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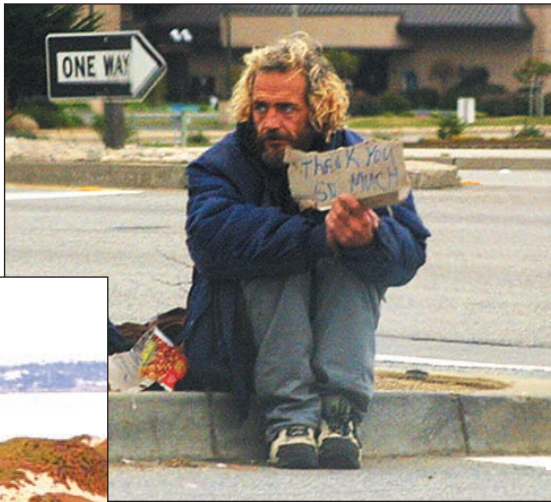
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Homeless pitch tents, stake claim to oceanfront real estate

■ *Moving in while nobody's looking*

By PAUL MILLER

THE ARMY has left and state parks hasn't quite taken over yet, leaving the expansive sand dunes at Fort Ord available for homesteading by the Peninsula's burgeoning homeless population. And move in they have.



PHOTOS/PAUL MILLER

Where do the panhandlers at local shopping centers sleep? Many call the sand dunes at Fort Ord home.

With law enforcement patrols infrequent — or nonexistent — at least a dozen homeless men have taken up residence in a small section of oceanfront real estate just north of Sand City.

"I've been living back in the dunes for three or four years," said a 45-year-old homeless man named Colin. "Pretty much nobody bothers me."

"A ranger came by one time and told me just to keep things clean," agreed his friend, Marty, 57, who said he lived off the land in Seaside 40 years and recently moved to the Fort Ord dunes.

The men said they weathered winter storms in dugout shelters covered with tarps. They live on handouts from motorists leaving the Borders, Target and other stores at the Sand Dollar Shopping Center. Both men said they tried to keep themselves clean and used the restroom at a service station nearby, "but some of these other guys are filthy — they just go in the dunes," Colin said, his eyes bright beneath a weathered brow.

Not far from Marty and Colin's

See *HOMELESS* page 11A



The large trash piles at one homeless man's tent site — no more than 200 feet from a stunning beach — show that it has been occupied for years.

Sunset Center subsidy reaches \$700,000 a year

By MARY BROWNFIELD and PAUL MILLER

AFTER INVESTING millions in the renovation of Sunset Center, the city will also have to pay more than \$700,000 to cover the theater's operating deficit this year, according to the nonprofit group, Sunset Cultural Center, Inc., which is proposing to take over management of the venue in an effort to increase patronage and decrease the city's subsidy.

Revenues to the city from all the events at Sunset Center this year will total just \$185,000, while the city's expenses will be almost \$900,000, Carmel resident Jim Price, SCC chairman, told the city council Jan. 6.

Expenses at the new auditorium have shot up since it was rebuilt, Price reported. SCC estimated it will cost \$150,000 more to run Sunset Center this year than it did in 2001, including \$60,000 more for electricity and \$50,000 for heat-

See *SUNSET CENTER* page 9A

A LADYBUG SLUMBER PARTY

By MARY BROWNFIELD

COME THE cold months, ladybugs give up their solitary lives munching aphids and other pests and gather in sheltered areas such as this tree stump in Garrapata State Park, where a multitude of the colorful beetles was spotted off the Soberanes Point Trail.

"They congregate during winter, just like the butterflies

See *LADYBUGS* page 9A



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Lethargic ladybugs huddle when it gets too cold to fly. These clustered on a stump on the Soberanes Point Trail.

Coastal commission redraws Carmel map

By PAUL MILLER

AS THE city nears completion of its long-overdue Local Coastal Program, the staff of the California Coastal Commission has intervened to try to maintain the commission's authority over large portions of the city, including the beach tract, Pescadero Canyon and Mission Trail Park.

"We have received a map from the commission showing what they will consider the 'appeal zone,'" said principal planner Brian Roseth. "It includes all the parcels within 300 feet of the beach bluff, and everything within 100 feet of Pescadero Creek and within 100 feet of the creek in Mission Trail Park." As many as 60 parcels could be affected, Roseth said.

If the map becomes final, permits granted by the city to owners of properties within those zones will be appealable to the coastal commission. In the rest of the city, once the LCP becomes final, they will not.

"The fact that Pescadero Canyon and Mission Trail would

be in the appeal zone is something new," Roseth said. "We have not seen it before."

When the Coastal Act was passed in 1976, coastal commission control over building permits was supposed to be temporary. Once each city or county had prepared an LCP and the commission accepted it, property owners would get final permits from their local city council or board of supervisors, according to the act. But in special areas — between the last public road and the sea, within 300 feet of a coastal bluff, near a "riparian corridor" or a wetland — the Coastal Act allowed the coastal commission to retain jurisdiction.

Roseth said he will present the map, and other changes in the LCP requested by the coastal commission staff, to the city council at special meetings on Jan. 13 and 20.

The matter then returns to the coastal commission itself for possible final approval of the Carmel Local Coastal Program. According to Roseth, the LCP has been put on the coastal commission's Feb. 18 - 20 meeting in La Jolla, San Diego County.

TURN OUT THE LIGHTS, THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS might twinkle on storefronts well into springtime in some cities, but in downtown Carmel-by-the-Sea, the holiday season officially ends the second Wednesday in January.

"We don't want to be grinchers," explained David Wright, Carmel's "code compliance coordinator," so a city policy grants a two-month reprieve from the sign ordinance, which prohibits business owners from stringing lights around doors and windows and on nearby trees.

That means all the festive outdoor decorations must be removed by Jan. 14, though

Wright, whose part-time job includes ensuring all Carmel businesses are following the rules, said he won't begin pursuing Christmas light scofflaws until after the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in February.

"I'll end up chasing some people through August, and other people take the lights down and then put them back up," he said. "It would be nice if we could get the cooperation of all the business owners to take them down themselves, because it would save time and money."

Kinder, gentler enforcement
Wright admitted efforts to maintain



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

The festively attired snail in front of L'Escargot restaurant on Mission Street must lose its lights by Wednesday, according to a city regulation.

Carmel's residential focus means more restrictions downtown, where shops and restaurants are not permitted to install flashing neon signs or any other unusual attention getters.

"The basic rule is that businesses are supposed to be subordinate to the residences of city, so the city regulates the dickens out of businesses more than in most communities," he said.

The Carmel Municipal Code defines violation of its sign rules — including errant strands of Christmas lights — as infractions punishable by fines, while disobeying most of the other CMC ordinances constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by fines and prison time. The planning commission also has the power to revoke the use permits and business licenses of chronic violators.

But Wright, who also works part-time assisting with planning applications and the drafting of city ordinances, said he opts for kinder, gentler methods of convincing businesses to stay in line.

"I take a reasonable approach to it all," he said, adding that in some cities, the first time a business owner ever sees a code enforcement officer is when he's being written a ticket for a violation. "I've never punished anybody for having lights up."

League hosts health care talk

TWO PHYSICIANS will discuss "Health Care in a Just Society" during a presentation to be hosted by the League of Women Voters of the Monterey Peninsula Jan. 14. Seaside family practice physician Dana Kent will join Dr. Don McCanne, past president of Physicians for a National Health Program, to answer questions on local, state and national health care issues.

The talk, which will be held at the Elks Lodge, 150 Mar Vista Drive in Monterey from 12:30 to 2 p.m., is free, though members of the public are also invited to partake in a pre-lecture lunch beginning at noon for \$15.

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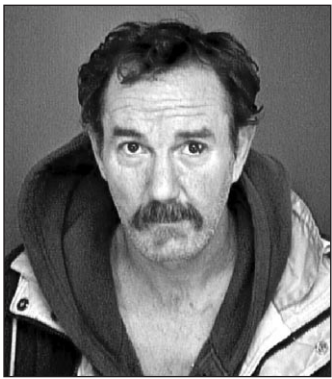
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Deputies arrest drunken suspect for dog abuse

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A DRUNKEN homeless man repeatedly pulled his little black dog into the air on its leash and kicked it outside the Crossroads Safeway, according to horrified onlookers who called the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last Friday night. After deputies arrived and arrested 47-year-old Francis Miller around 9 p.m. Jan. 2, a Carmel woman offered to take the little pup home.



Francis Miller

"According to the person who called 911 from the parking lot, he was jerking the dog really hard in the air and kicking it," said Sgt. Scott Ragan. "Some people also went

into Safeway to complain. We got down there, and he was still there with the dog. He was really drunk, and he denied being mean to the dog."

As deputies prepared to take Miller to the county jail in

Salinas, Junebug Cummings approached and asked what they intended to do with the 20-pound Shih-Tzu cross pup.

Upon learning they would be calling the SPCA or Monterey County Animal Services to take custody of it, Cummings offered to take care of the dog and try to find it a permanent home.

After ensuring it had no broken bones and was not otherwise injured, and that the dog wouldn't bite its benefactor, deputies turned the terrified pup over to its new caregiver.

"The dog wasn't snarling or biting," Ragan said. "It was

just cowering because it was so afraid."

While the Monterey County Superior Court Judge who presides over Miller's case has the right to return the dog to him, Ragan surmised such an outcome is unlikely.

"But if that's the case, the good Samaritan realizes that," he said.

Miller was jailed Jan. 2 on charges of public intoxication and animal cruelty. He pleaded not guilty during a misdemeanor arraignment Jan. 6 and was

released from jail. A pretrial hearing is set for Jan. 28.

— Sgt. Scott Ragan

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Christmas lights endanger pedestrians

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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported the

loss of her Washington State drivers license while patronizing businesses in San Luis Obispo on 12/27/03. She was traveling through the city of Carmel-by-the-Sea and requested this information be documented for assistance in obtaining clearance to board her airline flights at San Francisco and Denver airports.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male from North Stonington, Conn., reported losing his wallet on Highway 1 in Monterey County on 12/27/03. He is traveling through and requested this information be documented for assistance in obtaining clearance to board his Delta Airline flight at Las Vegas.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported losing his Siemens cell phone on Carmel Beach between Ocean Avenue and 13th.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At approximately 1200 hours, observed Killo, a male black cocker spaniel, unattended in the business area of Dolores and Sixth. Killo would not let the officer approach, therefore he was followed to a construction site at Casanova and Seventh. There, the dog owner was contacted and warned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check requested on a female's mother at Ocean and Santa Rita. Checked on the resident and found she was on the computer, and that was the reason her daughter could not get through to her.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two subjects who had been drinking were involved in a verbal argument over one of the subject's infidelity. Both stated the argument at Monterey and Second was not physical. One agreed to sleep in the

guest house for the night.

Carmel Valley: Check/credit card fraud at a Flight Road residence.

Carmel area: Rape, child molestation at a San Pedro Lane residence.

Big Sur: Traffic accident on Highway 1 23 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Big Sur: Person reported missing in the area of Highway 1 47 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious circumstances at a Piedras Blancas residence.

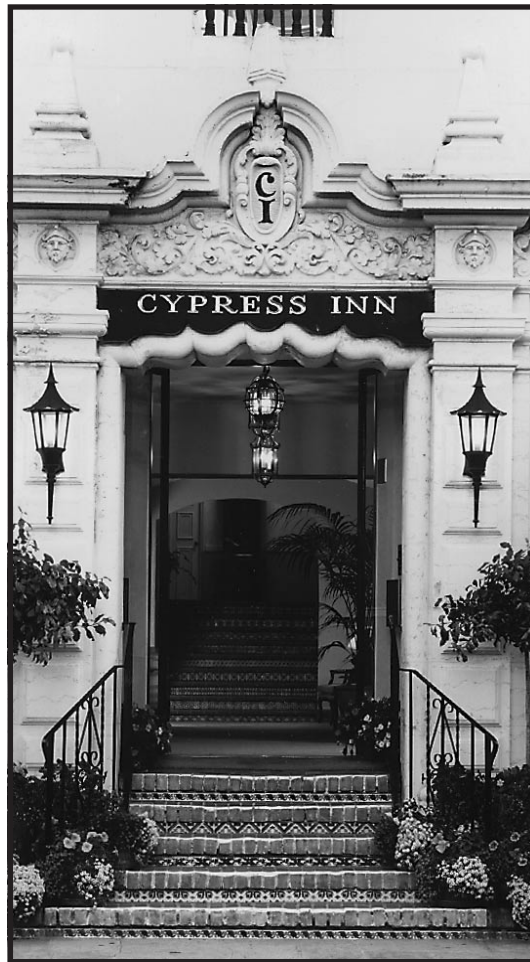
Pebble Beach: Attempted burglary of a vehicle parked on Forest Lodge Road just occurred.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a Dorris Drive residence.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female called the police because she thought her son and his friends were involved in a physical fight. Contacted the subjects at San Carlos and Vista, and they stated they were just being loud. There

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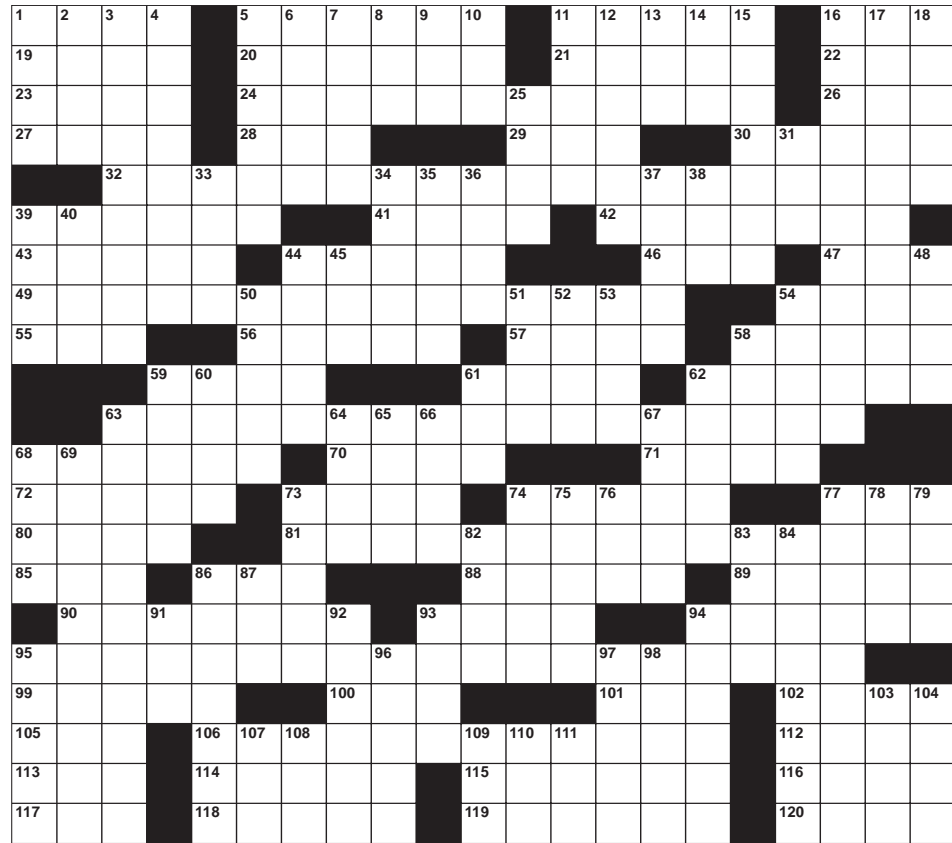
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- 21 Land on the Yellow Sea
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- 23 Suffix with phosphor
- 24 Bicycle mechanic?
- 26 Goddess whom Homer called "rosy-fingered"
- 27 Music genre
- 28 Dimwit's brain size
- 29 Have control of
- 30 Actress Beulah
- 32 Obstetrician?
- 39 Paw
- 41 Woman, to a waiter
- 42 Belts a line drive
- 43 Bits
- 44 About 10% of New Zealanders
- 46 "Cats" monogram
- 47 Econ. indicator
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- 54 Sailing
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- 57 Chinese port also called Xiamen
- 58 Likelier to win a baby contest
- 59 Lost traction
- 61 It's often masked
- 62 Spade portrayer
- 63 Dry cleaner?
- 68 Announcement inside the front door
- 70 Wrinkled, maybe
- 71 Site of many tie-ups
- 72 Slick
- 73 Took advantage of
- 74 1990's pact
- 77 Bond yield: Abbr.
- 80 Der ___ Fritz (Friedrich the Great)
- 81 Usher?
- 85 Came together
- 86 Tai ___
- 88 Lodge with a mud roof
- 89 Defunct women's magazine
- 90 Early progress
- 93 Prefix with phobia
- 94 Minuscule
- 95 Urologist?
- 99 Like wine barrels
- 100 Tre + tre
- 101 Something that's picked
- 102 Hitchhike

- 105 Humans and apes, e.g.
- 106 Electrical inspector?
- 112 Security procedure
- 113 Brian of the original Roxy Music
- 114 Accident cause
- 115 One with a flag
- 116 "___ you not?"
- 117 Colo. Springs-to-Santa Fe direction
- 118 Rodeo tie
- 119 Halloween bagful
- 120 Wall St. initials

