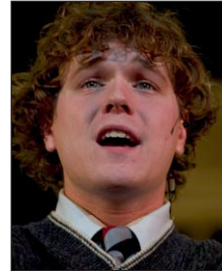




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## EXPERTS SAY 'THE TREE WAS A HAZARD'

By PAUL MILLER

A MAGNIFICENT Monterey pine that had a shopping center built around it in the 1970s was about to succumb to old age when it was cut down last week in front of Longs Drug Store at the mouth of the valley. That's according to two tree specialists who reviewed the health of the stately pine over the last three months.

"It's a good thing they got it down before this latest storm," said Frank Ono, city forester for Pacific Grove who was brought in as an independent consultant to examine the 65-foot pine that was a landmark at The Crossroads Shopping Village.

"It was definitely a hazard," said another tree expert, Craig Spencer of Spencer's Tree Service.

About 10 feet above ground, Spencer said, the tree had a "fissure you could reach your arm into."



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The large pine cut down last week at The Crossroads had a large crack through the trunk (above) and a gaping wound in its side. Two tree experts said it had to come down.

When the tree was cut, sections showed a large crack

See **TREE** page 12A

## McCloud: 'Follow through, stay focused'

By MARY BROWNFIELD

SEEKING HER third term as head of the city council, Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud hails what she calls impressive accomplishments and says the city will be better positioned to face the multitude of challenges ahead if she is reelected.

"I think I have a record of seeing things through to the end, of following through and staying focused," she said.

Topping the to-do list at the beginning of her administration was certification of the Local Coastal Program by the California Coastal Commission — a mammoth task which lay dormant for more than a decade before McCloud and the council pledged in December 2000 they would submit a draft LCP within 12 months.

"We had to be sure we could produce, and it was tight, but we did it," said McCloud, who defeated incumbent mayor Ken White eight months earlier.

Since then, the coastal commission has approved the Land Use Plan and is set to consider adoption of the Coastal Implementation Plan — the laws which back up the policies in the LUP — on Feb. 20.

That progress demonstrates the success of her working relationship with the coastal commission staff in Santa Cruz and her rapport with a wide variety of attorneys, planners and officials, McCloud said. More than 60 modifications were made to the LUP before it was approved last year, and 117 modifications have been made to the implementation plan so far, most of them in direct negotiations between the city and the coastal staff, she added.

"You have to develop working relationships and understand where they're coming from, and I think we've developed very good relationships with staff and commissioners," said McCloud.

But work remains before the city obtains the authority to issue its own coastal development permits — a power that was taken away in 1976 by the Coastal Act, but which could have been regained by 1981 with a certified LCP if previous administrations had tackled the job.

"When we have a team that's worked so well together, it doesn't make sense to break it up now," she said.

Her opponent, councilman Dick Ely, admitted he had not

See **McCLOUD** page 20A

## P.B. Co. hosts tour of forest, development sites

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THEY TROMPED through mud, followed narrow, forested trails, braved old quarry sites, searched for endangered plants, gazed at stunning ocean vistas, were serenaded by frogs and spent hours in tour buses — all to get up to speed on the environmental impacts of the Pebble Beach Company's plans for a new golf course, equestrian center, 33 homes and approximately 160 hotel rooms in Del Monte Forest.

About 70 people took the 24-stop, all-day tour Wednesday, led by senior county planner Thom McCue (with megaphone, at left).

"Visiting all the sites was very beneficial," said Jeff Cuskey, chair of the land use committee of the Del Monte Forest Property Owners association. "I think the areas of concern will be moving the equestrian center and the loss of trees for the new golf course."

"We've gotten a positive response from about 80 to 90 percent of the people," said Alan Williams, who is spearheading the development project for the P.B. Co. "When the voters passed Measure A [in November 2000], they said they want fewer homes and more open space, and that's what we're giving them."

Even a longtime opponent of the company's plans, Ted Hunter, was full of praise for the way the county handled the tour.

"I think McCue did a fantastic job explaining everything," Hunter said. "He's a very unusual county employee."

The president of the Del Monte Forest Foundation, Paul Woudenberg, was also enthusiastic. "We'll be getting 492 acres of new open space in the deal — but the thing that makes me really excited is this will be the end of development in the forest."

Consideration of the plan now moves to the Del Monte Forest Land Use Advisory Committee, which will have its first hearing March 11 at 9 a.m. at the P.B. Community Services District meeting room.

The county is also soliciting comments on the EIR at [mccuet@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:mccuet@co.monterey.ca.us).



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

## APPRAISER DECRIES CARMEL'S RICH FOR NOT PAYING ENOUGH TAXES

By KIRSTIE WILDE

THE WAY Keith Hayes sees it, Carmel property owners should be paying \$60 million more in property taxes every year, and the fact that many folks he describes as "the ultra rich" pay less than working middle-class residents of Salinas really bugs him.

The longtime appraiser in the Monterey County Assessor's office spends his days calculating the new taxes owed on homes recently sold, and every time he sees a property tax bill on a Carmel property go through the roof, he's irritated all over again.

Hayes has a list of these home sales on his desk at the assessor's office, and refers to it as his "Greatest Hits." The most recent sale — and in Hayes' view the most appalling — was a home on Scenic Road near 13th purchased last July for \$4,875,000, after being appraised for tax purposes for years — thanks to Prop 13 — at less than \$205,000. That sale changed the property tax owed on the home from approximately \$2,050 per year to a whopping \$48,750, an increase of 2,278 percent.

See **TAXES** page 5 of the Real Estate section

# ALL BECOME CHILDREN AGAIN

Everyone became kids when Church of Wayfarer celebrated "Kids Day" last Sunday, as part of its year-long centennial celebration. Casey Britton (second from left) and Jennifer Wagner starred in "Angelica" directed by Lisa Ledin (as "Lulu", far left) and Elise Roichford (on guitar). Boo Boo the clown was also on hand, adding a festive tone to the Valentine's Day celebration. Following the service, the children and clowns from Janice Griffin's organization, Sonship, joined in a parade down Lincoln Street and then were entertained with magic and treats.

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# Commission: Removal of post office bump-out violated city code

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Rich Guillen should have sought approval from various city commissions before deciding to straighten the sidewalk in front of the Carmel post office and remove a bit of Carmel's character, according to a letter from the forest and beach commission.

"In addition to the fact that the new configuration is inconsistent with city policy [requiring significant trees be replaced with significant trees and tree planters be enlarged whenever possible] and diminishes

Carmel character, there is another even more serious issue here, the issue of the procedure used to make decisions," commission chair Kathleen Coss wrote in the Feb. 5 letter addressed to the mayor, city council, planning commission, traffic safety commission and city administrator.

Showing "a disregard for the process" not only risks "making bad decisions, it can destroy commissioners' enthusiasm, creativity and motivation, and endangers the community spirit of volunteer groups such as the very successful and useful Friends of Carmel Forest," the letter continues.

A year ago, a towering dead pine in front of the post office was chopped down. The city administrator directed public works to make the planter smaller, fill it with an oak and add a parking space.

At the Feb. 11 planning commission meeting, chairman Bill Strid said he had received the letter and wondered if it should be discussed at a future date.

"It would be our hope that any future actions with regard to significant or important trees and planters in the city would be discussed with our commission and any other appropriate commission before changes are made," Coss said this week.

While the commission could request the planter, sidewalk and bench be returned to their original places, Coss said such a move would be unrealistic given the city budget.

"We have to be sensible to our situation

today and our finances today. We're just really disappointed to see that lovely opportunity for an important tree and such an important spot in town where people congregated and chatted removed," she said. "And now it seems to be a cold corridor."

Coss hopes the letter will remind city decision makers of the roles played by various commissions, committees and boards and said perhaps the change at the post office will enable the forest and beach commission to designate an area elsewhere downtown for planting a significant tree.

"We don't ever want to see anything like this done again," she said.

Councilwoman Barbara Livingston filed an appeal this week contesting the work. City clerk Karen Crouch is waiting for city attorney Don Freeman to advise on the proper course of action.



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Members of the forest and beach commission say they should have been consulted before the city administrator ordered the public works department to reduce the size of the planter, straighten the sidewalk, realign the bench and add a parking space. A city council member has filed an appeal.

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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## THE CHILDREN BROKE HIS FALL

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.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of property damage at Ocean and Lincoln.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female had a falling out with the party she arrived in town with and wanted to leave at 0052 hours. Since she is from Fresno, her friends tried to talk her into staying until morning. She refused at first and demanded police find her a hotel. She stated she just wanted her purse and no further contact with her friends. She was advised that due to the high volume of tourists in town for the AT&T, it would be difficult finding her a room locally. There was also the issue of how she would return to Fresno since she didn't have her own transportation. After thinking this over, she decided to take a taxi to a friend's

hotel in Salinas instead.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Drivers involved in a collision at Santa Lucia and Carmelo.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 1996 Jeep Cherokee found parked blocking a driveway at San Carlos and 10th was towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Citizen reported that a manager of a business at Dolores and Sixth had locked two of the three doors to the business because it was becoming overcrowded. Building official and an officer responded and found the doors were in fact locked and the manager was standing at the door not letting anyone in because the business was too full. Manager was advised of the building code, CMC and fire code regarding the doors being locked with no emergency opening devices installed. The manager was also advised of the hazards involved with keeping doors dead bolt-

See **POLICE LOG** page 10B

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Like the names at 33-, 51-, 61-, 73-, 93-, 101- and 120-Across
- 10 First alert, often
- 14 Put on a spit
- 20 Welcome abroad
- 21 "That's \_\_\_!" (angry retort)
- 22 "The Music Man" woman
- 23 Like many driveways
- 24 A security
- 25 Stat
- 26 Dole (out)
- 27 Further condition to 1-Across
- 29 1929 Literature Nobel
- 30 "Mon \_\_\_!"
- 32 Substitute in the kitchen
- 33 Author and longtime professor of writing at Princeton
- 39 Hunters' needs: Abbr.
- 43 Inventeur's need
- 44 \_\_\_ Awards (annual prizes for African-American achievement)
- 45 Fruits de \_\_\_
- 46 Bob Dylan song "\_\_\_ for You"

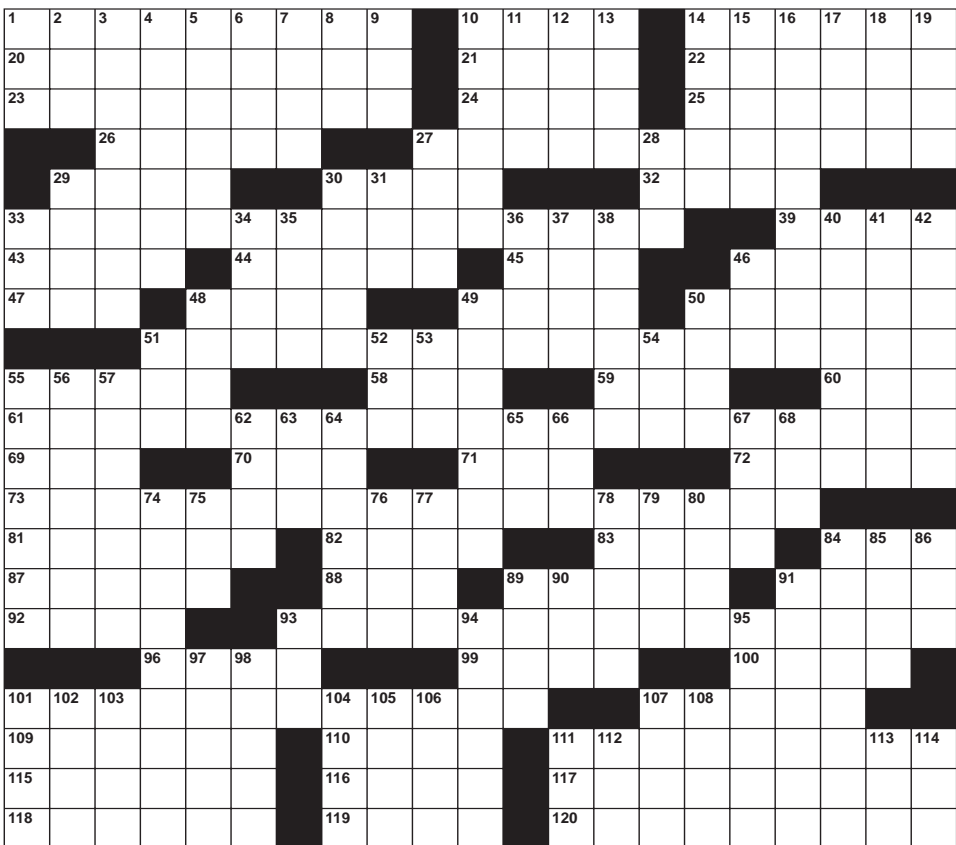
- 47 Supplied
- 48 Boatload
- 49 Final bid
- 50 Carol starter
- 51 Actress whose great-grandfather was a British P.M.
- 55 Tastiness
- 58 Soccer star Hamm
- 59 See 96-Across
- 60 Bauxite, e.g.
- 61 Three-time French Open champion
- 69 "Delta of Venus" author
- 70 Four CD's
- 71 Part of a rainbow
- 72 "\_\_\_ Gold" (1997 film)
- 73 1988 and 1992 Olympic track gold medalist
- 81 Not yet shaped
- 82 Little hopper
- 83 Razor-billed birds
- 84 "This Old House" address
- 87 "That's \_\_\_" (cautionary Roy Orbison song)
- 88 Since, informally
- 89 Bar offering
- 91 Suffix with pluto-
- 92 Stock market overseer: Abbr.
- 93 Six-time U.S. Open winner
- 96 With 59-Across, a knock
- 99 Stone made of silicon and oxygen
- 100 They move shells

- 101 "Slaves of New York" actress
- 107 Standard deviation symbol
- 109 Knight from Atlanta
- 110 President Taft's alma mater
- 111 Stretches
- 115 Most basic
- 116 Annoyer
- 117 Opposite of chic
- 118 Minuscule
- 119 Oil of \_\_\_
- 120 He developed the "Three Principles of the People"

**DOWN**

- 1 TV schedule abbr.
- 2 Greetings
- 3 Shown again
- 4 Better
- 5 Daughter of Poseidon who was the ancestor of a prophetic clan
- 6 Educational grant named for a senator
- 7 Pot foundation
- 8 St.-Honoré, in Paris
- 9 Spread, as hay
- 10 Shakespearean haunter
- 11 Former Expos manager
- 12 Girl in a Beatles song
- 13 Stem-to-stern item
- 14 Drive
- 15 W.W. I battle locale

