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Prospect of huge ballot saves jobs — for now

Registrar may quit after November elections

By PAUL MILLER

THE NEXT election will probably include a record number of ballot measures on top of a full slate of national, state and local races and will probably draw a record turnout in Monterey County, making the drastic budget cuts proposed for his department utterly unworkable, registrar of voters Tony Anchundo told the county board of supervisors this week.

"We were supposed to cut 40 percent, which meant three out of seven full-time position in the department," Anchundo said. "With such a big election coming up, that kind of reduction would certainly impact how we could perform our duties," which include processing candidacy papers and ini-



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Tony Anchundo, registrar of voters

tiative petitions, printing voter information pamphlets and ballots, registering new voters and handling change-of-address forms, setting up polling places and recruiting workers to staff them, counting ballots and certifying results.

"My argument to the board was not a scare tactic, but I wanted the supervisors to know what the situation is," Anchundo said.

His plea worked. Two of the three full-time positions he was scheduled to eliminate in July were saved, at least for six months.

"Our decision was based on the workload Tony's office is facing," said supervisor Dave Potter. "I'm not surprised that as the reality of the upcoming election started to take shape, he realized he was going to have a hard time."

Three part-time workers at the elections office have already been laid off, and Anchundo's chief assistant, Junel Davidsen, retired when the pending cutbacks were announced.

"She was the backbone of this office," the registrar lamented.

So for now, the other full-time employees can keep their jobs. Still, the uncertainty has left them unsettled.

"It's very upsetting when you don't know if you'll be able to keep your job," said one official who asked not to be identified because she's not supposed to talk to reporters. "All the county employees are up in arms."

Altogether, the county elections department spent \$1.8 million this year, including \$180,000 to rent its office in a south Salinas shopping center. During the next fiscal year,

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'Don't turn our kids into robots'

No easy solution to low test scores at middle, high schools

By PAUL MILLER

A BIG drop in standardized test scores among students at Carmel High School is causing concern, but not panic, among school officials and parents in the district, which has long been regarded as one of the best in Monterey County.

Last October, school officials learned that Carmel High students scored 33 points lower on the state's 2003 Academic Performance Index than they did the year before. Monday, that

score was put in context: Carmel High did worse than 60 percent of high schools with similar demographics in the state.

"We have not met our goals and we definitely have some work to do," said Paul Behan, director of special projects for the Carmel Unified School District, at this week's board meeting, which took place the very day the state announced Carmel's ranking compared to schools with similar ethnic, economic and parents' educational backgrounds.

Meanwhile, scores at Carmel Middle School, based on up to 12 hours of testing administered in April 2003, were steady from

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PHOTO/ANNAMAE BERRY

Many of the red-robed Carmel High seniors who graduated last Friday were accepted by the colleges they wanted. But other students had serious trouble with statewide proficiency exams, test results show.

\$100,000 in pens stolen in daring heist

By MARY BROWNFIELD

BURGLARS COMMITTED a Hollywood-style heist during the dark hours Saturday morning, when they shimmied down a rope from the rooftop hatch of an Ocean Avenue building, pried open the interior rear door to a small shop and stole \$100,000 worth of rare pens and an undisclosed amount of cash.

They took 18 pens from a display case inside Bittner — The Pleasure of Writing and grabbed the drawer from the cash register, according to Carmel Police Detective Buck Melton. An employee arriving to open the store June 12 discovered it had been burglarized.

Melton believes the break-in occurred around 3:34 a.m., when the shop's alarm sounded. Police officers found nothing amiss when they checked the front door and windows at the time, and Melton said they had no access to the inside.

"They responded to the location, and when they inspected it, they saw nothing out of the ordinary," he said.

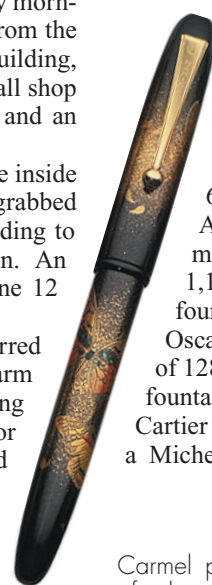
Melton spent Thursday morning pursuing possible leads in local pawn shops, where the rare writing instruments might be

hocked by the culprits.