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- 2 Analogy part
- 3 Not yet done
- 4 Prepare for camp, say
- 5 Tube plug
- 6 Closer to its prime
- 7 Loud, as a crowd
- 8 Corp. shares
- 9 Peach or plum
- 10 "I do" preceder
- 11 Orients a certain way
- 12 Tree
- 13 MGM motto start
- 14 Automotive pioneer's initials
- 15 Support group?
- 16 Venus, e.g.
- 17 Furniture cover
- 18 Old comic actress ___ Janis
- 25 Work with feet
- 31 Western Indian
- 33 Shindig
- 34 Not hold back
- 35 Prepared, as pears
- 36 Parade stopper
- 37 ___ Gritty Dirt Band
- 38 Festoons a tree with bathroom rolls, briefly
- 39 Stored computer images, for short
- 40 Goal of a tryout
- 44 "All in the Family" spinoff
- 45 U.S./Eur. link
- 48 I or II, e.g.
- 50 Tired
- 51 MoMA display
- 52 Love figure
- 53 Swed. neighbor
- 54 Boring article
- 58 Blast furnace fuel
- 59 None-too-subtle encouragement
- 60 Lawn additive
- 61 80-Across, in English
- 62 Pipe type
- 63 "You're asking me?"
- 64 Purse filler
- 65 Kind of arch
- 66 Mother of Castor and Pollux



- 67 Sign up for an offering
- 68 Vidi, translated
- 69 Teams in the West
- 73 Practical
- 74 Some Dodges
- 75 Trade talk
- 76 R.D.A. label requirer
- 77 Warning to a puzzle doer
- 78 Film ___
- 79 Part of a low straight
- 82 Friend's addressee, maybe
- 83 Q.E.D. part
- 84 Doesn't do just an outline of
- 86 Pulpit's locale
- 87 In
- 91 1965 #1 hit "___ of Destruction"
- 92 Hustling places
- 93 1983 Super Bowl designation
- 94 Host holders
- 95 Dawdlers
- 96 Prefix with transmission
- 97 Home to over a billion
- 98 1962 Jackie Gleason movie
- 103 Roaster's spot
- 104 "The NeverEnding Story" writer
- 107 U.K. foe
- 108 Monopoly props.
- 109 It can make molehills out of mountains
- 110 Bump
- 111 Shoshonean

Answer to puzzle on page 12A

Firefighters battle flaming bathroom, smoking pot pie, smoldering hair dryer

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A ROMANTIC husband with an errant candle, an overcooked pot pie and a hair dryer on the fritz had firefighters on the move in the last 10 days.

Four engines staffed with 15 firefighters and two volunteers converged on an Outlook Drive residence around 6 p.m. Monday, after homeowner Harold Lockwood dialed 911 as his bathroom filled with smoke.

"He was fixing up an evening for his wife, so he had the candle burning on the side of the tub," said California Department of Forestry Captain Tuan Flowers, who works in the Cypress Fire Protection District's Rio Road station. "He went to the kitchen for 30 seconds or a minute, and then he saw smoke in the hallway."

Lockwood grabbed a small fire extinguisher from the kitchen and tried to quell the fire that had suddenly enveloped the bathroom, but his efforts failed and he called for help.

Firefighters from Cypress, Carmel Valley, Carmel Highlands and Carmel fire departments arrived on scene and extinguished the blaze in about five minutes, but not before it destroyed everything inside the bathroom and caused smoke and heat damage to the adjoining bedroom. Flowers estimated the loss at \$30,000.

The large candle probably heated up the adhesive used to wallpaper the bathroom or the caulking in the bathtub, causing it to vaporize and ignite, according to Flowers.

"Most likely that's what happened, because there wasn't anything else we could

see from the investigation," he said. The home's electrical system was also checked.

No one was injured in the fire. Lockwood's wife arrived home to find Monterey County Sheriff's deputies and the four fire engines already there, according to Flowers.

Monday night's fire followed calls last week which sent fire engines to two Carmel Valley Road retirement communities.

A Del Mesa Carmel resident dialed 911 around 11 a.m. Dec. 30 to report an apartment filled with smoke, according to Captain Dan Frost. Firefighters arrived to find a forgotten pastry burning in the oven.

"It was a chicken pot pie gone awry," Frost said, and firefighters soon had the apartment empty of smoke.

Later that day, fire sprinklers and an alarm activated at Pacific Meadows, automatically summoning the fire department after a hair dryer caught fire.

"We're not sure if it was left on or just malfunctioned," Frost said of the old-fashioned over-the-head hair dryer, which ignited the flames that spread to a table and part of a couch while the resident was shopping.

"The sprinkler system completely extinguished the fire," he said. "It did cause some significant water damage," but that wasn't much compared to the time it would have taken for someone to discover the fire and the damage it would have caused without sprinklers.

"Only one person was displaced and the others were OK," Frost said.

'It was a chicken pot pie gone awry.'

— Dan Frost

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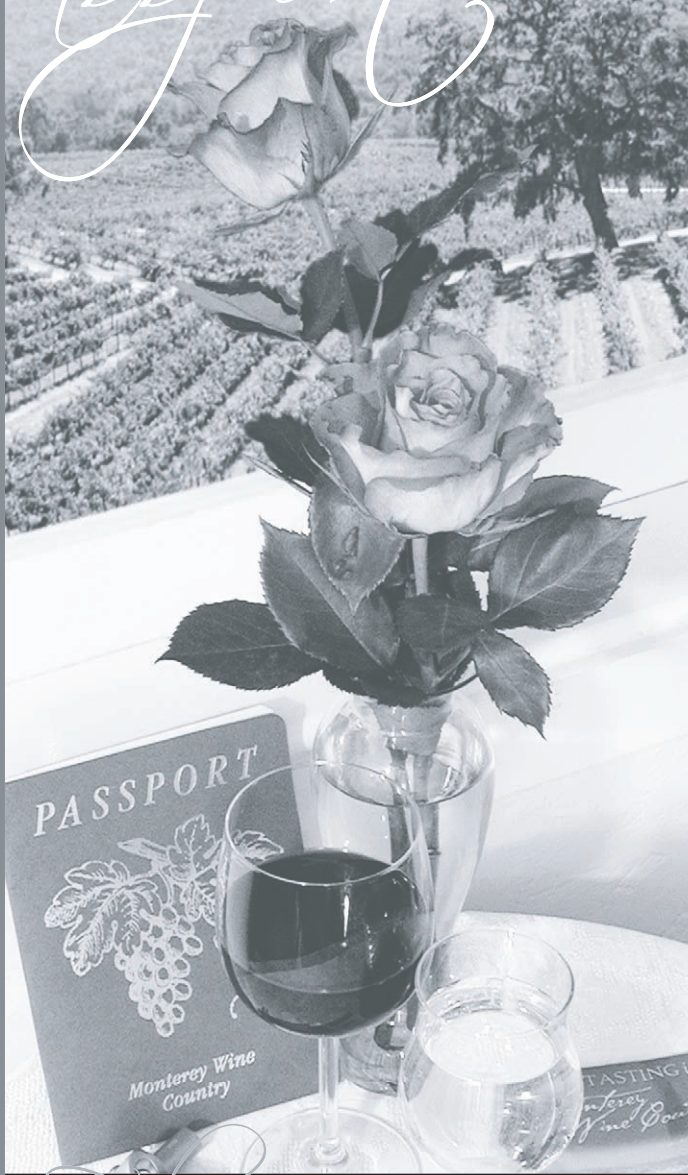
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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

ADAM ROGERS — the 40-year-old Monterey man who spent a month in a coma after his motorcycle collided with some wild swine on Highway 1 last fall — is now receiving full-time care in a rehabilitation program at Santa Clara Valley Hospital for a severe brain injury. And as his wife and two children face the financial strain of his medical care and the daunting recovery ahead, friends are gathering to raise money on the family's behalf.

Set for 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Monterey Jet Center, their \$40-per-person fundraiser will feature live music, dancing, food and drink, with all proceeds benefiting the Adam Rogers & Kristen Finn Family Fund.

Born and raised on the Monterey Peninsula, Rogers attended Robert Louis Stevenson School and San Francisco State University. At age 10, he began studying martial arts, and in 1999, he opened Bodyworx Academy.

Rogers and his wife, Kristen Finn, have two children, Orion, 13, and Aden, 7, both of whom are also studying martial arts.

Mounting bills

In addition to missing their husband and dad, the family must contend with his mounting medical bills. Since all aspects of the event are being donated by sponsors Bernardus and Quail Lodge, Stokes Adobe, Pebble Beach Company, Ventana

Vineyards, Monterey Jet Center, Executive Suites and Couch Distributing, every dollar of the ticket proceeds will benefit the family.

Tickets are available at various Monterey Peninsula businesses or over the phone with a credit card. Call 229-0440 for information.

Anyone who can't attend but would like to donate can send a check to The Adam Rogers & Kristen Finn Family Fund, c/o Bodyworx Kickboxing, 1173 Broadway, Seaside CA 93955.



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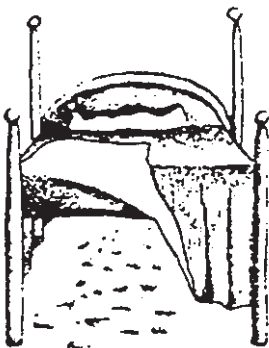
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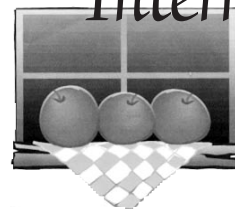
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Pub needs help quick for ALS fundraiser

By MARY BROWNFIELD

JACK LONDON'S, the Carmel grill and taproom which over the years has become a favorite hangout of caddies, golfers and fans during the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, is seeking help with a fundraiser for one of its favorite patrons. Bruce Edwards, professional caddie for PGA Tour pro Tom Watson for 30 years, was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis — Lou Gehrig's Disease — last January.

"We're sort of a watering hole for a lot of the caddies, and a number of the players, too, when they're here in town," said Jack Hill, who has owned the restaurant and bar with Steve Whitfill since 1986. "Over the years, we've developed a great friendship with him. He's an extraordinary person."

With wife and children, Edwards is facing long, difficult and expensive medical care for the incurable disease, which attacks motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord, eventually resulting in paralysis.

"We thought it was very important to recognize the situation and try to ameliorate some of the drastic loss involved," Hill said. "We want to help our patrons."

In association with the Worldwide Professional Caddies Association Foundation, Jack London's will host a private reception and auction Feb. 4, with proceeds benefiting the Bruce Edwards Family Trust and the ALS Association.

Hill is counting on local businesses and residents to donate auction items or cash for the cause, and with less than a month to go before the tournament, time is short. Goods and services — including "dining and drinking experiences" donated by Jack London's — will be auctioned during the private fundraiser and offered at the restaurant throughout the weekend of the tournament.

"We want to make sure the public can participate," Hill said. "So it's going to effectively be all day, every day."

Have a 'Bruceski'

In addition, Jack London's is donating proceeds from every "Bruceski" sold between now and the end of the tournament. A twist on "brewski," the drink refers to Budweiser.

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our place, usually his favorite libation was Bud in a bottle," Hill explained.

Last September, when Hill and Whitfill connected with Edwards at a PGA Senior Tour event in Sonoma, he graciously accepted their offer of help but said he probably would not be able to attend the reception because of his health.

"He wanted to let us know that he couldn't come, so he didn't want us to get our feelings hurt," Hill said. "He's more concerned about other people's feelings, and that's the kind of person he is. He's a very fine guy — courageous and an inspiration to us because he's dealing with a very difficult thing in a very heroic way — and it makes us realize how valuable he is and people like him are."

Hill has already gotten some response from fellow downtown businesses and patrons, and he hopes others will quickly come forward to contribute. He suggested hotel rooms, dinners, wines, sports memorabilia, or anything else of interest to locals and golf fans.

Sponsors donating at least \$100 will be invited to attend the Feb. 4 reception, and all will be recognized by Jack London's and the PCA unless they wish to remain anonymous. While Hill would like to receive the donations by Jan. 31, no last-minute offerings will be turned away.

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Carmel Valley

CARMEL VALLEY FINANCIAL STUDY WILL COST \$67,000

By PAUL MILLER

A COMPREHENSIVE assessment of whether a Town of Carmel Valley is financially feasible will cost \$67,000, the

outgoing executive director of the Local Agency Formation Commission told commissioners this week.

The money will come from contributions to the Carmel Valley Forum, a citizens group that is the "proponent" of the incorporation drive, Catherine West said.

Before the study can even begin, the group will have to deposit \$21,440, according to West's interim successor, long-time county planner Kris Berry.

"The fundraising efforts by the proponents are likely to be protracted, and we want to be as accommodating as we can," Berry said. "But LAFCO will incur no expense for this study without having funds on hand."

The financial study is the first formal step before LAFCO — which has responsibility for approving new government agencies in Monterey County and deciding what their boundaries should be — can make a recommendation on the viability of incorporating Carmel Valley.

West, who retired as LAFCO executive director Dec. 31 but who has been retained as a consultant, told the commission she was recommending Economic and Planning Systems, Inc., be hired to prepare the financial feasibility study.

"We decided to do this in the most expedient way possible," West said. EPS made the lower bid of two submitted and also had much more experience than the higher bidder.

"The company that bid \$85,000 actually had minimal experience preparing fiscal analyses," West said.

Her recommendation was approved unanimously, despite the fact that EPS prepared a preliminary financial assessment for a group of Carmel Valley activists two years ago.

"We were very cognizant that the recommendation [to pick EPS] might be subject to special scrutiny because of that, but we really don't see a conflict," Berry said.

The earlier study concluded that Carmel Valley residents can afford to incorporate, if that's what they want to do.

After examining the largest sources of money flowing to the county from Carmel Valley, including sales tax, property taxes and the tax on hotel rooms, and how much the county spends to provide law enforcement, fire protection and road maintenance in the valley, EPS concluded the area gives away far more than it gets in return. In fact, the study found that Carmel Valley overpays the county for its services by more than \$1 million a year.

The new study will look at that issue in more detail, and also determine whether Carmel Valley might have to pay "alimony" to Monterey County to be allowed to incorporate. The state's revenue neutrality law prevents wealthy neighborhoods from incorporating to the detriment of services for needy areas

Opting out?

In response to concerns from residents at the mouth of Carmel Valley, Berry said her agency was also studying whether individual neighborhoods might be allowed to vote whether to be included in a Town of Carmel Valley.

"LAFCO is responsible for recommending the boundaries of the new town and deciding whether to submit it to the voters, but there are certain areas that could potentially opt out, and we're studying whether the vote can be structured so that individual neighborhoods could do that," Berry said.

She also said LAFCO would sponsor a community forum sometime in February on the possibility of incorporating Carmel Valley.

"We'll make a presentation, and it will be the first opportunity for people to express their concerns," Berry said. No date or location for the forum has been determined.

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SUNSET CENTER

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ing and air conditioning maintenance. Tax dollars also cover more than \$450,000 a year in interest on debts incurred during the remodel project, according to city officials. That is over and above the estimated \$898,000 being spent to run Sunset this year.

The subsidy could be cut to 51 percent of the Sunset Center operating budget by 2006/2007, Price said, if SCC manages the center and the number of events is doubled to 175 a year — a goal he called “very ambitious.” The nonprofit would also pursue more grants and impose a facility use fee of \$1 to \$2 per ticket.

But continuing costs to the city are likely to be permanent, he warned. Despite extensive research, “we found no venue operated by a nonprofit or a city that did not require a substantial subsidy,” Price said. He and the other member of the SCC board concluded that reducing the amount of tax dollars spent on Sunset Center will require striking a balance between the “community benefits and fiscal realities” of running it.

His comments caused concern among some longtime users of the historic theater, who fear that an effort to control costs might lead to higher rental fees, forcing them to raise ticket prices.

“I believe that a well-run nonprofit organization, can, reporting to the city, run Sunset Center in a good way,” said Walter McCarthy, a director on the Monterey Symphony board. But he worried that if the anticipated 175 performances don’t materialize, fees might be raised to make up the balance, which could threaten the financial health of the symphony.

Bach Festival board president Jack Buffington, whose festival is still recovering from the recession and the financial burdens of being displaced during the theater renovation, said efficient management of the center must take longtime tenants into account, particularly when passing along the costs.

“Keeping the historic users of Sunset healthy is very important, or there won’t be any users,” he said. “An empty

Sunset will benefit nobody.”

But Katherine Bucquet, president of the Carmel Music Society — a Sunset Center performance group since 1931 — said her organization supports SCC because its plan balances the needs of users with those of a successful venue.

“We have come to the conclusion that we are totally supportive of their vision for the future of Sunset Center,” Bucquet said.

Professional management?

The formation of Sunset Cultural Center, Inc., followed a city council decision last May to organize a nonprofit management corporation rather than continue running the center as a city department, according to Mayor Sue McCloud. Council members wanted assurance the expensive new theater would have professional management to maximize its benefit to the community, while limiting the drain on city coffers.

