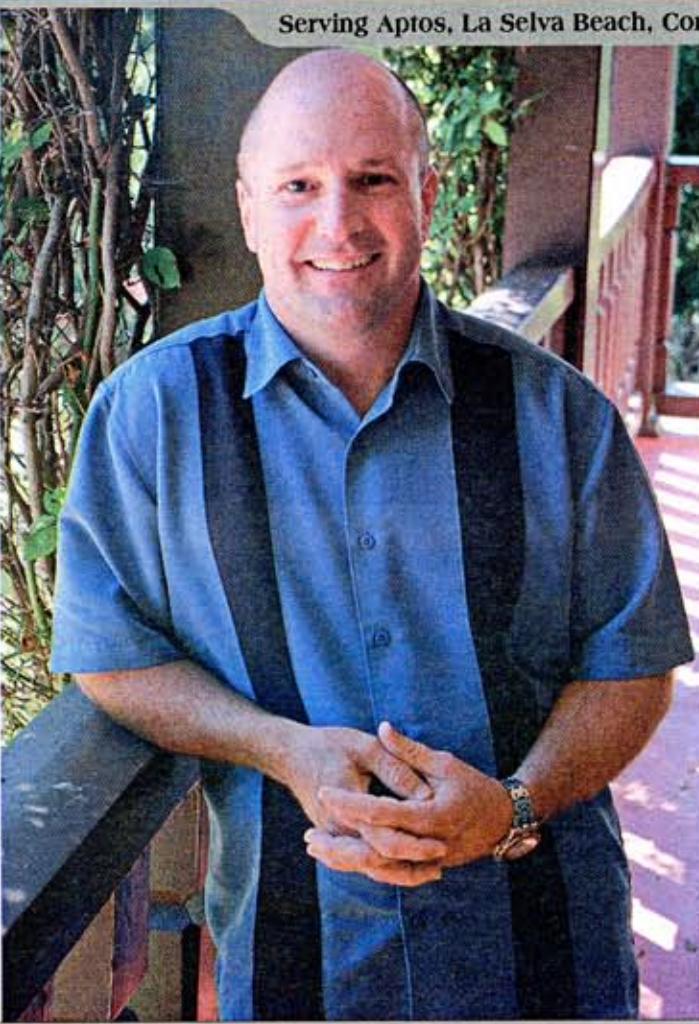


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Cabrillo's new deans: Isabel O'Connor (left) and John Grauly.

County Actions Costs Taxpayers an Estimated \$1 million



The Oracle's Disputed Home

Five-year Red Tag Dispute Resolved by Judge in Civil Suit

By Noel Smith

Northern California Judge Jeremy Fogel found that evidence showed individuals in the Santa Cruz County Planning Department violated Elan and Reverend Oracle's Due Process Rights by recording a red-flag "Notice of Violation" on their property, stating it did not comply with the county code. The case is Oracle v. Santa Cruz Planning Department No. C 09-0373.

The five-year battle with the county finally ended on Feb. 24, 2011 when Elan and Reverend Oracle received a \$750,000 settlement from the county.

According to Reverend Oracle, "When you add the county's staff, attorney and court costs, to the settlement, it must have cost them well over \$1 million. It was all very unnecessary."

According to court documents, in December of 2005 Elan and Reverend Oracle filed for permit to build two circle driveways and a black chain link fence on their property. They wanted to add the gate and fence to protect the fruit trees and garden on their 1.5-acre property from deer and other wildlife.

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CABRILLO COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW DEANS JOHN GRAULTY AND ISABEL O'CONNOR

Cabrillo College welcomes John Grauly as its new Dean of the Visual, Applied and Performing Arts Division (VAPA), and Isabel O'Connor as the new Dean of the Human Arts and Social Sciences

(HASS) Division. Both Grauly and O'Connor started their new duties on July 1, in preparation for the coming fall semester.

"We are excited to add two exceptionally qualified and experienced people to

Cabrillo's leadership team," stated Cabrillo College President Brian King. "John Grauly has served successfully as a Dean of the Arts in the California Community College system and is also an accom-

plished musician and conductor in his own right. Isabel O'Connor has years of experience both as a teacher and leader.

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She is passionate about helping students overcome obstacles to succeed in college the way she was able to beat the odds, coming from a rural community in Spain where most women did not achieve a college degree."

John Grauly, Ed.D., formerly Dean of Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at Merced Community College, is the current Chair of the College Music Society' (CMS) Academic Citizenship Committee and a member of the CMS Committee on Administration and Academic Leadership. He is a former U.S. Air Force conductor who has worked in mediums ranging from jazz to opera. John has led performances at the Leipzig Gewandhaus, Royal Albert Hall in London, and the Red Army Theater in Moscow. He also conducted President Bill Clinton in his brief guest appearance with the USAF Band in Europe. He has guest conducted the Wroclaw Philharmonic, the Harlem Festival Orchestra, and on Latvian National Radio.

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"I'm passionate about the vital role the arts play in improving the human condition and stimulating creative and critical thought, so I'm thrilled to be serving an institution and living in a community that values and celebrates the creative human spirit to such a high degree," commented Grauly. "I look forward to helping students transform their passions into professions so that they might enrich their own lives and the communities of which they are a part."

Isabel O'Connor, Ph.D., comes to Cabrillo from Indiana University at South Bend, where she was Program Chair and Associate Professor of History. Her book, "A Forgotten Community: The Mudejar Aljama of Xativa, 1240-1327" was published by E. J. Brill in 2002. She is the author of several articles that examine the interaction between Muslims, Jews and Christians in thirteenth-century Spain. O'Connor received the Indiana University South Bend Distinguished Teaching Award, Indiana University Trustee's Teaching Award and was admitted to the prestigious Indiana University system-wide Faculty Colloquium for Excellence in Teaching.

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