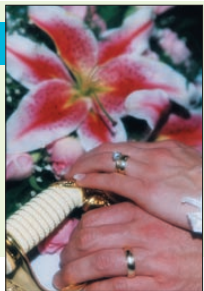




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EX-JUDGE ALLEGES RETALIATION IN SUIT AGAINST COUNTY

By KIMBERLY WHITE

THE BATTLE between Monterey County and a retired Superior Court judge over a caretaker's cottage in Big Sur has moved to the courthouse.

Former judge William Burleigh, who spent almost 30 years on the bench, countersued Monterey County last month, after the county sued him for allegedly violating the permit for a caretakers' unit.

According to Burleigh, the county retaliated against him for a commentary printed in *The Carmel Pine Cone* a year ago in which he stated that the Monterey County Planning and Building Department "has a well-deserved reputation for arrogance and abuse."

The article — which detailed the lengths to which he had gone to obtain a permit for the construction project — prompted officials to conspire against him by placing a stop-work order on the site and devising a variety of reasons to justify that action, according to Burleigh's lawsuit.

Burleigh was unavailable for comment. His attorney, William McCrone, refused to discuss the suit.

In the complaint, Burleigh alleged various civil-rights violations and requested that the stop-work order placed on his project be lifted. Additionally, he asked a judge to declare that county zoning ordinances are "vague" and foster "arbitrary government action, in violation of protections provided by the U.S. Constitution."

"I don't think there are any grounds for his complaint," said deputy county counsel Irven Grant. "It seems like he wants to legislate how the planning department should

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Erik Bethel



Sue McCloud



Mike Cunningham

Clean sweep for McCloud, Cunningham and Bethel

By MARY BROWNFIELD

MAYOR SUE McCloud won a third term by a decisive margin Tuesday, beating challenger Dick Ely by 57 percent to 43 percent.

Voters also elected her apparent allies, council candidates Erik Bethel and Mike Cunningham. Next week, they'll join sitting council members Gerard Rose and Paula Hazdovac, who often side with McCloud, giving the mayor a 100 percent majority at city hall.

Barbara Livingston, a longtime opponent of McCloud's, decided not to seek reelection after 12 years on the council.

Ely ran against the mayor rather than try to keep his city council seat.

Many in the packed city council chambers cheered as results were read after precincts closed at 8 p.m. April 13. Official semifinal results showed McCloud received 873 votes to Ely's 653, while Cunningham netted 957, Bethel received 876, former city councilman David Maradei got 501 and former planning commissioner Jack Gorry received 405.

Gorry said he was not surprised by the result but lamented the potential loss of

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PHOTOS/
PAUL MILLER

The happy winners were councilmen-elect Erik Bethel (top left) and Mike Cunningham (left) and Mayor Sue McCloud (far left). Dick Ely was a gracious loser, congratulating McCloud as soon as the results were announced (above).



PHOTO/COURTESY MARCIA GREEN

HOMEOWNER: CITY SHOULD PAY FOR TREE IN MY HOUSE

By MARY BROWNFIELD

GUADALUPE STREET homeowner Marcia Green wants the city to pay for the damage caused by the 100-foot-tall Monterey pine that crashed through her roof during a Feb. 25 storm.

The city owned the tree, which had been growing on public property across the street from her home. But the city council voted April 6 not to pay Green's claim from city coffers, referring it to the city's insurance company.

"It's now been almost six weeks, and I do not have a roof or ceiling to cover the damage to my house — only a blue tarp," Green told the council when she delivered repair estimates from two contractors and an arborist's report. "I'm concerned further damage to this historic house may result in delaying the considerable repairs that are going to be necessary."

"I hope the City of Carmel and this coun-

cil will do the best they can to expedite this claim to further mitigate the hardship, losses and damage," she said.

The 10-story pine measured almost 3 feet in diameter and snapped at the base in the high winds that swept through the Peninsula in late February. That same storm sent trees crashing through another house down the street, as well as on other buildings and cars throughout the city and the Peninsula.

The pine fell onto the center of her home, destroying the steeply pitched roof over the living room, bathroom, kitchen and bedroom, according to Green's claim. It cracked the walls in the house, shattered windows, bent window and door frames, wrecked the floors, chipped the fireplace and might have damaged the foundation. The falling debris and water ruined carpeting, furniture and other possessions, and "without a ceiling or roof, utility bills are increased."

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A Guadalupe Street homeowner hopes the city's insurance company will pay to fix the damage to her home caused when a 100-foot-tall Monterey pine fell through her roof Feb. 25.

Plastic-bomb sniffers target Afghan mines

By KIMBERLY WHITE

four bomb-sniffing dogs, begins the painstaking process of de-mining the Kunduz area of Afghanistan later this year,

WHEN A team of 29 experts, including

the group's sponsors on the Monterey Peninsula will know they're at least scratching the surface of a worldwide problem that kills or injures thousands of innocent people each year.

For two months, the de-mining team funded through the local chapter of Adopt-a-Minefield will search for long forgotten landmines overgrown with brush or hidden beneath layers of dirt.

Four team members were bred specifically for this purpose and spent the first year of their lives in a rigorous training program in Afghanistan.

This canine bomb squad — usually German shepherds — is now certified to prowl around minefields, searching for the scent of explosives with noses that are up to 100 times more sensitive than their human counterparts.

When they detect a suspicious scent, they are trained to immediately sit and stare until their handlers carefully approach.

A fully trained and experienced mine-detection dog costs up to \$20,000, so dog lovers need not worry that they are used merely as cannon fodder.

"The reason they're using dogs is that many of the mines are made of plastic, so metal detectors won't find them," said Larry Levine, president of the Monterey Bay Chapter of the United Nations Association, which is raising funds to help get the team of 19 humans, four dogs and five handlers to Kunduz.

Monterey Institute of International Studies student Doune Porter is helping to raise awareness of the Adopt-a-Minefield campaign. She learned about de-mining while working for the United Nations in the Balkans, where leftover mines are a constant danger.

"I spent a lot of time learning about how mines are located and how de-mining dogs work. That's why I was interested in sponsoring a team in Afghanistan that included canine de-miners," said Porter, who hopes to continue her work with the U.N. after graduating next month.

Shortly after arriving in Bosnia in 1999, Porter and a friend inadvertently hiked into a minefield from the 1992-1995 civil war.

Porter said she glanced down and saw an



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One small landmine can be planted for as little as \$3, but can cost up to \$1,000 to remove. Bomb-sniffing dogs carrying a price tag of up to \$20,000 each can detect plastic explosives that metal detectors miss.



old, tattered piece of warning tape and knew they were in trouble.

"Once we realized where we were, we froze," she said. Fortunately, they were able to call for help with their cell phones. After waiting for hours in a lashing thunderstorm, they finally were rescued. They learned later that five people had already lost their lives in that same field.

Since the Kunduz campaign began in January, Levine said, about 500 local donors have sent in \$27,000. Each \$23,320 funds the 19-member team of canine mine-sniffers and Afghan de-miners and handlers to work in a minefield for eight weeks.

Other countries where mine-clearing is ongoing include Cambodia, Croatia, Iraq, Mozambique, Vietnam and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In 1999, the Monterey Bay chapter of the U.N.A. — the second largest in the nation, according to campaign chairman Don Edgren — raised \$35,000 through private donations. This money, along with a matching grant from the International Trust Fund for De-mining and Mine Victims Assistance, was sent to clear mines in the Bosnian farming village of Dropci.

Levine said it took more than a month to clear just 14 landmines from the village — mines left over from a war that ended four years earlier.

The Monterey Peninsula "is a very well-educated community, and I think there are a lot of people who are concerned about what's going on in the world, and this is one way they can make sure their voices are heard," Edgren said, adding that a variety of organiza-

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Tipsy bicyclist loses license, snooze spot

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police and Fire Departments and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week.

This week's Police Log was compiled by Mary Brownfield.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported hearing footsteps on the roof of the building west of his restaurant at Dolores and Ocean. Units responded and searched the surrounding buildings. Unable to access the rooftop and nothing unusual was discovered. No problems found in

the area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Four real estate signs found in violation of the Carmel Municipal Code and confiscated.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a driver at Ocean Avenue and Highway 1 for expired registration as of 05-03. Driver knew the registration was expired and admitted receiving numerous citations. The 1993 Toyota Camry was towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on San Carlos Street. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel with patient assessment, oxy-

gen administration, I.V. setup, monitor hookup, diagnostics, packaging and gathering information on 89-year-old female experiencing shortness of breath and difficulty breathing. Patient transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to report of natural gas leak at Dolores and Ninth. No gas detected in immediate area. All homes checked and showed clear.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to Scenic Road on a medical emergency. Found a 78-year-old male with lengthy medical history. Assessed patient and transported him to CHOMP.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious person at the S.F.B. Morse Gate on Highway 68.

Pebble Beach: Past-tense malicious mischief to a vehicle parked on 17 Mile Drive.

Pebble Beach: Burglary on Mission Road.

Carmel area: Peace disturbance at the Crossroads mall.

Carmel area: Grand theft from a Carmel Rancho Center business.

Pebble Beach: Civil problem at Costado Place and El Bosque Drive.

MONDAY, APRIL 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female called CPD and requested assistance with getting out of bed. CPD responded to check the welfare of the Casanova resident, who was found to be in obvious pain. She requested an ambulance transport her to CHOMP. CFD and CRFA responded and transported her for treatment.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 2001 Jeep Cherokee was towed from Dolores and Sixth for having 39 outstanding parking citations totaling \$1,648 on file. The vehicle also had a 2004 sticker on the rear plate, although the registration was expired as of 11-03. Vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contact made with a subject at Eighth and Dolores regarding questions of cats being fed in the area during the daytime.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Junipero resident had questions concerning the neighbor's dogs barking at the adjoining fence. No violations noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Conducted a yard check on Mission for possible raccoon-related damage to landscaping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a barking dog complaint at San Carlos and 10th. No barking heard. Owner stated she would monitor the situation and she is not aware of any excessive barking from her dogs. She expressed an apology to the caller.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of vandalism causing less than \$400 in damage to a fence at

Junipero Serra School.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Grand theft from an inn on San Carlos. Unknown suspect(s) stole \$870 in miscellaneous items.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to request for automatic aid to a possible structure fire in the area of Carmel Valley Road and Highway 1. Responding units from Cypress Fire Protection District were unable to find anything significant. Engine released and returned to station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111, Rescue 7161 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a medical emergency on Junipero. Fire assisted with patient assessment, oxygen administration, monitor hookup, I.V. setup, packaging and gathering information on 79-year-old male who was experiencing a severe headache. Patient transported to CHOMP.

Pebble Beach: Lost/found/missing person at a Hermitage Road residence.

Carmel area: Past-tense harassment at Mesa Drive and Atherton Drive.

Carmel Valley: Juvenile problem at a Boronda Road residence.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to Mission and Fifth at 0234 hours on report of a male adult wearing black pants and a green windbreaker sitting in the courtyard since 2200 hours. Contacted the subject, who was sleeping on a bench with a red bicycle nearby. Although he had been drinking, he was determined to be able to care for himself. Record check revealed he had a suspended license in his possession. The license was confiscated and mailed to the DMV. He walked off with his bicycle after being interviewed and warned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female Carmel Valley

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Hydrant tests in P.B.

PEBBLE Beach residents shouldn't worry if their water looks a little cloudy and yellow this week. Fire hydrant flow tests will be the cause, said Fire Captain Cindy Ngai.

The county allows 20 percent of the hydrants to be tested each year, to make sure they'll work properly in emergencies.

"We also clear vegetation around the hydrants, replace the blue dots in the middle of the road, and paint the hydrants [based on gallons-per-minute flow]," she said.

Tests will be underway through April 22.

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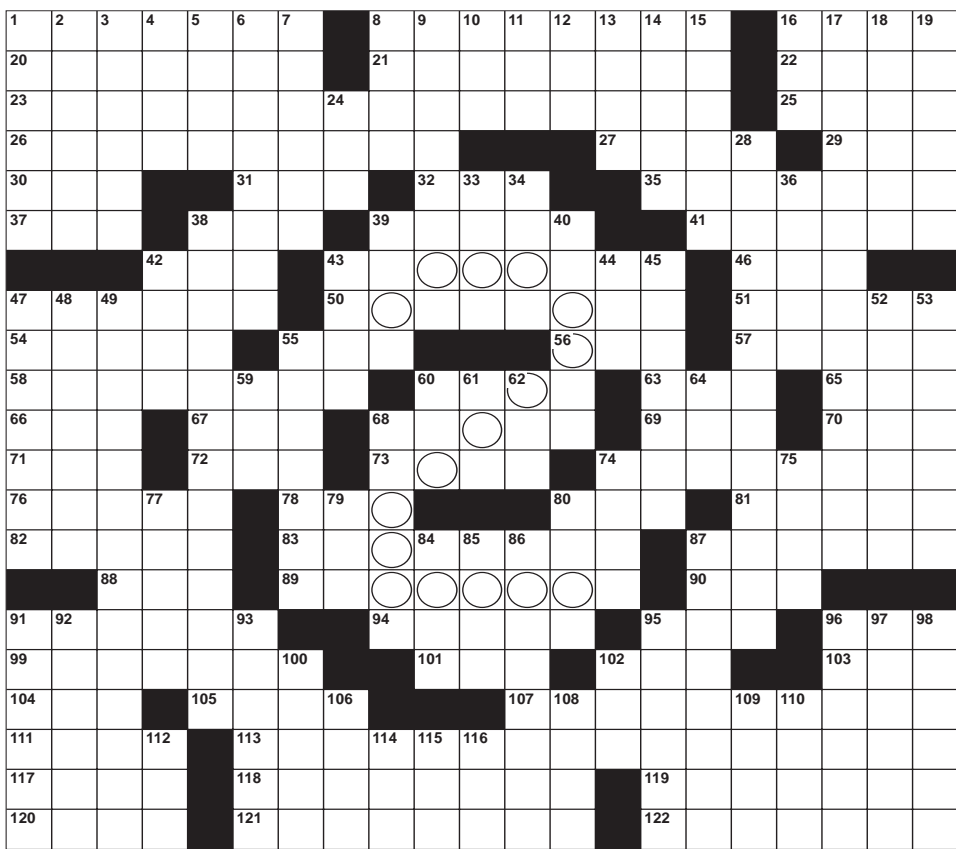
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City publicity campaign worth \$ millions

By MARY BROWNFIELD

FOR THE \$70,708 it is paying Graham & Associates for marketing this year, the City of Carmel has already received publicity worth millions, Lydia Graham told the city council April 6. Newspaper and magazine stories and a television spot totaled 148,966,839 in circulation and reached 446,900,517 people, for an equivalent advertising value of \$3,281,639, according to Graham.

Building on the momentum from last year, the firm continued to pitch its award-winning Dog Heaven on Earth theme and emphasized Carmel as a prime destination within driving distance. The centennial celebration campaign wrapped up at the end of 2003, and the "Bit of Culinary Heaven," theme is cooking, she said.

The largest story was in USA Today last July, when the 2.2 million-circulation paper published "Charming-by-the-Sea" on the cover of its Life section as well as on its website. Graham estimated the city would have had to pay \$475,860 to advertise on such a scale.

A "Food Finds" segment featuring the Cheese Shop, the Tuck Box and an interview with Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud aired

three times on the Food Network, available in more than 66 million households throughout the country, as well as in Canada, Australia, France, Korea and the Philippines, she said. The paid advertising equivalent of those shows was \$1,657,800.

Additional stories in SkyWest magazine, the Contra Costa Times and other Knight-Ridder newspapers and smaller regional publications reached yet more readers.

Graham equated the results to a return 46 times the city's costs and said the number of circulation and "consumer impressions" increased 584 percent over last year.

City administrator Rich Guillen wondered if Graham & Associates actually made money on the contract, given the agency's investments of time and energy.

Calls in the wee hours

McCloud commented that one city business owner might not be so thrilled with the success.