- 16 Woods, e.g.
- 17 Aretha Franklin's "\_\_\_ No Way"
- 18 Wood strip
- 19 1961 space chimp
- 27 Wriggling
- 28 \_\_\_ Rios, Ecuador
- 29 Calculator button
- 30 Go under
- 31 Kind of chamber
- 33 Peter Pan rival
- 34 Theater turn-off?
- 35 Busy as \_\_\_
- 36 With all agreeing, after "to"
- 37 Musical John
- 38 Bogus
- 40 Awaiting
- 41 Circle
- 42 Pioneer products
- 46 Moscow's home: Abbr.
- 48 Spanish muralist
- 49 Stole
- 50 Curtain-rising time
- 51 Doll
- 52 Grp. pledged to "do no harm"
- 53 Storage place
- 54 Dallas hoopster
- 55 Western Hemisphere city founded in 1521
- 56 Writer Huffington
- 57 Mexico's Villa and others
- 62 Comic superheroes
- 63 Part of speech: Abbr.
- 64 Nix
- 65 Ben \_\_\_



- 66 Cry on opening a tax bill
- 67 Hints
- 68 Nog ingredient, maybe
- 74 N.H.L. Hall-of-Famer who played for Montreal
- 75 W.W. II battle site, for short
- 76 "\_\_\_ Hit Parade"
- 77 Many a part in "The Pianist"
- 78 Stand
- 79 Essen's river
- 80 Sketch
- 84 Divides fairly
- 85 Seattle Slew and others
- 86 Regular: Abbr.
- 89 Ninth in a series: Abbr.
- 90 Duke rival, for short
- 91 Noisy
- 93 Jazzman
- 94 Very much
- 95 Open-air arcade
- 97 Gulf
- 98 Disagreeable
- 101 Bus. heads
- 102 Nautical direction
- 103 Coin grade
- 104 Syringe
- 105 "Huzzah!," e.g.
- 106 "The Producers" role
- 107 Distributed
- 108 Home of the Brickyard 400
- 111 Mag. positions
- 112 Singer Reed
- 113 Like the Capitol bldg. vis-à-vis the White House
- 114 Nine-digit ID

Answer to puzzle on page 15A

# Woman arrested on 20 charges released from jail

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A WOMAN arrested by deputies last week on a litany of charges ranging from felony vandalism and animal cruelty to identify theft and multiple counts of check fraud — and suspected of stealing \$125,000 from multiple victims, including her parents, a Miramonte Road resident and several Peninsula businesses — was freed from jail Tuesday after the district attorney's office failed to act on her case, according to an employee at the Monterey County Jail.

No one from the district attorney's office "picked up her report," within the required 48-hour time frame, the employee said, so Salinas resident Joanne Bove, 26, was released.

Her arrest in Seaside on Feb. 11 was the culmination of a lengthy investigation headed by Monterey County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Shapiro and which involved the district attorney's office and the Monterey Police Department.

Shapiro began his investigation after a salesperson and manager from Shaw's Saddlery in Cupertino reported last October that Bove had used a check from a closed account to buy \$4,537 worth of horse tack and a saddle.

Shapiro said he soon learned the suspect was on probation for a prior conviction of grand theft by embezzlement and that she had been evicted from a Miramonte Road residence owned by Virginia Valenta. A search of the home uncovered financial documents and correspondence in the trash that indicated ongoing fraud, according to Shapiro.

Valenta also told the deputy Bove had perpetrated check fraud, had not paid her rent and made unauthorized changes to her property.

Contractor Bob Bindel, who was hired by Bove to grade part of the land for a horse arena, said the suspect falsely represented herself as the property owner and then wrote him a bad check for the work. In addition, Carlos Orta of Hollister was reportedly shorted \$6,100 for rental of a fence there, according to Shapiro.

Other evidence against Bove included an "emaciated and obviously at-risk horse" found behind the house. "The horse was barely able to raise its head above the shoulders, had no food, water or shelter, and appeared to be seriously underweight," the deputy said.

After being rescued by the SPCA, the horse was examined and found to have belonged to Bove before she apparently abandoned it.

Soon after, an informant alerted him to another horse kept

at a Castroville stable which turned out to have been stolen from Ripon resident Brenda Bacon. She received a bad check from Bove, who then sold the stolen horse to an unknowing buyer, Courtney Goodman from Sacramento, according to Shapiro. The rightful owner was tracked down via an alert she had placed on an equine website, and a deputy also found the stolen tack at the stable.

In addition, Shapiro discovered Bove was paid via wire transfer for a horse trailer she offered on eBay, though it "was grossly misrepresented as to condition and was retained for her own use," his report continued. "She continually gave the buyer different stories about causes for delay in delivery, like convalescing due to breast cancer surgery. The suspect's mother [Lynn Blakey] later disputed the fact her daughter was suffering from cancer and said it was later discovered she was recovering from breast enhancement surgery."

After using the trailer to remove her possessions from the Miramonte Road house, Bove reportedly ditched the trailer in Salinas, where it was recovered.

Shapiro also learned the district attorney's office was conducting an ongoing investigation into Bove's suspected identity theft and fraud perpetrated against her parents, Lynn and Michael Blakey of Monterey.

Lynn Blakey told Shapiro her daughter apparently went to the bank with a fictitious power of attorney to set up electronic payments and issue numerous checks totaling \$50,000 to \$75,000. She used her I.D. and checks to buy a car from Cucqui's Cars in Marina. The suspect also allegedly used Mrs. Blakey's information to try to take out loans, buy out-of-state property and rent locally.

After learning Bove would be at Community and Human Services on Broadway in Seaside, Shapiro sent three deputies to arrest her. She was taken into custody without incident, while a fellow suspect, Victor Bove, was interviewed and released. She was booked into county jail on

three counts of theft by false pretenses, felony vandalism, animal cruelty, probation violation, three counts of possession of stolen property, possession of stolen property knowingly concealed from the owner, four counts of check fraud and forgery on a closed account, four counts of check fraud drawing on insufficient funds, horse theft and identity theft.

"All parties contacted in this matter and identified as victims desire prosecution," Shapiro wrote. His report credited three additional deputies, a district attorney's investigator and a Monterey police officer with help cracking the case.

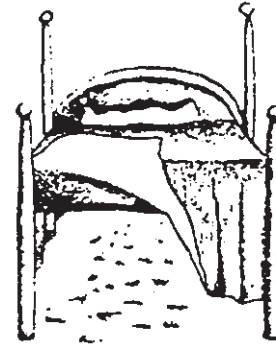
Bove was released from jail Feb. 17. An employee there said Bove could be rearrested if a warrant is issued, but Shapiro was not available to comment on whether she would be taken into custody again.



Joanne Bove

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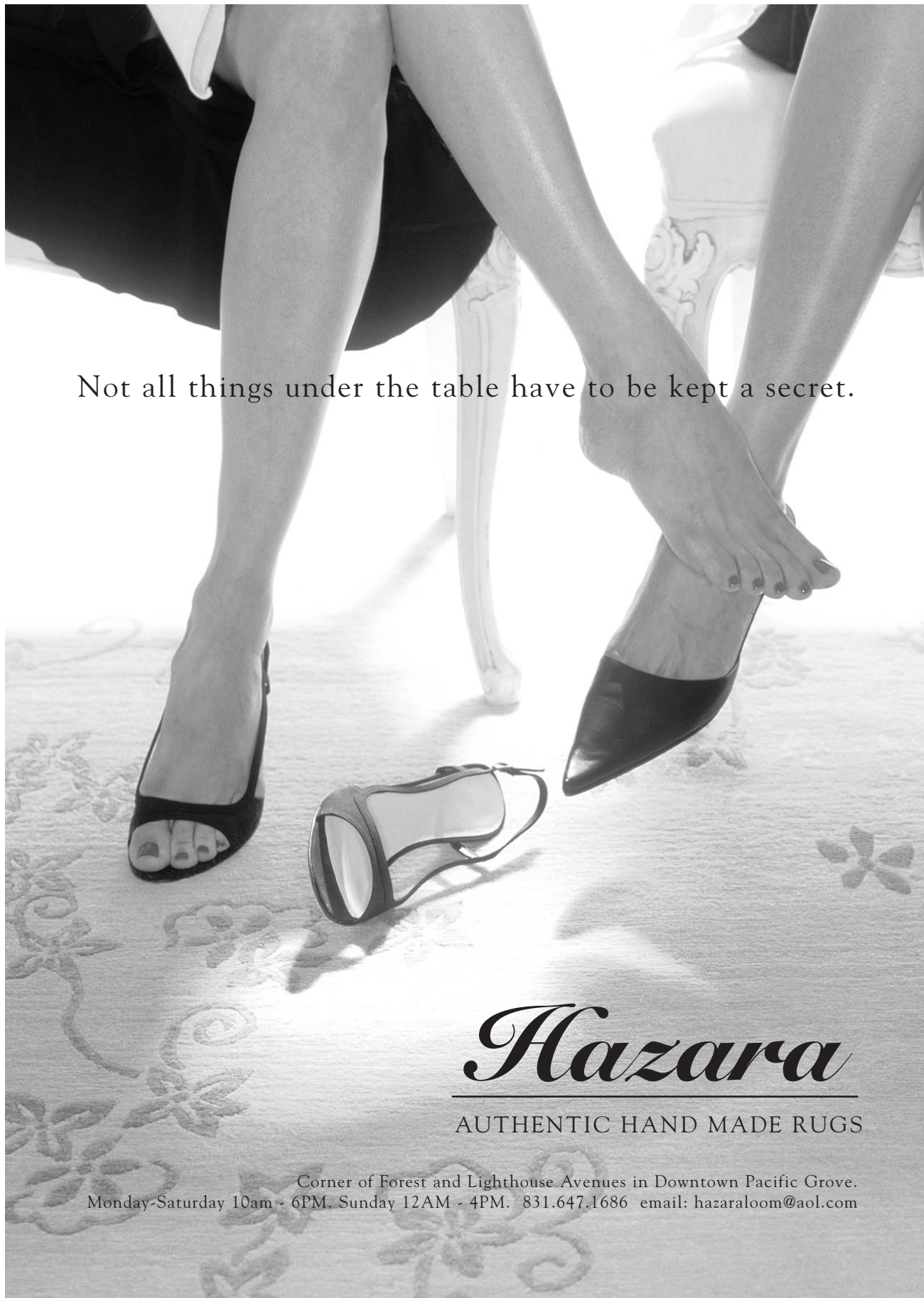


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## CRA names 'Citizen of the Year'

By MARY BROWNFIELD

JUST WHO will be named the Carmel Residents Association's Citizen of the Year?

Only a select group of closely guarded Carmelites know the answer now, but the winner's identity will be revealed to all within earshot Sunday afternoon.

The annual tradition of recognizing a significant contributor to Carmel's residential character began in 1988, at the recommendation of a group of residents headed by Clayton Anderson.

The CRA sponsored the event and a committee was established with Barbara Livingston, not yet a city council member, as chair. The group developed a set of criteria and then sought nominations.

Each year members of a selection committee, whose identities remain as secret as the criteria they use, convene and review candidates for the award.

After Carol Hilburn mailed a letter to more than 60 nonprofits and volunteer groups in town soliciting their nominations last month, a dozen candidates for this year's award were identified.

"The selection committee reviews the nominations this year as well as looks at past nominees," said Hilburn. "They're pretty secretive about the whole process."

The inaugural winner in 1988 was then-councilman Jim Wright, followed by Joyce Stevens, Enid Sales, Jack Bilwiller, Skip Lloyd and Noel Mapstead, Clayton Anderson, Roy Thomas, Jean White, Bob Kohn, Linda Anderson, John Hicks, Noel Van Bibber, Jim Holliday, Frankie Laney, and Nancy and Bill Doolittle.

This year's celebration promises to be a great party, according to Hilburn. Former Carmel Police Chief Don Fuselier will present the award, keyboardist Eddie Mendenhall will provide the tunes, Gwyn Romano will feed the masses and Patisserie Boissiere will bring the cake. Mayor Sue McCloud and 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter have said they will attend, and Hilburn is awaiting an RSVP from Congressman Sam Farr.

The festivities are set to begin at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center, Mission Street between Eighth and Ninth.



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# Busted Carmel Fire ladder truck not on fast track for repair

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE 50-FOOT ladder on an older truck at the Carmel Fire Department has been broken for months and is unlikely to be fixed in the near future. The hydraulic system in the ladder has failed more than once and will cost thousands to repair — money which doesn't exist in the city budget.

"It's very costly to repair it, and depending on which firefighter you talk to, some say it should be repaired and others say it isn't worth it," city administrator Rich Guillen said.

Purchased nearly 30 years ago to enable firefighters to better reach upper stories of tall buildings in town, the ladder truck — the only one in town — broke down last autumn, according to engineer Bill Scott, who oversees repair and maintenance of CFD machinery.

After discovering the hydraulic system in the ladder had sprung a leak, Scott sent the truck to a Salinas shop for repairs. He received it and an invoice for \$2,682 on Sept. 16.

But during a subsequent routine check, Scott found a new leak in the drum which allows the ladder to rotate and contains all its electrical contacts.

"We have to replace the whole drum," at an estimated cost of \$6,000. "This problem is something more than the local shop can handle," he said. "That's as far as it's gone. I haven't received a go ahead to repair it."

That may be because repair costs for fire equipment are

included in the public works budget, and before he retired in December, director Jim Cullem told CFD the fund was dry, according to shift commander Chuck August.

Scott said the lack of the 50-foot ladder could "some-what" affect fire safety since it provides access to high levels and the truck is small enough to maneuver through town.

"The ladder truck isn't something that gets used a lot, but when you have places like the Pine Inn and Hofsas House — four-story buildings — it's for those reasons that we have a ladder truck," he said. "But it's 29 years old now" and will need recurring maintenance.

Acting Carmel Fire Chief Sidney Reade said the truck can still roll to fires and the lack of a ladder has less impact because neighboring fire departments in Pacific Grove, Monterey, Seaside and Pebble Beach all have ladder trucks

which respond to fires in Carmel on a mutual-aid basis.

"The ladder truck doesn't roll first; our engines roll first," she added, and they carry hand ladders. "And by the time the ladder truck gets there, a mutual aid engine would be well on its way, if not already on the scene."

Retired Carmel Fire Chief Bill Hill, who wrote the specifications for the truck when it was ordered in 1974, said he was alarmed to hear about the broken ladder.

While the truck was part of a calculation which enabled commercial property owners to get cheaper insurance more than a decade ago, he said the rating system is used less rigorously now and probably won't be calculated again soon.

"The practicality of the thing and the safety of the town to me are much bigger issues than the rating," he said.