Among the pens stolen were a gold Montblanc 75th anniversary Skeleton Fountain Pen, 13th of 75 made; a one-of-a-kind yellow enameled Michel Perchin South Beach; a white Michel Perchin South Beach, number four of eight made; an Aurora Dante Alighieri; a Montegrappa Red Ferrari Rollerball, 63rd of 750 made; a Montegrappa Animalia fine point, 516th of 1,100 made; a Caran Dache Gotica, 173rd of 1,140 made; a Visconti Divine Comedy fountain pen, 58th of 388 made; a David Oscarson Purple Crystal fountain pen, 25th of 128 made; a Grey Winter David Oscarson fountain pen, 26th of 128 made; a white Cartier Clock ballpoint, 175th of 2,000 made; a Michel Perchin Black Monogram fountain

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Carmel police are offering a \$1,000 reward after burglars stole \$100,000 worth of rare pens from an Ocean Avenue store — including this Japanese Namiki Butterfly pen, with intricate raised relief and 18-karat gold nib and clip.



Cal-Am, county unveil big desal plans

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE DESALINATION plant California American Water Co. and Monterey County envision for Moss Landing could produce more than 20,000 acre-feet per year, be ready to build by 2007 and ultimately be owned by the public, officials announced at a town hall meeting in Moss Landing Monday night.

The partnership between the county and Cal-Am, details of which have yet to

be finalized, is driving the scope and purpose of the plant, said Steve Leonard, a Cal-Am vice president and general manager of the utility's Monterey Division.

While the water company's obligation is only to make up for the 10,730 acre-feet it is illegally pumping from the Carmel River, the California Public Utilities Commission and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency have stated it should provide substantially more.

"At the point when the project was proposed for Moss Landing, North County and other communities said,

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Cal-Am Water Co. asks the PUC for an emergency rate hike on big water users.

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FIREFIGHTERS TORCH, DRENCH FORT HUNTER LIGGETT

By MARY BROWNFIELD

ONE THOUSAND acres of rugged wildland burned in Fort Hunter Liggett last weekend, but it wasn't the result of arson or a camping fool. Firefighters set the blazes during the three-day Wildland Fire School, while several hundred of their colleagues on 60 engines put them out.

"This allowed captains to practice their command and control, engineers to practice off-road driving techniques and pumping operations, and firefighters to practice their wildland firefighting skills," said Carmel Fire Engineer August Beacham, who helped set up the school June 10.

Organized by the Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association with permission from the U.S. Army, the school was held deep within Fort Hunter Liggett near its

boundary with Los Padres National Forest. The Army also donated a large campground for the 600 students less than 10 miles from the burn sites.

The firefighters and engines were divided into eight "branches" to practice battling fires simultaneously, but all the blazes were

considered a single incident requiring coordination among the many different agencies.

"They try to put experienced engine companies with less experienced companies," said Beacham, who was on Carmel's wildland engine along with engineer Ian Watts and volunteers Gene Kofman, Paul Godina,



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Carmel Fire Department played a major role in organizing the Wildland Fire School at Fort Hunter Liggett and took part in the live-fire training last weekend.