"To add one comment on 'Food Finds,' Tuck Box owner Jody LeTowt is not wild about the campaign in that there's a three-hour time difference between here and the East Coast," she laughed. "So he's been getting calls all night long from people asking for scone mix."

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SENIOR LIVING



Come Monday, he'll be outside the box(es)

Longtime postal clerk retires

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AFTER PACIFIC Grove resident Kim Rinehart retires from his job at the Fifth Avenue post office Monday, box holders better hope the antiquated mechanisms in their P.O.

box doors don't ever break again.

As a clerk there for more than two decades, Rinehart has sorted millions of pieces of mail and packages and served thousands of residents and visitors, but he also has the unique skills needed to fix broken combination locks, some of them 75 years old.

"I enjoy doing it, but they're so old it's hard to get replacement parts for them," he said. "When something breaks, it can be a real problem. I have to cannibalize parts."

Rinehart suspects the office will find an expert in San Jose to make necessary repairs after he leaves.

More than tinkering with broken locks and handling mail, Rinehart, 56, will miss the people he's come to know since transferring to Carmel from the Santa Barbara post office in 1981. He had sought a transfer so he could help care for his dying mother and, though the switch didn't come soon enough, he still decided to take it.

"I've made so many good friends here. I feel like I've shared so much of their lives and in many cases learned so much from them," he said.

A German lady taught him enough of her native language during his lunch hour that he could conduct basic transactions with German tourists.

"If anybody was from a foreign country, I tried to pick up a few phrases of their language," he said.

After he greeted a Romanian customer at the window one day with the single phrase in his repertoire, the man handed him two palm-sized dictionaries. Rinehart and a coworker soon began using a phrase meaning, "good investigatory procedures," to congratulate each other whenever one of them discovered the answer to a question or situation.

Longtime Carmel post office clerk Kim Rinehart marked a box of 100 percent organic sauerkraut for a Carmel customer Wednesday. Mail will stop passing through his hands when he retires April 19, but the relationships he's built with customers during his 22 years there will continue.



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

"I used it one day, and I didn't know it, but the Romanian guy was in line," Rinehart recalled. "He laughed and said, 'Your Romanian has gotten so good!' I still keep those little dictionaries on my dresser at home."

Rinehart enjoyed taking mail to homebound customers, even visiting them in the hospital. He took heart in "seeing how people really try to pull together in this town."

While Rinehart enjoyed the dozen years he spent working at the counter, in 1996 he retreated to the more behind-the-scenes role he had held during his first decade in the postal service in the San Francisco bay area, Santa Barbara and Carmel.

See **RINEHART** page 10A

Armed robbery at gas station

TWO GAS station clerks were robbed at gunpoint by a masked man around 10 p.m. April 10. The intruder, described as a white male with brown eyes, 5 foot 5 inches tall and weighing 120 pounds, fled on foot from the Naft Petroleum station on Rio Road with more than \$400 in cash, according to commander Chuck Monarque. Sheriff's deputies and police officers searched the area, but came up empty handed. Anyone with information should call the MCSO at 647-7702.

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TWO C.V. BOYS ADD TO CHESTS FULL OF MEDALS

By KIMBERLY WHITE

TWO MEMBERS of Carmel Valley's Boy Scout Troop 127 were honored during a special Eagle Court of Honor ceremony for

Fire victim fundraiser set at pub

WHEN FIRE destroyed part of Village Pub bartender Jerry Argust's home and sent his girlfriend's daughter to the hospital, the hurt didn't stop there. His insurance didn't cover a large part of the tab, so friends and coworkers are raising money to help. Wells Fargo Bank teller Lee Whitney is hosting a fundraiser for Argust at the Village Pub Sunday, April 18, from noon to 4 p.m.

The bar is no-host, but the make-your-own tacos are on Whitney, who has gathered goodies for a drawing: gift certificates from six restaurants, a case of wine, a pewter Lord of the Rings mug courtesy of Adam Fox and Jazzercise classes to work off those tacos.

A Washington Mutual Bank "fire account" has also been set up for donations.

The Village Pub is on San Carlos Street in downtown Carmel. For more information, call Whitney at 624-5303.

earning Scouting's highest rank.

Bryce Alan Culbert, 17, and Andrew Hines II, 16, were awarded the Eagle Scout rank during the April 4 ceremony at Sanctuary Bible Church.

Culbert has earned 35 merit badges and served as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, librarian and quartermaster during his time with the troop. For his Eagle service project, he built a 100-foot fence to hide trash cans and a trailer on the church grounds.

"The fence they had there was old and rickety, so I just built a new one and moved it forward so it didn't look like a bunch of trash cans standing in front of a church," he said.

He plans to stay with the troop until he turns 18, the mandatory cut-off age. But between now and then, he plans to earn palms, or small advancements made after Eagle Scout. After finishing his final year of



Culbert

home school, he plans to spend a year at a junior college before applying to Wyotech, an automotive school.

Hines, a junior at Carmel High School, started with Troop 3 of Carmel in the first grade. He has earned 39 merit badges and served as patrol leader, historian, quartermaster, troop guide and Order of the Arrow representative. For his Eagle service project, he

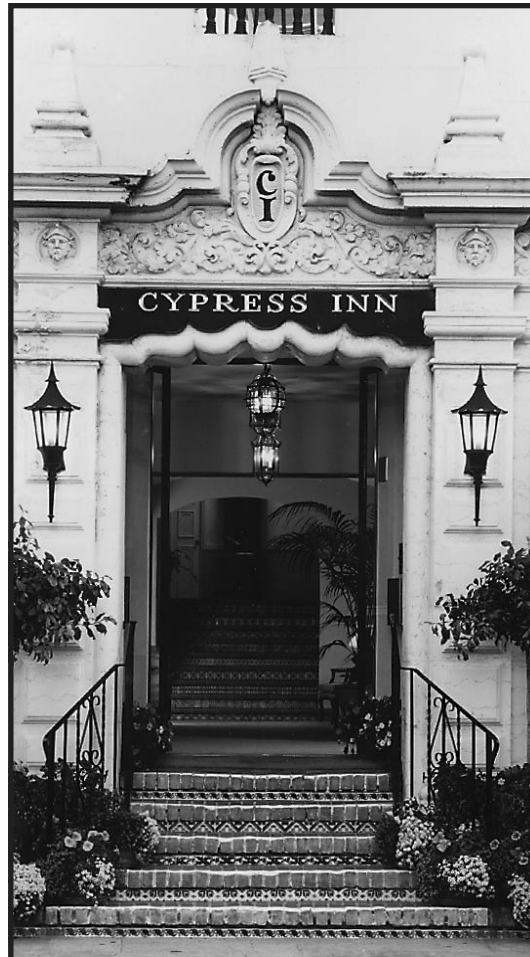


Hines

installed a 20-foot flagpole at the Softball Complex at Azevedo Park.

Hines said he's always had fun with the organization and wanted to achieve the highest rank because he's "always tried to strive for excellence."

"I will stay with the troop as a junior leader," he said, adding that he will also work toward attaining palms.



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Carmel Valley

LandWatch discusses affordable housing, general plan

By KIMBERLY WHITE

THE COUNTY'S new general plan has been "down-

graded and diluted" by "agriculture and development interests" since the first draft was released at the end of 2001, according to Gary Patton, the executive director of LandWatch Monterey County.

He spoke Wednesday evening to a group of 35 at Baja Cantina in Carmel Valley.

According to Patton, the proposed general plan was better after the first three stages of its development.

Stage one of the plan involved community outreach to find out what it wanted from the plan, Patton said. Stage two dealt with the formulation of general guiding principles, and the initial draft based on those principles was created during stage three.

But now, "the signs are not encouraging" that the plan will be a good one, Patton maintained.

The board of supervisors will probably decide in June or July whether to adopt it, he said, with the next public hearing set for April 21.

A large portion of the 90-minute meeting revolved around what Patton called the "design for housing affordability," which uses land-use policies to encourage construction of

affordable housing in already developed areas. Patton said communities in which residents can walk to and from work and school ultimately will cut costs as well as provide environmental benefits.

"The question is not whether we should grow, but how we should grow," he said.

One idea brought forward was encouraging developers to build affordable-housing units in commercial zones. Developers often want to upgrade shopping areas or change them in some way, Patton said, and they could build homes at the same time instead of acquiring new land.

"Urban infill" — creating more homes in an already established urban area — is better than "suburban sprawl," he said, and people need to learn to work with the new development within their communities instead of fighting it every step of the way.

The initial cost of development in urban areas will be greater simply because the cost of land is high, he admitted, but infrastructure savings would cut costs in the long run.

And with urban infill, "you'd have better cities 25 or 30 years from now," Patton asserted.

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BURLEIGH

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be organized, and this isn't the right forum for it."

Grant said the county has not yet decided how to respond to the suit but that officials do not believe Burleigh has the factual evidence to support his claims. Burleigh believes he's being treated unfairly, he added, but "the local law is being applied to him just like it would anybody else."

In 1999, the retired judge requested permission from the planning department to construct a small caretaker's cottage at the lower portion of his 10-acre property located in Big Sur.

He alleged the ensuing three-and-a-half years were marked by "unreasonable delays, inattention and arbitrary conduct" on the part of county officials, who granted him coastal development and building permits only after he spent more than \$30,000 for various county permits, as well as engineering and architectural services.

A month after he was issued the building permit, Burleigh penned an article entitled, "Why people who deal with county officials have no stomach lining," which was published April 11, 2003, in The Carmel Pine Cone. But before submitting the article, he sent copies to various county agencies — including the planning department — "in order that they could be prepared to respond to public inquiry" that was sure to ensue, according to the lawsuit.

"I am acutely aware that by writing this I have incurred

the wrath of the county and others, and I will probably be punished at some time in the future," he wrote in the article.

In a postscript written in the two weeks between the time he gave advance copies of the article to county officials and when it was published, Burleigh wrote: "The punishment has started . . . my job site was red-tagged, closed down, and my workers sent home . . . It was clearly done because of this article."

While other property owners who have been issued stop-work orders have later been allowed to contest the accuracy of the facts on which the orders were based, Burleigh alleges he never was given that opportunity — an intentional omission he said was meant to punish him and deny him equal protection.

Burleigh was appointed to the bench in 1973 after eight years as Carmel's city attorney.

DAMAGE

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The house was set to be rented out in March, and contractors estimated the cost of fixing everything at \$100,000 to \$125,000.

Upon investigating the damage, arborist Frank Ono discovered the pine had an old, deep crack and was sick.

"It is my professional opinion that the tree failure was due to several facts: 1) The tree had extensive heart rot, and 2) there was an old vertical crack in the tree prior to storm events that had compromised the tree's structural integrity," he wrote in the conclusion of his report. "Previous trenching done in the area some time in the past may have contributed to some loss of vigor in the tree."

But because the city had not known the tree was sick and damaged before it fell, city personnel manager Jane Miller recommended the council deny the homeowner's claim.

In most cases, local governments are protected by state laws from liability for dangers on public property of which they are not aware or haven't had time to fix.

"If it hasn't been brought to our attention and there's no obvious overt sign the tree is having a problem," Miller said, then the city has not received "constructive notice." The city's also not liable for "acts of God," she said.

Its insurance carrier, The St. Paul Company, is investigating the claim and will determine whether Green should be compensated for the damage to her home. If the company denies her claim as well, her next recourse is to take the issue to court.

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ELECTION

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dissent.

"It will be interesting to see what happens with a 5-0 city council now," he said, adding that had he won, he probably would have replaced Livingston in the 4-1 votes.

Maradei encouraged the new councilmembers and mayor "to keep their promises in focus and gather community consensus or our objectives will linger and die." Among his continuing concerns, he said, was balance on the council.

McCloud downplayed the new council's make-up, instead emphasizing the diversity in ages — they span three decades, from Bethel's 34 to her 69 — as well as work backgrounds and time living in the city. Bethel and Cunningham are newcomers, while she moved to town when she was a small child.

The mayor attributed her successful bid for a third term to the support she built while in office.

"People want to see the two big projects — the Local Coastal Program and Sunset Center — finished," she said. "The other thing I've heard is, 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it.'"

McCloud said she also focused on "facts and substance" rather than attacking her opponent. "I've certainly not hesitated to correct factual things, but I just don't think this town is very supportive of negativity."

She didn't stump for funds, though McCloud was the holder of the largest campaign chest by far, with \$20,130 over Ely's \$4,826. (Ely said he deliberately kept the dollars down because he objected to raising and spending big money on a small-town campaign.)

"I don't ask for help and I don't ask for money, and it just seems to happen," McCloud said. "One man passed me on the beach and took out his wallet and handed me a check that was already made out. It's been truly amazing."

Ely, who departed city hall soon after the results were announced, said he had no regrets in how he ran his campaign, in which he criticized McCloud's style as heavy handed and secretive. He said the campaign afforded him the opportunity to meet and speak with many residents.

"I loved every minute," he said.

But he was dismayed and surprised by the turnout. With 913 ballots cast by mail, absentee voter turnout outpaced that at the polls, where 625 ballots were punched. The 52.7 percent turnout fell well below the contentious 2002 election's 60.12 percent, or 1,904 voters. "We were not able to really motivate or excite the voters," he said.

Although he'll soon be out of political office, Ely said he plans to ratchet up his involvement in local groups, including the Carmel Heritage Society, the Carmel Residents Association and Yes! for Carmel.

Cunningham, the highest vote-getter of the council candidates, said his campaign gave him an early start on his number-one priority of building relationships with the residents, visitors and businesses of Carmel.

"One of the dramatic lessons of the last three months has been how great local politics can be in a place where people care," he said. "The number of people I've met and their

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Anti-sub gunner to keep marathon in line

By MARY BROWNFIELD

JOHN MUTTY, a retired U.S. Navy officer and former antisubmarine aircraft pilot who teaches financial management at the Naval Postgraduate School, spent Tuesday morning spray painting pavement on Highway 1.

Marking each of the 26.2 miles along the roadway is one among many varied tasks Mutty undertakes each year as course director of the Big Sur International Marathon, which will have thousands of athletes running and walking up the scenic Big Sur and Carmel coastline next Sunday.

Mutty and his fellow volunteers are "responsible for everything between the start and the finish," he said.

As course director, a job he assumed in 1997, Mutty oversees the aid stations set up every couple of miles to supply water, Gatorade and other sustenance to participants. He ensures everyone has enough supplies. He provides set-up locations for the musicians. He coordinates the volunteers who call out runners' times and pace at each mile. He confers with the California Highway Patrol on traffic control and when and how convoys of motorists should travel while the highway is closed. He ensures the presence of the bicycle-riding police officers with their portable automatic defibrillators, as well as the course marshals who keep everyone in place. He coordinates the ham radio operators who broadcast the race worldwide and offer the only source of reliable mobile communication in the miles-long cell phone dead zone.

He even makes sure the highway is left cleaner than it was before the race.

"Last month, the Hartnell Physics Club picked up litter along the entire course and will do so again afterward," he said. "So the course is cleaner because of the marathon."

Marathoning muscle man

Like all of the volunteers on the BSIM board of directors, Mutty can run 26.2 miles without a hitch. He signed up for his first marathon while stationed in Newport, R.I., in 1976, because he wanted to try it and the city was hosting its inaugural race that year.

"I actually have kind of a football player's physique — more of a weightlifter, I guess — and I don't run very fast," he said.

He ran a dozen more marathons during the 27 years he flew Orion P-3s, hunting submarines and conducting maritime surveillance for the Navy, as well as after his retirement in 1994. He competed in the Boston Marathon, and the Marine Corps Marathon and races in Bermuda, Spain and Melbourne, Australia.

"They've run the gamut from very small fields to very large," he said.

But his favorite, of course, is Big Sur, which he ran for the first time in 1994, the year before he moved to the Peninsula to take the teaching job at NPS.

"I would be lying if I said anything other than it's the most spectacular one around," he said. "As far as scenery, there's no comparison."

Mutty volunteered to take on the role of course director

seven years ago at the request of friend and former Marine Wally Kastner, the race director.