## CORRECTION

THE RECIPIENTS of the \$40,000 charitable purse of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am's Giving Back Day charity shoot-out include the Young at Heart Project (\$26,000) and SpectorDance (\$14,000), according to Laurel Lee-Alexander, director of grant programs for the Monterey Peninsula Foundation. The Alliance on Aging and the Ombudsman also received \$1,000 each for qualifying to be represented in the four-team shootout.

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# Carmel Valley

## Incorporation foes have their say at C.V. forum

By KIMBERLY WHITE

THE FISCAL analysis isn't complete, the boundaries haven't been set, and no election has been held.

Still, some Carmel Valley residents view the mere fact that incorporation is being discussed as an affront.

Opponents were out in force during a town hall meeting Feb. 12 at All Saints' Day School, where residents were informed of the steps now underway to determine the feasibility of a Town of Carmel Valley. Those who support incorporation say the area should have its own separate identity; opponents say they don't want a divorce — they like being part of Monterey County.

The meeting was purely informational and no actions were taken, but the hour-long question and answer session

provided many with the opportunity to express their displeasure at the idea of branching out on their own.

"We don't feel a connection to the village, and we don't want to be a part of it," said Carmel Views Association president Bob Sinotte.

Presidents of the Hacienda Carmel and Carmel Knolls property owners' associations also expressed their disapproval, citing a poll that revealed a majority oppose incorporation and charging that "a group of individuals wants to sever our history with Carmel."

The meeting was hosted by the Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission, or LAFCO, a governmental agency responsible for creating or changing local districts. The agency was called in to conduct studies when more than 25 percent of the valley's registered voters signed a petition to find out more about the issue.

Advocates of incorporation are concerned the growth in other parts of Monterey County — particularly the Salinas Valley — will diminish their political influence in the county and reduce their input over local zoning issues. But a Town of Carmel Valley, they say, would translate to more effective, efficient and responsive local government and services.

They also point out that Carmel Valley already pays far more in taxes than it receives in services. According to a pamphlet circulated by the Carmel Valley Forum — which dubs itself "neutral" — Carmel Valley produces \$6 million in tax revenues for the county, but a new Town of Carmel Valley would cost only \$5 million.

Kristina Berry, acting executive officer of LAFCO, said the process has progressed further than during a similar move two years ago. The agency, she said, will make a decision on whether to recommend incorporation based on a financial analysis that will determine whether the city would be able to survive on its projected budget.

"If it's denied at the LAFCO level, no more action will be taken for one year," she explained. "If it's approved, protest hearings would be initiated," giving opponents an official chance to have their say.

But many secession opponents weren't willing to wait. If the Town of Carmel Valley were to come into being, they said, their lives would be micro-managed by a small group of people, taxes would be increased and new development would be sure to follow.

The petition that got the ball rolling was circulated by the Carmel Valley Forum, a non-profit organization founded in 2001 to gather data about the practicality of incorporation. President Milt Kegley called the forum an impartial group with the sole purpose of gathering and disseminating facts.

"Studies have been going on for three years, but the issue probably won't be voted on for one more year," he said.

Another forum member, former Monterey County supervisor and Carmel Valley resident Karin Strasser Kauffman, told the audience she joined the forum because she felt "neutral facts needed to be presented in public meetings," the volunteers had gone as far as they could go, and she wanted to "set goals instead of arguing."

"More than enough people signed the petition to make it go forward," she added. "Even if someone doesn't want the facts, their neighbors may want the facts on taxes and services and potential boundaries . . . Twenty-five percent is well above the 10 percent that usually gets the government's attention."

*'We don't feel a connection to the village, and we don't want to be a part of it.'*

— Carmel Views Association president Bob Sinotte



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**HELEN STEWART MURRAY ELLIOTT**, a native of Glasgow, Scotland who immigrated to Carmel in 1953, died Jan. 28. She was 92.

A homemaker, Mrs. Elliott was an active member of the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula and shared her heritage as a member of the



British-American Club and the Scottish Society of the Monterey Peninsula.

Mrs. Elliott is survived by her sons, Alex of Carmel and George of El Dorado Hills; her grandchildren, Sean and Jennifer of Carmel and Andrew and John of El Dorado Hills. She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew, in

1984, and by her son, Andrew, who died in 1970 while serving in Vietnam.

Memorials are suggested to Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula or Hospice of the Central Coast.

With her husband of 66 years at her side,

**BETTY LOU FAIA**, 85, died Jan. 30 after a 12-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Born in Walla Walla, Wash., she moved to Los Angeles in 1932. In 1937 she married John Faia, Jr., and the couple lived in Los Angeles while Dr. Faia began his career in dentistry. They moved to Carmel in 1953 with their three sons, and Mrs. Faia became active in the Dental Auxiliary of the Monterey Dental Society and the Children's Home Society.

After sending their sons through college and professional schools, the Faias were eager to see the world and enjoyed numerous trips, including trans-Atlantic cruises and an African safari. Often they traveled with their grown sons and their spouses.

Mrs. Faia was a voracious reader who had won scholastic awards for her mastery of English. She and her husband enjoyed social dancing at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club, and indulged Mrs. Faia's gift of hospitality, hosting frequent parties and gatherings at her Carmel home.

She is survived by her husband; her sons,

Dr. John III, Dr. Ronald M. and Thomas J.; and her five grandchildren, Dr. Brandi, Mindy, Melissa Eason, Hilary Hanlon, Amery Day and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials in her memory are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association. A celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

**LANCE B. BAIRD**, assistant director of Laguna Seca Raceway for 35 years and who served as "eye in the sky" during many races, died Jan. 31. He was 57.

The son of Bob and Sybil Baird, he attended Carmel Woods and Sunset schools, graduated from Carmel High in 1964 and was a state roller skating doubles champion.

Mr. Baird served as a Navy medic at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital during the Vietnam war. He served as president of the Pebble Beach Sports Car Club.

In 2002, the scoring tower at Laguna Seca Raceway was named in his honor. For the past 10 years, he worked as finance manager at Clawson Motor Sports in Fresno.

Mr. Baird is survived by his wife, Maggie; his children, Mark, Bonnie and Tracy; brothers Chuck of Carmel, Doug of San Andreas and Rocky of Big Sur.

A memorial service will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 at the First Church of God, 3920 N. First St., Fresno.

Memorials are suggested to the Community Medical Foundation for Cancer Center, Fresno and R streets, Fresno, CA 93728.

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M I L E S T O N E S



**BONNIE MITCHELL SCHRECK**, resident of Carmel Valley and a dedicated homemaker, died Feb. 12. She was 83.

Mrs. Schreck graduated from Glendale High School in 1938 and UCLA in 1946.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Raymond; and four children, Donna Cleman of Temple City, Denise Randolph

and Ron of North Carolina and Loren of Texas; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 6 at Cypress Community Church.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

**HADLEY OSBORN** died Feb. 16 of a stroke at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

His brother, James of Atlanta, and loving

friend, Connie Stroud, survive him.

A memorial service is pending. Memorials are preferred to the Carmel

Public Library Foundation or the Big Sur Land Trust.

## BIG SUR FORUM ON COASTAL PLAN

THE COAST Property Owners Association will hold a special general meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23 at the Big Sur Grange Hall to discuss changes proposed for the county's general plan by the coastal commission.

The changes, announced in December and presented to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors last month, include greatly expanded Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas and more stringent critical viewshed requirements, both of which could have a

great impact on Big Sur landholders. The changes will be discussed by supervisor Dave Potter, attorneys Aengus Jeffers and Brian Finegan and biologist Vern Yadon. Trip Bennett, founder of San Diegans for Sensible Land Use, will tell his community's story about its recent run-in with the coastal commission over the Local Coastal Plan.

Fifth District supervisorial candidates Steve Collins and Susan Goldbeck will also appear.

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## Notice of Public Hearing Monterey County Planning Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Monterey County Planning Commission will hold a series of public hearings to consider the **21st Century Monterey County General Plan Public Review Draft**, published in January 2004. The hearings will be held on the dates and times described below and will be located in the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 240 Church Street, East Wing Room 225, Salinas, California, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard. Following the hearings, the Planning Commission will consider the public testimony received and forward its recommendations on the Draft General Plan to the County Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will, in turn, hold one or more public hearings and will ultimately take final action on the Public Review Draft General Plan. Those portions of the Draft General Plan that implement the state Coastal Act will then be forwarded to the California Coastal Commission for certification. The Draft General Plan will have impacts on real property in the unincorporated area of Monterey County, potentially affecting land use designations, density or intensity of uses allowed on properties, future rezoning, and various policies that may affect development of such properties.

The Draft General Plan is a 20-year program that directs actions and funding priorities and defines long-term goals and policies for development on properties within the County. The Draft Plan represents both the Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan for unincorporated Coastal Zone areas and the General Plan for all unincorporated lands in the County. The Draft General Plan builds on the foundation established by the 1982 Monterey County General Plan and successive area plans and local coastal plans, which were written to assure protection of our natural and economic resources. In addition, the Draft General Plan proposes solutions for the impacts of past growth and public service deficiencies, as well as strategies for managing new development in a manner that will enhance the quality of life for all who live in and enjoy Monterey County. The Draft General Plan is the result of public input received at more than 200 public meetings held around the County over the past four years.

The Draft General Plan proposes to change the land use designations and densities for some unincorporated areas. These changes may or may not affect your property. The public is encouraged to review the Public Review Draft General Plan policies and maps prior to the Planning Commission hearings. Large-scale maps showing the proposed minimum parcel size requirements for future land divisions in rural areas and maximum residential densities for future development in urban areas are available for public inspection at the Monterey County Planning and Building Inspection Department, at 2620 1st Avenue, in Marina, and at the Monterey County Environmental Resource Policy Office, at 230 Church Street, Bldg 3, in Salinas. An errata sheet listing map and text corrections of a substantive nature is also available at these locations.

Copies of the Public Review Draft General Plan and associated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) may be purchased at the Monterey County Planning and Building Inspection Department, at 2620 1st Avenue in Marina, and at the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors Office, at 240 Church Street, East Wing Room 226, in Salinas. CD-ROM copies are available for free at both of the above locations. Reference copies of the Draft Plan and Draft EIR are available at all libraries and city halls in the County. The Plan and EIR also may be viewed on the Monterey County General Plan Update website: [www.co.monterey.ca.us/gpu](http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/gpu)

The Monterey County Planning Commission will hold a series of four public hearings on the Public Review Draft General Plan, with each of the first three hearings focused on major "themes" of the Plan: Growth Strategy, Quality of Life, and Economy/Jobs & Housing. The last hearing, on the evening of March 22, 2004, is open to all general comments on the Draft Plan. While public comments on all aspects of the Draft Plan will be accepted at all four hearings, the Planning Commission strongly encourages that testimony on the three themes be made at the specific date and time noted below. Some of the key policy issues included in each theme are also noted below.

DATE	TIME	HEARING TOPICS
March 3, 2004	9:00 a.m.	<b>Growth Strategy Theme</b> (Major Land Groups, compact growth in Community Areas, city/county agreements, development phasing, Rural Center development, rural 40-acre residential lots and agricultural uses, resource constraints, fiscal sustainability of Plan)
March 11, 2004	9:00 a.m.	<b>Quality of Life Theme</b> (Coastal and inland area section policies, Community Area urban design concepts, infrastructure concurrency with development, environmental & scenic resource protection, recreational trails)
March 17, 2004	9:00 a.m.	<b>Economy/Jobs &amp; Housing Theme</b> (Correlation between land use & circulation plans, balance between jobs and workforce housing, Affordable Housing Overlay, winery corridors, exemptions for routine agricultural activities, residential clustering in rural & agricultural areas, Transfer of Development Rights program, other agricultural viability proposals)
March 22, 2004	6:00 p.m.	<b>General Comments</b>

The Planning Commission will break for lunch between 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on each of the first three hearing dates listed above. Depending on how many people wish to speak at each hearing, the Planning Commission may limit the length of oral testimony. The public is strongly encouraged to submit written comments to ensure that all of your comments are heard. Please organize your written comments by Plan "theme" to the extent possible.

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared, which identifies potential environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the Public Review Draft General Plan. The public review period for the Draft EIR is separate from the General Plan hearings and extends until April 2, 2004.

**Comments on the Draft General Plan:** In addition to, or in lieu of, testifying at the Planning Commission hearings, written comments may be submitted in one of two ways. They may be either hand delivered to the Planning Commission at one of the four public hearings, or mailed to the Monterey County Environmental Resource Policy (ERP) Office, 230 Church Street, Bldg 3, Salinas, CA 93901. All written comments on the Draft General Plan must be received at the **ERP Office by 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2004.** Please clearly identify your written comments as pertaining to the Draft General Plan.

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For more information, please call Genée Terada, Monterey County Environmental Resource Policy Office, at (831) 755-5352.

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# TREE

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ran through the center, right between two hearts, both foresters said.

"There was probably some bark trapped in there, and that meant it never grew a strong attachment," Spencer said.

Near the ground, there was also a large section of bark missing on the outside of the tree — a sign of "compromised structural integrity," according to Ono. "That tree was an accident waiting to happen," he told The Pine Cone.

"We loved that tree and were very unhappy to have to cut it down," said Lucy Willman, leasing manager and marketing director for The Crossroads. "It had dropped some very large branches and that's why we called in the tree experts to

look at it."

In written reports before the tree was taken down, Ono and Spencer both recommended immediate removal.

"The tree poses a significant threat to pedestrians and occupants in and near the Longs Drugs store and other nearby occupied areas that are located in the Crossroads shopping center and should be removed immediately," said Ono in a report dated Dec. 19.

Because of decay evident near the ground, "There is a likely probability that one or more of the tree's major anchor roots could be affected . . . which would compromise the tree's stability in the event of a high wind," agreed Spencer in a written report Feb. 4.

With Ono's report in hand, shopping center managers went to Monterey County officials for a permit to remove the tree which, as a native Monterey pine, is protected by county ordinances. Because of the danger to the public, the permit

was granted by the planning department without a public hearing. Last week, after Spencer's report confirmed the danger, Tope's Tree Service cut the pine down.

## Strong reaction

But the removal brought strong reactions from some longtime residents. Scott Rainer, who lives in Palo Colorado, wrote a poetic eulogy to the tree, which included these lines:

*An ode I've penned unto a tree  
That meant a lot to those like me,  
It sprouted in an open plain,  
Alone it stood in wind and rain.  
It grew up strong and straight and true;  
It stood for what "just one can do."*

Rainer, a wood shop and P.E. teacher at Carmel Middle School, also wrote that "greed" and "lies" were to blame for the tree being removed.

"Here is the simple truth for me — the tree was cut down not because it was sick or dying. It was cut down because it was in their way," Rainer said, referring to the plan to build a larger supermarket at The Crossroads. Asked about the unequivocal recommendations from two reputable foresters that the tree was a danger, Rainer said, "You can get anybody to say anything if you pay them."