Price told the council Jan. 6 that a nonprofit could manage the center better than the city because that task would be its sole focus, the group would have more flexibility in fundraising, and it could act more quickly when opportunities arise.

While SCC would not be a city-controlled entity, Price promised any contract between it and Carmel would contain provisions to protect everyone’s interests.

“We will be accountable to the city of Carmel-by-the-Sea

and the people of Carmel,” he said. The nonprofit corporation’s board meetings will be closed to the public, but Price said SCC will have quarterly meetings with the user groups and an annual meeting open to everyone.

“Our directors are local,” he told The Pine Cone after the meeting. “People can just walk up and talk to them.”

Carmel resident Jean White wondered how accountable the nonprofit would be given its plans to meet in private.

“If they’re using public tax dollars and they’re not going to have their meetings in public but in private, with no public input, how is this better than for the city to hire a community and cultural director, with a cultural commission appointed with people you selected?” she asked. “That’s a good use of our public funding.”

Considering the outstanding debt on Sunset Center following its \$21.65 million renovation, residents’ significant donations to the project and the ongoing need to subsidize its operations, some members of the public asked the council to hold a town hall meeting before signing any agreements.

While the council’s deliberations on Sunset Center have occurred at public meetings, “there is a perception that the public has been cut out of the decision on how to run Sunset,” former cultural commissioner Carolyn Hardy said.

She doubted a nonprofit independent of the city would really have the best interest of Sunset Center tenants and city residents in mind. “The new self-appointed board will have

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LADYBUGS

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that come to Pacific Grove and Point Lobos,” said California State Parks Ranger Chuck Bancroft. “Every year, they come back. It’s wonderful — you walk around that corner and all of a sudden, everything’s covered. There are probably millions.”

There are about 6,000 species of ladybugs, also known as ladybird beetles, throughout the world, with convergent and nine-spotted ladybugs among the more common species found in North America. When the temperature drops below 55 degrees, they can no longer fly. Instead, they cluster together, and some species have been found hibernating in houses.

Convergent ladybugs — identified by the white lines which converge on their thorax — are known to descend upon Pinnacles National Monument each year, according to the monument’s website. After beginning their lives in valley areas ripe with aphids, they migrate to the mountains in late spring to feed on bugs and pollen in preparation for a nine-month dormancy. Pinnacles visitors often spy large swarms of ladybugs during their springtime mating season, before they return to the valleys, lay their eggs and die.

Because they subsist on insects harmful to trees and plants, ladybugs are often gathered and sold by nurseries and pest control businesses to farmers and gardeners who prefer the beetles to pesticides.

According to the Encarta Encyclopedia, “The beetles were popularly regarded in the Middle Ages as instruments of benevolent intervention by the Virgin Mary, whence the common name, ladybird.”




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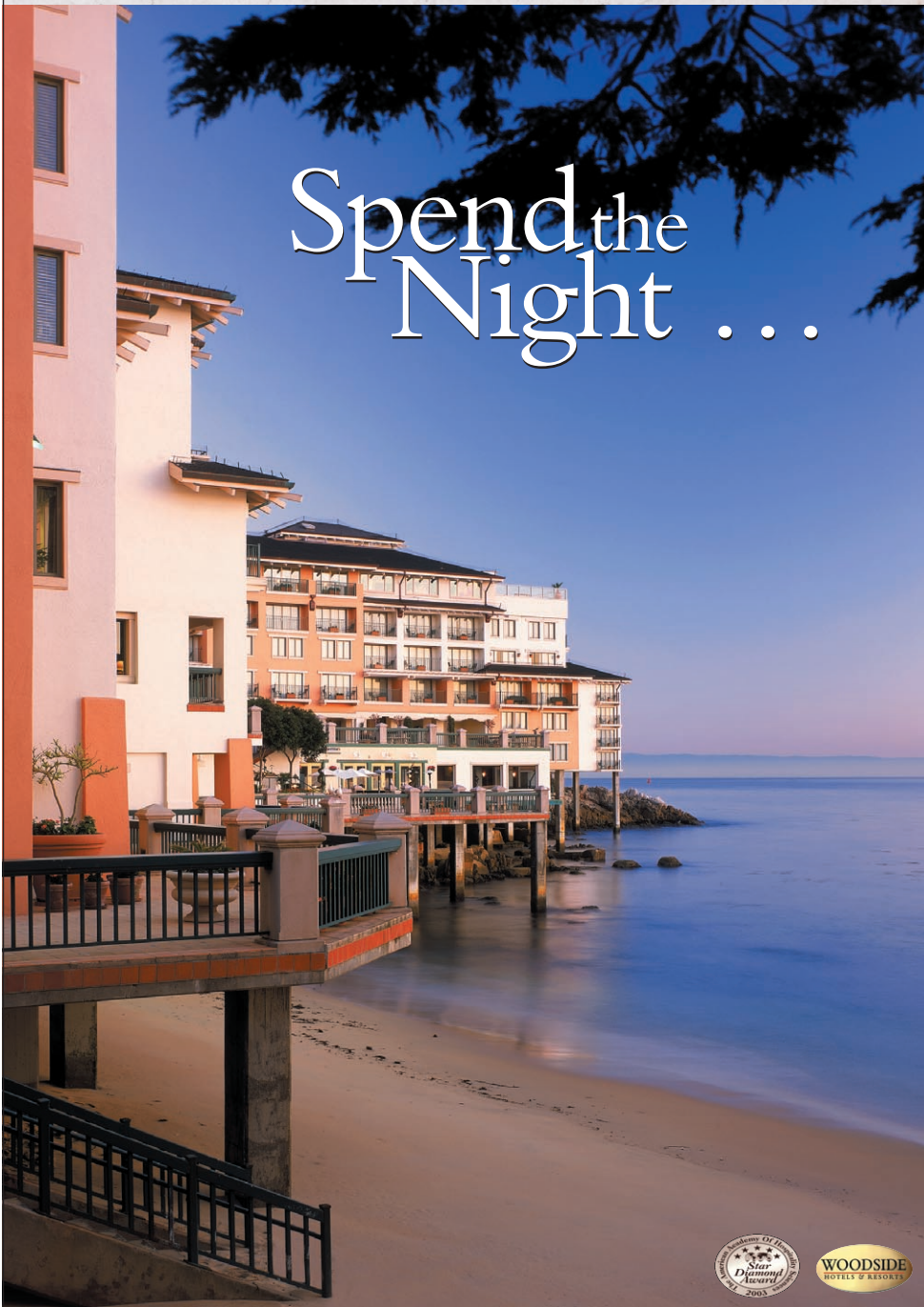
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Sandy Claws



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JOURNEY LEE Hanlon, left, and Daisy Mae, his sister, are both 4 years old. A bug's ear comes to mind when searching for the proper descriptive phrase.

Daisy is curly all over, while her brother Journey has a sleek back. Both of them sport summer cuts, even though it was rainy when this photo was taken at Carmel Beach this week.

The logs on which they posed were piled up at the Eighth Avenue dune, with a backhoe equipped with a giant claw placing them here and there near the walking path.

Mom Karen describes Daisy as "sassy and stubborn and thinks she's a Rottweiler. Her way is the only way." Mom indulges her but is thinking seriously about obedience school.

Journey has a propensity for tissues thrown away in waste baskets and has a field day tearing them to shreds. This is sort of OK at home, but more

than a little embarrassing for Mom when Journey goes visiting with her.

Cocktail hour at the Cypress Inn is an outing the twins adore. Mom Karen and Granddad Greg take them there for a treat so they can socialize with other canines who like to hob nob at Doris Day's hotel. It gives them an added cachet, they feel.

Although the twins love all food, they give cooked egg yolks, feta cheese, carrots and bananas a four-star rating.

Their Grandmom Barbara, who lives in San Jose, recently received a phone call from a caring Monterey citizen, reporting that the twins had shown up at her house. It seems their dog tags showed the telephone number where they were born, not where they live now. The twins forgot to update their dog tags when they moved to Monterey.

COMING UP MUSHROOMS



PHOTO/KIRSTIE WILDE

Fantastically colored mushrooms are emerging from the damp forests and meadows of the Central Coast. These beauties were found along a hiking trail at Jacks Peak Regional Park. Nearly every year, gastronomes sampling the taste of wild mushrooms end up in the hospital, or dead. First symptoms of poisoning are mild, causing stomach pains and diarrhea. The poison works slowly, severely damaging the liver over several days or even weeks. Any person who has eaten mushrooms gathered in the wild and has symptoms should contact a doctor immediately.

HOMELESS

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makeshift homes overlooking one of Monterey Bay's most beautiful beaches, numerous other homeless campsites could be seen. One man's tent hid from the wind — and from the eyes of joggers on the nearby recreation trail — in a swale between two giant sand dunes. Just outside the tent, several large piles of weathered garbage — plastic bags, beer cans, crutches, broken furniture, soiled clothing — gave mute testimony of the age of his encampment.

"That's 'Hawaii Dave,' and he's been living there a long, long time," Marty said. "One time, a ranger chased him out, but he came right back."

Both men said the homeless population has been growing since the Army pulled out. But Colin said things were better in the days when "a colonel owned the land."

"He told me I could stay if I picked up the trash," Colin said.

Who's in charge?

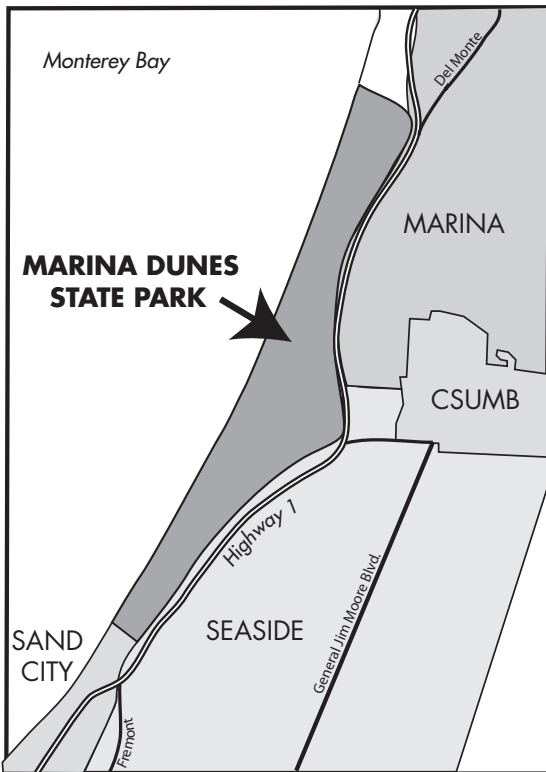
The chief of the Sand City Police Department, Michael Klein, said he knows why homeless people are congregating in the dunes just outside city limits.

"We actively discourage encampments in our beach area," Klein told The Pine Cone. But he said there was an "enforcement void" at the former Army base to the north. "If you're a crack user or have substance abuse problems, you're going to go someplace where you're less likely to come into contact with law enforcement."

Unless they were chasing a fleeing felon, Klein said, Sand City police officers wouldn't cross the border into the former military base.

A Seaside police officer also said her department didn't patrol the sand dunes west of Highway 1. "It's my understanding that we have no jurisdiction on the other side of the highway."

A spokesman for the Presidio of the Monterey Peninsula, Al Macks, said the Army no longer patrols the sprawling Fort Ord, except for a small area containing the post exchange, commissary



and a few housing units still occupied by military personnel. The rest of the huge base — home of the Seventh Light Infantry Battalion until a round of budget-cutting base closures in the early 1990s — is now under civilian control, Macks said.

But a spokesman for the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Dave Schaechtele, said the land that will make up the future Marina Dunes State Park still belongs to the U.S. Government, and the military is responsible for patrolling it.

"The handover won't take place until the Army has finished its cleanup, and it's the

jurisdiction of the federal police to take care of any problems," Schaechtele said. Park rangers occasionally visit the beachfront dunes, mainly to protect state parks equipment stored in the bunkers near Highway 1, and are aware of the homeless encampments.

"We advised them to leave," Schaechtele said. "If they're still out there [next time the rangers patrol], we'll file a report with the federal government."

Few options

For the homeless, the issue isn't one of law enforcement jurisdiction. It is, "where do we live?"

"There are churches where you can go, but the problem is, the people go through your stuff," Marty told this reporter.

"You mean the people who run the shelter check your things to make sure you don't

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have drugs?" he was asked.

"No, I mean the other people living in there go through your stuff looking for something to steal!" Marty exclaimed.

"It's safer out here," said Colin, pointing at the dunes, where wide open spaces give each man his own turf and a semblance of privacy.

Klein agreed the greatest danger to the homeless is from other homeless men.

"In most cases, the criminality is directed within the homeless community," Klein said. "You have drug use, you have assaults, you have theft and the whole gamut of things. The strong take advantage of the weak. It's a fact of life."

And while living in the dunes is better than a shelter, the two homeless men interviewed by The Pine Cone expressed frustration at not being able to afford a place to live.

"I used to be on disability, because of my eyes," Marty said. "But they cut off that off. I have an appeal going. I need it so I can get a place to live."

"At the welfare office, they promised us foods stamps, and general assistance and some work, but we haven't gotten

any," Colin said.

While he carefully emptied bins of remaining tobacco from a collection of cigarette butts into a piece of rolling paper, he told a brief version of his life story:

"I was born in England, and my father was in the military. We lived everywhere — Okinawa, Singapore, India. When he died, my mother moved to the States. I lived with her for awhile, but I didn't get along with my stepfather, so I had to move out, and one thing led to another."

Is he an alcoholic?

"No way, man. Some people, they drink all the time, but me, two or three beers and I'm fine." Colin said.

Marty also told a decades-old story of not being able to work, but denied having any substance abuse problems.

"I just try to take care of myself," he said.

They and dozens of other resident homeless people of the Monterey Peninsula rely on the Salvation Army's Good Samaritan Center — a short walk from the Fort Ord dunes — for food, clothing, and a place to receive mail, make phone calls and get cleaned up.

"We have two showers and they're pretty much going all the time," said Major Cindy Lowcook, who administers the facility, which is supported by the annual Red Kettle drive at Christmas and by numerous other contributions. "We always need hotel-sized soaps and shampoos — and towels, we're always running out of towels," she said.

"The Good Sam Center is the only place on the Peninsula where the homeless can take care of their hygiene," said Chief Klein



Health officials say an accumulation of refuse, such as homeless residents of the Fort Ord dunes have produced, is a danger to their health and the whole community. Some of the homeless claim they keep their encampments neat.

of the Sand City P.D. "Every human deserves their dignity, and that's why we made a commitment here in Sand City and allowed the center to be built."

He said Natividad Medical Center — subject of the recently failed half-cent sales tax Measure Q — was also a key link in the county's system to take care of the homeless.

"A lot of the homeless have some serious mental issues," Klein said. Many of them improve after being treated at Natividad but then a vicious circle begins.

"They are sent out onto the streets and expected to maintain their dosages. But if they could do that, they wouldn't need help," Klein said. "At best, they just take their medicine until they start to feel better. Then they stop — and when they start to feel worse again, they start self-medicating with illicit drugs."


He called for extensive programs to treat the physical and mental ailments of the homeless.

"We can either provide the services these people need, or we'll just end up responding when there's a crisis — and that's when an officer gets hurt, a member of the public gets hurt, or the homeless person gets hurt," Klein said.

Colin and Marty said most people they encounter in the Peninsula are helpful and generous, and they hope they won't be chased from their homes at Fort Ord after state parks takes over. They even said they hoped they could do some maintenance work for the parks department. But wouldn't it be better if affordable housing was built and they could have a permanent place to live?

"That's not gonna be for me, anyway," Marty said. "I'll probably be out here forever."

News from Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary



To welcome the New Year we have a very special event taking place Wednesday evening, January 14. There will be no regular lunch meeting this coming week. The Monterey Peninsula Rotary clubs will be presenting an evening with an exceptional guest speaker, Jean Irwin — noted educator, humorist and former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. Jean is a teacher for children who are hearing impaired. Her talk is titled "Changing Lives: One Syllable at a Time." The event will be held at the Steinbeck Forum on the 2nd floor of the Monterey Conference Center. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a reception with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. The program will begin at 7:30. There will be a donation of \$20 per person. All proceeds to be donated to McQueen Deaf Education Program and the Rotary International Foundation. Rotary Club presidents on the Peninsula have tickets or you may call 624-1227.

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Frank Perry: Benefactor, family man, mayoral candidate

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

FRANK PERRY, a 50-year Carmel homeowner and 20-year resident who ran for mayor in 1996 as "an advocate of flexibility," died Dec. 31 at his home. He was 81.

A native of San Francisco, Mr. Perry attended Oakland public schools and Lincoln Law School. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Perry spent 40 years in law enforcement, as an Oakland Police Department inspector for 25 years and then as senior special investigator with the State of California Labor Standards Enforcement Department.

Mr. Perry filed his last-minute bid for mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea in January 1996, telling *The Pine Cone* he would run "as a neighbor, not a politician." He maintained that unnecessary regulations hurt businesses and private property owners.