The first race he helped organize was held in the wake of 1998's El Niño storms, which brought down the mountain-side at Hurricane Point, closing the highway and cutting off the usual marathon route.

"Right after I became course director, we had the rain, hail and winds on Hurricane Point that gave it its name," he said. "With the landslide, we had to do an out-and-back course, so that was a very interesting experience, because all of the lessons learned and handed down didn't apply that year."

Armed Forces skills a plus

Mutty said his military background — organizing, delegating and following complex operational plans — prepared him well to be course director.

"A number of the volunteers are former military officers, and I think that has helped," he observed.

With the marathon and accompanying relay race beginning at the Big Sur Station south of the River Inn, and the 21-mile PowerWalk, 10-mile Walk and 5k race all occurring concurrently, participants are bused to various starting points and volunteers are dropped off and picked up along the course.

It could be an organizational nightmare, but the field of more than 2,000 volunteers — many returning year after year — and a dedicated board help everything operate smoothly, according to Mutty.

"Essentially 95 percent of the the people [overseeing the event] are part-time volunteers," he said. "The fact that it comes off as well as it does every year serves as a testimony to the people we have working on the board and the volunteers."

Since board members have to work on marathon day, their annual Directors Run will take place early April 17, without the benefit of traffic control.

"We start at about 5 a.m. so it's pitch black, and those of us who are slower runners end up fighting traffic the closer we get to the finish line," Mutty said. "That probably makes it more interesting than otherwise. It takes me almost five hours now, compared to the elite runners, who could run it forward and backward in the time it takes me to run it."

RINEHART

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"The hours in the back [6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.] suited me better, and also, as much as I enjoyed seeing the people at the window, I felt almost talked out by the end of day," he said.

He would arrive home to his wife, Marybeth, and son, Alex, without the desire to chat.

"I thought it might be better to spend more energy communicating at home than at the window," he said.

More mail, fewer people

Over the decades, Rinehart has witnessed changes inside



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Outfitted in orange safety vest and wielding a can of spray paint, Big Sur International Marathon course director John Mutty spent Tuesday morning painting mile markers on Highway 1, accompanied by fellow volunteers, a CHP officer and a state parks ranger "to make sure we don't spray paint any squirrels." Mutty is in charge of everything between the start and the finish line of the April 25 event.

The Big Sur International Marathon will begin at 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 25. The marathon, relay and both walks are sold out, but registration remains open for the News 46 5k fun run/walk. For more information, visit the BSIM Health and Fitness Expo at Monterey Conference Center at 1 Portola Plaza noon to 7 p.m. April 23 and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 24, or go to www.bsim.org.

and outside the post office. Increased mechanization has halved the workforce there, and the push to run the postal service more like a business has added a hurried edge.

"It still does have the flavor of an old-time post office," he said, adding that nowhere else will a person find Bill Bates cartoons all over the lobby. "It's a community gathering place — it and the library are the two main focal points for local people."

The amount of First Class mail seems stable, but the cheaper bulk business mail — advertising circulars, catalogs, solicitations and other junk mail — "has skyrocketed."

"Sometimes, in one day, someone will get so many catalogs that they won't fit in the box," he said.

Outside, Rinehart has watched the number of full-time residents decline. With increasing frequency, people didn't pick up their mail for long periods of time, and lunchtime runs through town revealed more houses without cars out front.

The post office led him to running, in a way. A former coworker took up distance running at age 50, and Rinehart decided to join him. The man has since left, and Rinehart has run eight of the last 10 Big Sur International Marathons. He'd be in this year's race April 25, but he's lacked time to properly train.

"I feel like I could force myself to do it, but the enjoyment wouldn't be there," he said.

But come April 19 — Rinehart's last day after a total of 30 years with the postal service, including a year at the Via Nona Marie office and 22 on Fifth Avenue — he will have much more time.

"I had always planned to go at the earliest opportunity," he said. "I had enough health issues in the last year that just kind of cropped up suddenly, and it made me realize I really want to get out and do something different — to do the things I most love to do."

While his wife will remain a teacher of at-risk children in Pacific Grove for at least another year, Rinehart hopes they will soon be able to travel together, possibly to Tibet and China this summer with their son, now 22 and a student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Rinehart might eventually reenter the workforce, possibly teaching tai chi like he did before Alex was born, but whatever happens, he will always savor the relationships he built with the post office regulars.

"That's what I've liked about the job the most: being in some measure — although it may be a small measure — a part of their lives," he said.

'It still does have the flavor of an old-time post office. It's a community gathering place — it and the library are the two main focal points for local people.'

— Kim Rinehart

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Poets show their stuff at second annual festival

By KIMBERLY WHITE

THE MONTEREY Peninsula has historically been an artists' enclave and still draws more than its fair share of writers and painters, according to Ryan Masters, who is in his final stretch as Pacific Grove's Poet-in-Residence.

"It's the beauty of the place, but there's an intangible element, too, with the meeting of the land and sea," he speculated. "I think artists really feed off that."

With his tenure ending at the end of the month, Masters will perform one of his final official acts by reading selected poems from his collection during the 2nd Annual Monterey Bay Poetry Festival noon to 8 p.m. at Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove.

Masters, whose position initially was intended to last through 2003, said it was extended for one year so he could finish all the projects he had proposed to the city when he applied to be the city's Poet-in-Residence.

"The proposal I submitted to the city was pretty ambitious," he explained. "It included everything from conducting weekly workshops to creating a website to teaching at local schools, so they decided to keep me here another year to make sure everything was running on its own power."

In 2002, the Los Gatos native moved into a Pacific Grove residence left to the city by Pebble Beach resident Whitney Latham-Lechich on her death in 1996. In addition to his poetic duties, Masters is a freelance writer, editor for Excellence Learning Corp. in Monterey, and recently published a chapbook entitled, "below the low-water mark."

Festival plans

While last year's festival was "extremely successful," with more than 500 people streaming throughout the venue for the day-long event, this year's is expected to be even better. It will kick off with a half-hour reading by students from Del Rey Oaks Elementary School led by poet Patrice Vecchione, followed by a half-hour reading by students from David Gitin's Monterey Peninsula College poetry class.

"I'm always happy to see good work come out of the students, and I always do," said Gitin, who has also taught at Hartnell College and Golden Gate University and published five books of poetry. Though he usually holds readings in the Bay Area and along the East Coast, he plans to read some of his own work — a mixture of old and new — during the festival.

"I like the compressed, concentrated form of words to bring people into themselves — and do it in a kind of lyrical form," he said.

A New York native, Gitin migrated to San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district in 1967 for its intellectual stimulation. During his three years there, he rubbed shoulders with the likes of Janis Joplin and Beat poet Michael McClure.

In addition to his 30-year career at MPC, he is also the chairman of the college's Guest Authors' Committee, which arranges for established poets to come to the college and talk to students about the craft.

Upcoming anthology

The festival is free, but contributors to the upcoming "Anthology of Monterey Bay Poets" will have some of their works for sale during the program to help raise funds for the book. In fact, the public can get a preview between 1 and 6 p.m., when contributors will give short, five- to seven-minute readings of their work.

Among those contributors is Dan Linehan, a former student of Gitin's who said poetry is a perfect match for his love of nature and the environment. He recently completed a collection of poems called, "Spindrift Through Ocean Archways: Poetry of Monterey," selections of which he read during a Valentine's Day reading at the Thunderbird Bookshop in Carmel.

"It celebrates the natural beauty of Monterey while emphasizing the need to protect and preserve the environment," he said.

In 2000, Linehan — who holds degrees in physics and electrical and materials engineering — walked away from a

six-figure position as a microchip engineer after deciding to make fiction and poetry his life's focus. To pay the bills, he works as a consultant for Riverside Publishing, where he edits and writes science-based educational material, and edits the program for the California International Airshow.

"When you write poetry, you're definitely not in it for the money," he said. "Your reward is when a reader really connects with your words in his or her own way."

Anyone who wishes to apply to be the city's next Poet-in-Residence — a position that is non-paying but does include low-cost housing — must turn in an application by April 30. Applications can be obtained at either city hall or the library.

For more information about the festival, visit www.montereybaypoetry.com or contact Ryan Masters at ryan@montereybaypoetry.com.

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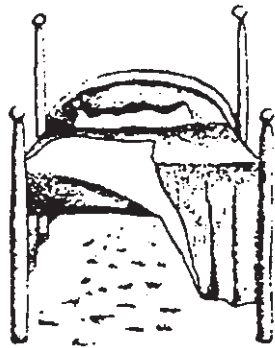
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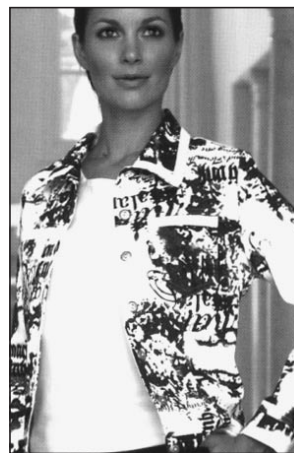
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Sandy Claws

By Margot Petit Nichols

SJENA PORTER (pronounced Sienna) is 4-1/2, but you'd swear he was a puppy by his enthusiasm and *joie de vivre*. Vocal and friendly at Carmel Beach on Thursday morning, Sjena greeted each new arrival with gusto, and half plunged, half flew off a cliff to play with a dog down at water's edge.

Sjena's mom, Doune, is a student at Monterey Institute of International Studies, but ran the United Nations radio in Sarajevo until coming to

Monterey. It was in Sarajevo she found Sjena with a pack of dogs that had banded together after having been deserted by their owners when they had to flee the area. Each day, Doune took food to the war waifs.

One day she struggled on foot through 3-1/2 feet of snow on her errand of mercy and, on her way back, a little 3-months-old puppy followed her. So deep was the snow, Doune did-

n't see him until she was almost home. Doune had been adopted. Because she had been unable to see him as he followed her, Doune named him Sjena, which means "shadow" in Bosnian.

But that was long ago and far away, and Sjena has adapted wonderfully to the beach, Mission Trail and Garland Park. Running free is his favorite thing to do.

The next favorite thing is to roughhouse with his friends next door, Foster and Hailey Hanczak-Wurzner, both big dogs. One day, the three were at it in the street in front of their Carmel homes. As there was a whole lot of scuffling and growling going on, a neighbor, alarmed that a rumble was going down instead of a lot of good-natured rowdiness, called the police — who arrived in a trice. The men in blue were greeted by the three dogs with great glee. The more the merrier was the unanimous attitude.

When Mom graduates this spring, Sjena will accompany her to their



home in Die, France. This much-traveled, multi-linguistic, cliff-jumping Bosnian mountain dog looks forward to it all with his characteristic "Oh Boy!" eagerness."

(See story page 2-A about Porter and a local group raising money for landmine-sniffing dogs.)

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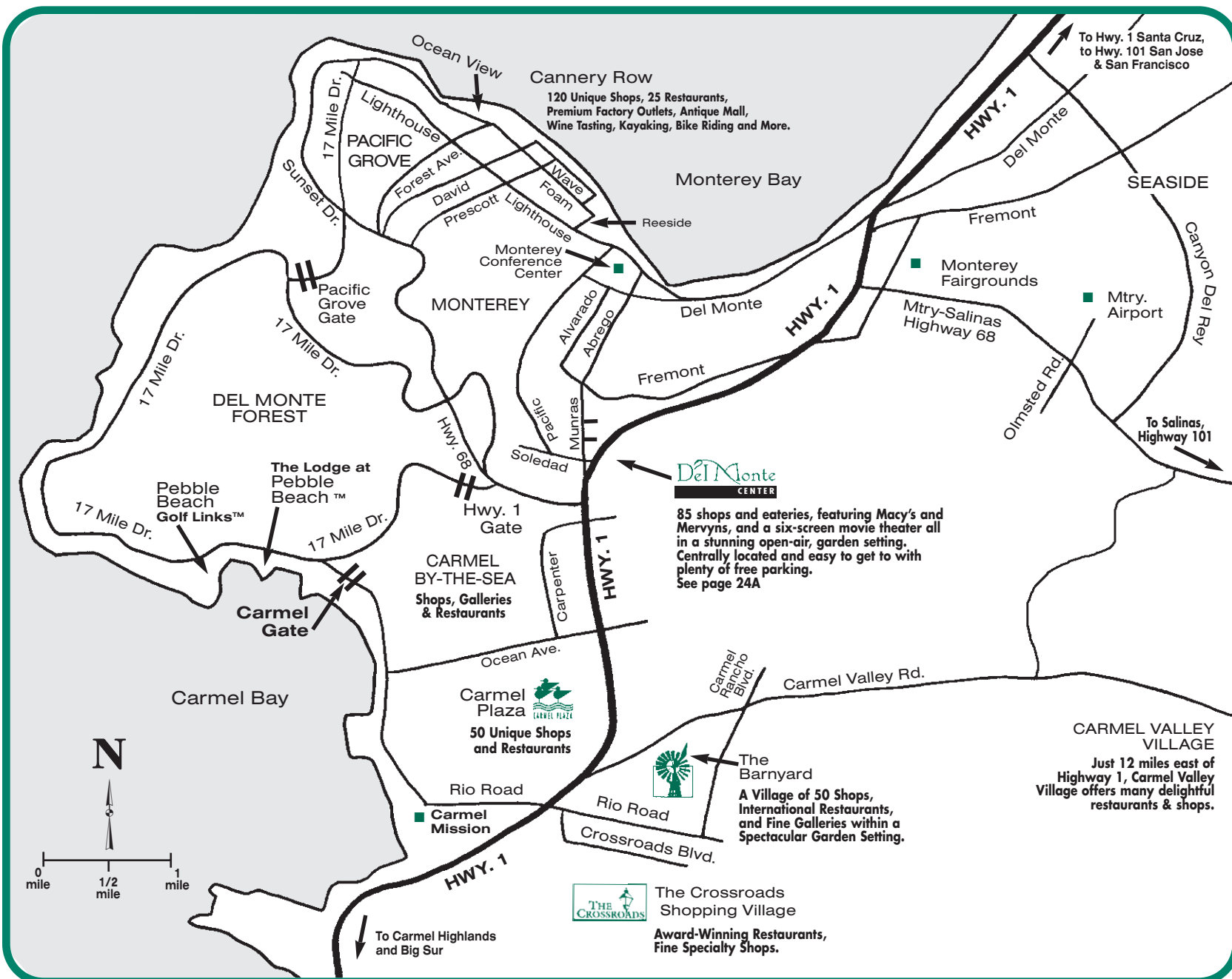
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'Agnes of God' in C.V.

WHAT: Dawn Flood plays the title role in "Agnes of God," a Tony Award-winning drama in which a court-appointed psychiatrist is asked to determine the sanity of a nun accused of murdering her own baby.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays through May 16

WHERE: Magic Circle Center for the Arts, El Caminito off Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley Village

COST: \$22 general; \$18 members/seniors/students/military

INFO/RESERVATIONS: 659-1108



Gertrude Stein play revived



WHAT: Gertrude Stein's play, "Yes is for a Very Young Man," will be directed by Lamont Johnson, who is shown here in a 1946 Life magazine photo with his wife, Toni Merrill, when they appeared in the original production.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 21-22

WHERE: Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, Fourth and Guadalupe, Carmel.

COST: \$12. Thursday's show is a benefit for the Cherry.