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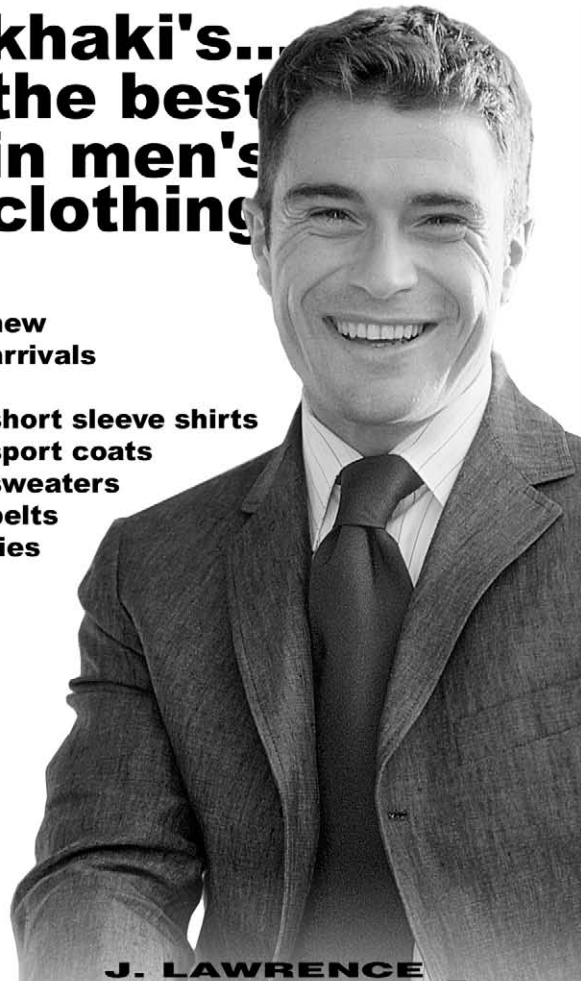
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Ken Hutchinson and Jon Savage. Their branch included firefighters from Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties and as far away as Los Angeles.

"Instructors go out and set fires in different topography and come up with different problems," such as burning alongside a road or in a forest, Beacham explained. "We find the best access routes to it, coordinating multiple engines on a wildland attack."

He recalled a particular exercise in which the Carmel engine was the third to roll. While the first engine traveled along the right flank of the blaze and the second engine along its left, Beacham and the Carmel crew attacked its head.

"The fire was heading down a drainage and moving at a pretty good speed," he said. But Carmel stopped its progress, and working together, the three engine crews doused the flames. The entire process took 10 minutes. "It was pretty exciting."

In remote areas, fire engines have to carry all their water with them. For this weekend's exercise, water was drawn by tenders from local streams — the San Antonio River flows through the base — and pumped into temporary reservoirs near firefighting operations.

Firefighters also learned
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USGA announces return of U.S. Open to Pebble Beach in 2010

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FOUR YEARS after Tiger Woods' unbelievable performance at the 100th U.S. Open brought record TV ratings to the tournament, officials at the United States Golf Association announced The Open will return to Pebble Beach in 2010.

They also announced the U.S. Women's Open will be played at Pebble soon after — possibly as early as 2012.

"We haven't hosted a major women's event at Pebble Beach," said David Stivers, executive vice president of the Pebble Beach Co., who is attending this year's U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills on Long Island. "It'll be a great opportunity for women to showcase their games at one of the greatest golf courses in the country."

The 2010 U.S. Open will be the fifth at Pebble Beach. In 1972, Jack Nicklaus won by three strokes. In 1982, Tom Watson beat Nicklaus by two strokes. In 1992, Tom Kite also won by just two strokes. But in 2000, Tiger Woods tied the all-time record for lowest score in a national golf championship with a four-day total of 272, beating his nearest competitor by 15 strokes.

The 2000 Open also brought big crowds to the Monterey Peninsula, filling hotel rooms and restaurant tables. The year is remembered nostalgically by many local business owners, who saw tourism — and the local economy — take a nosedive after the

stock market collapsed and terrorists hit Washington, New York and Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001.

This year's U.S. Open concludes Sunday.

Next year's event will be played at Pinehurst and the 2010 U.S. Open will be played at Pebble Beach June 17- 20, 2010.