"Our businesses are getting more and more competition from other cities, and those other cities are actually trying to help their businesses," Mr. Perry said. "Our ordinances are not in sync with the views of the public." His mayoral bid proved unsuccessful.

Last year, Mr. Perry urged the Carmel City Council to grant him .06 acre-foot of water for two lots on Mission Street — one with an older home and another which was vacant. He donated the lots to Salesian Fathers, a Catholic charity that planned to sell the property to support its charitable work. Potential buyers wished to add a third bathroom to a proposed home on the site, but the water request



was turned down.

Mr. Perry's memberships included the Carmel Mission Basilica, the Knights of Columbus, the Serra Club, Saints Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco, Colombo Club and the Police Officer's Association, both in Oakland.

He is survived by his wife, Ardath of Carmel; daughters Barbara Smoak and Patricia Perry of Carmel, Susan Shryer of Danville and Margaret Gouzenne of Copperopolis; his sister, Alice Fanfa of Castro Valley; his grandchildren, Ed, Brett, Jonathan, Josh, Jennifer, Loriann, Ed, Jeffrey, Christopher and Perry; and three great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Kaitlyn and Soleil. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Christopher Smoak, in 1978.

MAURENE CATHERINE KASTOR, who made her home in Carmel Valley for many years, died Dec. 17 in Oregon. She was 90.

Born in Nebraska, the former Maurene Plein married Milton Kastor in 1937 and the couple resided many years in Carmel Valley, where they raised their family.

Mrs. Kastor enjoyed telling stories of her years growing up in Carmel, struggling through the Depression era, working to help support her family and in later years chasing cows with a dust mop.

Mrs. Kastor is survived by her daughters, Xenia Simmons of Shasta Lake City, Vala Johnson of Montana and Cheryl Parga of Oregon; son Rance of Post; 12 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Kastor was preceded in death by her husband and by a brother, Bill Plein, who was killed in World War II.

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LINDA ELIZABETH TAPP died Jan. 4 at Stanford Hospital.

Born Linda Elizabeth Ratsep in Tartu, Estonia, she was the only child of seven in her family to escape the tyranny of the Russian army during World War II. She lived in Augsburg, Germany for five years before immigrating to the United States in 1950.



She married Augustine Tapp, a Merchant Marine from Estonia, and they later settled in Long Island, N. Y.

Mrs. Tapp made her home on the Monterey Peninsula for 17 years. She enjoyed growing flowers and vegetables and was very talented at framing pictures and knitting.

Mrs. Tapp is survived by her daughters, Leah Elizabeth of Monterey and Nancy Jane of Carmel, as well as an extended family of cousins, nephews and nieces in Canada and Estonia.

Mrs. Tapp's memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Seaside Assembly of God.

EMILY SAULSBURY (NEE EMILLY MCINTOSH PARKS), a former local teacher and real estate broker, died Jan. 2 in Berkeley after a lengthy illness. She was 86.

A native of Colorado, she spent her youth dedicated to horses, rising to become a nationally acclaimed equestrian. She graduated from Scripps College in Pomona in 1939 with a B.A. in psychology. While in veterinary school at Washington State University she met her husband, Robert.

Mrs. Saulsbury became a "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II as an active member of the Steamfitters and Boilermaker Union (Local 165) and started her family with the births of Ann, Susan and Robert in San Francisco. She moved to Carmel Valley in 1948. Patricia and Frank followed to complete the family.

She was instrumental in founding the

Carmel Valley Library and was a charter member of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. She led the early fight to preserve Hatton Canyon. Her teaching career began at Santa Catalina and she later taught elementary school for the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District. As a real estate broker, she maintained Saulsbury Real Estate in Carmel for more than a quarter of a century. She retired in 1997.

Memorials may be directed to Scripps College, Pomona, where a scholarship fund has been established in her memory.

VIRGINIA SWAFFORD DAVID, a resident of Hacienda Carmel since 1994, died Dec. 30.

Mrs. David grew up in Los Angeles, and Flintridge in Pasadena. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from Stanford University in 1937 and graduated from Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena in 1980 with a master's degree in gerontology.

She married Harold David and, as with so many families during World War II, they criss-crossed the country as he went through Navy training. The young family lived on a series of naval bases, culminating in his serving on the U.S.S. Bennington as a briefing officer for one of the carrier's many flying squadrons in the Pacific.

Widowed at the age of 30, Mrs. David raised her three children and worked for several nonprofit agencies: the Los Angeles Boy Scout Council and the Southern California Stanford University Office; and, in Northern California, Edgewood Children's Home and the Salvation Army.

She enjoyed volunteering for The Nature Conservancy, the Intergenerational Program at Pacific Oaks Preschool, of which she served as cofounder and coordinator; the Mother's Club in Pasadena and, more recently, several committees at Hacienda Carmel.

Mrs. David was preceded in death by her husband, and a son, Thomas Swafford. She is survived by a daughter, Abi of Colorado and son, Will of Carmel; and her sister, Janet Lenihan of Monterey; grandchildren Angela Hopper and Christian Charles David; and three great-grandchildren.

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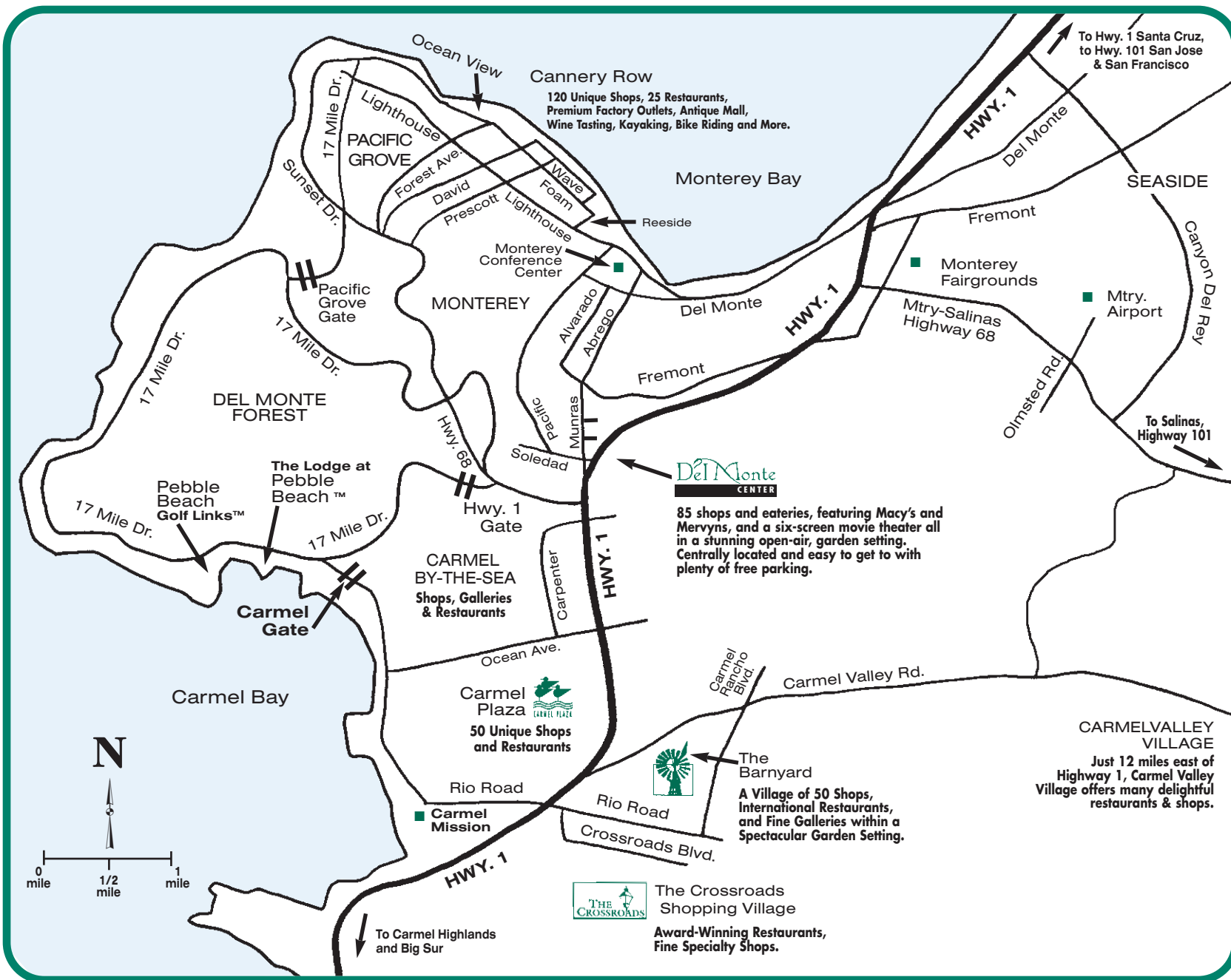
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Musical interlude benefits Carmel Youth Center

THE CARMEL Youth Center, a non-profit organization located at Torres and Fourth, was founded and funded in 1949 by then Pebble Beach resident Bing Crosby. Of the 200 similar centers that Crosby helped establish, the Carmel entity remains the only privately run one still in existence.

This Saturday evening, Jan. 10, jazz drummer and recording artist **Kim Edmundson** will perform at the Jazz & Blues Company in a concert to benefit the Carmel Youth Center Music Program. Edmundson has assembled a quintet of local jazz stalwarts for the evening, including tenor saxophonist **George Young**, trumpeter **Brian Stock** of "Along Came Betty," pianist **Weber Iago** and bassist **Danny McKay** of the Bluetones. A first-call studio musician and a resident of Los Angeles for more than 27 years, Edmundson moved to Carmel last May and continues to commute to Southern California.

Plugged In
 By Stephen L. Vagnini

Edmundson has performed and recorded with a variety of artists including Michael Jackson, George Harrison, Stanley Clarke and Dave Brubeck. A talented composer as well, Edmundson has worked on hundreds of television and music scores and recently released a new CD, "Reality Check." Saturday's concert will feature all of the music from this latest work. Music starts at 7:30 p.m. Call 624-6432.

The following Saturday, Jan. 17, jazz vocalist **Jacqui Naylor** makes her Carmel debut in support of her latest CD, "Shelter." Naylor sings jazz, blues, cabaret and popular styles, with a sultry, yet crystalline voice. Her style has been

described as a blend of "Billie Holiday's inflections and a touch of June Christy" by esteemed San Francisco jazz writer Phil Elwood.

Performing this Friday, Jan. 9 at Sly McFly's, **Teddy J. Politzer**, spent the last 15 years as featured vocalist and lead guitarist of the internationally acclaimed roots rock zydeco group, The Sundogs. After releasing six albums with them, T.J. has completed a blues and soul album of his own in partnership with a rhythm section comprised of **Jimmy Hobson** on drums and **John Aughney** on bass (also Sundogs members) plus ace reedman, brother **Tom E. Politzer** (of Tower of Power). The group will perform in concert at Sly's in support of Politzer's new album, "Mean Blues." Call 649-8050 for more details.

Another transplant to the Monterey Peninsula by way of Los Angeles (and a friend of the aforementioned Edmundson), guitarist **Steve Ezzo** began his professional music career at age 14 in the suburbs of Detroit, Mich. Ezzo, who is the featured artist every Monday and Tuesday night from 6 to 10 at the Lodge at Pebble Beach's Terrace Lounge, was the guitarist and background vocalist for Three Dog Night ("Joy to the World") in the '80s and later toured with British heartthrob, Tom Jones.

During that period, Ezzo performed on "The Tonight Show," "Arsenio Hall" and "The Jerry Lewis Telethon," as well as in stadiums and venues around the world. Ezzo relocated to Pebble Beach in 1999, and has performed locally at the Monterey Jazz Festival and Concours d'Elegance and serves as assistant music director at Shoreline Church. Considered to be one of the top guitarists in the area, Ezzo is proficient in a variety of musical styles.



Kim Edmundson

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Theater and delicious food combine with *taiko* serenade at Sapporo

FROM ITS second-floor vantage point at the entrance to Fisherman's Wharf No. II, Sapporo Japanese Steakhouse has

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If it's a fun evening you fancy, step down the wide hallway that separates the dining room from the Teppan Grill room, where 10 grills feature the dexterity and skill of six chefs who are trained not only in cooking, but performance art.

Flashing Henkel knives, smoking "volcanos" made from sliced and stacked Maui onions, and flaming grills on a smaller scale than pyro alley of Garlic Festival fame, witty patter and skillful grilling take place before hungry diners — strangers or friends — at teppan grill "tables" that seat guests in a U configuration.

The head chef, manager, and the owners — Tommy and Chong Kim — originally hail from Louisville, Kentucky. The success there of their two other Sapporo restaurants encouraged them to open Sapporo in Monterey in 2000.

Overseeing the entire restaurant here is Simone Kim, who multi-tasks his multi talents.

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shaped marvel carved from a quarter of a pineapple, with eight pineapple slices placed across it. The "boat" was decorated with cherries, an orange, segmented and reassembled and the obligatory paper umbrellas. There is a \$7.50 charge made for this birthday package.

The teppan room is definitely for those who enjoy noisy merriment — the chefs click and bang their cooking utensils against the grill throughout their skilled performance.

Their training requires one to two years of practice in Sapporo's chef school in the restaurant instructed by the head chef.

As well as the birthday celebrations last Saturday night, a marriage proposal took place to an astonished

and elated young woman who was cheered and applauded heartily by diners to the drums' beat.

The teppan dinners include with the entrée: miso soup, salad with special house dressing, mustard and ginger dipping sauces, a shrimp appetizer from the grill, fresh vegetables, also grill-cooked, green tea, if requested, and steamed jasmine rice. Fried rice can also be ordered, cooked on the grill with fried eggs.

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ONCE AGAIN, Athens, Greece-based Police Captain Yannis Lavonis, 59, deputy director of criminal investigation for his capital city, emerges in this mystery series by Carmelite Frances Diem Vardamis. Only now he is entrusted

with the formidable task of heading security for the 2004 Olympic Games.

Vardamis' first two novels in the series, "Russian Doll" and "Ancestral Voices," were well written. With "Pity the Children" she has evolved into a fine writer.

Lavonis, 59, is a family man with children and now his much younger wife, Sophie, is expecting their third child. While all goes well at the Captain's home, an American eighth-grader, the son of a

CIA agent in Athens with a group of 13-year-olds, disappears.

Lavonis and his right-hand police officers, Aphrodite Davvetas and Corporal Kostas Stavros — whom we have come to know in Vardamis' previous novels — try a sting operation that goes bad. Davvetas is drugged and viciously attacked by the two thugs they have been following, and Lavonis is overcome. Thrown into a boat, they are taken out to sea.

The scenes of the abduction and imprisonment are exceedingly well done, and later Lavonis, who miraculously survives, is wounded by an AK-47 in an extremely violent encounter.

This is Vardamis' most passionately written book. While the police are fighting violent criminals, scenes of drugs and remorseless teenagers, of Constitution Square — now the

scene of Pizza Hut and other American imports — brings the global economy world very much to life. Athens and other European cities are not as we remember them 30 years ago. Vardamis knows present day Athens inside and out, lending a stunning verisimilitude to her books.

Published by Silk Label Books, Unionville, N.Y., this 315-page softcover retails for \$9.99, and is available at all local bookstores.

Fran Vardamis and Alex Vardamis will do a tandem book-signing and discuss their books at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10 at the Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard Shopping Village, Carmel. Alex's book, which was reviewed here with raves last month, is entitled "Dingus Dreaming," the story of a literary dog living in Carmel-by-the-Sea. This husband and

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RIC MASTEN and his daughter **Jerraldine Masten Hansen**, will read from their respective works at 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 9 at the Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard, Carmel under the auspices of The National Writers Union Local 7. Ric, a well-loved poet and an author, has written 14 books of poetry. Jerraldine will read from the book she is currently working on, **"Jerraldine — A Look Back From Fifty."** Admission is \$5. Call John Laue for information: 684-0854.



RADIO KAZU 90.3 FM, will be airing theatrical versions of the book of short stories, **"Monterey Shorts"** at 8:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 10 with **Chris Kemp's "Resurrected."** There will be multiple people doing the voices. On Jan. 17, **"Borscht in the Bay"** by **Ken Jones**; Jan. 24, **"Mortuary Beach"** by **Mark Angel**; and on Jan. 31, **"If the Tubs Could Talk"** by **Pat Hanson**. This is bound to be good listening, as the stories are all top-notch. More will follow in February.



PACIFIC GROVE Friends of the Library will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11 to listen to two accomplished storytellers as they weave words into spellbinding stories. **Phil Hawthorne**, president of the local Tale-Spinners group, and **Lisa Maddalena**, children's librarian, will share the storytelling. Free. For information, call Pamela Cain at 641-0340.

Unicorn Theatre to stage 'Present Laughter' at Cherry

"PRESENT LAUGHTER," the most autobiographical of Noel Coward's plays, will be presented by the Unicorn Theatre ensemble beginning Friday, Jan. 9, at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts in Carmel.