INFO/RESERVATIONS: 649-0259

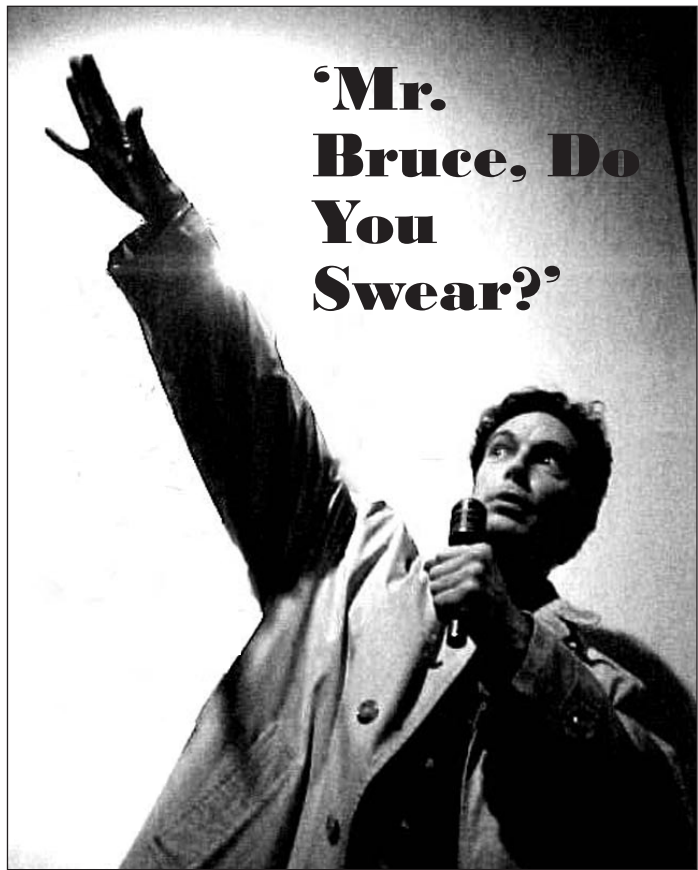
WHAT: Rob Foster authored this new play about real-life comic Lenny Bruce

WHEN: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays through May 2

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She will read from the novel, while Ellroy will read from "The Cold Six Thousand."

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Morgan's is at 498 Washington St., Monterey. Contact Herb Evans, general manager, for event information at 373-5601. Seating is limited and admission is free.

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By MARGOT
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Rancho Productions presents an evening of acoustic music next Saturday, April 24 at the Hidden Valley Theatre in Carmel Valley with singer/songwriters **Kieran Kane** and **Kevin Welch**. Music starts at 7 p.m.

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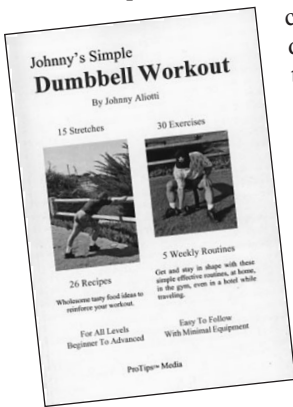
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ARTIST RACHEL HEALEY'S new show of oil pastels will open with a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 17 at The Gallery at Ventana, Big Sur. Healey's works reveal her passion for vivid color and a legacy from a childhood spent in Big Sur. Living amidst wild hillsides and ever-changing seascapes, seen through our vivid coastal light, has resulted in the dramatic juxtapositions of color and form that are the unifying features of her work. Details: Call the gallery at 667-2787.

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FOUNDATION presents Literary Feast 2004 from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, May 2 at the Golden Bough Theatre, Carmel. Featured will be **Susan Vreeland**, author of "Girl in Hyacinth Blue" and "The Passion of Artemisia." She will discuss her newest novel, "The Forest Lover." Festivities begin at 4 p.m. with a lecture and slide presentation by Vreeland, followed by a book signing and cocktail reception with food by A Moveable Feast. Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased by calling 624-2811.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for trail maintenance and invasive weed removal at Garland Ranch Regional Park 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17. A barbecue will follow. Park is located 8.6 miles east of Highway 1 on Carmel Valley Road. Info: 372-3196, ext. 3.

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Kathryn and Albert had a soft opening of Mulligan's Pub in late January, and according to Kathryn it's doing splendidly, especially at dinner time. It was a little slow at

lunchtime on Tuesday when we ventured in with a gang of three.

We can't help feeling if more people knew Mulligan's had opened in late January — after a whole two years of lying dormant after the Bully III closed — Mulligan's would be doing even better than it is. People grew accustomed to the restaurant being dark. After all, everyone enjoys an English-type pub "where everybody knows your name" and where prime rib is served every night (\$13 for 8 oz. and \$18 for 16 oz.).

In fact that is exactly the plan, according to Kathryn.

"We have good food at reasonable prices, more like Cheers or a British pub, where you can come and enjoy yourself," she said. And it's such a beautifully situated and handsome building with spectacular multi-trunked oaks in the garden. It has a long history in Carmel.

Chef Mario Luevano is turning out very good fare from the large kitchen, for both lunch and dinner, and bartender/partner David Kristiansen, formerly with Pebble Beach's Tap Room Bar and Grill, is shaking/stirring some very fine martinis, according to one's proclivities in that direction.

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But the side salad (\$2) my guests had was nothing out of the ordinary (iceberg lettuce, tomatoes and rounds of red onion in a choice of dressings). Still it was fresh and crisp. Although other salads on the luncheon menu incorporating

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Scholarship Offered

The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove is again offering the **Philoma Goldsworthy Scholarship** for the purpose of promoting an interest in local history and historic preservation among high school students. The \$1000 cash scholarship will be awarded to a qualified graduating high school senior who resides in Pacific Grove. The award's recipient will be announced in mid-May 2004.

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1. DS 04-20
 Tim Allen
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 Consideration of a Design Study (Concept and Final Review) application for alterations to an existing historic dwelling located in the Residential (R-1) District.

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4. DS 03-156
 Peter Levy
 E/s Lobos btwn 1st & 2nd Block 19, lot 18
 Consideration of a Design Study (Concept Review) application for an addition to an existing dwelling that is an historic resource located in the Residential (R-1) District.

6. DS 04-43
 Eleanor Moscow
 W/s Casanova btwn 12th & 13th Block AA, lot 7
 Consideration of a Design Study (Concept Review) for alterations to an existing single family dwelling located in the Residential (R-1) District.

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IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner THOMAS HART HAWLEY, P.O. Box 805, Carmel, CA 93921. (831) 624-5339. (s) THOMAS HART HAWLEY, Attorney for Petitioner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 1, 2004. Publication dates: April 9, 16, 23, 2004. (PC404)

2. DS 04-28
 John Hill
 NW corner Camino Real & 13th Block CC, lots 17 & 19
 Consideration of a Design Study (Concept and Final Review) for the rebuild of an existing dwelling located in the Residential (R-1) District.

3. DS 03-168
 Henry Hinds
 W/s Monte Verde btwn 11th & 12th Block F, lots 7 & 9
 Consideration of a Design Study

5. DS 04-25/RE 04-2
 Chris Tescher
 SE corner Torres & 1st Block 14, lot 2
 Consideration of a Design Study (Concept Review) and Demolition applications to demolish an existing dwelling and construct a new single family dwelling located in the Residential (R-1) District.

7. DS 04-51
 Gail Lehman
 W/s Lopez btwn 3rd & 4th Block LL, lot 19
 Consideration of a Design Study (Concept and Final Review) application for the change of exterior material on a dwelling located in the Residential (R-1) District.

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 (s) Anne Morris
 Secretary of said Board
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of PAULA LEE MULLEN Case Number MP 17070 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PAULA LEE MULLEN, PAULA L. MULLEN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PAULA R. MAC ALPINE in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE

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Notice of Public Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Housing Authority of Monterey County will hold a public information and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) scoping meeting on Friday, April 30, 2004 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Rippling River Housing Complex located at 53 East Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, California to discuss preparation of a Draft EIR/Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the demolition and relocation of the Rippling River Housing Facility. The Housing Authority of Monterey County proposes to demolish the current facility located at 53 East Carmel Valley Road and reconstruct the housing facility at the Carmel Valley Airport site located approximately .3 mile northwest of the existing facility. The proposed project would essentially transfer the development density from one site to another. The existing Rippling River property would be held in trust indefinitely following construction of the proposed project at the Carmel Valley Airport (CVA) site.

The Housing Authority of Monterey County invites interested individuals, organizations, State and local agencies to the public information and EIR scoping meeting in order to provide information about the project area, as well as an opportunity to discuss issues or questions they may have about the proposed project. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) describing the purpose of the proposed project, the project location, and the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR, has been mailed to all relevant agencies and interested members of the public. The NOP can also be obtained by contacting:

Housing Authority of Monterey County
 123 Rico Street
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 Contact: Starla Warren
 Director of Housing Development
 Telephone: (831) 775-5016
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Written comments on the scope of the project and impacts to be considered in the EIR document should be submitted to Starla Warren, Director of Housing Development, Housing Authority of Monterey County at the address listed above by **Friday, May 14, 2004.**

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'Cindy Diaries' gets helping hand from top animation artist

By ANNE PAPINEAU

HIS NAME may be unfamiliar, but you've seen the work of Ron Dias.

As an animation artist, Dias has been employed by virtually every studio extant, and his portfolio dances in the dreambook of

tribution, he brings 47 years of professional design experience to this Carmel stage gig.

"I feel like I'm spread thinner than butter on pumpernickel," said the happily over-committed artist. "I don't know which direction to run in the morning."

His paying assignments include design-

immediately from both. I was too damned focused. I didn't have the fun most teenagers should have."

Winning a national stamp design contest earned Dias not only a meeting with President Eisenhower in Washington, D.C., but gained him entree to the supreme animation studio of them all: Walt Disney Productions.

"I literally learned more in a year and half

[at Disney] than in four years of art school training," he recalled.

It was 1956, and the studios were immersed in a multi-million-dollar feature, "Sleeping Beauty." Dias encountered the artist who gave the film its signature, stylized look, Eyvind Earle, who later became a resident of Carmel.

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A bus is but one of the set designs created by animation artist Ron Dias for the PacRep School of Dramatic Art staging of "The Cindy Diaries."



PHOTO/ANNE PAPINEAU

any young one who watched a Saturday morning's worth of cartoons. He's worked with the legends: Sleeping Beauty and Speedy Gonzales, the clan Flintstone, Mr. Magoo, Daffy Duck and the Pink Panther. How about Johnny Quest, Yogi Bear? You bet.

Now, this Big Sur resident has tackled a fresh project. He's designed sets for Pacific Repertory Theatre's School of Dramatic Arts (SoDA) production, "The Cindy Diaries." This "modern Cinderella" is produced and directed by Walt deFaria, with musical direction by Stephen Tosh and choreography by Gloria Elber. It plays two weekends, and will have its gala opening Saturday, April 17 at the Golden Bough Theatre, Carmel.

Though Dias prefers to downplay his con-

ing a new commemorative lithograph for Disneyland, exhibiting original paintings at The Three Ladies Gift Shop/Ron Dias Gallery on Wave Street in Monterey, and contributing to Disneyana shows in the Bay Area.

Busy Dias definitely is. And he's employed in the field he chose as his career while still a schoolboy in Hawaii.

A third generation Hawaiian of Portuguese descent, Dias witnessed the bombing of Pearl Harbor as a youngster.

"I was a child who wasn't very social. But I always drew, always had a pencil in my hand."

He was also driven.

"I went to art school evenings and weekends during high school, so I would graduate

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DIAS

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those 'Sleeping Beauty' backgrounds come into being.

"I was trained as a fine painter, and didn't want to spend my life with a graphite pencil doing thousands and thousands of drawings. I wanted to get into the beautiful paintings behind the characters. Background is where I wanted to get paint under my nails."

Such was his talent, Dias found work not only in animation, but also painting backgrounds for live action films.

"Pal Joey," "Cleopatra," "Rio Bravo," "Journey to the Center of the Earth," "Auntie Mame." Dias ticks off the titles on his resumé.

The very nature of the business demanded that artists be versatile if they wanted to earn steady paychecks. Over the years, Dias has also drawn the book versions of several Disney titles. He illustrated the arcade game "Dragon's Lair," served as color stylist for Don Bluth's "The Secret of NIMH" and art director for the Toontown backgrounds for "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?"

He has painted more than 90 backgrounds for the limited edition animation cels marketed by Disney, created the art for Disney's interactive CD-ROMS — his credits roll ever onward.

In a desire to leave "beautiful downtown Burbank," Dias moved to Big Sur in 1998.

It was while watching "The Wizard of Oz," staged by deFaria and PacRep at the Outdoor Forest Theater, that Dias realized he wanted to help this enthusiastic group of troupers.

A LA CARTE

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hot sandwiches are \$5 to \$7; \$12 for twin filet of beef sandwiches with onion rings.

It being a pub, there are numerous "First Tee" appetizers for both lunch and dinner, including Cornish pasties, hot pork pie, crispy calamari, cheese sticks and ever so much more from \$5 to \$7.

Main courses include bangers-n-mash, shepherd's pie and Bristol City pie, all \$8, excellent fresh grilled salmon, which I had Tuesday for \$12, and chicken Monterey (\$9).

Kathryn has added color to the decor, which features a golf theme as the name Mulligan's implies, and there are even bird-cages hung about the room, all empty except for one "birdie."

The old waiting room has been turned into an intimate dining room with five tables. There are 23 tables in the pub area, while the large back dining room is now reserved for parties or banquets.

Entrees exclusively on the dinner menu include cider-braised corned beef and cabbage, (\$12), Yankee pot roast (\$12 for one,

"I saw the local talent but the work done was not a lot in terms of scenery," he said. "When I saw the name Walt deFaria on the program, I went bonkers. Many, many years ago I worked on a project, an animated film called 'Metamorphosis,' and later it was called 'Winds of Change.' Walt was the producer."

Dias introduced himself and eventually found himself donating his design services to "The Cindy Diaries."

"It's a modern-day Cinderella. I designed the sets to have a decorative, childlike, catty-wampus look, based on the early Mr. Magoo's. The crew is absolutely wonderful. The person who's helped me a lot is [lighting designer] Steve Judge. Because the way the play is done, most of the stuff is right there on the stage, and the lighting puts a particular element in focus."

Dias is swamped, but displays the enthusiasm of a youth for his work.

"The Cindy Diaries" begins with a preview at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 16 at the Golden Bough Theatre, Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth, Carmel. An opening benefit gala is slated for 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, followed by the show at 7:30 p.m. There will be a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18. Performances continue Friday through Sunday, April 23-25. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for seniors/students and \$5 for children. For tickets, call 622-0100 or visit www.ticketguys.com

Clarification

LAST WEEK'S review of "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Wharf Theater inadvertently failed to mention Ken Cusson in the role of Major General Stanley. We sincerely regret the omission.

\$18 for two), calves' liver (\$15) sautéed with onions and bacon (\$1.50 extra). Oxtail stew, stuffed double pork chops, 16 oz. rib-eye steak, barbecued baby back ribs and a 10 oz. filet of beef run from \$14 to \$20. And of course the roasted prime rib *au jus*.

Most dinners are served with a choice of two side dishes which include mashed potatoes, baked sausage and horseradish-stuffed potato, sweet and sour red cabbage, fresh sautéed vegetables and creamed spinach.

This venture of Kathryn and Albert's allows them more time to chat with guests (no time-consuming steak Diane or cherries jubilee flamed at tableside by Albert as at their former restaurant.)

Drop by soon and enjoy tasty food in a relaxed pub atmosphere. They have a 42-inch plasma screen television, as well.

Max's Grill party by invitation only

LAST WEEK'S Amuse Bouche item announcing a first-year anniversary party at Max's Grill in Pacific Grove was intended for The Pine Cone's Food & Wine columnist, and not the general public. We are sorry for this misinformation.

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MINES

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Though the international Mine Ban Treaty was implemented in 1999, mines left in villages, farms and along roadsides continue to maim or kill an estimated 10,000 civilians each year. According to the Adopt-a-Minefield website (www.landmines.org), between 45 and 50 million landmines are

believed to exist in 70 countries around the world — including 640,000 in Bosnia and 4 million in Afghanistan.

It costs only \$3 to \$30 to produce a landmine but up to \$1,000 to remove one — and this does not take into account the medical costs to treat survivors, according to the website.