The proposal to expand The Crossroads is slowly making its way through the county permit process. According to Willman, the plans called for leaving the tree alone.

"Cutting it down was not something we wanted to do, because this tree was our landmark," she said.

The foresters' reports make no mention of the remodel project. But Ono said the six-foot diameter tree "looks to have been a native local pine that was saved during [the original shopping center] construction and [was] at the original grade."

His report continued:

"The Monterey pine is, in my opinion, considered a hazard tree, due to the fact that it is a senescing (aging) tree and has serious structural defects located within its basal area. The tree has an area of exposed wood with no bark on the southern portion of its trunk that is deteriorating due to insects and fungus. This seriously compromises the tree's structural integrity. The location of the tree further compromises risk potential by being located in a high pedestrian area and along an occupied structure."

Willman said the Monterey pine, which was estimated to be 80 to 100 years old, would be replaced with a "large specimen tree."

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— Scott Rainer

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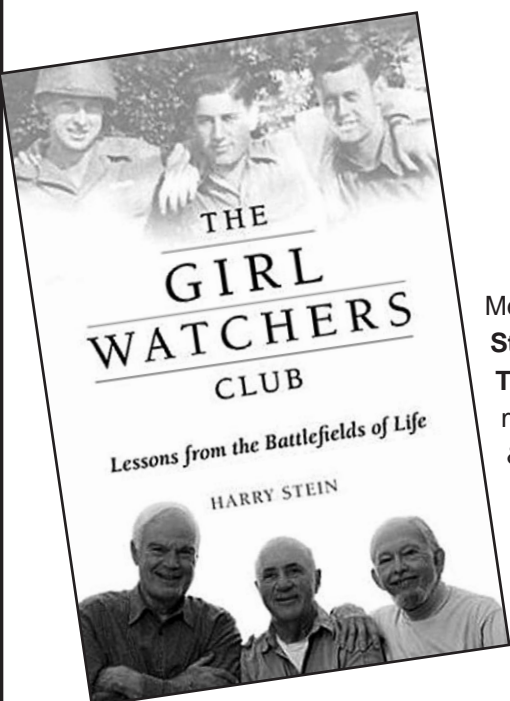
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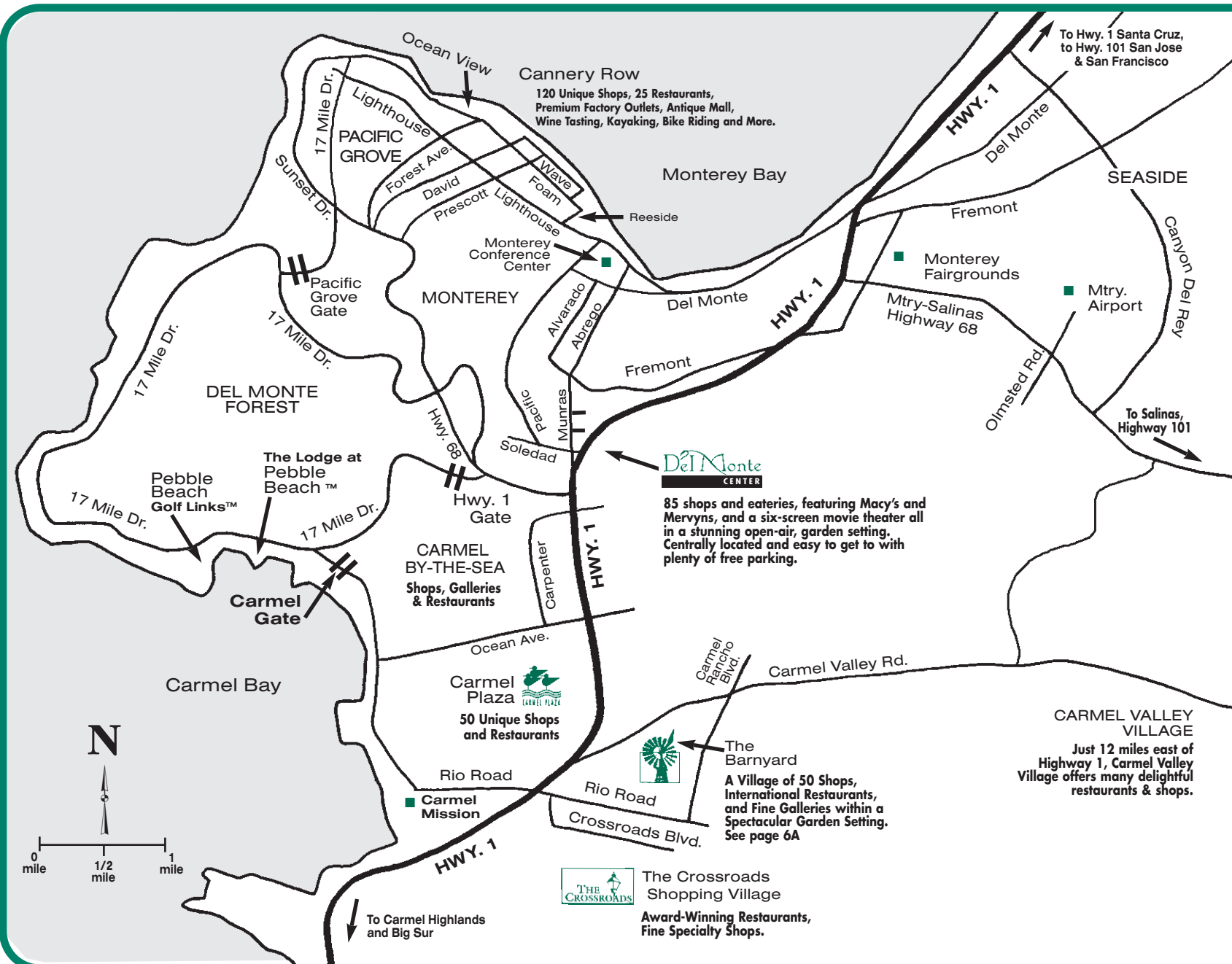
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## KEB' MO' PRIMED TO BRING DOWN THE HOUSE

CARMEL'S RENOVATED Sunset Theater is becoming a magnet for a wide variety of artists and welcomes acoustic blues sensation **Keb' Mo'** on Sunday, Feb. 22. Born Kevin Moore and raised in Compton, the two-time Grammy winner was exposed at an early age to a diverse range of music including spirituals, contemporary r & b and the rock 'n' roll of the '60s. Music starts at 8 p.m. For tickets (if still available), call 624-3996.

Rancho Productions continues their series of innovative musical offerings Wednesday, Feb. 25 with the presentation of **Darol Anger's American Fiddle Ensemble**. A major booking in itself, what makes this concert so special is that the quartet features Carmel's favorite son, **Rushad Eggleston**. A graduate of Carmel High, Eggleston grew up playing cello at the

Farmer's Market on Alvarado Street and recently completed a course of study at the prestigious Berklee College of Music, where he was the first string player to be awarded a full scholarship. His exploration of the instrument's sonic capabilities and his virtuosity as an improviser have made him a much sought-after player in the bluegrass and music scene.

In addition to his current tour, Eggleston also performs with the Fiddlers Four along with Anger, Michael Doucet and Bruce Molsky. Performing at the Hidden Valley Theater in Carmel Valley, the American Fiddle Ensemble is comprised of fiddler extraordinaire **Darol Anger**, guitar master **Scott Nygaard** and fiddle's newest prodigy, **Brittany Hass**. Showtime is at 7 p.m. Call 625-1229 for more information.

The Henry Miller Library will present the Listening Room International Songwriters Retreat Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. Performing under the stars by a lit campfire will be **Simon Lyng** from Greenland, **Michael Boesen** and **Nanne-Emelie Andersen** from Denmark, **Nadina Bembic** from Pittsburgh, Penn., **Phil Mosoff** of Carmel and **Christine Vitale** of Monterey. For more information call 667-2574.



**Plugged In**  
 By Stephen L. Vagnini

## Despite frivolous name, mature men of the Girl Watchers Club approach life seriously

**The Bookshelf**  
 By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

THESE MEN, who grew up in the Depression, are in their 70s and 80s now, are World War II vets, and went to college under the G.I. bill. They were the first members of their families to receive a higher education and to raise their children through the perils of the '60s. They came of age during a more naive time. This, in and of itself, is not necessarily book material, but these men have been meeting for luncheon on a weekly basis for almost 40 years in restaurants around the Monterey Peninsula to shoot

the breeze, discuss the way the world is going, and all the while maintaining an optimism and moral standard that many find difficult to preserve in the world's present state. They call themselves The Girls Watchers Club. HarperCollins publishers has just released a book chronicling these men's lives and have called it, quite naturally, **"The Girl Watchers's Club: Lessons from the Battlefields of Life."** It is written by veteran journalist **Harry Stein** who has authored six other books and has contributed to the New York Times, Playboy, and GQ, among others. His "Ethics" column in Esquire touched on many of the issues in "The Girls Watchers Club." Stein has interviewed six of the club, one of whom, **Stuart Walzer**, lives in Carmel. Walzer was a prominent divorce attorney in Beverly Hills before retiring here with his artist wife Paula some 10 years ago. He has been with the club only eight years. Since then he has become a master gar-

# Beyond the automotive memorabilia, some darned good eats

ENTERING Baja Cantina dining room through doors sentinelled by old fashioned gas pumps, you get the impression you're in a racer's milieu: From auto racing broadsides to an actual mounted motorcycle, gas station signs, and Concours d'Elegance posters, this abundant collection of memorabilia sets the scene for some real cantina food in a rustic, albeit comfortable, setting.

This is where weekend biker doctors and lawyers mingle with automobile collectors, everyday cycle jockeys, sports fans and Carmel Valley folk. But don't think of it as a biker bar and grill; it's where sports enthu-

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siasts and diners, hungry for excellent regional Mexican cuisine or a good steak, meld.

When we lunched there during Presidents' Day weekend, a large family party was going on in the main dining room, and the bar was full. Conviviality reigned.

Owners Patrick and Gina Phinny have owned Baja Cantina for 10 years, which is a great track record for a location that has previously seen some nine restaurants come and go, lasting about a year each. The site is the Valley Hills Shopping Center next to Quail Lodge where The Thunderbird Bookshop once occupied the same building before it moved to the Barnyard Shopping Village.

The Phinnys of Carmel Valley have restaurant know-how, having owned seven others; among them the Baja Cantina at Fillmore and Greenwich in the city, where Carmel's Baja Cantina manager Joe Loeffler worked before relocating here. Malibu and Park City, Utah are two other locations of Phinny restaurants. "When Patrick builds a restaurant, he tries to keep the theme local," Loeffler said. "Those he owns in Los Angeles and Marina del Rey are surf theme restaurants. The Phinnys are going to start another restaurant soon, but I'm not at liberty to say where," Loeffler said.

Phinny used to race at Indy and has been acquiring older cars for some time. He has a Packard collection, and took a best in class with his 1929 Packard roadster at the Concours d'Elegance in 2002 where it scored 100 points.

The food at the cantina is turned out by a crew, mostly from Oaxaca, headed by Chef de Cuisine Hector Berumen, who studies at St. Helena's Greystone CIA with Chef Rick Bayless two or three times a year, return-

ing to Baja Cantina with very special recipes.

As for signature dishes, "Hector produces *carnitas* and wonderful fish dishes," according to Loeffler, singling out a crusted macadamia nut halibut and crab-stuffed sole.

The delicious hand-made tamales that emerge from the kitchen at Baja Cantina are made by Rosa Hernandez, who also turns out great *sopas* and hand-made tortillas. We ordered cups of a cioppino-like seafood soup (\$3.75 each) that was unusual and full of flavors from the sea.

Two of our party at Monday's lunch ordered tamales — beef and chicken — that were served with rice and mixed salad (\$7.50), while an order of Chapalas chicken chimichanga (a deep fried flour tortilla topped with melted cheese, guacamole and sour cream) arrived with Mexican rice and refried beans (\$6.98). Our server, Kathie, was fun and highly professional.

Don't miss the desserts at the cantina. One of our party had a superb mud pie that was tall and elegant, with the most marvelous flavors and textures (\$5), while another ordered a caramel flan, that was just the right consistency and sweetness (\$3.50).

As well as the more than 50 tequilas available, there are various beers and wines by the fifth or glass. An excellent Chateau Julien Merlot went well with the beef tamale and was a nominal \$6 a glass.

Both the lunch and dinner menu are extensive, with the dinner menu a little more so. Dinner prices are excellent with the most expensive items being the Texas T-bone at \$24, aged Harris Ranch New York steak (\$21) and Laguna Seca baby back ribs at \$17.98. But many entrées run from \$7.50 to \$14.50.

Ask to see the banquet menu, if you're planning a party, which lists everything from hors d'oeuvres to lobster feeds and VIP platters. Dee Gilbert is the person to call at 625-2252.

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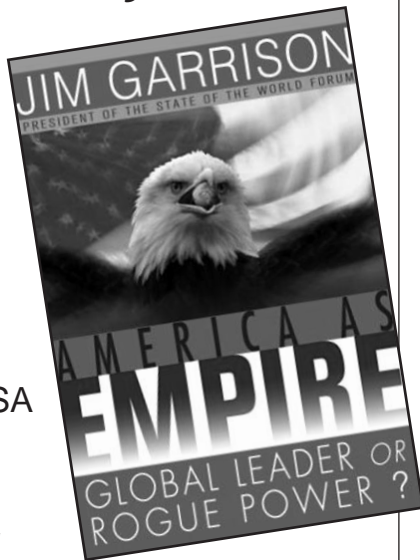
## Choral ensemble sings at Mission

AN EVENING of Renaissance and baroque choral music begins at 8 Sunday, Feb. 21 in the Carmel Mission Basilica. The 24-member UC Santa Cruz Chamber Singers will be and joined by performers on cello, organ and spinet. Tickets are \$10 general, \$8 seniors and \$6 students. For reservations, call 459-2159.