The play takes its title from a clown's song in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Gary Essendine, the main character in the World War II-era play, takes Shakespeare's admonition all too seriously by continually indulging his considerable appetite for wine, women and sleeping late. Garry is vain, ill-tempered and inconsiderate. However, he is also warm, witty and talented.

"Present Laughter" opened on Broadway in 1946, with Noel Coward playing Essendine and co-starring Eva Gabor.

Jody Gilmore directs Unicorn Theatre's production, and also plays the role of "a fawning young playwright" who idolizes Garry. The cast includes Robert Colter as Essendine, and also features Susan Keenan, Tracy Brown, Konstantina Purnell, Morgan Gilbert, Rob Foster, Rita Carratello, Garland Thompson and Peter Eberhardt.

"Present Laughter" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Feb. 8. The Carl Cherry Center is at Fourth and Guadalupe, Carmel.

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PLUGGED IN

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There will be plenty of good fun and entertainment this Sunday, Jan. 11, at the Moose Lodge, 555 Canyon del Rey in Del Rey Oaks, as the **Monterey Hot Jazz Society** convenes and gets down to the music of the **Cafe Borrone All Stars** and **Carls Trad Jammers**. The M.H.J.S. meets the second Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m. and "presents Dixieland favorites for your dancing and listening pleasure." Call 633-0683 for further details.



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JACK LONDON AND JOHN STEINBECK come back to life in full color and costume through interpretive techniques of dramatist/performer Taelen Thomas on Monday, Jan. 19 at the Carmel Woman's Club. The public is invited to the 2 p.m. program which will be followed by tea and refreshments. Admission is \$3; reservations are not necessary. The club is on San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

A TALK AND POETRY READING, "Bird, Wind and Unscheduled Grass: Landscape and Poetry," by poet, teacher and editor Richard Robbins, will begin 2

p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 at the Pine Inn, Ocean at Lincoln, Carmel. The program is an offering of the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation and admission is free.

A CLASSIC PRODUCTION of "Alice in Wonderland" opens in the Performing Arts Center at Santa Catalina School, 1500 Mark Thomas Drive, Monterey, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16. Performances continue at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17; and Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23-24. Admission is \$7.50 general; seniors and children \$5. For reservations, call 655-9341 or visit www.santacatalina.org.

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based on the almighty "bottom line," she said.

Former Mayor Ken White asked if the center and the residential areas surrounding it could accommodate doubling the number of performances.

"What would happen with the additional light, noise, disruption and parking?" he asked. "You need to check into this. I'm not sure the EIR done at that time even understood that was the limit or goal for the number of performances at Sunset Center."

Others asked what the city's cultural commission would do once a nonprofit became responsible for running the center, and Hardy criticized the city for "forcing out" former Sunset Center Director Brian Donoghue. (Reached at his Carmel Valley home Thursday, Donoghue would not comment on his tenure with the city or his sudden departure Dec. 31.)

Planning commissioner Mike Cunningham, who chaired the citizens committee on Sunset's finances, said he understood people's concerns over loss of city control but said they could be assuaged.

"Performance criteria are a vital part of an agreement of this type," he said. "Properly defined, these criteria will assure [the nonprofit] has objectives it must meet to contin-



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Even highly successful events such as the two-week Bach Festival every summer do not cover the city's cost in providing Sunset Theater as a venue for the concerts.

ue its agreement with the city."

He said a city-run Sunset could not make quick, competitive decisions when opportunities arise. "This is what businesses do to succeed in competitive markets," he said. "Sunset should do likewise."

Following almost three hours of testimony during which the three-minute limit usually imposed on speakers was waived, councilman and mayoral candidate Dick Ely commented that the audience seemed divid-

ed between supporters, who had the advantage of in-depth meetings with SCC board members, and opponents, who did not. He argued in favor of holding town hall meetings "to allow the kind of dialogue" he said has to take place.

"The issues raised tonight — these provoke other questions and concerns," Ely continued. "To deny the people of this city the opportunity to participate in that will create this sense of doom and gloom."

Councilman Gerard Rose countered that the issue could be studied interminably at the expense of any progress.

"There's a Carmel tradition: You identify an issue, and then you study it until it dies," he said.

"What we've talked about tonight is not something that is new or radical," McCloud said.

Following the meeting, she added, "Right now there are five city bodies with some responsibility for Sunset Center. We've got to streamline the decision-making process to make it more efficient and cost-effective."

While the council declined to hold any town hall meetings before SCC gives its full presentation at a special Jan. 20 council meeting set for 4 p.m., councilwoman Paula Hazdovac suggested convening a forum sometime between then and Feb. 3, when the council might take action on the management agreement.

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PERMIT REQUIREMENTS DROP AT CITY HALL

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN ORDINANCE removing the need for some use permits received final city council approval with little discussion Tuesday.

The change, proposed by planning staff to help even the workload between the Carmel Planning Commission and the design review board, means most remodel projects on homes which don't conform to current city code will no longer need use permits.

During the first reading of the ordinance last month, principal planner Brian Roseth assured the council that removing the use permit requirement would not affect the city's ability to reduce nonconformities whenever possible.

"In the past, we used the process to document nonconformities where they were not increased and reduce them where

feasible," he said Dec. 9. "Both staff and the planning commission have concurred those can be achieved through the normal design review process."

The motion to adopt the ordinance upon its second reading Jan. 6 was made without any discussion among council members and garnered no comments from the public.

Before the vote, councilwoman Barbara Livingston, who voted against the ordinance in December, explained the reasons for her continued opposition.

"It's not an unexpected consequence of the council reducing the number of commission members from seven to five and creating an unnecessary design review board which has nothing to do," she said. "This agenda item is driven by a need to balance the workload, and I posit that is a poor excuse to rewrite an ordinance."

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Rain drenches, not dampens, Rio Resolution Run

By MARY BROWNFIELD

HUNDREDS BRAVED the rain and wind to partake in what has become a New Year's Day tradition: the Rio Resolution Run. Founded by restaurateur Tony Tollner 14 years ago to help a local nonprofit while getting everyone off to a good start on their New Year's resolutions, the race always draws a diverse crowd. This year's participants included several high school cross-country stars and the 86-year-old man who runs every year and is given a bib number matching his age.



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Jared Lantis, 10, and his mother, Cheri Cosio, left Hollister early Jan. 1 to get to the Rio Resolution Run in time to huddle underneath an umbrella before the start. Lantis participates in five events a year, while Cosio prefers to offer support from the roadside. "I beat her in my first race," Lantis explained.

Of the 875 participants registered for the three-mile family fun run and the 6.5-mile run, about 700 — not including babes in strollers and dogs on leashes — took part race day despite the inclement weather. The event raised almost \$40,000 for Suicide Prevention Service of the

Central Coast.

The most fleet-footed among the masses were former

Carmel High School cross-country runner Carl Lostrom, 20, and Ramona Young, 38, who took first place in the three-miler with 16:31 and 18:53, respectively. The other men to finish in the top five also competed in November's high-school cross-country state championships in Fresno: Matt Dally, Nick Shea and Matthew Ziering from championship winner CHS, and Gabe LaMothe from Robert Louis Stevenson.

Carmelite Pierre Delfausse, 86, ran the three-mile race in just over 55 minutes, placing second in the male 80-95 age group behind San Mateo resident Jack Friedlander. The only two runners in that division, they were the oldest competitors

in the Rio Resolution Run.

In the longer race, which took participants along Scenic Road and around Carmel Point in addition to the route through Mission Trail Park and downtown Carmel, Emil Magallanes, 48, and Christine Olen, 36, won with times of 34:43 and 40:06, respectively.

After crossing the finish line in the Junipero Serra School playground, runners and walkers lined up in the Crossroads Mall for free bread donated by Palermo and a pancake breakfast prepared by members of the Kiwanis Club of Monterey Peninsula, which has fed hungry athletes every year since the race's inaugural event.

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Editorial

There's a town meeting every month

SINCE THE last election, people who supported the losing side have started calling for "town meetings" every time the city council does something they don't agree with. In fact, the demands for "town meetings" have become so frequent, it's apparent that the people asking for them are, in effect, trying to set up a shadow city council where they'll have influence they couldn't gain at the ballot box.

It's easy to see where the idea came from. Lately, government in California has become so multi-layered that it's difficult for anything to be approved, but it's easy for everything to be defeated. Take the desal plant proposed for Moss Landing. Before it can be built, it will have to be OK'd by at least a dozen government agencies — including the Public Utilities Commission, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Game, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and the California Coastal Commission. And then, if all of them approve the proposal, there will be the inevitable lawsuits and appeals where a host of judges will have their chance to stop it. And then the desal plant will probably end up on the ballot. At any point in this long, torturous process, the project can be brought to a grinding halt. The only way it can be built is if everybody says yes.

Ask any property owner who has tried to build something on their land. To succeed, they have to win every battle. Their opponents only have to win once.

So if your *raison d'être* is to stop things, it only makes sense to keep adding layers to the review process. Eventually, you'll find one — or invent one — where you can prevail. And no matter how narrow or selfish your reason for wanting to halt something, you can reassure yourself that you're just shoring up a process designed to protect the public from hasty, or corrupt, approval of things which are not in its interest.

But there's a big downside to creating so many opportunities for naysayers to win: It empowers individuals — especially activists — to thwart the will of the majority. On election day, the people have their say. But every other day, the minority wields influence far beyond its numbers. This is especially true in local government.

Despite the loud voices that constantly declare otherwise, when the Carmel City Council votes to do something — give a nonprofit responsibility for operating Sunset Center, for example — it does so not only with the political power bestowed on election day, but also with the legitimacy granted by a majority of the town's voters. This fact should not be forgotten during the council's day-to-day deliberations.

Of course, the mayor and members of the council need constant input from their constituents on the issues of the day. But the place to do that is at the council's meetings, which offer plenty of time for anybody to speak out on any subject. An occasional town meeting, with an opportunity for people to engage in a bit more extended debate, is perfectly appropriate when a truly major civic question is at hand. But there's no reason to go overboard.

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The Pine Cone is no longer able to accept letters to the editor by fax. Please submit your letters by U.S. mail, e-mail, or in person (addresses are provided below).

'All they know is how to oppose change'

Dear Editor:

After reading your recent editorial, I was appalled at the reaction of our local bullying hypocrites to The Pine Cone's proposed move to the Forest Manor Lodge. I own an "historical" home near the Lodge, and rue that I was not at the meeting to speak in favor of The Pine Cone's move. It certainly would have NO ill effects over the current usage of the property; and, in my opinion, would be better for the neighborhood.

Too bad The Pine Cone's courteous treatment of our former mayor, one of the local

BHs, obscured his true colors. Now we know. I believe logic isn't in the vocabulary of our local bullying hypocrites; all they know is how to oppose change, even if the change is for the better.

Bobbie Voris, Carmel

Letters from employees?

Dear Editor:

Reading this last Pine Cone (Jan. 2), it sounds like a nasty business, my dear. Those nasty letters from unknowns in Monterey and Seaside. (What might be their interest? Do they work for The Pine Cone? I bet!)

And who are they picking on? A handful of stalwart soldiers, who continue to throw themselves into the fight to save Carmel for "posterity" (as Gunnar called it), selflessly and tirelessly. Theirs is not a financial interest but the interest of all, who love and enjoy Carmel.

We can understand the interest of The Pine Cone in wanting to rezone a residential lot, that it wants to use for their commercial enterprise. But they do not understand that rezoning is a big No-No in this town, which tenaciously tries to save its small town atmosphere in spite of the ever overwhelming and overpowering business interests, the so-called "ringers of the cash-registers." These people have dollar signs in their eyes

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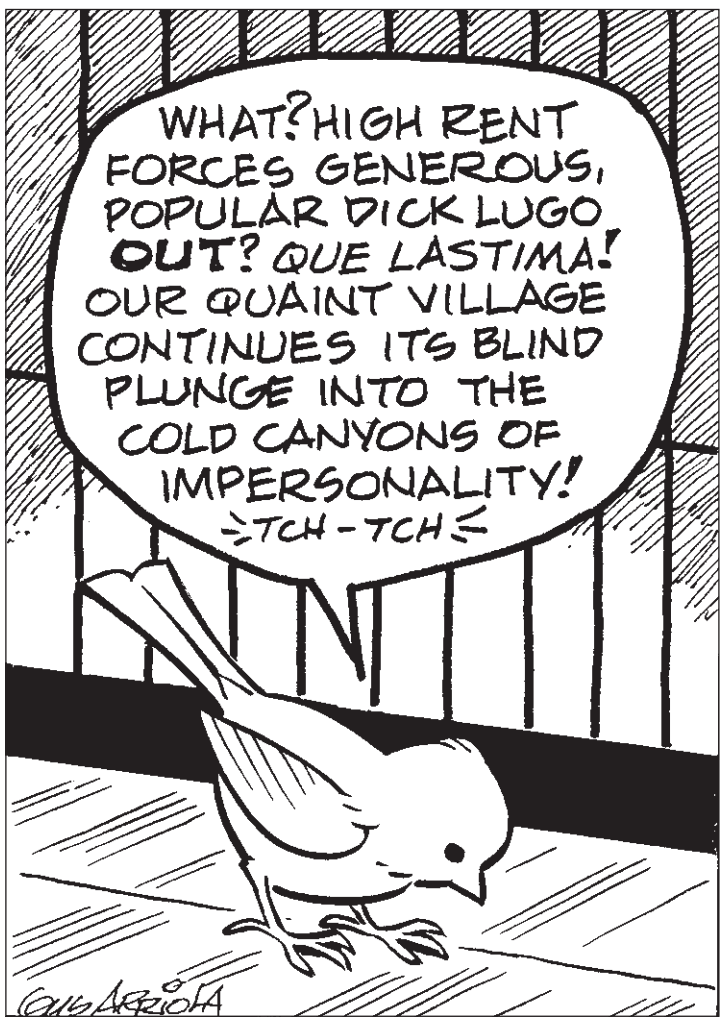


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CARTOON TO THE EDITOR:



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DEAR FRIENDS...

WE'LL HAVE TO CHECK THE PINE CONE MORE CAREFULLY BEFORE WE USE BIRDIE'S CAGE AGAIN! HE WAS QUITE UPSET! WE LOOK FORWARD TO FRIDAYS AND YOUR FINE REPORTING! BEST NEW YEAR—



LETTERS

From previous page

and no one believes for a moment that they have Carmel's best interests in mind.

Has The Pine Cone ever heard of "setting a precedent?" If their little plan does not get nicked in the bud, we'll be fighting other "commercial enterprises" from here on till forever.

Besides, The Carmel Pine Cone is no longer of community interest. The owners' point of view is "business" and is actually quite disagreeable and unpalatable to most local residents. I haven't seen an editorial that I could agree with for quite some time. They sound like Carmel would be better off being like any other little town. The common "we need sidewalks and streetlights!" syndrome.

Naturally I do not expect to see this printed in The Pine Cone, so I am also sending it on to another paper, if I am right on that point.

My best wishes for you in finding an appropriate commercial piece of property to buy.

Wies Norberg, Carmel

Editor's note: The Pine Cone has not printed any letters from employees on the subject of the newspaper's proposed move to the Forest Manor Lodge.

'So shortsighted'

Dear Editor:

Our condolences to the owners of The Pine Cone. When we first moved here to retire, 22 years ago, the free weekly issue of The Pine Cone was such a friendly, welcome gesture. We looked forward to each issue to learn about Carmel's political issues, every day happenings in all areas of interest.

Always, to this day, everything was reported without bias, one way or the other.

We are sure The Pine Cone is loved by tourists and residents alike.

Now they are being treated like an alien enemy, by the very people they have so richly helped over the years. How can these people, including a former mayor, be so shortsighted?

Chuck Poland, Carmel

'Self-serving reasons'

Dear Editor:

Whenever some new idea is proposed, you don't have to look very far on the Monterey Peninsula to find someone against it, usually for self-serving reasons.

Today I have two subjects someone is against for some idiotic and insignificant reasons.

1) The Pine Cone office move: The Forest Lodge has been a commercial property as long as I can remember (and I've been living here since 1974 and coming here since 1928). I knew one of the past owners and sincerely doubt whether with four rooms that there is enough revenue available to make it worthwhile. Accordingly, it either has to change or rot, and what better use than for The Pine Cone headquar-

ters? Good Luck!

2) The First Tee Project: This is a wonderful way to help all the kids. I can't imagine it generating more water usage, more traffic, etc. than the sort of activities that those who are against it undoubtedly think are acceptable. When I was growing up, about the only way a kid could get on a golf course was to be hired as a caddy and play on the one morning a week they were allowed on the course. Now, thanks to Tiger, Vijay, and lots of others, there is a new golfing craze such as that that resulted from the Billy Jean King-Bobby Riggs tennis match. Go Get 'Em First Tee!

Thomas W. Page, Carmel

Bemused

Dear Editor:

What could make better sense than to have an important community newspaper, The Carmel Pine Cone, in quarters it owns in the community on which it reports? I think planning commission chairman Bill Strid said it right, "I think putting The Pine Cone at that spot would be very cool."