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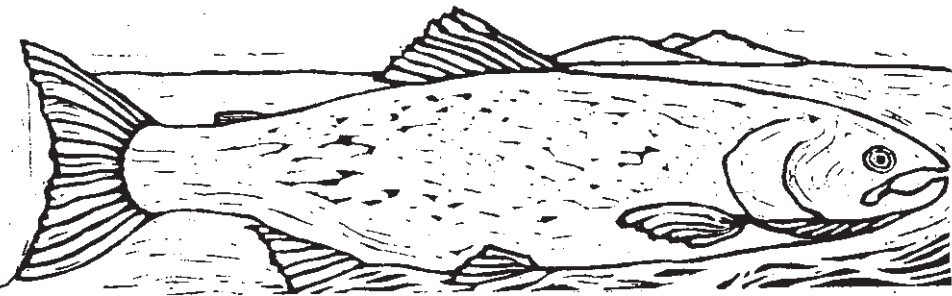
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Editorial

The new council's mission

WHEN THE first round of election results was announced at city hall Tuesday night, a loud gasp, followed by applause, came from most of the crowd.

The surprised reaction wasn't because of the results from the mayor's race. With her substantial lead in fundraising and with a Pine Cone poll showing nearly all her supporters from two years ago still in her corner, Sue McCloud was widely expected to defeat challenger Dick Ely. But nobody could be sure what would happen in the race for city council.

It was no secret that McCloud preferred Mike Cunningham and Erik Bethel for the two seats vacated by Ely and council veteran Barbara Livingston. In 2002, McCloud showed her coattails could help her council allies win new terms, when Paula Hazdovac and Gerard Rose beat Ken White and Jim Wright. But Bethel and Cunningham were virtually unknown when the campaign began. Their opponents — Dave Maradei and Jack Gorry — enjoyed strong name recognition, had lived in the Carmel area for years and served on boards and commissions. Maradei had even been elected to the city council in the 1980s.

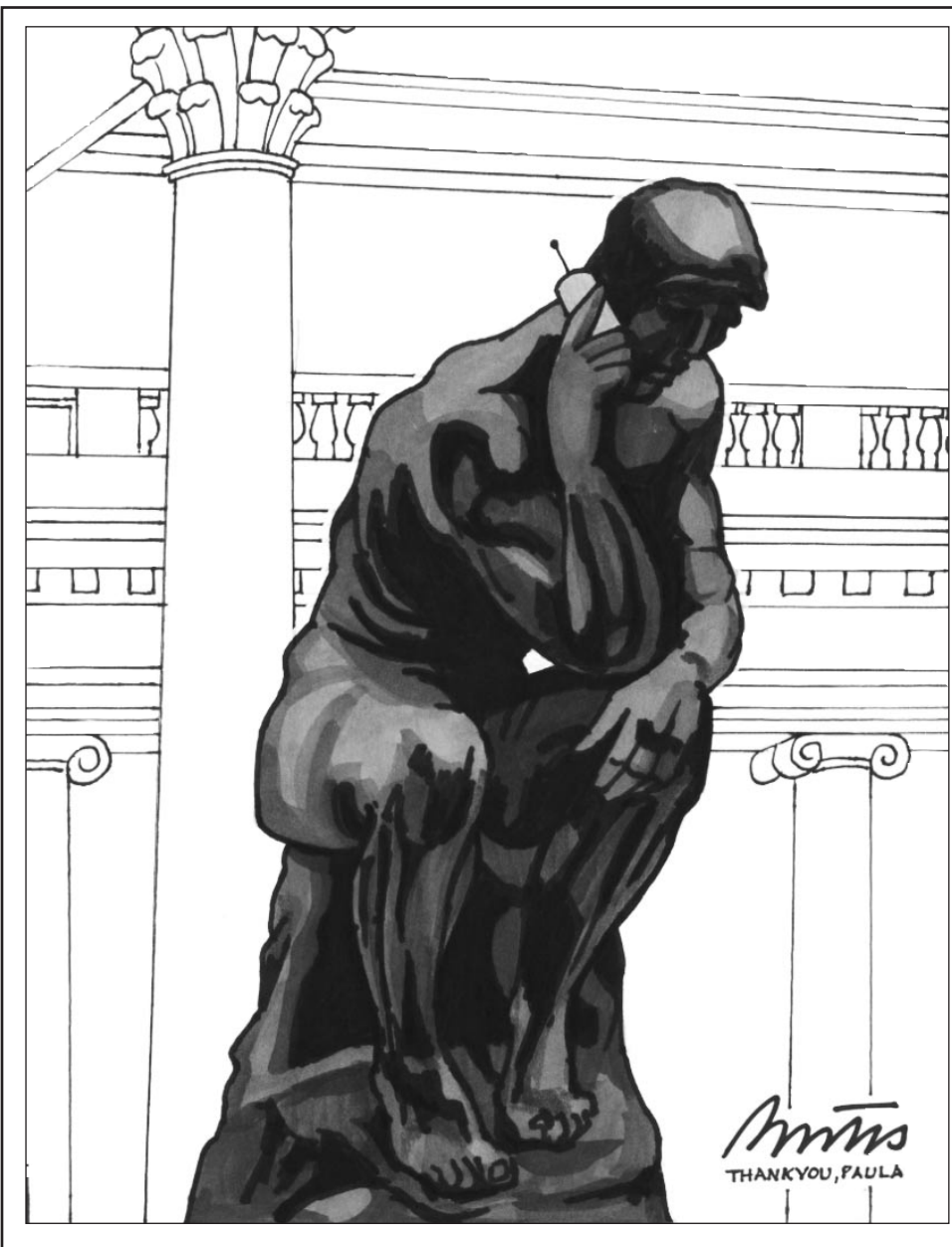
Nevertheless, the newcomers won easily. Cunningham and Bethel triumphed by wide margins — much bigger margins, in fact, than McCloud's. Their overwhelming victory came as a big surprise, and a delightful one to their (it turned out) numerous supporters.

The election means that, starting Tuesday, the city hall dais will be occupied by a mayor and four councilmembers who see things pretty much the same way — a situation that hasn't prevailed in Carmel for many years, if ever. Unless something untoward happens, this council can be expected to sign a contract with a nonprofit, SCC, Inc., to manage Sunset Center, sell or lease Flanders Mansion as a private home, keep boards and commissions at their reduced membership levels, decline to impose a tax on restaurant meals, complete the LCP as is, etc., etc. — all things the voters have now endorsed.

But if the the absence of major dissent on the council provides an opportunity to get moving on things that were in dispute for the last two years, it also poses a danger that mistakes will be made because, as Lord Acton observed in the 19th Century, "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Fortunately, our system of government provides so many checks and balances that there's no such thing as Absolute Power (except in Clint Eastwood movies). Still, we urge the members of the new council to make inclusiveness a hallmark of their tenure. Even people who voted for the losing side in this week's election deserve a strong voice at city hall.

BATES



Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. The Pine Cone reserves the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication. Letters should not exceed 350 words, and must include the author's name, telephone number and street address. Please do not send us letters which have been submitted to other newspapers.

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

What we didn't see

Dear Editor,

What a pleasure it has been this spring not to have to see candidates' campaign signs dotting the streetsides of Carmel.

All the candidates are to be congratulated for showing restraint and leaving Carmel Carmel. Well done! Or, maybe, well undone!

Erling Lagerholm, Carmel

Budget facts

Dear Editor,

To clarify comments made by the public at the April 6 council meeting:

- Repayment of the short-term Sunset

bond will not come from reserves, but from funds raised for Sunset.

- To balance the 2003-2004 budget, the city council approved dipping into reserves for \$1.1 million if needed. The administration is hoping that only half this amount will now be required.

- To balance the 2004-2005 budget when projected a year ago, the city council approved debiting the reserves to the tune of \$1.7 million if steps were not taken to cut expenditures and/or revenues did not pick up. Now that steps to cut expenses have been taken, this full amount will undoubtedly not be needed.

Sarah Berling, Carmel

Annexation solution

Dear Editor,

I agree with your well-written editorial (April 2) about the possibility of Sue McCloud's continuing her outstanding leadership as the political helmsman of Carmel-by-the-Sea. The demographics of the village have undergone dramatic changes, good and bad alike. The major issue at hand — irrespective of who is at the helm — is how the City of Carmel is going to meet its current and future projected financial obligations.

Over the past decades, there has been a lot of muddling about by Carmelites (and those who regard themselves as such) as to what they do not want — something along the line of an "I've got mine and you can't

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LETTERS

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have yours" mindset; one only has to read the weekly "Police Log" in The Pine Cone to readily garner this. I would suggest there exists a close relationship between this so-called "mindset" and the city's financial concerns.

What is the solution, if there is one? From my vantage point (15 miles up Carmel Valley), it appears to me that Carmel-by-the-Sea desperately needs to increase its tax base. The city has attempted — without much success — to incorporate innovative ways of raising revenues for needed public services. Frequently opposition within the village ensues; cooperation is not achieved, and another proposal bites the dust. This is the view which is observed by many living in and around Carmel-by-the-Sea.

There is an enormous difference, however, between living "in" and "around" this picturesque village and it is called "taxes." Cutting to the chase, this is my recommendation: The City of Carmel should aggressively underwrite an action plan to annex all adjacent property roughly south of Pebble Beach, north of Carmel River, and bounded either by Highway 1 or a so-called "reasonable" westward distance of a mile beyond it in order to incorporate Carmel High School and the neighboring residences thereabouts into the city's tax base.

I can well imagine the stir, to put it mildly, that such a course of action would create. I believe it is high time, however, for all of those non-Carmelites who use the services of Carmel-by-the-Sea to pony up their fair share of the needed tax revenues to compensate for their usage. This recommendation could be better realized if the Carmelites themselves would present an improved appearance, when it comes to their mindset, making it easier for the others to want to be Carmelites, too.

John Wm. Schiffeler, Carmel Valley

'Sandy Claws' not good enough

Dear Editor,

I was horrified to pick up the April 2 Pine Cone and see that the beach art exhibit of dogs, meant to promote a fund raiser for art classes for children, had been hijacked by Mayor McCloud and The Pine Cone for political purposes.

Those artists spent a great deal of time creating their pieces for this exhibit and it was very discouraging not only to see this event used for the mayor's reelection, but that The Pine Cone did not think it important enough to cover other than in the Sandy Claws column. I mean no disregard for that column, but as important as art is in Carmel and as pressing a need as there is for art in schools, one would have thought the exhibit itself would have been covered on the front page.

C.A. McDaniel, Carmel

'We won't be bullied'

Dear Editor,

Censorship is alive and well at Hacienda Carmel. It seems we Haciendans may have an opinion on Carmel Valley incorporation, as long as we oppose it. At least that is what Hacienda manager Bill Piercy has dictated. First, he forbade volunteers from the nonprofit Carmel Valley Forum to collect signatures at Hacienda. The Forum was simply petitioning LAFCO, as required by law, to conduct the financial and

other studies necessary to make an informed decision about incorporation — hardly a radical idea.

And then, for the February town hall meeting sponsored by LAFCO to provide an update on the incorporation process, Piercy inappropriately used our nonpolitical community Bulletin to mobilize only those Haciendans who were opposed to incorporation to attend the meeting at All Saints' Day School that evening. Did one have to swear opposition to incorporation to board the free shuttle Piercy provided (paid for and maintained by Hacienda Carmel homeowners)?

Such censorship and demagoguery have no place in our democracy, and no place at Hacienda Carmel. There are plenty of Hacienda residents who have open minds about incorporation and who want the facts before deciding this critical issue. We won't be bullied into following the personal party line of Piercy.

Alexandra James, Hacienda Carmel

Caring community

Dear Editor,

The "Friends of Pony" would like to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of the donors in the Carmel professional business community for their donations to the fundraising benefit for Pony Monroe.

The outpouring of affectionate and financial support from both friends and a caring local community was outstanding, and the benefit event held on her behalf was a great success.

A special thanks to The Pine Cone for the sensitive and beautifully written article on Pony and her plight with multiple sclerosis.

The article stimulated untold persons to attend the fundraising event.

Moira Quacchia, Carmel

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I'm not aware of too many lawsuits that were a result of excessive disclosure. But we're all painfully aware of the litigation that occurs when incomplete or inadequate disclosures were made.

Maureen Mason is a Realtor® with Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty.

THANK YOU!

I am very grateful for the support I received in my candidacy for re-election as Mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. It has been wonderful to meet and talk with so many old and new friends and to have you share your interests and concerns with me.

From my campaigning, I believe residents are interested in the Council working as a team, getting a solid handle on the city's finances, and using common sense in our decision-making relative to forward-thinking and long-term planning.

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Sincerely, *Sue McCloud*



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WRAP-UP

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good ideas and support are invaluable.”

In addition to the 15 neighborhood coffees he attended in voters' homes, Cunningham credited his successful campaign to his endorsements, which included council members Hazdovac and Rose, and his newspaper ads.

Bethel, who garnered a higher percentage of votes at the polls than by mail, said his legwork yielded that result.

“I went through one pair of shoes and halfway through a second pair,” said Bethel, who walked door to door through most of the city before election day. “People brought me into their homes, played the piano for me, gave me tea. They were very inviting and hospitable, and also very interested in the issues of our community.”

Their comments and concerns ranged from the raccoons who killed a woman's dog and the bumps and potholes that jarred the bolts loose in a man's car, to the more frequent comments about the budget.

Following their 3 p.m. swearing-in at city hall April 20 — which will be broadcast live on KMST cable channel 26 —

the first task the returning mayor and council will tackle is the budget. An afternoon workshop is set for April 27.

Financial talents

McCloud expressed confidence in the two newest members, both of whom have strong business credentials. Bethel holds an M.B.A. and worked on Wall Street before heading west, and Cunningham spent his career with Hewlett-Packard.

“It should be a fairly smooth transition, and it should be good to have fresh looks,” McCloud said, noting that Cunningham headed the ad-hoc group that reviewed Sunset Center's finances. Cunningham plans to apply a business perspective to the next three-year budget by asking each department where it would make cuts if necessary.

“Then it's the city management and the council's job to do the probing about what alternatives the departments have considered,” he said.

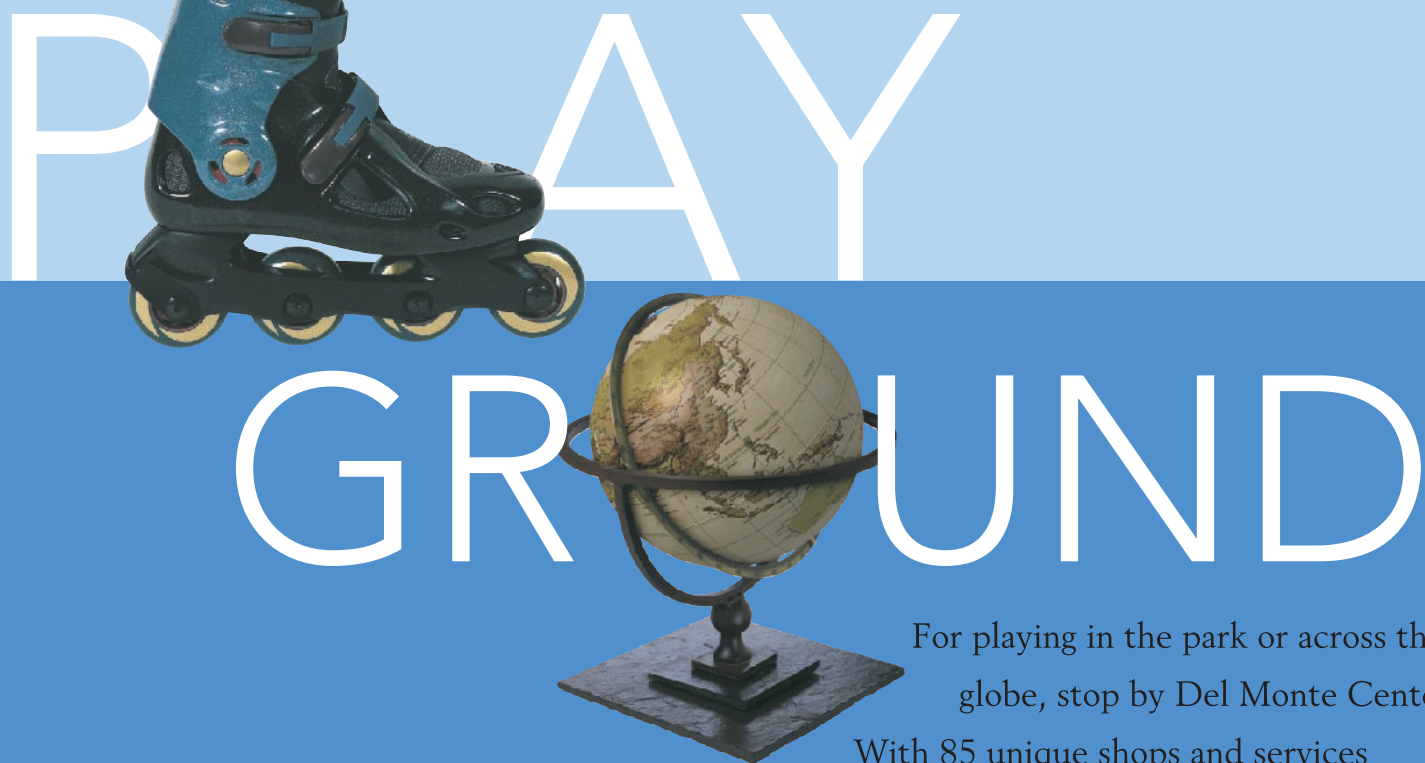
“It doesn't take an M.B.A. to know you can't spend more money than you make,” Bethel said, adding that budgeting requires “immediate tactical decisions” and a long-term approach agreed upon by residents, businesses and the city.