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### Friday, February 27

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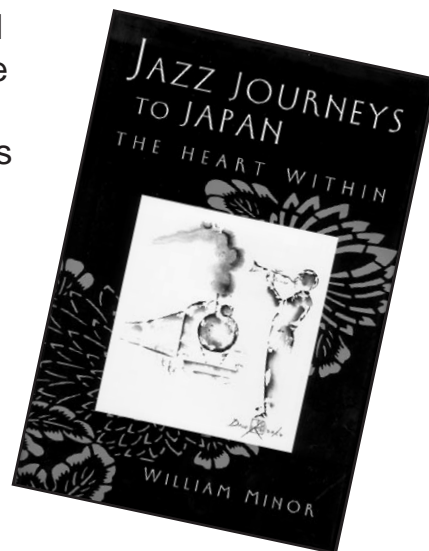
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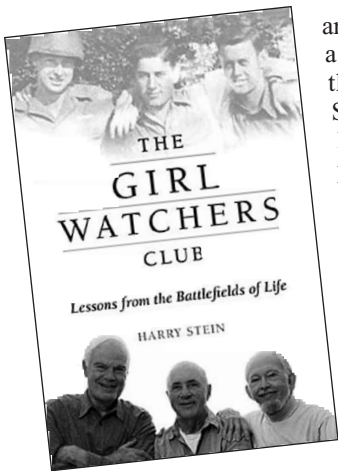
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# BOOKSHELF

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dener, Gentrain instructor, and, with Paula, a facilitator of a reading group at Monterey Public Library.



Others featured in the book are **John Turner Jr.**, who was a professor of electronics at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey from 1955 to 1976; **Boyd Huff**, professor of history and chairman of the history department at NPS from 1956 to 1988 and wrote classified reports for naval intelligence; **Earl Godfrey**, skipper of the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk from 1969 to 1971; **Harry Handler**, professor of physics at NPC from 1958

to 1985; and **Gene Cooper**, professor of electrical engineering at NPS from 1949 to 1985.

These men all have extensive backgrounds even beyond those mentioned here, but what really counts is their old-fashioned American values and that they lived their lives well. Their reaction to family situations and tragedies included keeping their kids straight or punishing them with tough love when they verged from their moral training, to showing ongoing love and commitment to a schizophrenic son who showed great promise before signs of the affliction suddenly appeared and eventually brought him to a half-way house.

You are invited to meet with some of these men and the author Harry Stein at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard, Carmel, for a book-signing and discussion of the book. May Waldroup tells us C-Span will be covering the event. For information, call 624-1803.

WOULDN'T YOU know it: Of the 250 mystery writers who are attending and appearing on panels at **Left Coast Crime** conference at the DoubleTree in Monterey this weekend, we omitted one: **Joyce Krieg** of Pacific Grove, who won the St. Martin's/Malice Domestic "Best First Traditional Mystery" contest last year for her book, "**Murder Off Mike**." We reviewed the book with accolades in The Bookshelf, mentioning at the time Krieg had garnered a three-book contract with her publisher, the second of which, "**Slip Cue**," will be published this July. **Krieg will appear on TODAY's conference panel, Friday, Feb. 20 at 11 a.m., "Weird Jobs for a Sleuth."** That's short notice, but for all those who line up at the camera store at 7 a.m. waiting for Oscar to deliver The Pine Cone, you'll have plenty of time to catch Krieg's panel. Check the Left Coast Crime website [www.interbridge.com/lcc2004](http://www.interbridge.com/lcc2004) for all events at the three-day conference.

**ALEX VARDAMIS** will be speaking on Carmel's famed poet, **Robinson Jeffers**, at the **Friends of Harrison Memorial Library** meeting and program at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 at the Church of the Wayfarer, Seventh and Lincoln,

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CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

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Sunday Feb. 22nd is the first of Dr. Norm Mowery's decade sermons planned as part of the church's Centennial celebration:



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Carmel-by-the-Sea. **Fran Vardamis**, president of the group, will present Harrison Memorial Library director, **Margaret Pelikan**, with a check for \$15,000 (!)— earned from the Friends' annual book sale — to purchase new books, videos, tapes, DVDs, and special equipment and to support programs the library offers. This is really a splendid gift, of which the Friends should be justly proud. Putting on a book sale is heavy, dirty work that pays great dividends for the library. Bravo!

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incarnation. Since the piece is, at its core, a polemic protest against the then current policies of the government of Old Iron Pants (P.M. Margaret Thatcher), this is hardly surprising. It does not translate well to the current local stage, appearing merely dated, derivative and pretentious, and when further crippled by inept direction, it is, as the Brits also say, a bit of rubbish.

Belaboring the point, the script plays like a patchwork quilt of threads clipped from well known previous sources, tritely contrived to make them appear fresh and daring; the topic of the twins separated by circumstance (here fraternal and not identical), a

theme beaten to death by Plautus, Shakespeare, and more recently, and also musically, by Rodgers and Hart; the three-hankie ending of "West Side Story" with two, count 'em two, corpses instead of one (but don't give away the "shocking" ending, say the promo puff pieces, even though the "shocking" ending also opens the show); and the disconnected scenes cutely strung together by a diabolical narrator (well, why not? "The Fantasticks" just closed and El Gallo is out of work.)

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# BROTHERS

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lacks the lightness of touch demanded by this play (and last year's PRT offering of "Hay Fever"), his heavy-handedness herein more reminiscent of Thor at his forge than the requisite tongue-in-cheek emphasis on irony that this piece requires. Curiously, by taking itself too seriously, it becomes laughable, and yes, I am aware that we are discussing a musical melodrama here, but Cato implies that it takes on epic proportions far beyond the milieu of the melodrama, and

sadly, it does not.

### Polished performers

But what is truly tragic herein is the waste of a wonderful cast, a fine ensemble headed by the most polished of performers. The main problem being, performance wise, that they are rarely permitted to connect, their "arias," both spoken and sung, are most often isolated and strictly straight front.

In the case of the narrator, Timothy Gleason, this is understood and expected, but in most other cases, it is not. Annmarie Martin Symons, a fine professional as well, is forced to go it alone, saved only on occa-

sion, by the equally fine MaryAnn Schapp-Rousseau. Their duet provides the musical highlight of the production, and is well worth the price of admission. The non-identical twins, Tim Meyers and Robert Brewer, struggle on valiantly, fully meeting the requirements of script. But it is the performance of Jessica Carroll as Linda that won all my marbles. Bouncy and brilliant, with impeccable timing coupled with charisma, she sets the proper tone, sadly singularly, for the otherwise pervading darkness that engulfs the rest of the production.

It is further sad to note that the major league talents of Phyllis Davis and Tim Hart are virtually wasted in this production, but their abilities spark the remainder of the highly capable ensemble consisting of Mitch Davis, Grace Poletti, D. Scott McQuiston and, in his best turn to date locally, John David Whalen. My thanks to you all for your fine and thoroughly professional efforts.

Musical contributions under the direction of Don Dally are on the mark, as is the costuming created by Tandy Messenger, with a workable scenic design by Steve Judge. Sound and lights still need work; actors with mike packs occasionally sound as if they are in a barrel when upstage, and downstage lighting is spotty, performers going from patches of light to patches

of darkness, like an old time flickering film, as they cross the apron.

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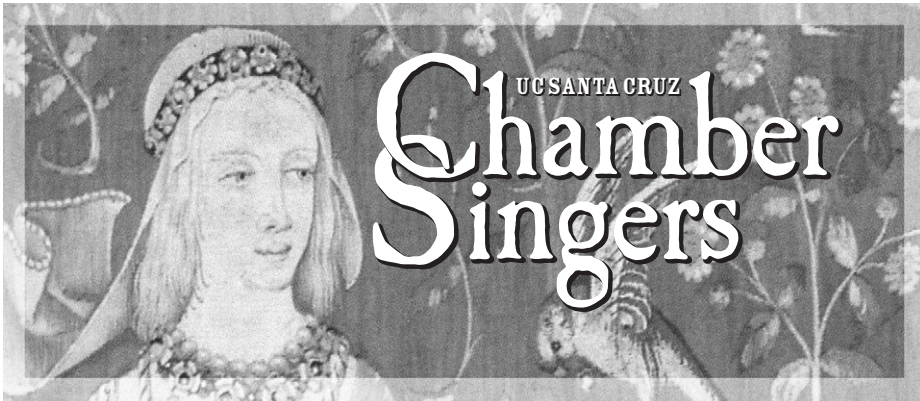
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# Carmel Art Board studies images on view indoors and out

By ANNE PAPINEAU

THE ENRICHMENT of interior and exterior spaces around Carmel-by-the-Sea was further explored by members of the Carmel Art Board as they reviewed a proposal for a bronze statue in the Biblical Garden of the Church of the Wayfarer, hanging of city art within Sunset Theater and crafting a workable collections policy.

First to appear before the board at its Feb. 17 meeting was Susan Grant, a representative of Children's Experimental Theatre. Grant explained that, as part of its 45th anniversary celebration, the ensemble hopes to sponsor a poster art competition. She said CET seeks the advice of CAB on how to judge such a competition, which would invite entries in three categories: adult professional, adult nonprofessional and student.

## Tor House poetry reading features Catherine Owen Saturday, Feb. 21

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

CATHERINE OWEN, who has published eight collections of poetry, will travel from Vancouver, B.C. for a free poetry reading at Tor House at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21.



Owen

Among Owens' poetry, "The Wrecks of Eden," includes her responses to the poetry of Robinson Jeffers. Her master's thesis was on Jeffers' inhumanism, counter-pastoralism and ecopoiesis. A forthcoming book scheduled for 2004/2005 includes the titles "Cusp/detritus: an experiment in alleyways" and "Shall: a collection of ghazals."

A wine and cheese reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. As there is limited seating, reservations are required. Call 624-5725. The reading will take place in the parlor of the east wing of Tor House, 26304 Ocean View Ave., Carmel Point.

Judging would begin next month and be completed in May, and CET hopes entries will be displayed in the Park Branch of Harrison Memorial Library.

"We want a celebration . . . but we realized as we were representing Carmel and art, we had gone outside our own purview," Grant said.

CAB member Ed Lohmann suggested the organizers of the Carmel Art Festival might be best qualified to advise CET on how to judge an art competition.

Also celebrating a milestone anniversary this year is the Church of the Wayfarer, whose pastor, Dr. Norm Mowery, told CAB his congregation wishes to install a bronze sculpture in the Biblical Garden to note the 100th year of the church. CAB members will examine the sculpture, "Garden

Scents," a life-size image of a little girl by L.A.-based artist Corinne Hartley, before making their recommendation to the planning commission.

Hanging of art selected by the board in December will commence soon in Sunset Theater.

Christie Miller, program supervisor, said that as a new member of the American Association of Museums she has access to the collections policies of other communities. She suggested CAB review some of these to guide it in formulating a collection policy for Carmel.

CAB is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. March 16 in city hall.

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Indeed, if you don't do so, you will almost certainly get bogged down in rationalizations. Most people make their first "buying decision" within a few seconds of entering the home they eventually buy. It's not a rational process. That's why it's so difficult for most of us to translate our way of living into the home we need to buy. We mumble things about square footage and how many cars can get into the garage, overlooking the things that are simply too difficult to translate from theory into reality. That, it turns out, is the job of your real estate professional—to hear what you tell her or him about your likes and dislikes, your needs, your plans, your dreams. Let your real estate professional turn your rational and emotional plans, needs and dreams into reality.

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had as much contact with coastal commissioners and staff, though he has met them on their visits to Carmel, has spoken with planner Mike Watson on the phone and frequently talks with coastal commissioner Dave Potter, who is also 5th District supervisor and sits with Ely on many boards.

"I find it curious she has developed a better relationship with the coastal commission and their directors and staff than she has with our own commissions, directors and staff," he said.

### On Sunset

With the recently renovated Sunset Center in need of leadership and sound management, McCloud favors contracting with a

private nonprofit group to run it. Sunset Cultural Center, Inc., with nine board members who have submitted a business plan to the city and hope to take the reins at the center this summer, is in the process of working with city attorney Don Freeman on a lease agreement, according to McCloud.

"The city wants to get [Sunset Center] running as efficiently and effectively as possible as soon as possible," she said. "A performing arts center like this would rarely turn a profit, but you would expect to see money coming back through other channels, such as hotel tax and TOT, from people who come to town."

Although some have been loudly critical of the process by which the council arrived at the conclusion a private nonprofit should manage the center, McCloud said she has

fielded no negative comments or complaints from any of the user groups, people who donated money for the \$21.65 million renovation, nor the general public.

Despite repeated demands from the cultural commission that the city hire an interim marketing director for Sunset as soon as possible, McCloud advocates moving swiftly to get the management settled first. Whoever ends up in charge could then hire the right marketing director.

"It just looks like this thing is right around the corner to get this solved, and that's where we should be focused," she said. Backtracking or making changes at this point would only disrupt and confuse the user groups and their audiences.

Ely criticized the mayor for not getting started earlier.

"I believe personally and strongly that her failure to address the Sunset Center management in a timely manner has resulted in a wedge in our community and a very uncertain financial future," he said, adding that a team should have been in place months ago.

### Building needs, money matters

Retrofitting or relocating the fire station to provide a seismically safe home for firefighters and their equipment and upgrading the historic Scout House and Forest Theater to make them accessible to disabled visitors number among the most important capital projects in Carmel, according to McCloud.

The safety of the firehouse was repeatedly raised as a major concern during the past two elections, and McCloud said progress has been made.

One of the engines was moved to a bay at public works so it will be accessible if an earthquake disables the Sixth Avenue station, and an architect and structural engineer have already determined what immediate changes could be made to protect workers, she said.

A Portland, Ore., architect who specializes in firehouses might oversee the retrofit (see related story, page 4B), and McCloud hopes the city will receive a proposal soon in order to get the project out to bid and find out what it will cost.

"We've done something we said we would do," McCloud said, reiterating that her ability to follow through makes her the top choice for mayor.

Meanwhile, the Scout House needs two elevators — one inside, one outside — and new restrooms to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the aged Forest Theater demands several changes to benefit audiences and actors.

The oldest outdoor theater in the state requires redesigned paths, gates, parking and seating, audio support systems for the hearing impaired, signs in braille, and new restrooms.

"I was in 'Brigadoon,' and it was a very good move, because I saw what people had to work with backstage," McCloud added. "The whole place is in terrible shambles."

But it would all require a lot of money, and McCloud is loathe to dip into the reserves the city has worked hard over the past 10 years to build, although it's likely this year's budget will be balanced only with money from that rainy-day fund.

Capital costs of fixing the firehouse and other city facilities should be financed by selling unneeded assets, the mayor said.

"This is where we need to make a firm decision to sell Flanders Mansion," she said — an idea which Ely adamantly opposes. "Our investment is deteriorating further, and we need to do something. We can designate that as a capital asset when it's sold that would go to fund these public safety issues."

McCloud also advocates developing several small revenue sources and cutting costs to obtain a balanced budget.

A fully functioning Sunset Center will attract more visitors to town and help the general fund, and offering a golden handshake to high-level city staff has already cut costs in a budget largely consumed by salaries and benefits.

But costs have to be cut further and new money makers developed, the first of which will likely be the installation of paid parking for tour buses along Junipero and users of the north lot at Sunset Center.