Lo and behold, quirky Carmel again doesn't surprise. The application had to be abandoned because of opposition. I have to admit I was bemused by the proceedings and their outcome. From reading the article about those commenting at the public hearing, one would be left with the impression and opinion that there were various and nefarious goings-on at City Hall while I am sure that this was nothing other than a bona-fide proposal that made good sense.

I'm disappointed to see a good idea and a good proposal trashed. The only solace I can see for the owner is that Carmel, especially on land use matters, will continue always to be a source of stories for the paper.

Walter L. Wagenhals, Monterey

'Near taboo' infection

Dear Editor:

Thank you for printing the timely Pine Cone article on a near-taboo: Roundworm infections in humans ("Raccoon parasite focus of 'Emerging Infectious Disease,'" Jan. 2), highlighting a common health problem, one that lacks the glamor of prions, retroviruses and bacterial infections.

Raccoon roundworm destruction of a child's eye or brain is a tragedy, but almost as tragic are the ubiquitous roundworm infections that sap the vigor and health of a naïve public that still thinks "it can't happen here."

The Carmel urban forest is home, for example, to tree-hole mosquitoes that may cause heartworm in dogs. Domestic pets shed roundworms in feces. So do most of us. If sought diligently enough, pinworms, for example, may be found in most children and their parents, and surprisingly, in opossums. Difficult to detect in stools because their body walls are so fragile, bursting with changes in pH, and water, they may only be seen on nocturnal diaper changes when the gravid female, thread-like, crawls out the anus to lay eggs. Nocturnal rectal itching suggests their presence.

Parasites, like pinworms and the raccoon roundworm, do not destroy the body economy, but they weaken it, detracting from the body's ability to fight other infections, and may cause symptoms of allergy, hyperactivity, GI disorders, and many others. If not suspected, they are not diagnosed. And intestinal parasites get "first helpings" at the food you eat,

with their excretion products as the "leftovers."

People "worm" their pets. The whole family should be included. Medication is only a beginning. Public education is critical. Most epidemiological studies suggest the same parasite population reestablishes itself in a matter of months after taking parasite medication . . . unless hygiene is changed. Hand washing and keeping hands away from face (mouth and nose) seems to be the answer.

C. R. Pettit, M.D., Carmel

Lugo's farewell

Dear Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the people of Carmel who have supported Shell-by-the-Sea over the last 39 years.

When one starts out in business the main goals are to earn a living to support the family, to get involved within the community, and to provide a much-needed service in that community. One can only hope to make a few friends along the way.

In the weeks leading up to closing the station, it never occurred to me just how much has happened over all those years. During this time many of you took the time to stop into the station to share your feelings with me, along with a few stories, and more than a few tears. And as the days rushed by, I came to realize just what the station had really become and what my leaving has meant to so many, myself included.

I realize now that the southeast corner of San Carlos and Fifth Avenue wasn't just the place where Carmelites had their cars repaired or where you bought your gasoline. It had become a sort of micro-community where friendships and relationships were made and where families were raised. Not just with my patrons, but also within my own staff.

"We can't go to Carmel without stopping by to see Lugo" is something I've often heard from former students of Carmel High School, whom I employed through the years on job training programs. I've enjoyed watching these "kids" grow into adults who brought their own kids into the station.

And I've raised my own three children in the station, and welcomed my partner's two children and three grandchildren into our extended family. My family has helped me through this difficult time. Their love and support means a lot to me.

So much has happened over the last 39 years that there simply isn't just one defining moment that stands out as being more important than another. They're all important and have become cherished memories.

Over the last few days I've struggled to find the right words to tell everyone I know how much I've enjoyed the last four decades on the southeast corner of San Carlos and Fifth Avenue, but for once, I'm speechless! Your friendship, patronage and loyalty have been greatly appreciated, and I hope that a humble thank you will suffice. THANK YOU!

Even though I've left the station, I have not left the community. I intend to stay involved with the goings-on in Carmel. With my free time I hope to return to some of my hobbies, which include running, cycling, hiking and cooking, and spending time with family and friends.

I can be reached at Lugo's Towing at 650 Work St. in Salinas, www.lugostowing.com, (831) 422-6443, where I will be managing the auto repair center there.

So this isn't goodbye. It's just "see ya later!"

Richard Lugo, Carmel

'Carmel lost another bit of its unique flavor'

Dear Editor:

Somehow The Pine Cone did not report on the death of Frances Baer last summer, and there may be some who missed the story in The Herald.

Frances, who would have celebrated her 87th birthday this month, was known to many as the wife, then widow, of fine-art photographer Morley Baer, who died in 1995.

However, to her friends she was far more than that. A complicated lady, she was also a talented artist, a photographer in her own right, with a biting sense of humor that often drew blood.

Working with Morley, I had occasion to witness firsthand this complicated marriage of many years. A marriage interrupted by a decade of divorce — the period in which Frances literally left to "find herself." It is said that Morley built an indoor pool at their great Garrapata "Stone House" in order to lure her back.

During my tenure with Morley, Frances had hip surgery. When Morley came home from visiting her at the hospital, I asked how she was. He said, "Well, she's still the same mean, funny girl I married, so I guess she's OK."

When Frances went to visit Morley at Hospice on what turned out to be his last day, a nurse brought Frances into the room, saying, "Mrs. Baer is here."

Morley's perfectly lucid response was: "I've never seen this woman before in my life." Then he died.

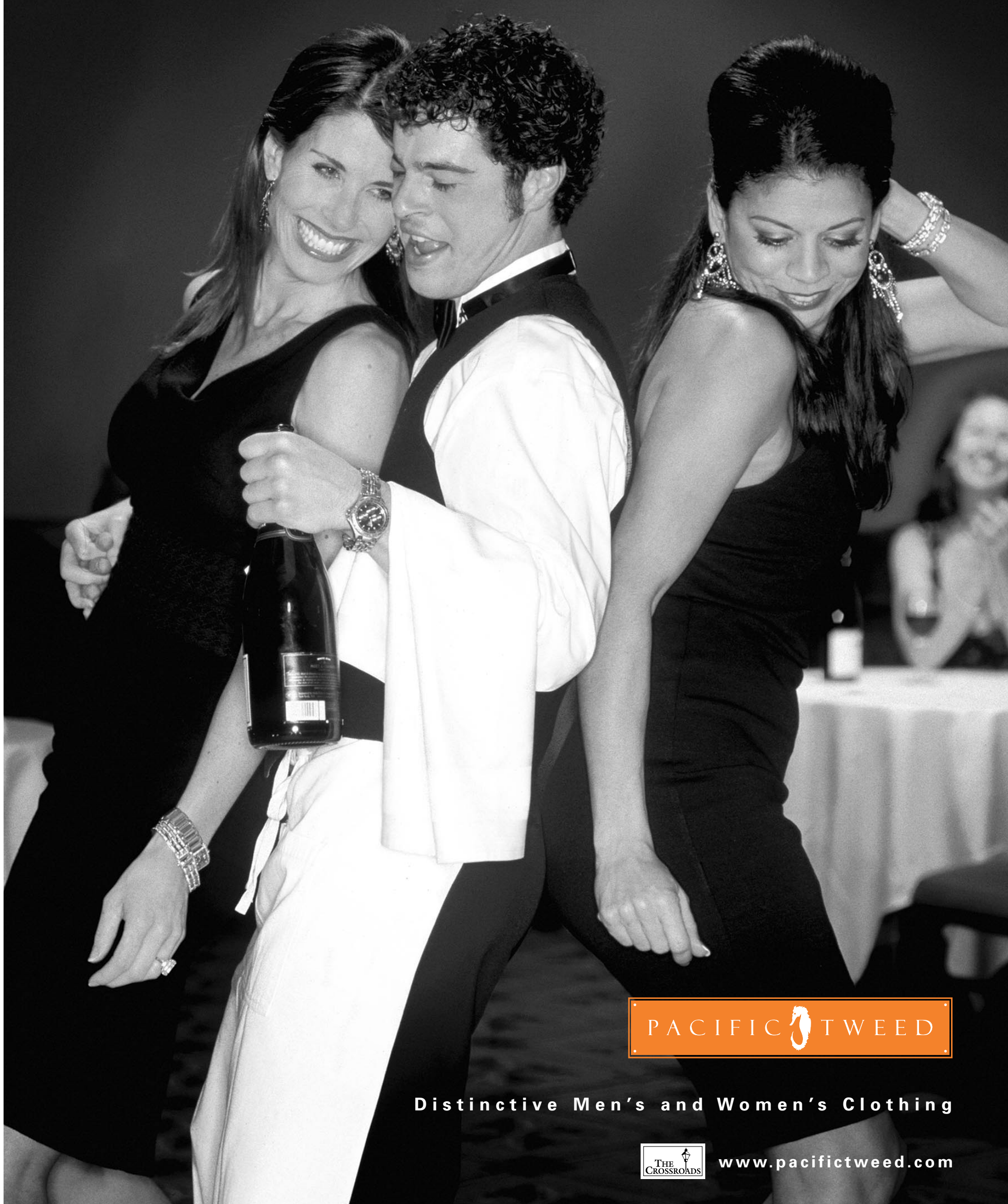
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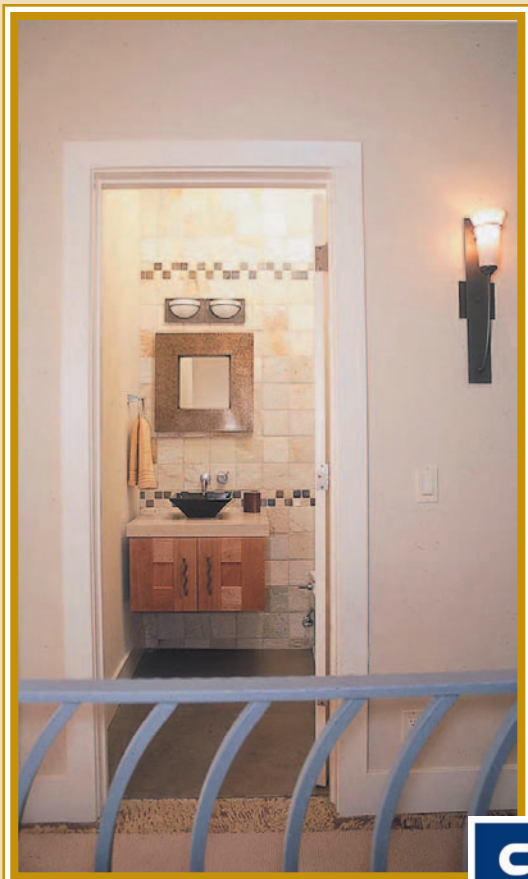
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The Carmel Pine Cone

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Inside:

■ Pacific Grove weighs amnesty for illegal granny units



■ This week's cover home, located in Carmel-by-the-Sea, is presented by Cheryl Heyermann of Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty (see page 2B)

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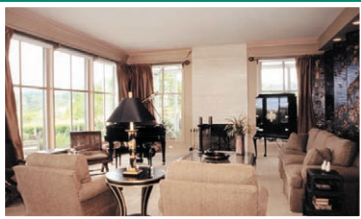
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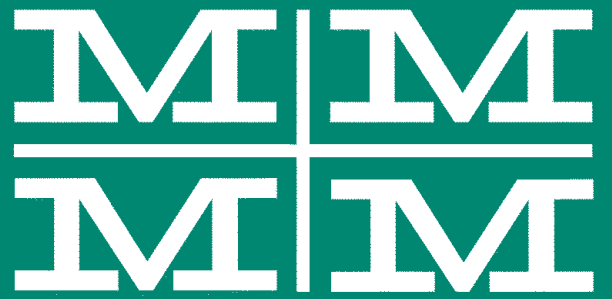
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CARMEL HIGHLANDS

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CARMEL – This seven acre parcel, situated at the end of a cul-de-sac, offers privacy plus a sunny southwest exposure with beautiful ocean and mountain views in prestigious Rancho Mar Monte bordering Jack's Peak Park. New well produces 25-30 GPM. Great potential for lot split or subdivision.
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PEBBLE BEACH – With privacy and ocean views, this property is situated along the second hole of Pebble Beach. Purchase includes approved plans, permits and water for an 8,300+ sq. ft. Mediterranean estate designed by Arthur Valdes. Design includes four suites, four and one half baths, great room, formal dining room, family room and library, soaring ceilings, plus home theater, wine cellar, exercise room and four car garage.
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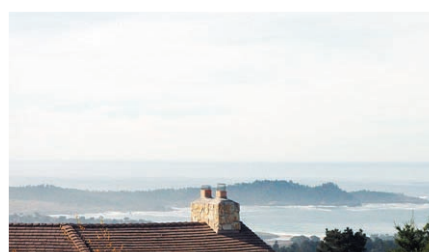
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MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY

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BEAUTIFUL CARMEL VIEWS HOME



CARMEL VALLEY

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Pacific Grove: Give amnesty to illegal landlords

By KIRSTIE WILDE

AFTER FOUR years of debate about a problem Mayor Morrie Fisher called "the most difficult we've faced in Pacific Grove in 25 years," the P.G. City Council has unanimously embraced a plan to legitimize illegal apartments.

At the Jan. 7 council meeting, all seven members voted to direct city staff to prepare a resolution adopting an amnesty program to encourage the owners of illegal rental units to register them, bring them up to health and safety standards and rent them to "very low income" residents.

The program faces fine-tuning at another public hearing in February, but the council generally accepted the following requirements for legalization:

- Property owners must have their units inspected and

upgraded. Seriously damaged foundations must be repaired; stairs must have safe railings; hazardous wiring must be fixed; heaters must be vented; sewer lines must be flowing properly, and smoke detectors must be installed.

■ Units must have been rented since at least 1986 — before the water management district took jurisdiction over who is permitted to add plumbing fixtures — or must obtain a new water permit.

■ Units must get a sewer permit from the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency.

■ Units must be rented to "very low income" tenants, as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines. A very low income tenant can make no more than \$20,000, or \$22,850 for a couple. The rent must be no higher than \$500 per month for a single tenant, \$571 for a couple.

■ Tenants of legalized units may not use a parking space that is required for another housing unit.

■ Legalized units cannot be enlarged nor sublet. Neither can they be rebuilt if more than 25 percent has been damaged or destroyed.

■ Owners must record a deed restriction promising to keep the apartment affordable as long as it is rented, and future owners must also comply.

■ Owners must allow the city to inspect the unit, and monitor the rents charged and the income of the tenant to make sure they continue to qualify as affordable housing.

■ Landlords would have two years to register their illegal units. After the deadline, the apartments must be "abated."

Carmel realtor Larry Scholink, who spearheaded the drive for amnesty in 1998, said after the meeting that he was happy low-income people may soon be able to move out of the shadow of the illegal housing underground. And he hoped in its final ordinance the council finds a way to keep the cost of amnesty as low as possible.

"Just the fees for a sewer permit are more than \$3,300," he said. "When you add building permit fees and construction costs for upgrading the units, plus fees for monitoring and the increased property taxes, it will be expensive for the owner to comply."

With only \$500 rent coming in per month, landlords will have to wait a long time to recoup the money they spend legalizing the affordable apartments, Scholink said.

Solution for homelessness

Ro Vaccaro, introduced by the mayor as "the butterfly lady of Pacific Grove" because of her years as a docent in the monarch butterfly grove, urged the council to legalize as many bootleg apartments as possible for low-income renters like her.

"Because of rent increases and medical expenses, I suddenly became homeless in November 2000," she said. "Then I heard about a small apartment with the entrance around back in the alley and the utilities tied into the laundry room. It was apartment #6 in a building zoned for only five. An illegal unit!"

Scholink, the owner, had inherited the bootleg unit when he bought the building. Vaccaro said he agreed to sign an agreement with the city to rent the unit at the very low income price assigned by HUD, \$471 per month.

"I thankfully moved in and have spent three happy Christmases there," she said.

Judy MacClelland, senior planner for the city, said the definition of an illegal unit does not just mean one built without proper permits.

"An illegal unit is one which cannot be allowed under existing density limitations in the city's zoning regulations." In other words, there is no avenue to legalize the unit without the proposed amnesty registration ordinance.

Some examples of illegal units that could be registered under the amnesty program are apartments converted from garages or storage rooms and apartments with ceiling heights lower than eight feet.



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Mission House exemplifies upscale re-do trend

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

ACCORDING TO its former owner, Barbara Bucquet, it used to be a "comfy, cozy, very modest house" — some would say barely worthy of its setting on Franciscan Way, one of Carmel's most desirable streets.

Now, builder Chris Tescher and his partner, Karen LeVett, have turned the house they call Mission House into a showplace of Mediterranean-style architecture and design with a killer view of the Carmel Mission Basilica and the hills above Carmel Valley.

"it's just a gorgeous setting, with lots of privacy because of the mature landscaping," Tescher said.

The project is the latest example of the remodel trend that has swept through the Carmel area in the last 10 years, as the water shortage has made it virtually impossible to build homes on vacant lots and as demolitions of old homes — even ones that aren't historic — have gotten more difficult.