Both plan to study the issue before the budget workshop.

McCloud said city commissions, committees and boards will also provide information on what they believe is needed and where cuts can be made. City administrator Rich Guillen will give his forecast and suggestions as well. The session will begin at 4:30 p.m. in city council chambers.

With Livingston and Ely off the council, the election results also clear the way for a contract to be finalized with Sunset Cultural Center, Inc., the nonprofit organized at McCloud's request to take over management of Sunset Center. The two council members whose terms end Tuesday refused to participate in a closed session on the contract; with their replacement by Cunningham and Bethel, that opposition will presumably evaporate.

The election also virtually eliminates the possibility of any substantial, last-minute changes to the city's Local Coastal Program. The last half of the LCP awaiting final approval — the Coastal Implementation Plan — will have its second reading before the city council in May. It will then go back to the coastal commission for final certification, after which the city will regain the power to issue its own coastal development permits. Since the Coastal Act was passed in 1976, Carmel property owners have had to obtain permits from the California Coastal Commission.



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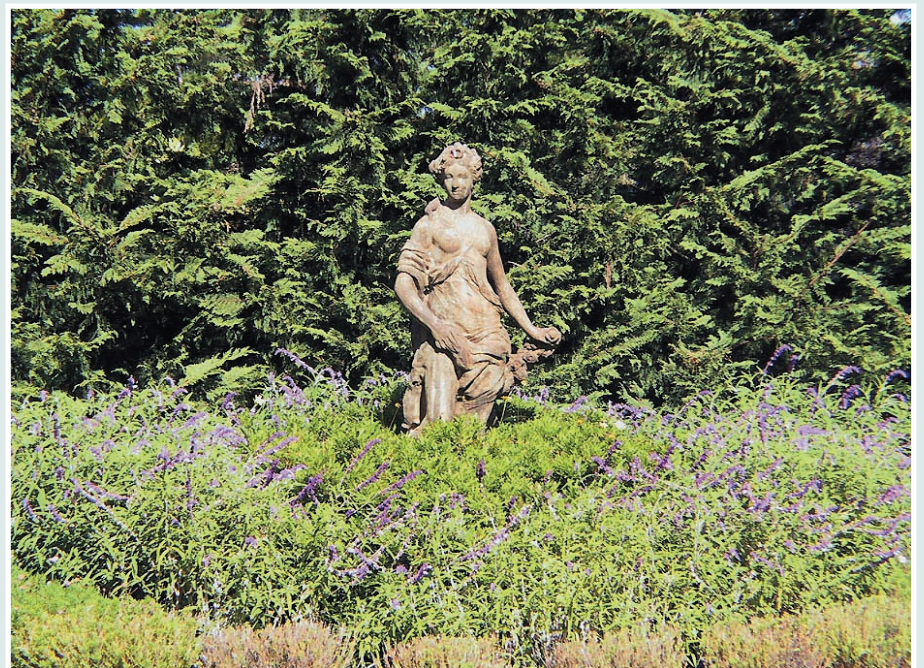
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Real Estate



Inside:

■ Should eucalyptus be cut down to make way for native trees?



■ This week's cover home, located in Pebble Beach, is presented by Judith Profeta of Alain Pinel Realtors (see page 2B)

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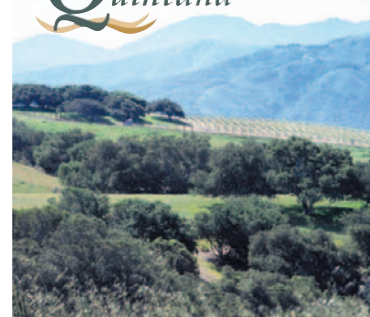
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Cutting and dumping trees: Should state follow the rules?

By KIMBERLY WHITE

NEITHER SIDE disputes that the eucalyptus trees in Big Sur's Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park have to go.

Nor do they disagree that the non-native species is destructive to the environment.

At a Monterey County Planning Commission meeting Wednesday morning, the debate was not whether to give the state parks department *carte blanche* to get rid of the trees, but whether it should be required to undergo the same rigorous permitting process as private landowners whenever they want to do something on their land, including chopping down a eucalyptus tree.

Pacific Grove resident Arden Handshy said it is a matter of fairness.

"The Big Sur Land Use Advisory Committee said that state parks projects of this nature need to go through the same pro-

cedures as the general public," he said. "I think Commissioner [Martha] Diehl recognized that State Parks needs to follow the same rules as everyone else."

Monterey County Senior Planner Carl Holm outlined how more than 2,000 trees could be removed without a permit and dumped down a cliff onto the beach.

"In September 2002, state parks removed half of the [4,156] trees under the belief that they didn't need a permit," Holm said.

Department of Parks and Recreation Resource Planner Ken Gray said they were told the removal of non-native vegetation is exempt from the permit requirement. About a month later, the area was red-tagged after they realized a permit is, in fact, required for killing non-native trees on steep slopes or in environmentally sensitive habitat.

Handshy also criticized how state parks disposed of the 2,000 trees.

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"Those trees were dropped down a steep slope and ended up on the beach," he said, adding that he would be in "big trouble" if he dumped trees from his own property in the same manner and questioned why the government workers had suffered no consequences.

As to whether state parks received preferential treatment, Gray said the comparison is not apt because private landowners rarely volunteer to do habitat restoration.

"They usually want to build a new house or something where the environmental impact will be greater, so you would expect there to be more scrutiny," he said.

Handshy requested a full Environmental Impact Report be required, but Gray said an EIR would be a waste of time.

"There are no permanent impacts on this project in regards to traffic, habitat destruction or species extinction," he added. "In fact, it'll have a positive impact by removing non-native trees, which will be replaced

with native species. We've already planted 1,500 natives."

"The removal of non-natives is consistent with the Big Sur Land Use project," Gray said. "In essence, this is a weed-removal project."

However, Friends of the Big Sur Coast member William Sloan said since the trees exist in an environmentally sensitive habitat, the environmental review is far from complete.

The project's initial environmental study — which covered everything from buck-wheat plants to raptors, ero-

sion and Monarch and Smith's blue butterflies — was produced by state parks ecologists, which Sloan considered a clear conflict of interest. Also, the study of the impact on the Monarchs was done during non-butterfly season, he said.

Commissioner Diehl requested a month's delay for more study. If the permit is approved as expected May 12, Gray said the rest of the trees would be chopped down in the fall after the summer tourist season is over.

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PEBBLE BEACH

90 Spindrift Ocean Pines Ln #G \$535,000
Ute M & Karl Lyngaas Isbill to Larisa Godick
32 Ocean Pines Ln \$565,000
Henry Frederick & Frances A Gloy to William Henry Snow
3157 Birdrock Rd \$1,475,000
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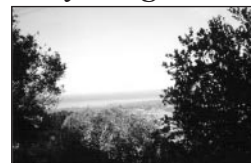


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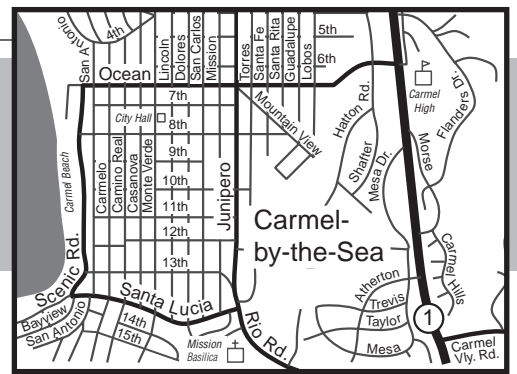
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\$925,000 3bd 2ba 26201 Mesa Place Mid Coast Investments	Su 1-3 Carmel 428-3800
\$1,049,000 3bd 2ba 6th Capenter NE Cor Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 2-5 Carmel 626-2224
\$1,090,000 2bd 2ba Lincoln 3SE of 3rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 2-4 Carmel 626-2221
\$1,245,000 2bd 2ba Santa Rita 2SE Ocean Century 21 Scenic Bay Properties	Su 1-4 Carmel 648-7271
\$1,285,000 4bd 3ba 24587 Castro Lane Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 2-4 Carmel 626-2221
\$1,300,000 3bd+office/3ba 3550 Edgefield Place Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 11:30-1:30 Carmel 626-2222
\$1,450,000 3bd 3ba 25975 Mission Street John Saar Properties	Sa Su 2-4 Carmel 625-0500
\$1,475,000 3bd 2ba Guadalupe & Mt. View NE Cor Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa Su 1-3 Carmel 626-2223
\$1,495,000 2bd 2ba Casanova 6 SW 13th The Mitchell Group	Sa 2-4 Su 1:30-3:30 Carmel 624-0136
\$1,525,000 3bd 2ba San Carlos 2NE/Camino Del Monte Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 1-5 Carmel 622-1040
\$1,595,000 2bd 2ba Vizcaino 5SW of Mt. View Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1-4 Carmel 626-2224
\$1,600,000 3bd 1ba 3627 Eastfield Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1-3 Carmel 626-2222
\$1,750,000 3bd 3ba 25073 Halton Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1-3 Carmel 626-2222
\$1,795,000 3bd 3ba+gst hs 24395 San Luis Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa Su 2-4 Carmel 626-2221
\$1,799,000 3bd 2ba Torres 3SW of Mt. View Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa Su 1-3 Carmel 626-2223
\$1,890,000 3bd 3.5ba Monte Verde 3 SW 13th The Mitchell Group	Sa Su 2-4 Carmel 624-0136
\$1,895,000 3bd 3ba Casanova 2SE of Ocean Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1-3 Carmel 626-2222
\$1,899,000 3bd 2.5ba Lincoln 2SW of 12th Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa Su 1-3 Carmel 626-2222
\$1,910,000 4bd 4ba 3382 Lazzaro Rd Prudential CA Realty	Su 1-4 Carmel 224-3882
\$2,200,000 3bd 2.5ba Monte Verde 2SE of 13th Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa Su 1-3 Carmel 626-2223
\$2,250,000 3bd 2.5ba Lincoln 3NW of Ninth Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 2-5 Carmel 622-1040
\$2,250,000 3bd 2.5ba Lincoln 3NW of 9th Ave Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 2-5 Carmel 622-1040
\$2,250,000 3bd 2ba San Antonio & 4th John Saar Properties	Su 2-4 Carmel 622-7227
\$2,295,000 3bd 2ba SE Corner Lopez & Third The Mitchell Group	Sa 1-3 Su 2-4 Carmel 624-6482
\$2,490,000 3bd 3.5ba 5125 Paso Venado The Mitchell Group	Sa 1-3-3:30 Carmel 624-0136
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\$2,595,000 3bd 3ba 26416 Carmelo John Saar Properties	Sa Su 2-4 Carmel 625-0500
\$2,695,000 2 or 3bd 2ba Forest 4SW of 7th Avenue Alain Pinel Realtors	Su 1-4 Carmel 622-1040
\$2,950,000 3bd 3ba NE Cor Monte Verde & Santa Lucia Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 1-4 Su 2-4 Carmel 622-1040

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\$1,175,000 3bd 3ba 25507 John Steinbeck Trail Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 1-4 Su 2-5 Mtry/Slns Hwy 622-1040
\$1,295,000 3bd 2ba + gst house 19 Calera Canyon Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 1-4 Mtry/Slns Hwy 622-1040
\$1,350,000 4bd 2.5ba 25681 Whip Rd Prudential CA Realty	Sa 1-4 Mtry/Slns Hwy 277-6766
\$1,525,000 4bd 2.25+ba 27785 Mesa Del Toro Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa Su 2-4 Mtry/Slns Hwy 622-1040
\$1,739,000 4bd 3ba 25671 Whip Rd Prudential CA Realty	Sa 1-4 Mtry/Slns Hwy 915-9752
\$1,795,000 3bd 3.5ba 108 Las Brisas Alain Pinel Realtors	Fri 1-4 Sa 10-5 Mtry/Slns Hwy 622-1040
\$1,995,000 3bd 2.5+gst bath 284 Corral de Tierra Alain Pinel Realtors	Su 2-4 Mtry/Slns Hwy 622-1040
\$2,250,000 4bd 4+ba 26000 Hawks Flight Alain Pinel Realtors	Su 2-5 Mtry/Slns Hwy 622-1040
\$2,400,000 3bd 3.5ba 11071 Saddle Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1-4 Mtry/Slns Hwy 626-2222
\$2,495,000 3bd 3ba 25600 Boots Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1-4 Su 2-4 Mtry/Slns Hwy 626-2222
\$2,495,000 4bd 4.5ba 2 Estate Dr Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 2-4 Mtry/Slns Hwy 626-2223
\$2,495,000 4bd 4.5ba 2 Estate Dr Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 2-4 Mtry/Slns Hwy 626-2223
\$3,495,000 6bd 4ba 601 Belavida Dr Prudential CA Realty	Sa Su 1-4 Mtry/Slns Hwy 238-0460

\$2,975,000 3bd 2ba
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\$4,895,000 3bd 2ba+
26255 Ocean View Ave
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\$5,950,000 3bd 3ba
SE Cor of Scenic and 10th
Mid Coast Investments

\$3,495,000 4bd 3.5ba
Lopez 12NE of 4th
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\$2,295,000 3bd 3.5ba
32692 Coast Ridge Rd (R/C)
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\$3,495,000 3bd 2ba+gst hs
104 Yankee Point
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\$2,249,000 3bd 2.5+ba
137 Boyd Way
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\$2,250,000 4bd 4ba
129 Carmel Riviera
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\$2,995,000 4bd 4.5ba
21 Mentone Drive
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\$845,000 2bd 2ba
9602 Buckeye Court
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\$875,000 3bd 2ba
13429 Middle Canyon
John Saar Properties

\$889,000 4bd 2ba
134 Country Club
John Saar Properties

\$899,000 3bd 2ba
27552 Schulte Road
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\$1,050,000 3+bd 2.5+ba
467 Laureles Grade
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\$1,175,000 3bd 3ba
13399 Middle Canyon
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25275 Pine Hills Dr.
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28042 Dove Court
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25350 Tierra Grande
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\$1,395,000 3bd 2ba
7076 Valley Greens Circle
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\$1,995,000 3bd 3ba
7094 Valley Greens Cir
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35182 Sky Ranch Road
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\$389,000 1bd 1ba
125 Surf Way, #318
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\$549,000 2bd 2ba
402 Watson #5
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\$799,000 3bd 2ba
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\$1,045,000 4bd 3ba
932 Monterey Circle
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\$1,295,000 5bd 3ba
771 Dry Creek
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\$2,195,000 4bd 3.5ba
14 Alta Mesa Circle
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801 Spruce
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1126 Presidio
Coldwell Banker Del Monte

\$672,000 2bd 1ba
746 Devisadero
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\$725,500 2bd 2ba
1164 Presidio Blvd
Coldwell Banker Del Monte

\$850,000 3bd 3ba
3018 Ransford Cir
Coldwell Banker Del Monte

\$989,000 3bd 3ba
413 Sinex
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\$1,100,000 3bd 3ba
711 Woodcrest Lane
Coldwell Banker Del Monte

\$1,450,000 4bd 2.5ba
940 14th St
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\$1,675,000 4bd 3ba
605 Pine Avenue
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PEBBLE BEACH

\$580,000 2bd 2ba
18 Ocean Pines
Coldwell Banker Del Monte

\$675,000 2bd 2ba
25 Shepherds Knoll
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Featured Homes...



