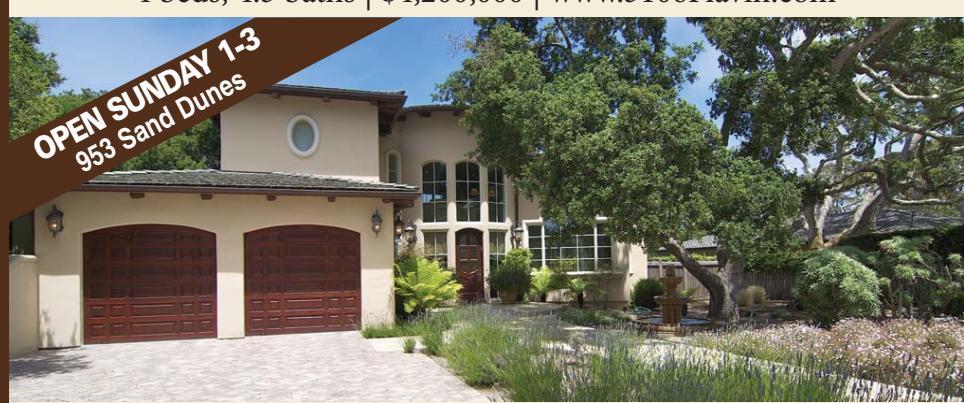
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Carilyn Watson to Nathan Steen
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Joseph and Hope Rogers to Robert and McLean Hyde
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150 Forest Avenue — \$800,000
Denise Connors to Julian Lim and Lin Lin Chang
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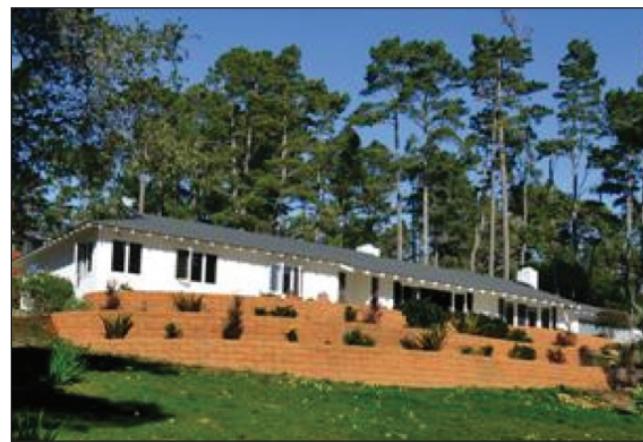
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Pebble Beach

3881 Ronda Road — \$1,510,000
 Steve Lee and Mia Kim
 to Calvin Barlocker
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17 Mile Drive, corner of Spyglass Hill Road — \$4,150,000
 Alison McAshan, Priscilla Reiss and Porque Lane LLC to The Dogwood Trust
 APN: 008-012-005



3881 Ronda Road, Pebble Beach — \$1,510,000

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2000 Mariposa Street — \$240,000
 Rafael and Norma Perez to Francisco and Maria Hernandez
 APN: 011-055-014

1389 Yosemite Street — \$395,000
 Anthony and Grace Thomson to Anita Altre and Nestor Robes
 APN: 012-671-001

705 Trinity Avenue — \$475,000
 Jonathan Lee to Phyllis Sato
 APN: 011-333-039

Correction: The sale price of the Lincoln Green Inn at 26208 Carmelo Street in Carmel was incorrectly reported in last week's print editions. The actual sale price was \$3,250,000.