"From a design point of view, it's easier when you work with a vacant lot. But politically, remodels can be much easier," Tescher said. He and LeVett, who do their own design work, have built or remodeled more than 25 houses. Their homes are highly sought after by buyers, and even draw praise from planning commissioners and building officials for their innovations and respect for Carmel's traditional styles.

"We tried quite a few new things with the Mission House, while staying true to the neighborhood," said Tescher.

From the street, the house has an attractive but unassuming profile, dominated by stucco walls and chimneys and red tile roofs. Once inside the gate, visitors find features



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

The serenity of the Carmel Mission Basilica and the rolling hills above Carmel Valley greet those who gaze out the windows of Mission House

like unique limestone and walnut inlaid floors, custom-made European windows, and an open-plan kitchen with totally integrated appliances.

Upstairs, the master bedroom has a view anyone would find inspiring. A charming guest house and a very old wisteria occupy the back yard. The 2,900-square-foot house has 4.5 baths and three bedrooms.

Mission House is listed for sale with Tim Allen of Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty for \$3.75 million.



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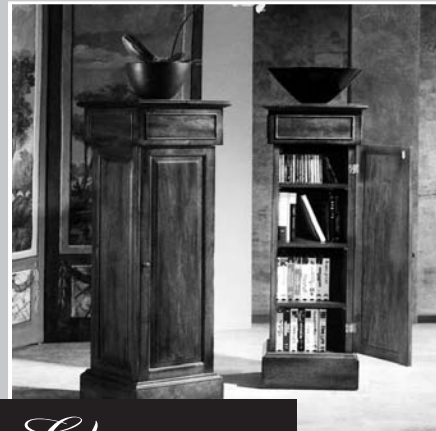
Susie joins our office as Branch Manager and Escrow Officer. With over 21 years of Title and Escrow experience in both Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, we are excited to have her knowledge and professionalism as part of our team. You can meet Susie and her assistant by stopping by the Carmel office, located at 3775 Via Nona Marie (across from the post office at the mouth of the valley), Carmel. Please contact Susie by calling 625-3880.

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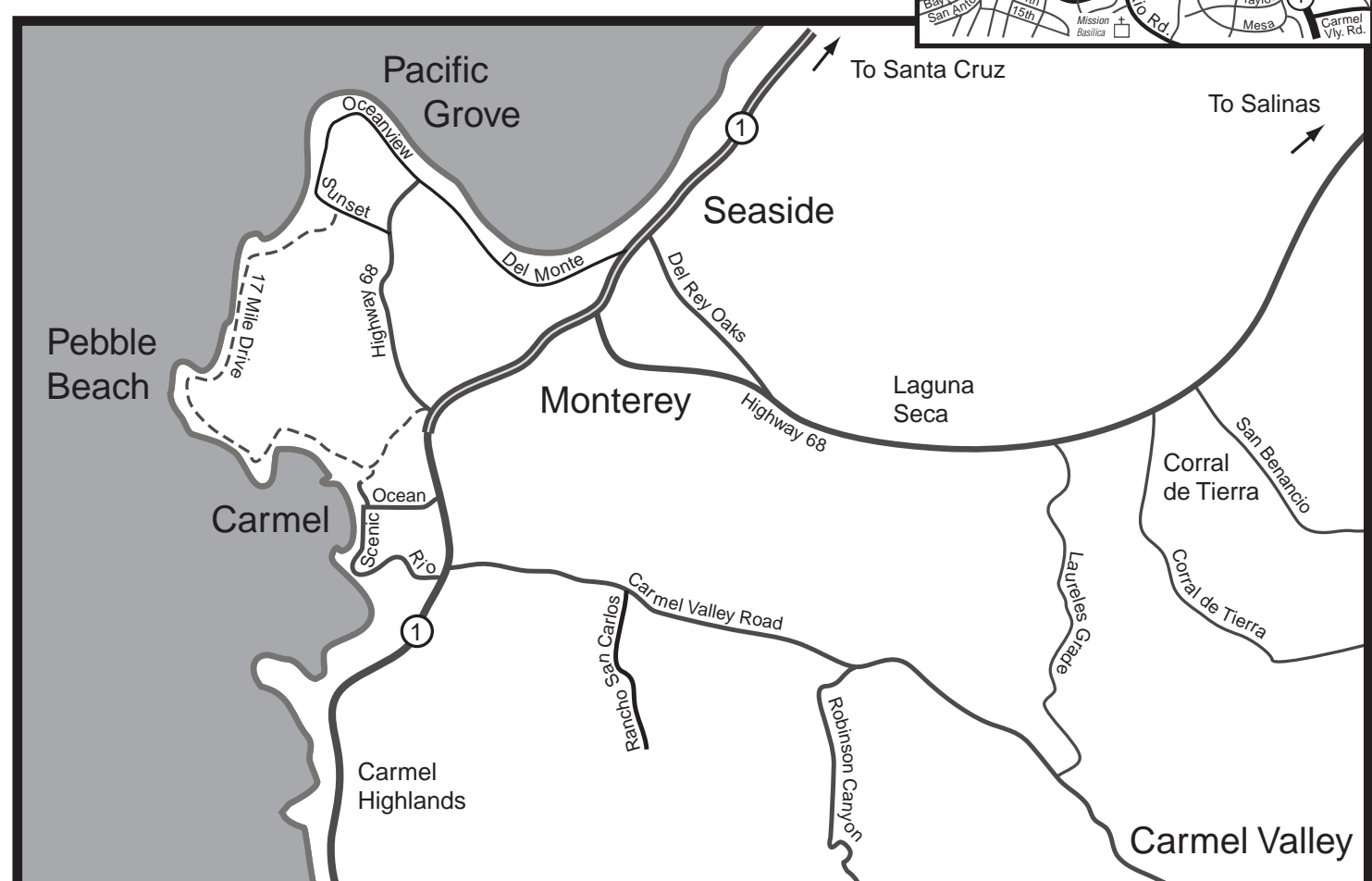
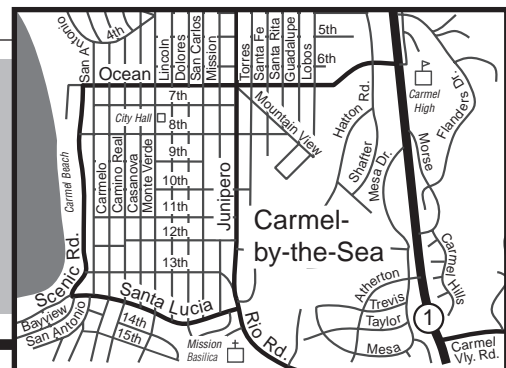
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\$570,000	2bd 1ba	Su 2-4
2nd Ave 2SE of Santa Fe Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221		
\$650,000	1bd 1ba	Su 2-4:30
2 SW 6th Ave. John Saar Properties 622-7227		
\$699,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
26529 Oliver Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$720,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 1-3
Santa Rita & 2nd SE Cor The Mitchell Group 624-0136		
\$795,000	3bd 1ba	Sa 2-4
Guadalupe 5SE of 2nd Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$819,000	2bd 1.5ba	Sa Su 1-4
24312 San Juan Rd Legacy Real Estate Group 624-3747		
\$835,000	2bd 2ba+den	Su 1:30-3:30
25602 Morse Dr Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$849,900	4bd 2.5ba	Su 2-4
25651 Ryan Place Prudential CA Real Estate 601-3343		
\$925,000	4bd 3ba	Su 1:30-3:30
25995 South Carmel Hills Dr Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$939,000	2+bd2ba	Sa Su 1:30-4
24588 Portola Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$995,000	4bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
26084 Dougherty Ct Burchell House Properties 624-6461		
\$999,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
Santa Fe 3 NE of 2nd The Mitchell Group 624-6482		
\$999,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1:30-3:30
3540 Mesa Ct Fouratt-Simmons Realty 624-3829		
\$999,500	2bd 1.5ba	Su 1:30-3:30
25920 Junipero Ave Fouratt-Simmons Realty 624-3829		
\$1,149,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-4
6th & Carpenter NE Cor Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2224		
\$1,150,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
2845 Ribera Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2223		
\$1,150,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-4
24255 San Pedro Lane The Mitchell Group 624-6482		
\$1,195,000	2bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
26165 Mesa Dr Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221		
\$1,275,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-4 Su 1-3
2920 Ribera Road John Saar Properties 625-0500		
\$1,275,000	3bd2ba	Su 1-4
3549 Lazzaro Drive Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$1,295,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4
26020 Atherton Prudential CA Real Estate 917-1466		
\$1,349,000	4bd 2ba	Sa Su 2-4
24920 Valley Way The Mitchell Group 624-0136		
\$1,395,000	3bd 2ba	Su 2-4
Ninth 2SW of Torres Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$1,400,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
Carmelo 2SW of 9th Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221		
\$1,495,000	3bd2ba	Sa Su 1-4
24584 W. Castro Lane Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
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Vizcaino 5SW of Mt. View Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2224		
\$1,800,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 2-4
San Antonio 2 SE of 13th The Mitchell Group 624-6482		
\$1,895,000	3bd 3ba	Sa Su 1-3
Casanova 2SE of Ocean Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$1,950,000	3bd 2ba	Su 2-4
Torres 3 SW MT View Coldwell Banker Del Monte 3626-2223		
\$1,988,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 2-4
Lincoln 2 SW of 12th The Mitchell Group 624-6482		
\$2,195,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
Palou 2NW of Casanova Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$2,695,000	3bd 3.5ba	Su 1-4
2730 Santa Lucia Ave Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		

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\$2,695,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 2-4
Lincoln & 13th NE Cor Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221		
\$2,795,000	3bd3.5ba	Sa Su 1-4
Casanova 2NE of 7th Avenue Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$2,795,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa 1-4
Casanova 2NE of 7th Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$3,290,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
Lincoln 2NW of 12th Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221		
\$3,395,000	3bd3ba	Sa Su 1-4
NE Cor Monte Verde & Santa Luci Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$3,750,000	3bd 4.5ba+gst hs	Sa Su 1-3
2998 Franciscan Way Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221		
\$3,950,000	3bd3.5ba	Su 1-4
26152 Ladera Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$4,200,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
Scenic Rd at Santa Lucia Burchell House Properties 624-6461		
\$4,995,000	4bd3ba	Sa 1:30-4 Su 1-4
San Antonio 3SE of 2nd Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		

\$2,895,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa Su 1-4
30778 San Remo Rd Burchell House Properties 624-6461		
\$2,995,000	4bd 4ba+gst hs	Sa 1-3
21 Mentone Rd Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$1,650,000	4bd 3ba	Sa Su 1-4
9 Sonoma Lane Crm Highlnds 624-6482		

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

\$2,250,000	4bd 4ba	Sa Su 2-4
129 Carmel Riviera The Mitchell Group 624-6482		
\$2,275,000	3bd 2.5+ba	Su 2-4
137 Boyd Way The Mitchell Group 624-6482		
\$2,695,000	5bd4+ba	Sa Su 1-4
125 Carmel Riviera Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$3,600,000	3bd4ba	Sa 1-3
144 San Remo Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$4,199,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2:30-4
111 Yankee Point The Mitchell Group 624-6482		

CARMEL VALLEY

\$785,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
2 Woodside Place Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$859,000	2bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
9919 Club Place Lane The Mitchell Group 659-2267		
\$865,000	2bd2ba	Sa 1-4
9602 Buckeye Ct Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$899,000	4bd 2ba	Sa 12:30-2
25731 Tierra Grande Drive The Mitchell Group 659-2267		
\$899,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
13429 Middle Canyon Road John Saar Properties 625-0500		
\$900,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
84 Middle Canyon Road John Saar Properties 625-0500		
\$1,090,000	4bd 3ba	Su 1:30-4
One Scarlett Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$1,095,000	2bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 2-4
7077 Valley Greens Cir Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2223		
\$1,198,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
24843 Outlook Place The Mitchell Group 659-2267		
\$1,295,000	3bd 3ba	Su 12-2
27470 Loma Del Rey Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$1,299,000	2bd 2ba+ 2gst hs	Sa 1-3
33644 E Carmel Valley Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2223		
\$1,399,000	4bd3.5ba	Sa 1-3 Su 1-4
9321 Holt Road Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		

\$1,425,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4 Su 1-3
7076 Valley Greens Circle John Saar Properties 625-0500		
\$2,250,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
21 Los Robles The Mitchell Group 624-0136		

DEL REY OAKS

\$569,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1:30-3:30
21 Quendale Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		

MONTEREY

\$569,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
682 Taylor Street The Mitchell Group 646-2120		
\$699,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-4
1481 Via Marettimo John Saar Properties 625-0500		
\$915,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12:30-2:30
149 Littlefield Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$915,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1-3
149 Littlefield Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$965,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-4
28 Sierra Vista Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$995,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
16 Cielo Vista Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221		
\$1,150,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 12-3 Su 1-4
932 Monterey Circle The Mitchell Group 646-2120		
\$1,235,000	3bd 3ba	Su 12-3
11 Victoria Vale The Mitchell Group 646-2120		

MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY.

\$695,000	3bd 3ba	Su 11-1
14182 Reservation Road Mtry/Slns Hwy 659-2267		
\$949,000	5bd3+ba	Sa Su 1-4
22210 Tara Ct. Mtry/Slns Hwy 622-1040		
\$1,195,000	4bd 3ba	Sa Su 2-4
13293 Corte Lindo The Mitchell Group 659-2267		
\$1,595,000	3bd 4ba	Sa Su 1-4
25381 Quail Summit Prudential CA Real Estate 238-0828		

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MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY.

\$1,629,000	4bd 2.5ba	Su 2-4
25681 Whip Road Mtry/Sins Hwy Prudential CA Real Estate 596-3825		
\$2,495,000	4bd 4.5ba	Sa 2-4 Su 1-3
2 Estate Dr Mtry/Sins Hwy Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2223		
\$2,689,500	3bd 3ba	Su 1-3
25600 Boots Rd Mtry/Sins Hwy Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$2,950,000	4bd 4+ba	Su 1:30-3:30
108 Via Del Milagro Mtry/Sins Hwy The Mitchell Group 659-2267		

PACIFIC GROVE

\$549,000	2bd1ba	Sa 1-4 Su 1-3
309 Park Street Pacific Grove Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$650,000	3bd 1ba	Sa 1-3
477 Junipero Pacific Grove Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2226		
\$689,000	2bd1ba	Sa Su 1-3
975 Lighthouse Pacific Grove Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$725,000	2bd1ba	Sa Su 1-4
310 Carmel Ave Pacific Grove Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$760,000	2bd2ba	Sa Su 1-4
607 Carmel Ave Pacific Grove Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$875,000	2bd 1ba	Su 2-5
251 Crocker Avenue Pacific Grove John Saar Properties 622-7227		

PEBBLE BEACH

\$849,000	3bd2ba	Su 1-3
2912 Oak Knoll Pebble Beach Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$995,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
3041 Strawberry Hill Rd Pebble Beach Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$1,295,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
4028 Ronda Rd Pebble Beach Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222		
\$1,495,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 1-3
3062 Sloat Rd Pebble Beach Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2223		
\$1,795,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-3
1007 Vaquero Pebble Beach Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221		
\$1,795,000	3bd2.5ba	Sa 2-4 Su 1-4
3063 Forest Way Pebble Beach Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$1,975,000	4bd3.5ba	Su 1-3
1043 Lost Barranca Pebble Beach Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		
\$2,890,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa Su 2-4
77 Spanish Bay Cir Pebble Beach Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221		
\$3,100,000	6+bd 4+ba	Su 2-4
1579 Griffin Road Pebble Beach The Mitchell Group 624-6482		
\$3,495,000	4bd3.5ba	Sa Su 1-4
1205 Benbow Pebble Beach Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040		

SALINAS

\$499,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-4
245 W. Acacia Street Salinas John Saar Properties 625-0500		

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POLICE LOG

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was no fight. No other problem was noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD received a 911 hangup from a residence at Junipero and Eighth. Officers contacted residents, who advised they did not dial 911. Their phone number did not match the one in the system, and upon further investigation it was found the number belonged to a fax machine. They stated everything was fine. It appeared to be a malfunction.

Carmel area: Information taken at a San Marcos Road residence.

Carmel area: Assisted the fire department at a Ribera Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Theft of recyclables from an El Potrero residence.

Carmel area: Violation of a restraining order at a Birch Place residence.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a Cachagua Road residence.

HOME SALES

From page 2B

PEBBLE BEACH

1091 Spyglass Woods Dr \$1,525,000

Barbara J Barsocchini to Martin W & Suzanne H Vondr Irwin

1112 Presidio Rd \$765,000

Michael P C Carns to Faris & Faisal Nimri Al-Nemri

1044 Sawmill Gulch Rd \$795,000

Nancy Buck Ransom to Linda J O'Brien

4088 Pine Meadows Wy \$1,100,000

Jean E & Patrick Dupuis Beland to James J & Gloria Didion

Carmel area: More information taken at the same San Marcos Road residence.

Big Sur: Peace disturbance at an address on Highway 1 47 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel area: Civil problem at a Lazarro Drive residence.

Pebble Beach: Burglary of a vehicle parked at a Sloat Road residence.