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
9301 Holt Road, Carmel Valley
Located on the 3rd fairway of beautiful and sunny Carmel Valley Ranch, this exquisite and secluded golf estate sits on nearly 1/2 an acre of lush gardens and meandering stone pathways. It features two homes each with private and separate gated entries, spacious rooms. Light abounds with all the double pane windows and French doors. \$2,995,000.
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OPEN SATURDAY 1-4
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OPEN SATURDAY 1-4
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4131 Sunset Lane Coldwell Banker Del Monte Pebble Beach 626-2222		
\$1,795,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
3063 Forest Way Alain Pinel Realtors Pebble Beach 622-1040		
\$1,795,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-3
3029 Birdrock Rd Legacy Real Estate Group Pebble Beach 624-3747		
\$1,827,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa Su 1-3
1043 Lost Barranca Alain Pinel Realtors Pebble Beach 622-1040		
\$2,195,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-4
2913 17 Mile Dr (rain cancels) Coldwell Banker Del Monte Pebble Beach 626-2224		
\$2,350,000	3bd 3ba	Su 1-4
1022 Matador The Mitchell Group Pebble Beach 624-6482		
\$2,450,000	2bd 3ba	Sa 1-3 Su 1-4
1580 Griffin Road Alain Pinel Realtors Pebble Beach 622-1040		
\$2,750,000	3bd 3.5ba	Su 1-3
77 Spanish Bay Cir Coldwell Banker Del Monte Pebble Beach 626-2221		
\$3,495,000	4bd 3.5ba	Su 1-4
1205 Benbow Alain Pinel Realtors Pebble Beach 622-1040		
\$6,450,000	5bd 5.5ba+gst hs	Su 2-4
3930 Ronda Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte Pebble Beach 626-2222		
\$1,795,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
3063 Forest Way Pebble Beach 622-1040		
\$1,827,000	4bd 3.5ba	Su 1-3
1043 Lost Barranca Pebble Beach 622-1040		
\$2,450,000	2bd 3ba	Su 1-4
1580 Griffin Road Pebble Beach 622-1040		
\$9,900,000	5bd 6ba+	Su 1-4
3180 Cortez Coldwell Banker Del Monte Pebble Beach 626-2221		

SEASIDE

\$635,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 2-5
1045 Highlander Prudential CA Realty Seaside 277-2399		
\$749,000	5bd 3ba	Su 2-4
1355 Harding St The Mitchell Group Seaside 646-2124		

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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

Road resident, 42, arrested at 13th and Mission for hit-and-run and driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content greater than .08 percent.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of two dogs loose in traffic at Junipero and 12th. Female

was traveling on Junipero when she saw the dogs. She attempted to approach them when the larger dog approached her and growled. The smaller dog ran toward a residence, and the larger dog then left toward the same house. The dogs crawled under the fence into the yard. A neighbor reported they are often loose in the area. CPD attempted to contact the owners. A courtesy notice was left at the front door. Follow-up will be conducted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea:

Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Casanova involving an 80-year-old female experiencing severe pain due to arthritis. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel in gathering information on patient transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea:

Engine 7111 responded to report of female bleeding from the head on Dolores. Found a 77-year-old female with a laceration to her head. She stated she tripped on the sidewalk and cut her head on the ground. Patient loaded into the ambulance for transport to CHOMP.

Carmel Valley: Harassing phone calls received at a Barbara Way residence.

Pebble Beach: Past-tense malicious mischief to a vehicle at a Mission Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Lost, found or missing person at a Paso Del Rio residence.

Carmel Valley: Harassing phone calls received at



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a Carmel Valley Road address.

Carmel Valley: Civil problem at a Cachagua Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious circumstances at a Via Contenta residence.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported losing a Kyocera cell phone while in a restaurant at Junipero and Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to a 911 call regarding a mother involved in a dispute with her kids at Carmelo and 11th. Male indicated his mother had been arguing with him about his brother. Both children and their mother were very upset over differences in opinion. Children advised that since their mother is their legal guardian and they were staying with her, they had to abide by her rules. All parties were counseled and agreed to stop arguing for the night and calmly talk it over in the morning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a call transferred from the CHP. Subject saw what appeared to be a flashlight in the gift shop area of the Mission. An exterior check was conducted and everything was found to be closed and secured. No activity was observed inside the courtyard near the gift shop or surrounding areas.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Mission Street. Found a 43-year-old male lying on the ground outside his apartment. He stated he felt dizzy and fell, hitting his head on a wall. There was blood on the wall and sidewalk where he was found. He was transported by ambulance. As he was being treated, his mother was also found to be having difficulty breathing. A second ambulance was requested and fire personnel treated the 77-year-old female until it arrived.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a Mission Street apartment complex on report of a medical emergency. Found a 43-year-old male sitting on a couch alert but confused. Witness stated he had a seizure. Male had gone to the hospital earlier for a head injury from a fall. He was loaded and transported.

Pebble Beach: Cell phone lost at a Circle Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Peace disturbance at an El Hermorro residence.

Carmel area: License plate stolen from a vehicle at a Dichro Drive residence.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a

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POLICE LOG

From page 9B

Carmel Valley Road residence.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Third Avenue resident's dog started



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barking and she felt someone was outside her house because her dog only barked when it heard things outside. Units arrived and contacted a female who was outside her house with her neighbor. The neighbor said everything was fine and that it was her dog that caused the other dog to bark. Call unfounded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female Torres Street resident, 55, arrested at Junipero and Sixth for public intoxication.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a report of construction being done at Junipero and Eighth prior to 0800 hours. Upon arrival, contacted a subject at the scene just as a cutting saw was going to be used to cut a large diameter PVC pipe. He stated he was unaware of the CMC which prohibits any construction work prior to 0800 hours. He immediately had his crew cease work and did not start again until 0800 hours. Warning issued.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a wallet found in the mail stream in the Carmel post office while mail was being sorted. Postal worker believed an unknown person might have found the wallet on the street and put it in a mailbox, where it ultimately ended up being discovered with the mail during sorting. Female contacted and confirmed her wallet had been missing since 04-07-04. She advised she would respond to CPD to retrieve her

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 1995 Nissan Sentra was towed from Seventh and Camino Real for registration expired since 06-03. Vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Scenic. Located a female, 79, lying in bed complaining of pain in the chest and neck. She was transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on San Carlos Street. Male, 71, had a near fainting episode. He was transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Monte Verde. Found a 59-year-old female who was having a seizure. Patient transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to an automatic aid request with the CDF Carmel Hill Station for a structure fire on San Juan Road. Upon arrival, engine was released. Problem with the fireplace had filled the home with smoke.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to a medical emergency on San Antonio. Found a 68-year-old male who had been choking after eating. He had stopped by the time the engine arrived. He refused further medical assistance.

Carmel area: Traffic stop at Highway 1 and Rio Road.
Carmel Valley: Information taken at a Lupin Lane residence.
Pebble Beach: Purse stolen from a Trappers Trail residence.
Carmel area: Past-tense theft at a Carmel Knolls Drive.
Big Sur: Medical emergency, rescue off of Highway 1 47

miles north of the San Luis Obispo County Line.

Carmel Valley: Property lost at a Carmel Valley Road location.

Carmel area: Suspicious circumstances at a South Carmel Hills Drive residence.

Carmel Valley: Verbal peace disturbance involving a customer on Trevis Way.



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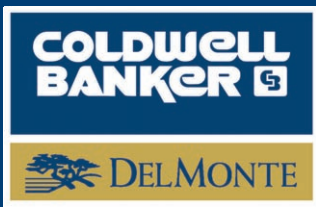
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A CARMEL DREAM! Gently resting on a gracious quarter-acre site, this delightful home has been carefully restored to the tranquility of yesteryear with the conveniences of today. Master suite plus den, second bedroom with office, and guest suite with its own entrance. \$1,750,000.

OCEAN VIEWS ON CARMEL POINT! A vintage, storybook cottage with fantastic sweeping views of the ocean, Carmel Beach (one block away) and fairways of Pebble Beach. This charming, spacious 4-bedroom, 3-bath English cottage has it all, even a full-sized home theater/media room. Landscaped gardens. \$2,500,000.



SPIRIT OF CARMEL! This classic & timeless cottage full of elegance & modern amenities evokes the spirit of Carmel. This 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath brand-new home in the "Golden Rectangle" neighborhood features the finest in quality, construction, livability & finishes. \$1,899,000.

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 VALLEY



CAPTIVATING AT QUAIL LODGE! On a peaceful cul-de-sac, this dramatic home

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Glorious sunsets and ocean views enhance this architecturally designed home tucked into the hill above the Pacific. The spacious 3-bedroom, 3-bath residence is surrounded by forest and lush gardens. Nooks and crannies enhance the form and function. Enjoy formal dining, two fireplaces, patios, balconies, skylights, gourmet kitchen and access to a private beach. \$1,695,000.

overlooks the 4th fairway. Behind an unassuming façade with 2 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths including the master suite with adjoining office, redwood spa, media room and seat-twelve dining room. \$1,790,000.

HIDDEN OASIS! Just minutes from Carmel in the Valley sunshine, these 12+ oak-studded acres offer breathtaking vistas, privacy and tranquility. Dramatically designed contemporary 3-bedroom, 3-1/2 bath main house, a 2-bedroom guest house, and an artist studio. \$3,500,000.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS



CAPE COD ON YANKEE POINT! This striking new frontline 3-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath home is just yards from the sea with fabulous ocean and Yankee Point views. Boasting sunny south-facing decks, the finest gourmet kitchen, and a fabulous ocean-view master bedroom. \$6,250,000.

OCEAN & FOREST VIEWS! Architecturally designed "French Plantation"-style home on one acre with sparkling ocean, forest & sunset views. Elegant sea-view living & dining rooms; gourmet kitchen. Lower level has office, partially finished area, a half bath & workshop. \$2,295,000.

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

HOME, PLUS OFFICE! An adorable cottage on a 50x125 lot ideal for the self-employed. Two bedrooms in the main house with stone fireplace, remodeled bath & eat-in kitchen. There is a separate room perfect for office or hobby shop. Cute as a bug, with room for expansion. \$672,000.

PACIFIC GROVE

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS! Filled with light, a 2-bedroom, 1-bath home with a bright sunny, private patio, yard and garden. It has high, vaulted ceilings and large picture windows. New furnace & carpet, and exterior paint only two years old. \$599,000.

CHARMING COTTAGE! Enjoy a rare opportunity to own a tastefully remodeled 3-bedroom home with a complete guest unit. Offering cathedral ceilings, French doors, tile floors and a mystical garden. Both units have private fenced yards with separate entrance. \$695,000.

PEBBLE BEACH



"CASA DI LUNA"! "House of the Moon" is a unique property with a spacious 3400 sq. ft. main house and a 1000 sq. ft. guest house. The main house includes 4 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths. The bright guest quarters has a private deck overlooking Poppy Hills Golf Course. \$2,175,000.

"SEA MIST!" Across from MPCC's 9th hole is this thoughtfully remodeled single-level, 3-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath home. Offering many features including rare imported slate, hardwood floors, Carmel-stone fireplace, numerous skylights, a gourmet kitchen and much more. Lush gardens. \$2,195,000.

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



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"CYPRESS MANOR!" Near the headlands of Cypress Point is the gated site of this country English estate on 1.25 acres. Featuring cathedral and beamed ceilings, 4 bedrooms, 6 full & 2 half-baths plus maid's quarters, and 2-bedroom guesthouse. \$8,250,000.

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Wedding

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Planning an affair to remember? It's all in the details

By **JENNIFER MURPHY-SMITH**

You have found your prince charming. You're engaged. Now what? Planning the most important day of your life can be overwhelming.

Decisions, decisions. Organizing your perfect day means not only selecting the bouquets, invitations, table centerpieces and the wedding cake, but details such as place cards, unique favors and more. The following 10 steps will help you organize the planning and decision-making process.

Step 1: Define your style

One of the first steps is deciding on an overall style for your wedding, be it formal, casual or somewhere in between. Be sure to discuss this with the groom-to-be and both sets of parents. This step sets the tone for the entire event!

Step 2: Set the date

Determine the season you would like to get married. Summer is the perfect time for an outdoor wedding at the beach and fall is ideal for a vineyard location! Check your calendar for holidays and special activities that might conflict with when you would like to have your wedding.

If you are determined to get married

in a specific church, synagogue or temple, or wouldn't dream of having your reception anywhere but the grand ballroom at the Highlands Inn, make sure you book these resources first. Their availability will often determine the exact date of your wedding.

Step 3: Create your budget

Determining your budget is often the cause of the most stress. When creating your budget, be realistic about expenses. Utilize wedding budget worksheets available online at www.weddingchannel.com and www.theknot.com. These are great resources that will help you apply and customize your budget to any type of wedding you could imagine!

Be sure to discuss finances with both families. Today, it is common that family members contribute to the wedding.

Step 4: Find the right vendors

Remember, value is more important than a bargain. When you find a great vendor, request and actually contact references. When comparing price quotes from vendors, be sure to compare details and quality. If you are having trouble finding the perfect vendors or aren't even sure where to begin, rely on the reception venue wedding coordinator or booking person to provide you with a list of wedding resources. These



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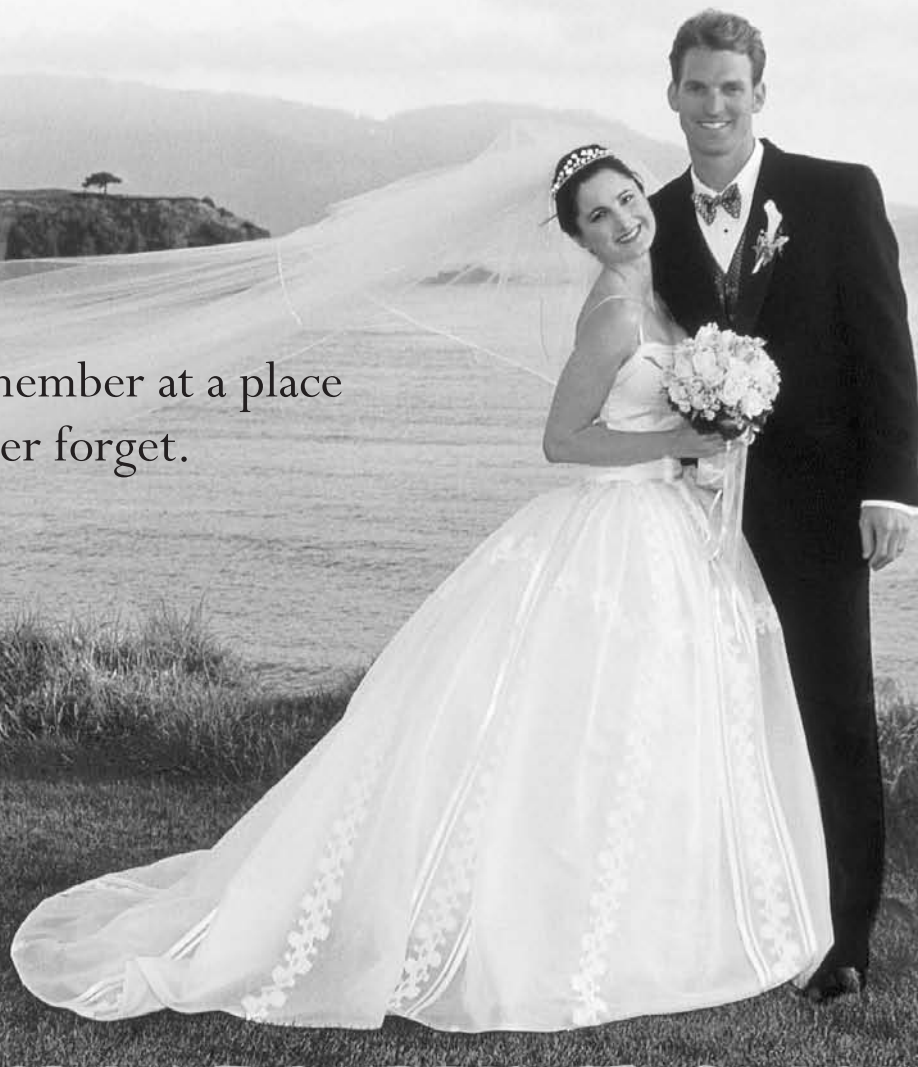


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Step 5: Picture perfect

Believe it or not, the photographer can make or break your entire memory of the wedding day. Be sure to tell the photographer exactly what you want and when you want it. Make sure the bride and groom feel comfortable with the photographer's style and personality. If the photographer is not clear on what your expectations are, the entire wedding day can be off schedule. You don't want to show up an hour late for the reception because the photographer wanted to take more couples shots.