■ Foreclosure sales

Monterey

500 Glenwood Circle, unit 414 — \$377,575 (unpaid debt \$377,575)
 Executive Trustee Services to GMAC Mortgage
 APN: 001-774-069

190 Forest Ridge Road — \$601,350 (debt \$1,148,101)
 National Default Servicing to US Bank
 APN: 014-121-008

Pacific Grove

625 Laurel Avenue — \$277,455 (debt \$512,051)
 MTC Financial to Ouita Martin and Thomas Johns
 APN: 006-296-012

Seaside

1241 Hilby Street — \$222,166 (debt \$222,166)
 Cal-Western Reconveyance to Wells Fargo Bank
 APN: 012-343-033

2030 Hacienda Street — \$373,467 (unpaid debt \$373,467)
 Cal-Western Reconveyance to Citimortgage
 APN: 011-475-008

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POLICE LOG

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back. She believes it was an attempted scam.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to David Avenue for a runaway. Female juvenile is a habitual runaway and associates with known gang members, according to her mother. Possible known addresses, the surrounding area and Facebook were checked for the juvenile's whereabouts but yielded negative results.

Pacific Grove: Fountain Avenue business owner said her neighbor has weekly BBQ in his yard which is affecting her patrons due to the levels of smoke coming from the fire pit. She reported loss of business due to the smoke and requested the subject be contacted. Information only.

Carmel area: Student detained by school officials at Carmel High School for possessing marijuana. Cited and released to parent.

Carmel area: Juvenile was detained by school officials after being found in possession of marijuana at Carmel High School. Juvenile was cited and released to parent.

Carmel Valley: Man in Carmel Valley Village reported being punched in the face and knocked unconscious. Injuries he received required medical attention.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog reported running in the roadway on Carpenter Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported returning to her vehicle on Monte Verde Street and finding another vehicle parked against the front bumper of her vehicle, causing minor damage. It was undetermined who was at fault, and the woman was advised to file a counter report.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a female teen on Wood Street refusing to walk to school. Father was injured and unable to drive student. Police transported girl to school where she had been truant from the two previous days.

Pacific Grove: Woman came into the station to report election handbills that she feels are derogatory. They are not from a candidate but support specific candidates and disparage

others. They are not signed, but she found a name by cross-referencing the telephone number. She wanted this on record. She felt it was trespassing.

Big Sur: Woman reported her purse/wallet and contents were stolen from her vehicle via window smash while it was parked on Highway 1 at Garrapata State Beach. This occurred on Saturday, Oct. 27, between 1500 hours and 1717 hours. No suspects.

Carmel Valley: Vista Verde resident reported his personal information was used fraudulently to open a credit card account. No suspects.

Carmel Valley: Man reported his personal information was compromised. The source is unknown. No suspects.

Pebble Beach: Man requested a welfare check on adult son. Subject was found at a Majella Road residence in possession of meth. Subject fled on foot during transport and was apprehended.

Big Sur: Woman states that her vehicle was broken into while it was parked at Palo Colorado Road and Highway 1. No suspects.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An unknown citizen on San Carlos Street handed a parking officer a small clear Ziploc baggie containing a green leafy substance. The citizen stated they found it on the ground and wanted to turn it in to the police. The substance is believed to be marijuana and was booked for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Property taken from unlocked vehicle on Sunset Drive. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Man reported his unsecured \$600 bike was stolen from outside a grocery store on Eardley. Store did not have camera footage in that area.

Pacific Grove: Subject came to the station to report finding some money on the sidewalk in the 500 block of 19th Street. Subject would like to claim the cash if it is not claimed within the 90 days. The finder was issued a field receipt, which he signed.

Pacific Grove: Argument between boyfriend and girlfriend on Forest Avenue. Verbal only.