"Everything mentioned will produce something here, something there — \$100,000 here, \$200,000 there," she said. "It's easy to throw out ideas, but no one has come forward with a plan."

Having considered three revenue generators in depth — a business improvement district, paid parking and a stormwater utility fee — and shelved all of them due to lack of

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favor with the public, McCloud said further efforts will have to be heavily marketed.  
 "It's not easy in a one-crop economy to find revenue sources, and the public is going to have to be understanding of what we're trying to do," she said. "Because otherwise, it will have to be a cut in services and a cut in staff."

Ely blames the failure of those proposals on McCloud. "She is unable, because of her management style, to develop the kind of consensus we need to lead this community," he said.

McCloud said Ely failed to follow through with an ad-hoc committee formed to bring more resident-serving businesses to town, but he said he quit after discovering the meetings were being recorded, and then being told by McCloud that some of the discussions were "inappropriate," though he declined to go into further detail.

She also said he was resigning his seat on the county's economic development committee, which he denied, though he asked for her help in selecting an alternate when he's busy with council matters.

Meanwhile, McCloud said she has also assembled a working group to consider all possible cost-cutting and revenue-generating measures in hopes of developing new strategies.

"We have a track record of working together on the city council to solve something, whatever the issue is," she said.

### Other accomplishments

In addition to significant progress on the LCP and Sunset Center renovation, McCloud said the council has met many other challenges during her four years as mayor, including:

- updating the housing element of the General Plan, which set new goals for affordable housing;
- establishing a traffic safety commission, which is reviewing traffic circulation throughout the city;
- televising city council meetings, creating a city website, increasing seating in the lobby of city hall and providing closed circuit television there, placing calendars and agendas at the post office for all city bodies, installing a suggestion box, publishing a newsletter and meeting with commercial property owners;
- celebrating the city's unofficial centennial with an exhibit, book, poster and brochure;
- launching an annual Independence Day celebration;
- hosting a city birthday celebration weekend, including

the parade and Sunset Center open houses; and  
 ■ continued funding of home mail delivery for those in need.

"This council has worked hard to really underscore that this is a friendly place to live and has the character of the town I remember as a child," she said.

### Carmel-by-the-CIA?

Ely accused McCloud of wielding a heavy-handed management style and silencing some commissions on certain topics. He asked, "When did Carmel-by-the-Sea become Carmel-by-the-CIA?" (McCloud had a long career with the intelligence agency before retiring to her hometown.)

"It's a style some admire," he said. "I just think it's inappropriate. My campaign is based on open, inclusive, respectful government, and I will continue to hammer that home."

Three former mayors — Charlotte Townsend, Jean Grace and Ken White (whom McCloud defeated in 2000) — have come out in support of Ely.

"I hope the electorate will note that there are three different former mayors who support Dick, believing he may heal some of the divisiveness that now characterizes city government," said Townsend. "Presently, boards and commissions are excluded and bypassed when decisions are made, and morale at city hall and the firehouse is at an all-time low." Townsend also said she believes the city is on the verge of "financial disaster."

McCloud responded to complaints about secretive leadership by saying she is always available and places all her incoming and outgoing correspondence on a clipboard at city hall for anyone to see.

"My phone starts ringing at 6 a.m. and turns off at 11 p.m.," she said. "I am accessible to everyone."

### Election forums set

The two mayoral candidates, as well as four city council candidates, are set to participate in an election forum hosted by The Pine Cone at 7 p.m. on March 9 in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center.

The Carmel Residents Association will host a forum on March 4 at 7 p.m., also at Carpenter Hall, and the Chamber of Commerce will hold its candidates forum on March 11 at 8 a.m. at La Playa Hotel. Ely has also challenged McCloud to a one-on-one debate, an invitation he hopes she will accept in advance of the April 13 election.



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# Editorial

## No on 56

AFTER ONE of the most deceitful advertising campaigns in the history of California politics, the backers of Prop 56 deserve to have it overwhelmingly rejected by voters in the March 2 election. The very name of Prop 56, "The Budget Accountability Act," is utterly, and intentionally, a lie.

Over the last several weeks, big city radio stations have carried a blitz of paid ads trumpeting Prop 56 as the solution for the state's budget woes. Legislators will even have their paychecks docked, the ads proclaim, if they don't start behaving themselves and pass yearly budgets on time — a provision the prop does contain.

But the ads make no mention of Prop 56's true purpose: To make it easier to raise taxes on the state's already overburdened taxpayers.

For more than 30 years, thanks to the public's rebellion against the runaway tax increases of the 1960s and early 1970s, Prop 13 has required a two-thirds vote in the Legislature to raise most taxes. Prop 56 would lower that threshold to 55 percent.

But opinion polls show that an overwhelming majority of California voters oppose the idea of lowering the two-thirds vote requirement to raise their taxes. And that's why the backers of Prop 56 — mainly, public employee unions which equate higher taxes with bigger paychecks — don't tell the truth about it. They know the public doesn't want to make it any easier to raise taxes in this state and will instantly rebel if they realize they're being intentionally misled.

Californians have shown time and time again they can't be fooled. They should prove it once again by sending Prop 56 to a resounding defeat.

## Yes on 57, 58

Unlike the disingenuous measure discussed above, these two ballot initiatives backed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger will provide true budget accountability for California while establishing an ironclad method to repay the \$15 billion debt accumulated during the Gray Davis administration.

Prop 57 pays off the old debt through a \$15 billion bond measure, while Prop 58 would require the Legislature to pass a balanced budget, prohibit future borrowing for state expenses, and create a reserve account to help California through the inevitable economic downturns.

Please vote Yes on Propositions 57 and 58.

## BATES



"I brought you to Carmel; we stayed at Doris Day's place; you saw Clint Eastwood at the AT&T and I took you to eat at Cafe Rustica. Now when we get back home YOU do the cooking."

## Letters to the Editor

### One on one?

Dear Editor,

As one who attended the Feb. 11 event sponsored by Councilman Dick Ely, I was surprised to hear him announce, as a candidate for Mayor of Carmel, he wanted to participate in a direct one-on-one public debate with Mayor Sue McCloud on issues concerning our village.

There is no question Carmel is at a crucial crossroad! We residents and business people should be allowed a public debate between the two candidates. We don't want to hear our candidates hide behind public forums as a public debate. What we residents and business people should hear is a one-on-one public debate of the issues.

Councilman Dick Ely is willing to publicly debate the issues and I encourage Mayor McCloud to stand up and be willing to participate. The citizens deserve nothing less!

Mike Brown, Carmel

### Endorses SCC

Dear Editor,

I have attended the two meetings held to debate the management of Sunset Center and exited both shortly after the sessions began. It was very clear that the combination of the CRA and the former mayor and "troops" were going to undermine Mayor Sue McCloud's efforts to put the center on a businesslike basis.

For two months I considered writing to The Pine Cone to express my support for the SCC proposal and to slam the group that is playing politics with a very important community asset.

Fortunately, you wrote an excellent editorial in Friday's paper which state everything (and much more) that was in my mind. The piece was very balanced from my view and I consider those who are against the SCC proposal as being unqualified to meet the task of running Sunset Center. Instead of trying to find common ground for discussion, they dismiss the nonprofit approach. What they should focus on is the contract with the city. If they are concerned, they should see that there are very sensible promises of default enabling the city council to cancel the contract.

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I've moved away from my purpose which was to thank you for the excellent editorial. I hope others view it as I do.

**William Scearce, Carmel**

### Campaign signs

**Dear Editor,**

In the last city election, the community was inundated with 250 campaign signs from one group spread throughout the community.

In this election, mayoral and council candidates should declare their intent regarding the quantity and placement of their campaign signs.

**Erling Lagerholm, Carmel**

### 'Informed, intelligent and fair decision'

**Dear Editor,**

On reading various articles and letters concerning Carmel Valley incorporation, I was surprised to learn of three residential subdivisions that are supposedly strongly opposed to incorporation. As president of the Rancho Rio Vista Property Owners Association, I want to make it very clear that our board of directors would never presume to represent our homeowners in that way. We feel that each of them is entitled

to know the facts and make an informed, intelligent and fair decision. From what I understand, those facts won't be available until LAFCO's comprehensive and objective fiscal analysis is completed, several months from now.

**Victor Pavloff, Carmel**

### 'Skills, creativity and experience'

**Dear Editor,**

The voters of the 5th District are so tired of Dave Potter reiterating that he is only one vote in five at the board of supervisors. If we all had that attitude, nothing of importance would be accomplished. We need a supervisor who can make the case for solutions to the challenges facing the 5th District. We need a supervisor who has the proven ability to bring people together to solve the problems of Monterey County rather than blame the "other supervisors." The 5th District needs a supervisor who will represent our interests while demonstrating broad leadership for Monterey County. It is not the "one" vote that is the problem, but the person carrying the vote. Please join me in voting for Steve Collins for 5th District Supervisor. He has the skills, creativity and experience we need.

**Don Kremer, Pacific Grove**

### Who owns the street?

**Dear Editor,**

After 11 years in Carmel there is still one thing I absolutely do not understand: Why do the residents feel they own the street in front of their houses? I am so sick of hearing, "Don't park in front of my house, a guest might drop by." Or, "Don't park in front of my house, it makes it hard to see out of my driveway." Or my favorite: "Don't park in front of my house, I just don't feel comfortable with a car there."

Furthermore, the worst offenders are either the folks who own only one car and keep it in the garage or carport and never utilize the street, or the part-time residents.

Well I'm here to tell you the area in front of your house was paid for with tax dollars, which we all contributed to, and is public parking. The only thing you need to concern yourself with would be, is the vehicle you object to parked legally?

If it is and there is not a special-need such as a guest in a wheelchair or the like, mind your own business!

There are more and more families moving into Carmel, times are changing. Along with these families comes multiple cars. Get used to it.

**Dave Castle, Carmel**



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# Sandy Claws

By Margot Petit Nichols

**M**OCHA & SANDY ROHRER, 8 and 2 respectively, and Daisy and Murray Sharp, 7 and 13, (shown left to right) are of diverse breeds and two homes. Pay attention, as this gets a little complicated.

Mocha, a rat terrier, has a vocabulary of about 30 words, according to his grandparents, Karen and David Sharp, and is Sandy's sister. Sandy is a

male Chihuahua who is a riot on the beach, running, barking, playing with huge dogs, and whose girlfriend, chocolate Lab Lucy Culver, you met in our Christmas Sandy Claws column.

Mocha and Sandy's mom and dad are Christian and Lisa Rohrer of Pacific Grove, and sister and brother to two darling girls, Bella, 2 and Lexi, 4.

Meanwhile, in Carmel, Daisy Sharp, a Cairn terrier, is sister to Murray, a

Tibetan terrier who actually talks, and asks scoldingly of Mom Karen and Dad David, "Where were you?" quite distinctly when they return from a secret destination to which Murray wasn't invited. Both Mom and Dad demonstrated Murray's question, imitating his barking quite convincingly, and I must say, it really sounded like, "Where were you?"

To complete the Sharp household is Orphan Annie, a black and white tuxedoed cat, which while charming, seems inappropriate attire as Little Orphan Annie always wore a red dress with a

white collar – but this might be expecting too much. (Her wealthy father, Daddy Warbucks, however, always wore evening dress, if that means anything.)

The whole gang (except Orphan Annie, who hates the sea and the sand), roughhouse on Carmel Beach every day. At night, in their respective homes, they are tired from their outing and eager to go to bed: On each of their large, soft sleeping pillows they find a treat placed precisely in the center, just as most first class B&Bs do.

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**Inside:**

■ Firehouse specialist may be architect for city's seismic rehab



■ This week's cover home, located in Carmel Valley, is presented by Linda Guy of John Saar Properties (see page 2B)



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# City courts specialist architect for firehouse fix

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN OREGON architect who specializes in firehouses could oversee the retrofit of the seismically unsafe Carmel Fire Station, city administrator Rich Guillen told the city council earlier this month. Guillen hopes the design phase will get under way in March.

No meetings have been held or proposals submitted, but Paul Wood, the city's contract CPA, said he has had several brief conversations with Ivars Lazdins about fixing the 67-year-old fire station.

"When I got his marketing piece, I thought, 'My God, this is all firehouses!'" he said. "I never realized there was such a niche."

Lazdins, reached at his small Portland firm this week, said his involvement so far has only been the phone calls; the only photos he's seen so far are two sent to him by this newspaper.

"I don't even know who the fire chief is," he said.

He admitted he fills a unique need — one he came into by

*'In 1972, we did our first fire station for Redmond, and I guess we did something right.'*

— Ivars Lazdins

chance more than 30 years ago.

"We've done a lot of fire stations, probably around 40 or 45," he said, adding that the work has comprised "a lot of remodels and new stations and seismic retrofits, mainly in the northwest Oregon area and some in Washington."

A native of Latvia, Lazdins opened his firm in Portland in 1971.

"In 1972, we did our first fire station for Redmond, and I guess we did something right," he said. "People kept asking us to do their stations, and it's kind of evolved."

It may seem a narrow client base, but Lazdins commented, "Every town, every community has a fire station, sometimes more than one. And we all keep having fires."

The city learned of Lazdins through Carmel architect John Thodos, who first opened his own practice in Portland in 1969.

"He was my generation and we knew each other as two architects living in Portland," Thodos said. "It's a close community, and you get to know who does what kind of work."

"He is a rare one of those guys who specializes in fire sta-



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

An Oregon architect with expertise in designing fire stations could oversee the retrofit of the seismically unsound Carmel Fire Station, which the department had to temporarily vacate in the hours following a deadly earthquake in Paso Robles in December.

tions," he said. "I suggested it to the city because a lot of guys pretend to be generalists and say they can do everything, but he specializes in this."

He described Lazdins' work as "nicely designed" and said the Portland architect has the advantage of thoroughly understanding his subject, including the equipment, budgets, codes, and the process of dealing with city governments.

The only evident fly in the ointment so far is the distance between Portland and Carmel, which would rack up a lot of travel and lodging costs if the architect had to make frequent trips south to work on the project.

"The main issue is he's in Oregon, and we're down here," Wood said. He and Guillen said they hoped Lazdins might find a local architect to handle the day-to-day aspects of the project.

In fact, Lazdins asked Thodos this week if he would consider serving as the local associate on the firehouse retrofit — a request Thodos said he gladly accepted.

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## TAXES

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That's a nice big pile of additional money going into government coffers and, combined with all the other increased property taxes from recent real estate sales, it will go a long way to helping Monterey County and the State of California work out of their budget "crises." But Hayes said the increased revenue from Carmel's booming real estate prices is not the point.