Work out a list of photo opportunities prior to the wedding day and select a family member or friend to be in charge of gathering people for photos. This will ensure the day runs smoothly.

Step 6: Size matters

How many people do you invite? This is always a stressful decision that starts with figuring out how many people you can afford to invite to your reception – this is often based on location size and catering costs.

Don't let anyone tell you that you have to invite someone you've never met. And more important, don't fall into the "but-they'll-bring-a-nice-gift" trap. Invite people because you want to share your special day with them, not

for the gift they'll bring. This is your wedding.

Step 7: Put it in writing

Once you have decided on particular vendors (caterer, musicians, florist, etc.), it is important that your agreements with them be put in writing. Most vendors have contractual forms to fill out, or you can draw up a custom document. Either way will avoid any misunderstandings based on oral agreements.

It is important to make sure the contract contain the following items:

- ⊙ The service being paid for (include details);
- ⊙ who is providing the service/product;
- ⊙ Total cost and deposits required;

⊙ Method of payment and payment due date;

⊙ Your wedding date and location (include directions for each vendor), and

⊙ Time of delivery and contact person in case of problems on wedding day.

Before signing anything, understand the fine print, and never sign under pressure.

Step 8: Get organized

Now that you have selected the location and set the date and picked most of your vendors, the details can start to be a bit overwhelming. Make sure you are

See **CHECKLIST** page 9C



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Outdoor weddings, such as the one attended by this young bridesmaid, are very popular on the Monterey Peninsula, but the weather can be unpredictable, especially along the coast. Try to have an indoor — or at least a covered — alternative available in case the fog moves in or the wind starts to blow. But from May to October, at least you can be sure it won't rain.

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TRADITIONALLY, IT was the bride's parents who claimed the honor of announcing her engagement first, but these days, anyone who wants to throw an engagement party can — including the bride and her fiancé.

If you are going with tradition and the bride's parents are hosting an engagement party, the announcement is generally made during a toast given by the bride's father or her fiancé. A toast is the perfect way to officially fill the guests in on the exciting news, especially when the news may be a surprise to them. The groom's father or other friends may also want to join in on the fun and toast the happy couple.

Any type of party is perfectly appropriate for an engagement party — a brunch, luncheon, dinner or cocktail party. Guests can be invited by phone or written invitation, depending on the time and formality of the event. Be sure to avoid hurt feelings by only inviting guests whom you also plan on inviting to the wedding.

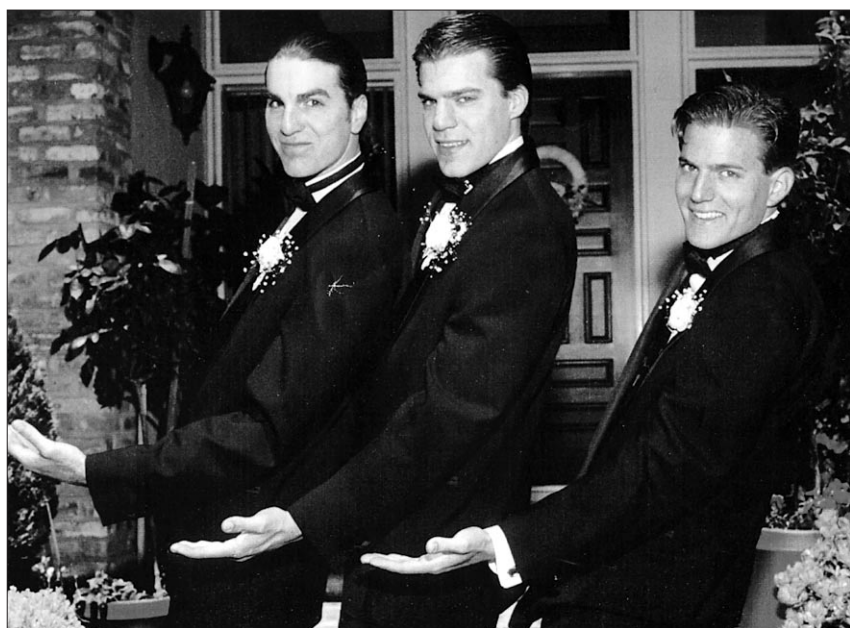
Often, engagement parties are surprises, where the guests are invited to a



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Even with traditional church weddings, local brides and grooms usually want to be photographed at one of the Monterey Peninsula's scenic locations. This couple chose Pacific Grove's Lovers Point — complete with stately cypress and insouciant tourists — as their backdrop.

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with friends and family enjoying the great scenery of the Monterey Peninsula. An informal party is also a great way to announce your engagement if you've been dating for a long time and your friends have just been waiting for you to get around to becoming engaged.

A wine tasting

This is a fun, slightly more formal type of gathering where you can let your personality shine through, but which also takes advantage of local color and scenery. Serve lots of tasty appetizers with the wine. You might consider printing up cocktail napkins announcing your engagement to use for the evening.

A cocktail party

Coming up with a new, personalized cocktail named after yourselves — the James and Kara Royale, perhaps, or the Mike and Maddy Martini — would be a fun way to announce your engagement. Cocktails are making a huge comeback, and a cocktail party can be the ultimate in sophisticated entertaining. Pull out all the stops and use fun cocktail glasses. Set up a bar area and consider hiring a bartender for the event. A few elegant hors d'oeuvres provide the perfect accompaniment.

A Tex-Mex party

Somehow, Tex-Mex food feels more casual than other dinner parties. It is also a good, easy way to feed lots of

people without too much last-minute fuss. Add some ice-cold margaritas and possibly a piñata, and you'll be all set.

An intimate, sit-down dinner

The traditional dinner party is an elegant way to announce your engagement. This type of party lends itself particularly well to the engagement announcement being made by a formal toast.

An elegant open house

This is a good way to invite lots of people but avoid overtaxing your entertainment skills. By their very nature, open houses are "drop-in" affairs and you can accommodate large numbers of

people spread out over a whole afternoon or evening.

A champagne and hors d'oeuvres party

Nothing says "celebrate" like champagne, and some California sparkling wines are just as good as the real French article, but at much less cost. Try featuring a wide selection of champagnes that celebrate the wine's diversity. If you're feeling extravagant, you might consider announcing your engagement via a personalized "vintage" of champagne. Many wineries offer personalized labels for their wines, and this would certainly be a unique way to let your guests know your good news.

party, but have no idea regarding the engagement. In that case, the invitations should be a general party invitation. If you want guests to know about the engagement beforehand, you can mention it in the body of the invitations.

If you are throwing an engagement party yourself, there are lots of fun ways to celebrate this thrilling occasion. From casual get-togethers to high-style affairs, here are some fun ideas to get you started.

A beach party, pool party or barbecue

Nothing beats a relaxed get-together

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By KIRA GODBE

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With its pastoral setting (left), Clint Eastwood's Mission Ranch is a popular spot to celebrate a wedding on the Monterey Peninsula. At Pebble Beach (above), Carmel provides a stunning backdrop. There are also plenty of local churches, many of them historic, to choose from.

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the way. While a florist or baker can deliver the most impressive cake or the most glorious roses, they don't stick with the couple from make-up to ceremony to reception to farewells.

And keep in mind that, while other vendors can work with several weddings per day, a photographer generally takes only one wedding a day. So, it's wise to book early for the best photographers in your area.

Get to know the photographers you interview. Since they are so important, you need to choose this person as carefully as you would choose a friend or a traveling companion. He or she will be

interacting with you, your bridal party, your family and your guests, and you want someone who can fit in with your rhythm and temperament. There is nothing more upsetting to the flow of a wedding day than a loud photographer pushing the guests around in circles. So ask potential vendors not only their style of photography, but their style of working. How do they get the photographs they need in a specified amount of time? How would they handle a situation, for instance, where the sister of the bride has disappeared for 20 minutes when the family photos need to be done? The way they answer will tell you a lot.

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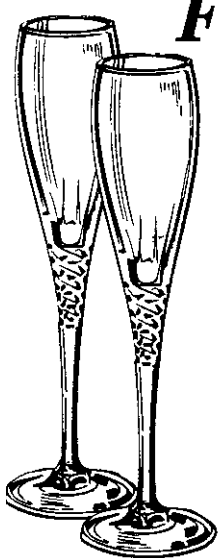
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organized. Start a wedding binder or folder. Create tabs for each vendor you have hired. Put the contract, contact information and all of the details for each vendor behind each tab. If you have pictures or samples of what you are expecting the vendor to provide, include these items in the binder as well. Being organized can help reduce stress and ensure that perfect wedding.

Step 9: Confirm all details

Two weeks before your wedding, be sure all the vendors and the wedding party have a schedule for the wedding day (include directions). It is important that all vendors — and everyone in the

wedding party — know what is expected of them. Make sure all final deposits or payments have been paid. If payments need to be made on the wedding day, assign someone to handle final payments to the vendors.

Step 10: It's your day!

Enjoy your special day. Whatever you choose to do, make your own individual mark. This is an exciting time in your life. Relax and have fun.

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How to be the ultimate bridesmaid



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There's more to being a bridesmaid than just posing for happy pictures. But the hard work can pay off for everyone.

Remember: Planning a wedding is complicated and the bride can't do everything! The trick for a bridesmaid is to help as much as possible without intruding. Here are some basic guidelines.

As soon as the engagement is announced and you have been asked to be a bridesmaid, start helping the bride get ready for the wedding. Ask your recently married friends for advice about local caterers, florists, musicians and photographers. Clip advertisements, peruse bridal magazines and visit local shops. Collect travel brochures for honeymoon ideas.

When attending bridal fairs, be the one to collect the information, carry bags and fill out all the ballots for giveaways, allowing the bride to spend more time looking.

Offer to help stick address labels and stamps on the envelopes for wedding invitations and thank-you notes.

On the day of the wedding, show up at the bride's house with a tray of small snacks for everyone to nibble on. After all, you may not get time to eat all day.

Bring along a camera or video camera to get a personal view of the bride as she gets ready for her big day.

For photographs, help ensure the bride looks her best

by straightening her dress, puffing up her bouquet and touching up her make-up.

Instead of just making a speech at the reception, show some slides from the bride's childhood, present her with a gift, sing a song or write a poem about your friendship.

At the reception, designate yourself the official party maker and get people dancing. Be sure to dance with the single uncle or anyone else the bride is worried may not be having a good time.

Don't leave early! The ideal bridesmaid is one of the last people to leave the party, so be prepared to stay as long as it takes.

Help with the cleanup. Whether it is at 3 in the morning or the next day, don't leave this for the bride to do herself. When cleaning up, be sure to save some mementos for the bride such as a centerpiece, wedding favors left behind, etc.

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IN THE recent movie, "Intolerable Cruelty," starring George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones, couples prove their devotion to each other by ignoring the advice of high-priced lawyers and tearing up their prenuptial agreements just before they take their marital vows.

In the real world, while nobody wants to think about disagreements, family problems or divorce in the optimistic days of an engagement, these grim events do happen, and it's always best to be prepared.

Prenuptial agreements, also known as domestic contracts, can help avoid future legal disputes. While some couples . . . may consider it unromantic or bad luck to sign a prenuptial agreement, others should seriously consider drafting up this important document.

Prenuptial agreements, also known as domestic contracts, can help avoid future legal disputes. While some couples, as in the movie, may consider it unromantic or bad luck to sign a prenuptial agreement, others should seriously consider drafting up this important document. In fact, for couples in certain situations or circumstances, prenuptial agreements are almost necessary. You should consider a prenuptial agreement if:

☺ You or your future spouse own a considerable estate, await a sizable inheritance or otherwise own large amounts of property.

When you are bringing large personal and/or real assets into a relationship, be sure to make an accounting of them before getting married. While no bride and groom want to think about divorce, the possibility is still present. And you certainly won't want to watch your own hard-earned assets disappear along with a marriage that unfortunately didn't work out.

☺ You or your future spouse have children from



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After their wedding at Pebble Beach, this couple will undoubtedly live happily together for ever. But not every marriage turns out that way, and a prenuptial agreement can help avoid the pitfalls of a nasty divorce later on.

previous relationships. In order to balance the interests of your children with the interests of your future spouse, put everything in writing. In the event of death or divorce, a prenuptial agreement may help avoid either your children or your spouse being short-changed.

☺ You and your future spouse plan to cohabit in a common-law marriage for a long period of time. Whether or not you're contemplating actually getting married in a civil union, legally speaking, common-law marriages aren't as simple as they are made out to be. In California, any couple presenting itself as married,

or acting married, may be considered legally married. In order to avoid ambiguity if and when the need arises for distribution of assets, be sure to put everything in writing with your common-law spouse.

☺ You or your spouse anticipate future disability or other imminently dangerous circumstances. Be sure to account for those instances in a proper domestic agreement. After all, you wouldn't want to leave your love stranded, would you?

If any of these situations applies to you, it may be a good idea to draft a prenuptial agreement. It never hurts to be ready for the worst!

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tography is part photojournalism (or candid) and part traditional, or posed, shots.

A good photographer will use photojournalism to capture the candid moments during the day. A last-minute phone call to someone who can't be there, the mother seeing her daughter in her gown for the first time, the bride reassuring a nervous flower girl. The candid moments will be a delightful part of your photo package — but you can't ignore the family poses. Everyone shudders at the thought of standing for what seems like hours at the altar for endless poses while the rest of the guests go on to the reception. Most wedding photographers do their best to move through these photos as quickly as possible, while keeping the atmosphere light and fun. These important photos will go quickly — as long as those involved know to stay after the ceremony. A list of important people and poses should be discussed by the bride and groom early in the planning stages.

A photographer can document your day from beginning to end or just be there for the ceremony and family photos only. Remember that when the day is over, the flowers will fade and the cake will be gone. Only the photographs will remain as a visible record and memory to be treasured for years.

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So shop for your wedding support team carefully. Don't go by price alone. You should like the packages they offer, but you must have a rapport with them, especially your photographer. Once you have chosen your professionals, keep in contact with them concerning the details of your wedding day. It's a good thing to keep in mind that they've handled many wedding days

and let them do what they do best. When your day arrives, you can relax, get married and enjoy the magic of this very special day.

☺ **Kira Godbe, a wedding photographer in Carmel for 15 years, can be reached at 625-5799 or kira@carmelphotography.com**



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WARREN "PETE" Poitras has been photographing weddings on the Monterey Peninsula for more than 25 years. Although he worked full-time as a detective for the Carmel Police Department for 23 of those years, his weekends were usually devoted to wedding photography. Now that he

has retired from the force, he expects to devote much more time documenting one of life's most happy and beautiful occasions. He loves photographing weddings.

"Everyone is happy at a wedding, which is something I could not always say when it came to the photographs I

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