Pacific Grove: Female on Congress Avenue

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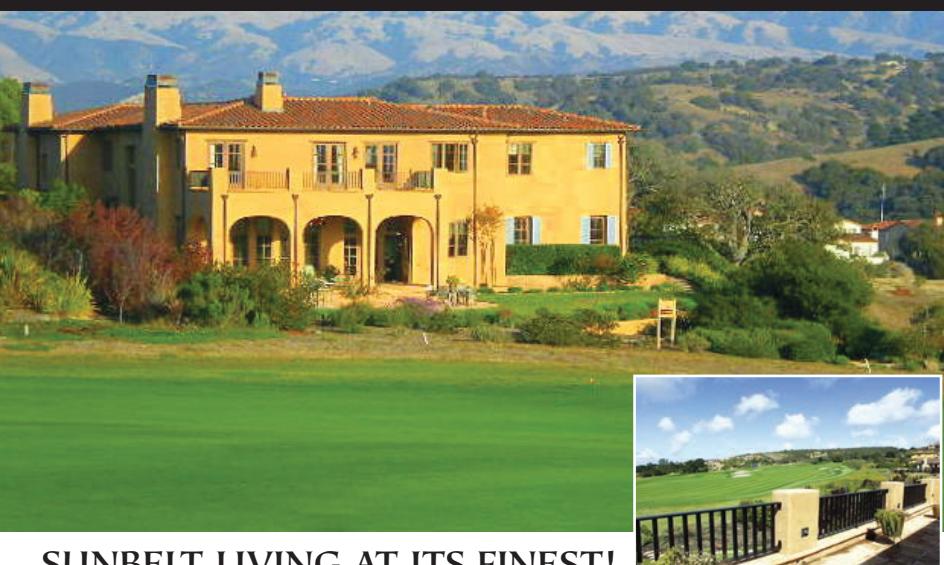
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LOG

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reported one man held her arms back while the other grabbed her breast.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to report of an unidentified male banging on a Central Avenue resident's door demanding to be let

in. When the resident told him to leave, the man left on a small BMX-type bike. Described as in his 20s, thin build, white hat, black jacket, blue pants and unkempt. Did area check and did not locate the subject. Officer showed some booking photos of possible suspects, but the resident did not recognize him. The resident stated this subject has done this many times in the past but he never called police before. The resident later called and stated he had seen the subject in Monterey. He was contacted and given a trespassing warning.

Pacific Grove: A 21-year-old male was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for being under the influence of drugs, possession of paraphernalia and possession of suspected heroin.

Carmel Valley: Woman requested a standby while she moved out of her residence on Buena Vista del Rio.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen found a wallet and brought it to the police station for safekeeping. The owner of the wallet was located, and the property was returned to its rightful owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of her purse with contents while patronizing shops in the Carmel, Pacific Grove and Monterey area today. Exact location of loss is unknown.

Pacific Grove: Piedmont Avenue resident came in to ask about shots fired around 0320 hours and 0420 hours. Advised the resident of the call for service at that time but no one called 911 at 0420. Officer advised him in the future to call 911 as it happens and not wait until many hours later in the day to find out what happened, as no other neighbors called 911, either. He said he wasn't aware he should call 911 if he heard what sounded like possible gun shots. If resident didn't turn his clock back one hour this could be related to the other call.

Pacific Grove: Resident reported graffiti inside a public restroom on Ocean View. Graffiti was found out to be gang tagging.

Pacific Grove: Person reported seeing two people arguing in a parking lot on Ocean View. Subjects were contacted. Both advised they were arguing over financial issues. No crime occurred. For info only.

Pacific Grove: Unattended death on Congress Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury hit-and-run collision occurred. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Woman reported her adopted son missing. He is transient and did not meet with her as planned.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen requested a welfare check on a family member on Camino Real.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A business owner on Mission Street reported a civil dispute with another citizen.

Pacific Grove: Person requested welfare check on a friend. Female found deceased inside an Eighth Street residence. Coroner notified.

Pacific Grove: Resident paid fees to have ammo destroyed. Case closed.