The source of his irritation — as a tax-paying homeowner in Salinas — is the "tax break" given to the owners of all the expensive homes which haven't changed hands in years and have low property taxes compared to the actual market value of their properties. Hayes has just completed a startling study of the 8,975 parcels in Carmel-by-the-Sea and surrounding neighborhoods, as of July 2003:

"I estimate all of Carmel real estate is worth about \$11 billion, but it is being taxed at only about \$4.5 billion.

The difference is over \$6 billion, or \$60 million in taxes every year" that is being unfairly avoided, Hayes believes.

"I don't mind paying taxes, but I don't see the fairness of me having to pay more in taxes than multi-millionaires with oceanfront property," he said.

When Hayes compared his Carmel statistics to those of a North Salinas neighborhood of similar size, but with new subdivisions of \$500,000 homes, he came up with what he called "staggering" inequities.



PHOTO/KIRSTIE WILDE

The assessed value of oceanfront properties in Carmel and Pacific Grove illustrates the huge disparity in property taxes paid by longtime residents vs. newcomers. The white house set back from the ocean (above) on Sunset Drive in P.G. is for sale for \$2.95 million, although its owners are paying property taxes based on an assessed value of only \$193,000. The oceanfront stone house below it — which, presumably, is worth even more — has an assessed value of only \$54,500.

"Because they are new, those North Salinas homeowners have assessments at market value; in effect, the middle-income working people of Monterey County are paying the same amount in property taxes, as a group, as some of the wealthiest homeowners in the world."

**Proposition 13 blamed**

Hayes put the blame for the inequality squarely on the sacred cow of California politics: Proposition 13, the 1978 voter-approved law that rolled back property values to 1975 levels and capped yearly increases

in property taxes at 2 percent, no matter how much homes increased in value in the seemingly never-ending California real estate boom. Prop 13 also forced local and state governments to get a two-thirds majority before raising taxes again.

Hayes hastened to clarify that his anti-Prop 13 views are personal, and do not reflect those of the Monterey County

Assessor's office.

"As time goes on, Prop 13 and the complementary Prop 58 [which allows children or parents who inherit property to avoid market-rate taxes] are creating a 'landed gentry' of old-money property owners in this state who are widening the gap between the haves

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Mayor Sue McCloud, who shepherded the \$21.65 million project to its completion last year, has been invited to accept the award at the council's annual conference March 4 in Los Angeles.

More than a decade in the making, the Sunset Center project was made possible by more than 900 donors who helped raise the huge amount of money

necessary — quite an amazing feat in a town of only 4,000 people.

Nancy and Bill Doolittle, heads of the local fundraising group, Sunset Center for the Arts deserve much credit for its success.

Former mayor Ken White's longtime devotion to the project, which began during his terms in office, and McCloud's efforts on the building committee since its inception were evidence that the town's sometimes acrimonious disagreements can still result in spectacular success.

Ken Wenham of Roebbelen Construction was the project manager. The groundbreaking was Oct. 25, 2001. On opening night July 19, 2003, former mayor Jean Grace described the new theater's acoustics as bringing clarity like "sunlight sparkling underwater."

Quite a change from the criticism leveled by actor Christopher Plummer years before, when he pleaded in a note left on the lectern after his performance, "For God's sake, get yourselves a new theater!"

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## PROP 13

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and the have-nots," Hayes said. "This is especially galling when I think of some of my fellow county workers who will soon be unemployed due to the state budget gap — a gap partially created because of the shifting of government funding over the last 30 years due to Prop 13."

Hayes hastened to repeat that his anti-Prop 13 views do not reflect those of the Monterey County Assessor's office. In fact, he said very few assessors in the state have been willing to publicly criticize the measure. One notable exception is Santa Clara County Assessor Larry Stone, who complained to the San Jose Mercury News last May that old-timers in his neighborhood were paying one-eighth the property taxes that newcomers paid.

"So now you have two houses, same builder, same year, same schools, same police, same fire, same street maintenance — yet one tax bill is much higher than the other," Stone said. "There's something inherently un-American

about paying eight times as much for the same government services," he said, without mentioning the fact that the same inequality underlies the entire American income tax system.

**Prop 13 saved homes, neighborhoods**

Twenty-five years ago, California legislators were soaking homeowners with enormous property taxes that were rising faster than many people could pay. The newspapers were full of stories about elderly folks who were "house rich" and "cash poor" and who ate cat food to save enough money to pay their property taxes. Others couldn't keep up and lost their homes to the tax man. It was not uncommon, with the whole world falling in love with California real estate, for property taxes to double in a year.

When tax crusaders Howard Jarvis and Paul Gann convinced California voters to pass Prop 13, \$6 billion in revenues that would have gone to the government stayed in people's pocketbooks. Prop 13 has been praised for saving California by reining in runaway government spending, yet vilified for thwarting efforts to improve schools and social services. When the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Prop 13, the justices noted that the measure's tax relief helped preserve neighborhoods. Homeowners were more likely to stay put, the court noted, because they could control their property taxes by not moving.

Polls conducted through the years since Prop 13 passed consistently show that Californians continue to hold it sacred. According to a poll by the League of California Cities and the Public Policy Institute of California from February 2003, Californians still favor Prop 13 by a margin of nearly three to one. The poll showed 57 percent agreed it was "mostly a good thing"; 21 percent believed it was "mostly a

bad thing" 20 percent had no opinion and 2 percent had mixed feelings.

Kris Vosburgh, executive director of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, said he was pleased that the poll, conducted by a "left-leaning think tank like the Public Policy Institute" would show overwhelming support for Prop 13 after all these years.

"People in California get it," he said. "They know that just because your house increases in value, it does not mean your income will increase at the same rate, especially after you retire. And if people can't pay their property taxes, they risk forfeiting their homes to the government."

**Millions in taxes still flow**

A look at the history of Monterey County property tax revenues since the year prior to Prop 13's passage — adjusted for inflation — is evidence that local government is still raking in plenty of cash from homeowners:

In 1977, the total property tax revenue in the county was \$112,479,516. Prop 13 cut that to \$61,833,748 the next year. By 1986 the government had made up the loss, collecting \$116,500,000. And by 2003, the total property tax revenue in Monterey County was \$352,540,381, \$19 million more in inflation-adjusted dollars than it collected before Prop 13 passed.

But there is no denying the inequities inherent in the system Californians inherited a quarter century after the passage of Prop 13, in which the homeowner down the street may pay 10 times more, or 10 times less in taxes than their neighbor does.

Will that change? Keith Hayes thinks history may provide a clue:

"In some countries, people have revolutions over inequitable taxes," he said.

**MONTEREY COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED**

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1978 - 1979	61,833,748
1979 - 1980	61,389,308
1980 - 1981	71,666,512
1981 - 1982	77,004,840
1982 - 1983	85,751,589
1983 - 1984	93,144,818
1984 - 1985	95,552,612
1985 - 1986	101,681,912
1986 - 1987	116,523,891
1987 - 1988	125,165,794
1988 - 1989	133,613,682
1989 - 1990	147,568,322
1990 - 1991	164,189,742
1991 - 1992	181,884,492
1992 - 1993	192,043,636
1993 - 1994	201,946,650
1994 - 1995	205,384,315
1995 - 1996	215,269,790
1996 - 1997	225,866,061
1997 - 1998	237,497,952
1998 - 1999	249,012,888
1999 - 2000	267,351,336
2000 - 2001	292,026,136
2001 - 2002	320,878,784
2002 - 2003	352,540,381

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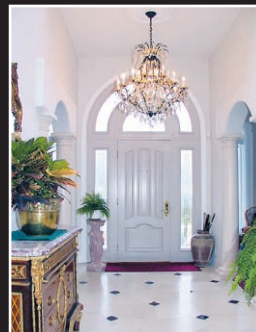
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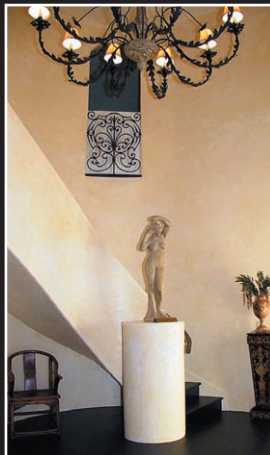
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ed, especially with large crowds. The doors were unsecured and staff members were posted at the doors to control the number of patrons in the restaurant.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female Monte Verde resident reported finding numerous bones in the backyard of her house south of 13th Avenue after conducting some major landscaping and digging. Although the unearthed bones appear to be of animal origin, they reported the finding to CPD as a precaution. Initial viewing of the bones by a veterinarian showed some of the bones were of animal origin. The property owners were advised an archaeological review would have to be completed prior to any further digging or landscaping being conducted.

**Carmel area:** Malicious mischief to a vehicle parked at a Mesa Drive residence.

**Pebble Beach:** License plate lost at a Del Ciervo Road residence.

**Carmel Valley:** Past-tense malicious mischief to a vehicle parked on Schulte Road.

**Pebble Beach:** Past-tense burglary of a residence on Strawberry Hill Road.

**Pebble Beach:** Transient male contacted on 17 Mile Drive.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported to

CPD on 02/05/04 that his Nokia cell phone in a black leather case was missing. It was returned to him that night by an employee at an Ocean Avenue restaurant. It had been lost somewhere between Ocean and Junipero and Carmel Beach.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject stopped at Junipero and Fifth for being drunk or disorderly. Male subject, 35, was arrested after an off-duty officer saw him stumble and almost fall. He was found to be unable to care for himself and was taken into custody for his own safety. He was cited and lodged at MPD.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject arrested at Ocean and Del Mar for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage with a blood alcohol level greater than .08 percent. The male Pittsburgh, Penn., resident, 76, was also unlicensed.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female reported her husband of 56 years was missing from the downtown business area after he wandered off while she secured their vehicle in a parking space. He was located at Mission and Ocean after a short search in the business district. Husband and wife were reunited.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Confiscated six real estate signs belonging to four realtors after they were found to be displayed on city property in violation of the Carmel Municipal Code.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Contacted a subject who was using a gas leaf blower at Santa Lucia and Rio Road. He was advised of the CMC regarding gas leaf blowers. He stated he understood and was given a verbal warning.

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**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a subject who came into the store at San Carlos and Sixth and tried to purchase a man's wedding band with an American Express credit card. When he verified the customer's signature and the signature on the card, he noticed they did not match. When he asked for identification, the female customer said she had left it in her hotel room and left. He stated she appeared to be in a hurry and suspected the credit card might have been stolen. He advised that she had numerous other credit cards in her possession, but he couldn't see the names on them. DMV records check met with negative results. He said he would inform American Express about the incident.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Units responded to an Ocean Avenue inn on request for a welfare check on the manager because a clergyman called and said the manager might have been in a verbal argument. Upon arrival, were met outside one of the cottages by a female who asked if we were there for her daughter, who was intoxicated and depressed. When she came out to talk to police, she became locked out. Officers knocked on the door and eventually the female inside answered. She was crying and was obviously intoxicated. She stated she was upset because she was being treated poorly. When asked if she wished to cause harm to herself, she admitted she did wish to kill herself but didn't know how to do it. She explained she would try to find any means possible, including jumping off the second floor loft she was staying in. After further discussion, she wanted to be transported to CHOMP to meet with a crisis worker and get some help for her depression. She was subsequently transported to CHOMP. It was determined the manager was fine and the welfare check involved the female subject and not the manager of the inn.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male requested a welfare check on his mother at 1910 hours. He advised he called the home care center at Lincoln and Seventh and she was not in the living room. He said staff refused to check on her or find her. They also refused to check her room. Upon arrival, met with staff who advised they had just checked on her and she was fine and had just gone to bed. They also advised there is an ongoing issue between her and her family. The officer went to her room to check on her and found her lying in bed watching TV. She stated she was fine and wanted to be left alone because she was in bed and watching TV. Her son was called and advised that she was fine.

**Pebble Beach:** Lost/found/missing property at an address on 17 Mile Drive.

**Carmel area:** Past-tense burglary of a vehicle parked at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue.

**Pebble Beach:** Past-tense malicious mischief to a mailbox at a Mestres Drive residence. No suspect information.

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**Carmel Valley:** Follow-up to prior check fraud investigation at a Carmel Valley Road residence from which suspect was evicted and which led to discovery of financial documents and correspondence in the trash that indicate former and ongoing check fraud by two subjects in Monterey and Riverside counties. Contact of listed victims led to discovery of further check fraud involving insufficient funds and checks drawn on a closed account. Bank records received today via court order confirmed the subject account was closed, providing further evidence of ongoing check fraud since 11/1/02. Both suspects called the deputy to the Carmel Valley Road residence separately and reported a peace disturbance related to the male's unplanned arrival to collect his belongings. Male suspect was arrested and taken to Monterey County Jail.

**Carmel area:** Past-tense grand theft at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue.

**Carmel Valley:** Information taken at a Carmel Valley Road address.

**Carmel area:** Harassing phone calls received at an Outlook Drive residence.

**Carmel Valley:** Suspicious circumstances at a Mid Valley Center business.

**Carmel Valley:** Trespasser on a Carmel Valley Road property.

**Carmel Valley:** Person reported missing in the area of Cachagua Road and East Carmel Valley Road.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject reported via 911 transfer of a dog incident on the beach below the Del Mar parking lot. Contacted a subject on the beach who stated an unattended Siberian husky had approached her dog. She heard it growl and an altercation began between the two dogs. She grabbed her dog and yelled for the owner of the husky. The husky left the area toward the parking lot. The owner of the husky contacted her after securing his dog. She only wanted a warning given to him regarding the incident. Warning given to the male for not having control over his dog.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Contact made with a subject who fit the description of a man who had been reported walking a timber wolf off leash on Carmel Beach. This was reported by an anonymous citizen on 01/28/04. Ownership of pure

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wolves is illegal except by the few people qualifying for a valid permit from fish and game. Officer found no violation with this animal.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** CFD, CRFA and CPD were dispatched to the private parking lot of the Carmel Mission on report of an elderly subject who fell. Contacted the subject, who stated he did not sustain any injuries in the fall. He was walking through the parking lot when he tripped and fell over a cement parking stop. He landed on his left shoulder and did not strike his head. He refused any medical treatment at the scene and though he signed a waiver, his left shoulder began to ache and he stated that if he deemed necessary, he would seek his own medical attention at a later time. Female who witnessed the incident said he fell toward a group of children, which helped to break his fall to the asphalt surface. No children were injured as a result of his tripping and falling.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Representative from NARB advised of a vehicle repossession within the city limits of Carmel at 1230 hours at Lincoln and Seventh. Entry made in computer database.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female reported being the victim of two subjects suspected of possession of stolen property. Vehicle involved is a red 1992 four-door Saturn.