Big Sur: Report taken regarding a person missing in the area of Highway 1 48 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Four subjects were reported as selling day planners on the streets of Carmel. Contacted a subject and advised him of the CMC violation and asked him to stop selling his products. Also spoke with their boss via telephone and told him he would need a business license to continue selling any products in Carmel. The subject and his associates were then allowed to leave.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported her vehicle being blocked in a parking stall by another vehicle at San Carlos and 10th. The vehicle to the rear had struck the bumper of the vehicle to the front and left marks on the bumper. Filled out collision cards and exchanged them with the caller and left the other on the windshield of the offending vehicle.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of two motorists arguing in the street at Ocean and Monte Verde. Apparently one vehicle dropped a rear light assembly and struck the other vehicle. They exchanged information and were sent on their way.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male requested a welfare check on a Dolores Street resident because he received a phone call from his daughter. Daughter was concerned because her father is supposed to have 24-hour care and no one was answering the phone when she called. Contacted the resident, who was sleeping in a chair in his living room. He said he was expecting his caregiver any minute. He appeared to be in good health and advised he did not need any assistance. He exhibited some memory problems.

Carmel Valley: Burglary of a U-Haul parked at a Carola

Drive residence.

Carmel area: Past-tense malicious mischief of a Red Wolf Drive residence.

Pebble Beach: Past-tense fraud reported at a Hermitage Road residence.

Pebble Beach: Theft from the yard of a Cantera Court residence.

Big Sur: Suspicious circumstances on Highway 1 49 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a subject yelling at a male and his employees while at their construction site at Carpenter and Sixth. Apparently, the subject did not believe his employees should have parked their vehicles on an empty lot at Carpenter and Sixth. Based on the subject's irate behavior, the caller thought the subject's welfare should be checked and pointed to where he believed the subject parked his vehicle. Subject was contacted at Forest and Ocean. He stated he knew the owner of the vacant property and did not believe anyone should be parking in the empty lot. He ultimately acknowledged he was not sure who the true property owner was and that he could not speak for the unknown property owner. He denied yelling at the caller and his employees.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lobos resident saw people in her neighbor's house she did not recognize. Contacted the female, who said she was the housekeeper. Called the owner, who confirmed the female had permission to be there and came frequently.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female called the department concerned for her brother, whom she had not seen since an argument between the two on 11/08/03. Her last words were, "I don't ever want to see you again until you stop drinking." Contacted a subject who said he saw the brother in a thrift store and he appeared to be fine. He also said he was capable of taking care of himself and likes to camp out in the Big Sur wilderness.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to Santa Rita and Fourth on report of a structure fire. Arrived on scene with CFD units and determined there was no fire. It appeared the resident

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032507. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **FIGUEROA LANDSCAPING**, 2042 Santa Rita St., Salinas, CA 93906. SANDI ALIDA LAYTON, 2042 Santa Rita St., Salinas, CA 93906. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Nov. 1, 2003. (s) Sandi Layton. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 13, 2003. Publication dates: Dec. 19, 26, 2003, and Jan 2, 9, 2004. (PC 1212)

with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 1, 2003. Publication dates: Dec. 19, 26, 2003, and Jan 2, 9, 2004. (PC 1214)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032603. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **HAVENS APPRAISALS**, Mission St., 3 NW of 8th Ave., Carmel, CA 93921. NANCY HAVENS, 9 Los Encinas, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Dec. 3, 2003. (s) Nancy Havens. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 25, 2003. Publication dates: Dec. 19, 26, 2003, and Jan 2, 9, 2004. (PC 1215)

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 20022027. The following persons **NANCY HAVENS** has withdrawn as a general partner from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of **BARNES & HAVENS APPRAISAL** at Mission St., 3 NW of 8th Ave., Carmel, CA 93921. The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on 10/02 in the County of Monterey. The full name and residence of the person withdrawing as a partner: NANCY HAVENS, 9 Los Encinas, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940. (s) Nancy Havens. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 25, 2003. Publication dates: Dec. 19, 26, 2003, and Jan 2, 9, 2004. (PC 1216)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032683. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **C. RUTLAND BUILDWORKS**, 37791 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923. JULIAN CHRISTOPHER RUTLAND WEBSTER, 37791 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Dec. 4, 2003. (s) Julian C. R. Webster. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 9, 2003. Publication dates: Dec. 19, 26, 2003, and Jan 2, 9, 2004. (PC 1213)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032617. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **INTEGRITY WOODWORKS**, 193 Vega Road, Royal Oaks, CA 95076. DAVID J. ALBERT, 193 Vega Road, Royal Oaks, CA 95076. KARIN ALBERT, 193 Vega Road, Royal Oaks, CA 95076. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Dec. 1, 2003. (s) David J. Albert. This statement was filed

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032717. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

NATURE'S BOUNTY, P.O. Box 2633, Lincoln between Ocean & 7th, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921-2633. DANIEL L. BARTHEL, 25040 Outlook Drive, Carmel, CA 93923-8960; RICARDO NUNEZ, 25040 Outlook drive, Carmel, CA 93923-8960. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in: August 1988. (s) Daniel L. Barthel. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 15, 2003. Publication dates: Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004. (PC 101)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032772. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MULLIGANS PUB**, N/W corner Dolores & 8th, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921. KATHRYN M. BRYANT, 130 11th Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950; ALBERT R. STEELE, 130 11th Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Nov. 26, 2003. (s) Albert Steele. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 22, 2003. Publication dates: Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004. (PC 102)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032716. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PC EXPERTS**, 1218 Camarillo Street, Salinas, CA 93905. ROJAN FRANCISCO, 1218 Camarillo Street, Salinas, CA 93905. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Dec. 12, 2003. (s) Rojan Francisco. This statement was filed with the County Clerk

of Monterey County on Dec. 12, 2003. Publication dates: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2004. (PC 103)

CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003/2004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. the Cypress Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet at the District's fire station located at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel to consider adoption of an amended Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2003/2004 that ends June 30, 2004. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Final Budget was adopted September 25, 2003 and is available for inspection at the District's fire station located at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that any District resident may appear and be heard regarding the increase, decrease, or omission of any item on the budget or for the inclusion of any additional items.

DATED: January 5, 2004
(s) Gayle Sheppard,
Secretary of the Board
Publication dates: Jan. 9, 16, 2004. (PC104)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032721. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CARMEL ART ASSOCIATION**,

Dolores btwn 5th & 6th, Carmel, CA 93921. SUSAN KLUSMIRE, 3119 Messinger Dr., Marina, CA 93933. CARMEL ART ASSOCIATION, Dolores btwn 5th & 6th, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact busi-

ness under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1933. (s) Margaret Roberts. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 15, 2003. Publication dates: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2004. (PC 105)

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a dog barking at Fourth and Torres for two hours. Arrived and found the dog was actively and excessively barking. The dog continued to bark even though there was no noise or anything else which might have excited it. The dog appeared to be outside in the back yard. Information passed on to animal control.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Observed a subject wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and black gloves at Palou and Monte Verde at 0301 hours. He was also observed in the area of a dispatched call of a person possibly in a resident's house. He was contacted and advised he lived down the street and was walking home from his girlfriend's house.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Anonymous complaint of loud music in the area of Mission between Eighth and 10th. Officers located the music coming from a residence at Mission and Ninth. Officers contacted the resident and advised him of the complaint. He agreed to turn down the music.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female was awakened by her dog barking and thought someone was in her house at Casanova and Palou. Officers checked the house and the neighborhood but were unable to find evidence of a break-in. She suspected her neighbors have keys to her house and are spying on her, per her landlord's request. She has found the thermostat tampered with and personal belongings missing, including an expensive watch. She declined to file a theft report and is considering changing the locks to her house.

Carmel area: Follow-up conducted regarding an incident which occurred 10/21/03.

Carmel Valley: Secured the door of a Valley Greens Circle residence which had been opened by the wind.

Carmel area: Past-tense burglary of a business on Carmel Rancho Boulevard. A laptop computer was taken.

Carmel area: Past-tense malicious mischief at a San Pedro Lane residence.

Carmel Valley: Traffic stop conducted at Berwick Drive and Carmel Valley Road.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Princess, a cattle dog/sheltie mix, was found at Scenic and Eighth unattended. Subject also saw the dog on Carmel Beach. The dog was transported to the station and the owner was contacted through the information on the dog tags. Owner was advised of the ordinances for unlicensed and loose dog. Warning given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: MCSO requested assistance with a traffic stop at Santa Lucia and Monte Verde due to the driver exhibiting signs he might have been under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. It was also determined the passenger was only 17 years old and in violation of curfew. Evaluated the driver and determined he was not under the influence of alcohol, so the deputy further evaluated the driver for being under the influence of narcotics. Driver advised he had a prior head injury and that the injury might have been what was causing him to exhibit the observed symptoms. He was found not to be under the influence and

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consented to a search of his vehicle, which revealed nothing illegal. Female passenger contacted her mother, who arrived and was advised of the situation and the CMC regarding curfew. She was warned and released to her mother. Driver was released and went home.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported hearing two loud bangs along the east side of her residence at Santa Rita and Second. Arrived and checked the entire exterior and found nothing out of the ordinary. It was unknown what caused the loud bangs.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female Junipero resident reported receiving unwanted telephone calls from a male subject who was trying to reach his ex-girlfriend. He was contacted and advised to stop making the calls and he said he would cease making the calls. A subject later contacted CPD and insinuated one of the parties was despondent and may be suicidal. Parties were recontacted and advised the male was still continuously calling for her. Friend advised the female was in good spirits celebrating in New York City. He was told if the calls continued, he could face criminal charges.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a noise complaint at Mission and Fifth. Female became upset with another because her stereo was too loud and went next door to ask her to turn it down. She knocked and when the door was opened, she pointed her finger at her. The other immediately took offense and wagged her finger back. After a brief verbal exchange, one grabbed the other's right arm, forcing her to pull away. They were counseled and agreed to be more tolerant of each other and to call police next time instead of taking matters into their own hands.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported three males hit his vehicle with their Toyota car door. He told them they hit his car and suggested they be more careful, and he noticed one of the men drink out of a beer can. He advised the driver it was illegal and that he could get in trouble with an open container of beer in a car. The

man responded it was OK because he wasn't driving, then headed toward Carmel Beach. Upon arrival, noticed the beer can on the middle console of the Toyota parked at Del Mar but was unable to locate the subjects.

Big Sur: Burglary of a vehicle parked on Highway 1 58 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Pebble Beach: Insane person at a Sawmill Gulch Road residence.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject was using a gas-operated blower to remove leaves from a house at Junipero and 11th where he was working. He was told he could not use the gas blower inside Carmel city limits. He indicated he understood and put the blower away.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female called from Hawaii to request officers be present while she had an employee terminated. The employer had arranged for a locksmith to change the locks at the Dolores shop at 1700 hours and collect keys from the employee. She sent a fax to him addressing the reasons why she was letting him go. The employee was handed the fax and accepted it peacefully. With permission, he gathered his personal items from the business and left. The locksmith changed the locks and the business owner was notified.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A subject was seen in the area of Lincoln and Sixth staggering across the street and intoxicated. Contacted the male, who was intoxicated, and he stated he was walking home. His girlfriend was contacted and responded to take him back home safely.

Carmel Valley: Malicious mischief at Carmel Valley Ranch.

Carmel Valley: Subject arrested at Carmel Valley Road and Rancho San Carlos Road on an outstanding warrant.

Pebble Beach: Battery at a Majella Road residence. Incident just occurred; suspect on scene. Two roommates were arguing and the altercation became physical. One complained of pain and bruising but declined medical attention.

Carmel Valley: Traffic stop conducted on

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Carmel area: Intoxicated subject at the Crossroads Mall. Also reported to be involved in animal cruelty. Male subject was seen swinging his dog in the air by its leash. Witness called 911.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject contacted after a passerby reported a restaurant's Christmas lights were creating a hazard to pedestrians. Advised him it was also a municipal code violation and he agreed to take them down immediately.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Pacific Grove P.D. officer requested an officer contact a resident at Crespi and Flanders regarding a possible hit-and-run that occurred in the City of Pacific Grove. Subject contacted and Pacific Grove Police Department was notified.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject found a Nokia cell phone in the

area of Scenic and 11th. He called the number listed as home and advised the owner to pick up the phone at Carmel Police Department. Owner responded and picked up her phone.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Casanova resident reported an intoxicated male was outside his residence at 2257 hours. Arrived and contacted a male subject who was intoxicated and looking for his hotel. He was provided a courtesy transport to the inn, where he and his fiancée were reunited. No further problems.

Pebble Beach: Vehicle check conducted at Highway 1 and Sycamore Canyon Road.

Big Sur: Vehicle check conducted at Highway 1 and Loma Vista.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a Valley Greens Circle residence.

Carmel area: Lost/found/missing property at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue.

Carmel area: Verbal disturbance of the peace at a Via Malpas residence.

Big Sur: Malicious mischief to a moving vehicle on Highway 1 48 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Pebble Beach: Past-tense battery occurred at a 17 Mile Drive residence. Occurred 01/01/04.

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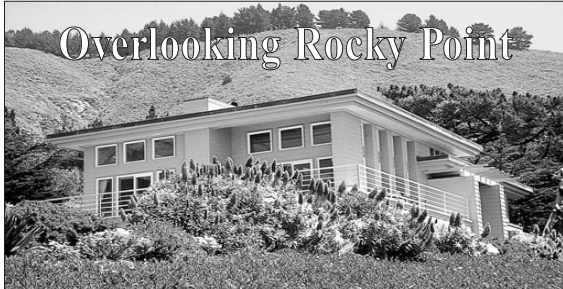
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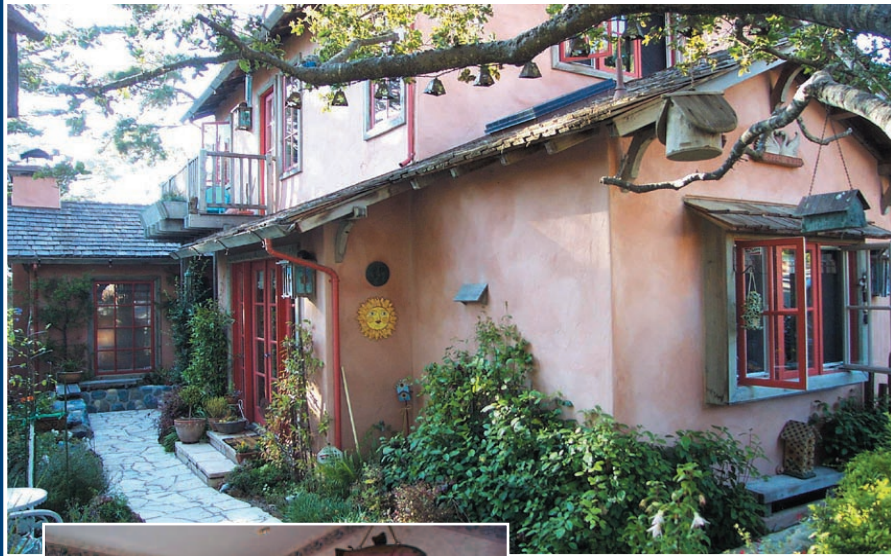
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SLICE OF PARADISE! Spacious and immaculate 2900 sq. ft. 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath ranch-style home sits gracefully on a large manicured lot overlooking a beautiful greenbelt. A recently remodeled home, with top-of-the-line appliances, in a park-like setting. \$1,295,000.

PEBBLE BEACH SERENITY! Step into the grand foyer to the dramatic beauty of this elegant home. Offering 6000 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, 2 offices, media room, enclosed veranda, and romantic outdoor patio. In a prime area above The Lodge. \$3,950,000.

ENGLISH COUNTRY MANOR! Enjoy seclusion behind Pebble Beach's gates in this wonderful 4-bedroom, 4-1/2-bath country manor with its classic lines and elegant flair. It's worthy of your finest treasures. Gleaming hardwood floors, 3 fireplaces, a sauna, and offering luxury throughout. \$4,425,000.



"SEA MIST!" Across from MPCC's 9th hole, a thoughtfully remodeled single-level, 3-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath home with rare imported slate, hardwood floors, Carmel-stone fireplace, numerous skylights, a gourmet kitchen and much more. Lush gardens. \$2,495,000.

"RAM HILL!" On the crest of a 1.5-acre parcel with outstanding ocean views, and scenes of Cypress Point fairways and dunes is this meticulously cared for 3-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath home. Landscaped grounds, generator and 3-car garage. \$4,500,000.

PEBBLE BEACH AT ITS FINEST! This spectacular ocean view, gated 6-bedroom, 5+ bath Mediterranean is within walking distance to The Lodge, Golf Links, Spa and Beach & Tennis Club. It offers a generous 11,500 sq. ft. of living space on approximately 1.7 landscaped acres. \$13,750,000.



MPCC DUNES COURSE! A private courtyard entry leads to a frontline Spanish-style treasure with gorgeous fairway & oceanfront views. On the 16th tee of MPCC's Dunes Course, the character of the 2-bedroom plus den home has been expanded for optimum views. \$3,750,000.



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