Pacific Grove: Man brandished a knife at coworkers at a Lighthouse Avenue business. One coworker was threatened by the brandishing and made a private arrest of the man, who was

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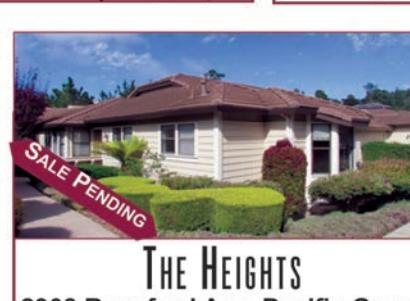
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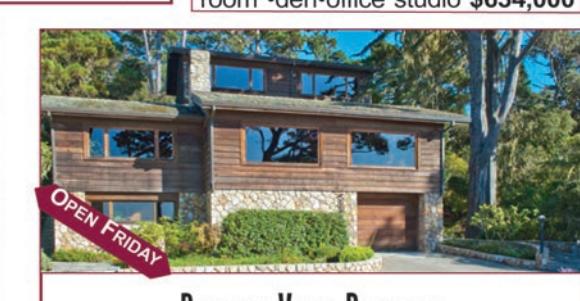
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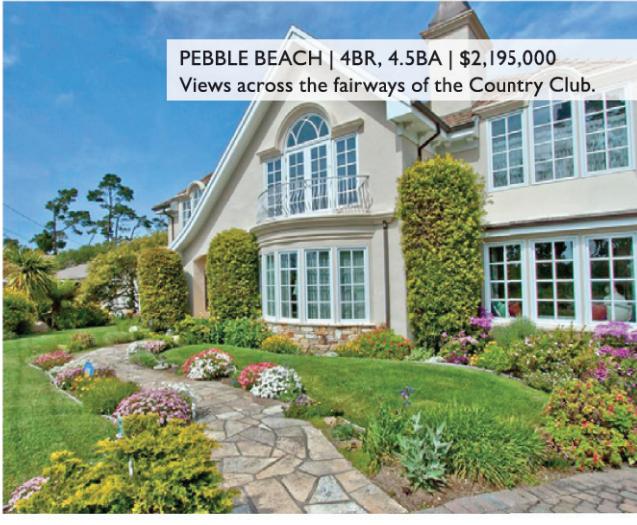
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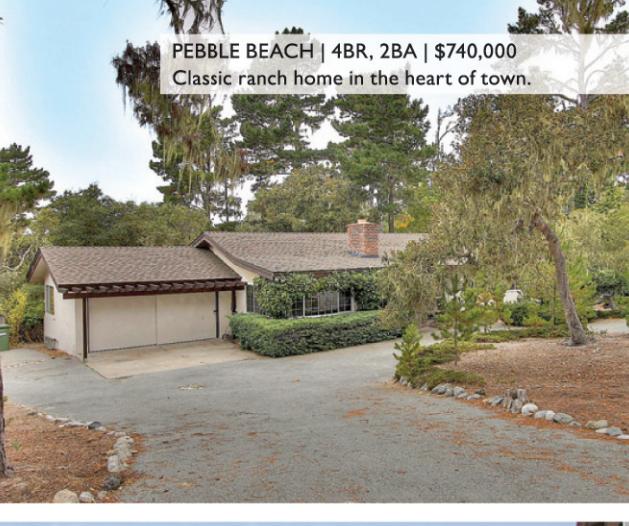
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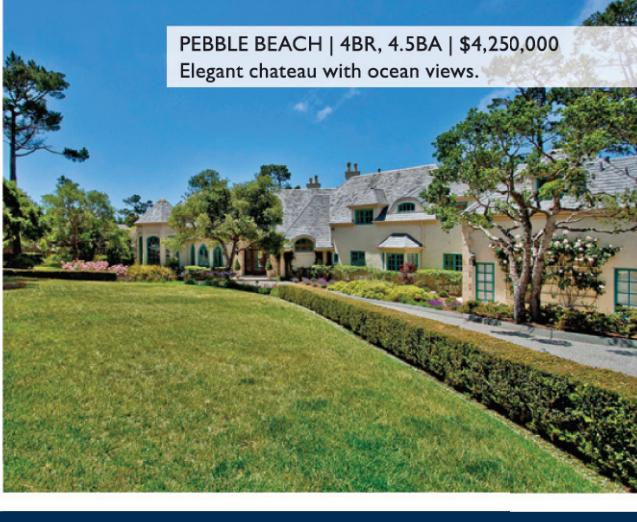
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