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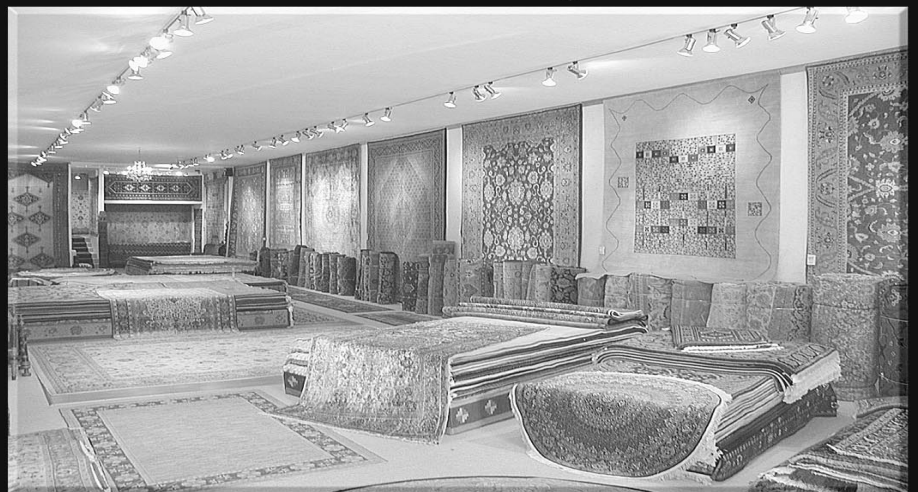
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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Driveway dispute sparks 911 call

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a medical emergency on Junipero. Found an 89-year-old female sitting on the floor with her back against a table. She stated she had fallen two

days ago and again today. She was complaining of back pain and weakness in the legs. Fire assisted ambulance crew with patient care and loading for transport to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Guests at the inn at Lincoln and Seventh reported a domestic dispute on the sidewalk in the area. Contacted the involved couple, who were seen walking into a nearby bar. They stated the dispute was verbal only and that there was no physical violence involved. She was upset regarding contact with another male. They stated they were fine and had called a taxi to take them back to their hotel.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle was parked on Fifth Avenue showing expired registration, since 03-03. The vehicle was towed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported he was involved in a past-tense verbal dispute with his wife. Close patrol requested of the Dolores Street residence. No further action requested.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units arrived and made contact with a San Carlos Street resident following a 911 hang-up call. Contacted a subject, who stated he noticed his neighbor had parked in front of his driveway, blocking it. He confronted the neighbor and asked him to move. As he turned to leave, the neighbor told him, "Don't you turn your back on me." The

resident immediately called 911 and told the individual that he did. The neighbor quickly apologized for his behavior and explained he had been traveling all day and was just tired. He did not wish for the neighbor to be contacted and felt the situation was resolved.

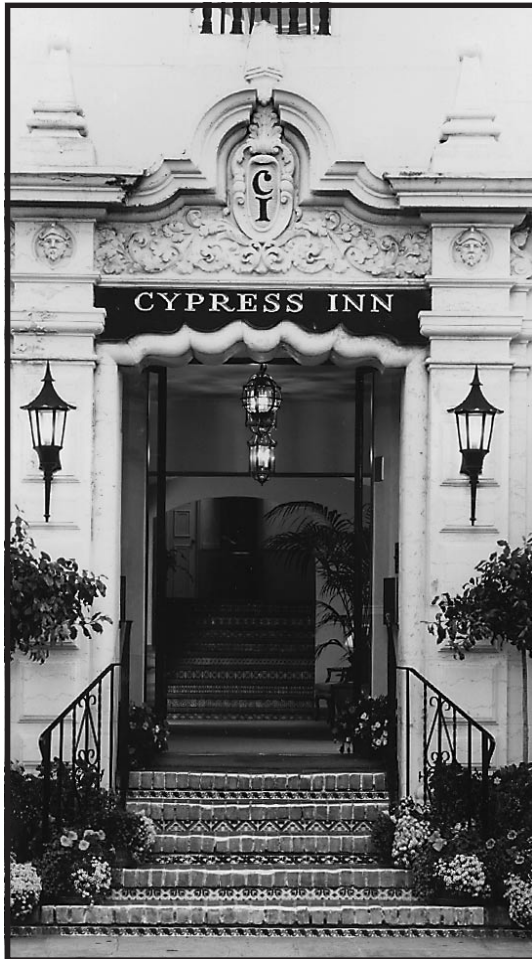
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Arrived before CFD at a Casanova residence where suspicious circumstances had been reported. Contacted a female, who stated that when she returned home approximately 15 minutes earlier, she smelled a gassy odor throughout her house. Officer walked through but was unable to locate the smell. She stated it probably dissipated when she opened her windows. CFD arrived and tested the air with special equipment. They were unable to locate the source or smell.