**Carmel area:** Grand theft from a High Meadows Lane residence.

**Carmel Valley:** Graffiti on property on Berwick Drive.

**Pebble Beach:** Property lost on 17 Mile Drive.

**Carmel Valley:** Telephone call received from a Cachagua Road address.

**Carmel Valley:** Assault/battery at a Nason Road residence.

**Carmel Valley:** Bar/business check at a Carmel Valley Road business.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject found a GM MasterCard while walking on Ocean between Dolores and Lincoln. Contacted the female with the phone number listed in CPD's computer. She said she must have dropped the card last night after having dinner. She said she would come to the police department today to pick up her card.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Three credit cards belonging to a subject were retrieved from the storm drain of the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot. Further investigation determined the owner had already reported the credit cards as lost or stolen. An attempt was made to contact the owner by way of the financial institutions which had issued the cards to her.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female responded to CPD after becoming separated from her husband in the area of Mission and Ocean. She obtained assistance in searching for her husband, but the efforts were unsuccessful. CPD conducted a search and located the male in the area of Mission and Ocean after he had returned to the area to look for her. Both subjects were escorted to their residence, where they were reunited.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Night clerk at a hotel at Junipero and Fifth reported at 0148 hours that a loud party in room #32 was disturbing guests. He said he warned the occupants of the room twice, with negative results. Contacted the guest, who said he was in town for a wedding. He apologized and asked everyone to leave.

**Carmel area:** Past-tense malicious mischief at a Carmel Rancho Boulevard business.

**Carmel Valley:** Information taken at a Scarlett Road residence.

**Carmel Valley:** Past-tense peace disturbance, road rage at Carmel Valley Road and Schulte Road.

**Pebble Beach:** Burglary of a 17 Mile Drive building.

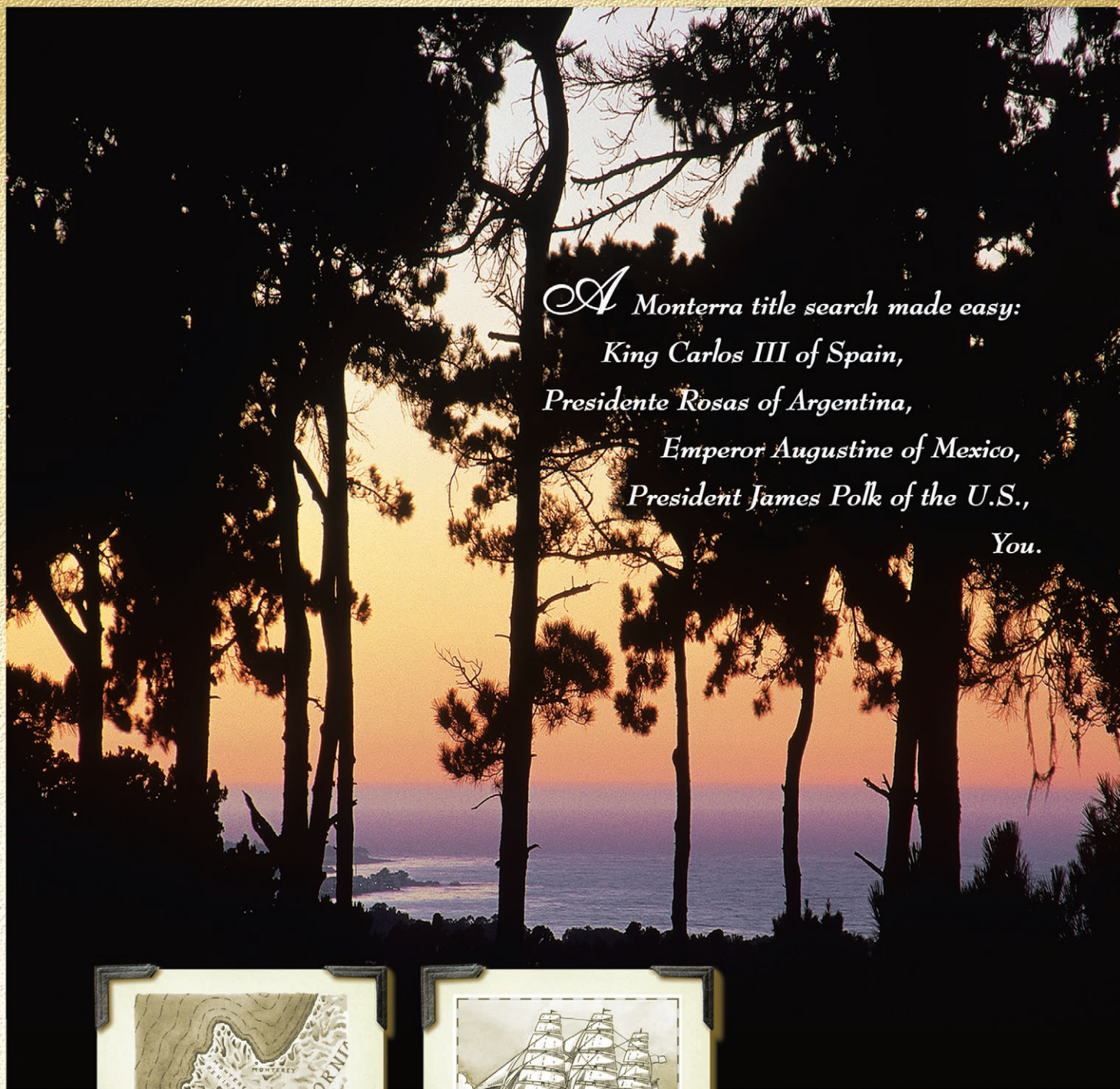
**Carmel Valley:** Person reported missing from a Paso Hondo residence.

### VALENTINE'S DAY

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male child was with his family on Carmel Beach and became separated. His mother was later located and he was reunited with his family at Del Mar.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subjects used credit cards fraudulently to commit grand theft from three Ocean Avenue businesses. Subjects described as a white female, 5'8" to 5'9", blonde, with heavy build weighing 180 to 190 pounds age 35 to 40, and a white male, same height, with brown hair and a medium build, weighing 180 pounds and age 35 to 40. Subjects stole \$2,300 worth of jewelry and clothing from the three victims.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Driver of a BMW was attempting to pull out of a parking stall into the north-



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bound lane of Dolores Street at Ocean Avenue when a delivery truck driver did not see the vehicle was partially in his lane of travel. BMW driver saw the vehicles were close so he tried to back up. The BMW's driver's side mirror collided with the right rear corner of the truck along the right side just above the wheel well, causing minor damage. Due to the location where the two vehicles hit, it was apparent the BMW driver was trying to pull into the lane of travel and caused the collision. Information exchanged at the scene.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Two and a half gallons of used paint thinner and one gallon of Cabot's wood bleach and cleaner were discarded next to a city garbage receptacle at San Carlos and Eighth. Both containers were full. It's unknown who placed them there and there was no evidence of anyone working in the area. The containers were taken to public works for disposal.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject at a bakery reported the theft of \$30 worth of pastries and cookies from the front door area of business at Fifth and San Carlos sometime between 0500 hours

and 0600 hours by an unknown person(s).

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** CPD assisted CHP by responding to a possible hazard in the roadway at Highway 1 and Carpenter. CPD units located a large piece of firewood in the roadway. Hazard removed from roadway.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Employee at a San Carlos Street toy store reported a suspicious male had been loitering around the front door for several hours. The male left the scene prior to the officer's arrival, but the subject was seen walking down the street and was identified. He was not found to be violating any laws. Contacted the employee and advised it was not against the

law to stand near a business; however, if they noticed any pan-handling or similar violations, they should call back.


**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female reported she was awakened by a loud knocking sound at her home at Alta and Mission. She thought it came from her house but she was not sure. Nothing else was seen or heard. Her house and surrounding areas were checked but the search met with negative results.

**Carmel area:** Past-tense burglary of a Camino del Monte residence.


**Big Sur:** Purse lost on Highway 1 62 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

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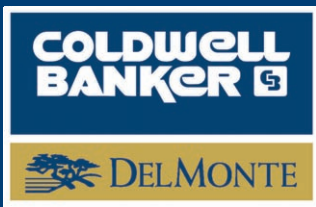
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## CARMEL

**INVESTOR'S SPECIAL!** Remodel this "Carmel Cottage" and walk to town! Potential get-away property with large living room, parquet floors throughout, 2 bedrooms, den, and 1 bath. Totally private fenced yard has old-fashion garden. Two-car garage. \$570,000.



**IMMACULATE HOME!** Never before on the market, this charming immaculate home is near tennis courts and Carmel shops. With 2 bedrooms plus a den, 2 baths, huge family room, breakfast nook, and hot tub on the patio. \$815,000.

**TURN-KEY CONDO!** In move-in condition, a 2-bedroom, 2-bath in-town condominium just eight short blocks to the beach and a few doors away from shops & restaurants. Relax in front of the fireplace or gaze at the mountains. In sought-after "South of Ocean Avenue" area. \$795,000.

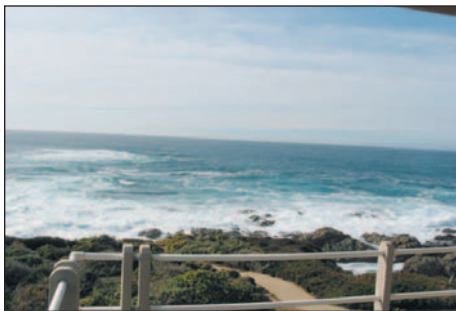


**PRICE REDUCED \$200,000!** Forest Gem - Jacks Peak! The perfect Peninsula location (out of the fog, close to town, country feel) with land around (5+ acres) and 3500+ sq. ft. in a gem of a home. Private behind gates, a beautifully remodeled 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home. \$1,595,000.

**PROMISES!** This redwood cottage is located on an oversized lot, just steps from town and a stroll to the beach. Includes approved plans for a 2250 sq. ft., 4-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath ocean-view cottage designed by Claudio Ortiz. A promising opportunity! \$1,495,000.

**NEW CARMEL CLASSIC!** This fabulous 2900 sq. ft. Mediterranean villa-style bungalow near the beach & village has been reborn. On a double corner lot this 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home features a formal dining room, large office, family room, and "cost-no-object" finishes. \$3,495,000.

## CARMEL HIGHLANDS



**AT HOME WITH THE SEA!** Crashing waves at your feet, salt spray in the air, and miles of rugged coastline are experienced from your cozy 3-bedroom, 2-bath home and guest house. Located on one of the finest ocean-front sites on Yankee Point Drive. \$3,495,000.

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*Elegant Country Living*

Located in Quail Meadows, this sophisticated 5-bedroom, 5-bath, and 2-half-bath Cape Cod country home is beautifully situated on 2.5 acres taking full advantage of the privacy and views. Highlights of the house include fabulous gourmet kitchen with alcove fireplace and elegant master suite with private library. \$5,900,000.



## CARMEL VALLEY

**HACIENDA CARMEL!** Beautifully updated 2-bedroom, 2-bath unit with fireplace, skylights, Berber carpeting, and wonderful private patio with southern exposure. Outstanding location, backing up to the berm. \$385,000.

**VILLAGE GREEN!** Enjoy a carefree live-style at this newly remodeled, 2-bedroom, 2-new bath townhome in Carmel Valley Village! Featuring a new kitchen with granite countertops, new wood floors in the living and dining rooms, loft office, and two-car garage. \$785,000.

## MONTEREY



**ENGLISH COUNTRY CHARMER!** Enter old England through a lushly landscaped courtyard into this special 3-bedroom, 2-bath residence. Of quality craftsmanship and located on a third of an acre in coveted Peter's Gate. Formal dining, huge fireplace, and French doors galore. \$998,000.

**NEAR DEL MONTE GOLF COURSE!** A beautifully maintained, recently remodeled 4-bedroom, 3-bath home on almost an acre studded with mature oaks. Granite counter tops, new cabinets and hardwood floors. Just bring your belongings and move in! \$1,195,000.

**GOLF COURSE FRONTAGE!** Enjoy mountain & valley views from this exquisite home situated on the Laguna Seca Golf Course. A beautifully appointed 4-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath property in a sun-belt location on 1.89 acres offering peace and tranquility of a private retreat. \$1,449,000.

## PACIFIC GROVE



**ARTISTIC, SERENE PIED-A-TERRE!** A unique, totally renovated multi-level 2-bedroom, 2-bath cottage. With highlights of river rock, stone and wood, custom lighting, a fabulous kitchen plus peeks of the sea and mountains. Deck & landscaped terraced gardens. \$725,500.

**CRYSTAL WINDOW COTTAGE!** Charming historic cottage lovingly remodeled. Aptly named for beautiful diamond-cut designs atop of the windows. On a corner, level oversized lot, it offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, a loft, wrap-around deck and peek of the sea. \$799,900.

**REMARKABLE VIEWS!** Beautiful Monterey Bay views are seen from both levels of this unique 4-bedroom, 3-bath duplex. Main unit has 3-bedrooms, & 2 baths. Downstairs self-contained unit has 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Sited across from Hopkins Marine Station & Recreation Trail. \$1,850,000.

## PEBBLE BEACH



**GRACE & ELEGANCE!** This single-story home offers a tasteful and private setting on one acre in a convenient location. With 4 bedroom suites plus a half bath, large foyer, bright solarium, coffered ceilings, recessed lighting, crown moulding, and oak floors. \$2,850,000.

**EXQUISITE MEDITERRANEAN!** With Mediterranean styling and a warm interior French flair, this 4-bedroom home is so appealing! With 2 marble and travertine baths, and a chef's kitchen. Also French paneled doors & charming bay windows framing lush landscaping. \$1,495,000.

**ALONG SPYGLASS GOLF COURSE!** Framed on three sides by Spyglass with superb views of the fifteenth hole, this is truly one of the best locations available. On just under .5 acre on a cul-de-sac with a long curving driveway, and a deck overlooking the course. \$2,950,000.



**OCEAN VIEW MEDITERRANEAN!** In a private estate area, this 1+ acre is landscaped, fully fenced and gated. Built in the 1920's, this updated home offers 4 bedrooms, 5+ baths, elegant dining room, sun room, two offices, and guest suite with separate entrance. \$3,295,000.

**EUROPEAN CLASSIC!** This incredibly charming and elegant old-world property is on two level acres within walking distance to The Lodge. This wonderful compound includes an approximately 3864 sq. ft. main house, guest house, guest apartment, tennis court, and swimming pool. \$4,900,000.



**THREE GABLES!** Commanding the 14th fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links is this-magnificent new estate. This 5-bedroom 11,300 sq. ft. residence has it all, including almost every amenity available. With ocean & Point Lobos views and just a stroll to The Lodge, it just might be the finest home in Pebble Beach. \$31,900,000.



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