Pebble Beach: Civil problem at a Sunset Lane residence.

Big Sur: Hiker reported missing in the area off of Highway 1, 21 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel Valley: Assault/battery at West Carmel Valley Road and Ford Road. Physical altercation involved a member of a wedding party, the groom, and another subject.

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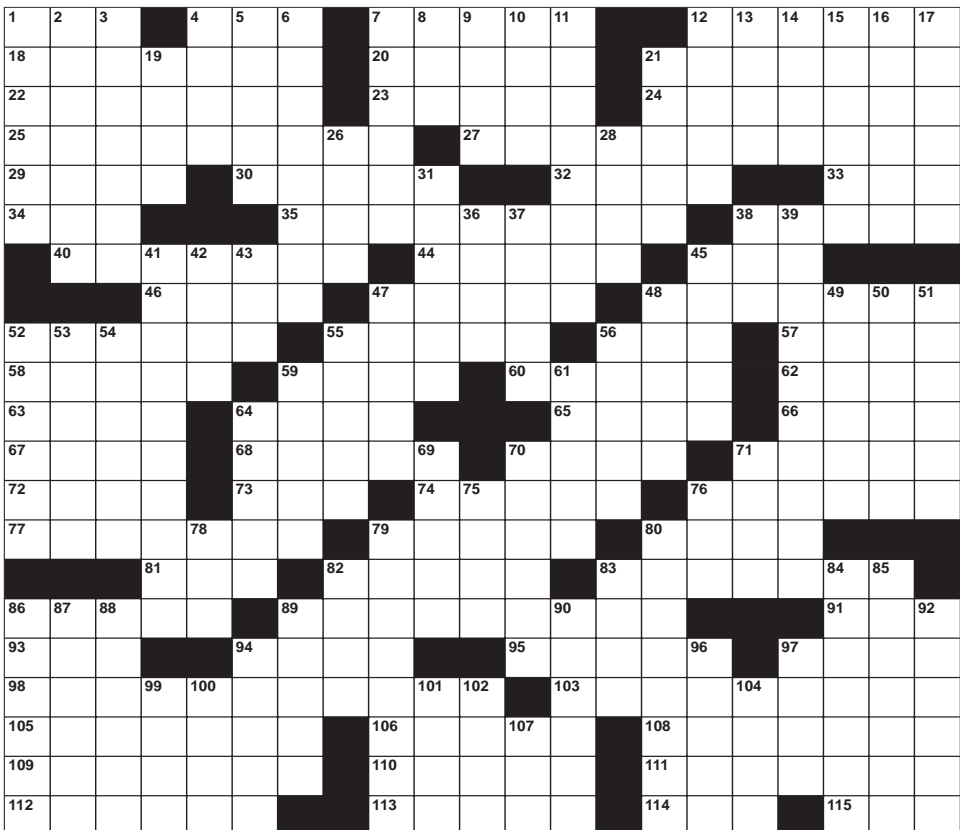


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- 75 Lady's man
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- 89 Full
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- 92 Will matter
- 94 Play (to)
- 96 Soprano Fleming
- 97 Soc. Sec. supporter
- 99 Criticize severely
- 100 Crunchy munchie
- 101 Reddish
- 102 Go bad
- 104 So
- 107 "No ___"

Answer to puzzle on page 11A

EXPLORER DRIVER WHIPS UP JEEP SANDWICH

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A CARMEL man took a corner too wide and ran head-on into a Jeep parked on Eighth Avenue last week, according to Carmel police. The impact shoved the Jeep backward 20 feet — on top of several large rocks and a young oak tree — and into a Ford pickup parked farther down the hill.

Police officers on the scene summoned Carmel Fire Department to help clean up leaking coolant and determine how best to disassemble the Jeep sandwich.

Meanwhile, an ambulance crew



A Jeep was shoved into a pile of rocks, an oak and a pickup in the accident on Eighth Avenue

arrived to take driver Jeffrey Davis, who was not seriously injured in the crash, to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula as a precautionary measure, police said at the scene.

Unstable because it was high-centered on the rocks and the parking brake would only stop the rear wheels — which lacked traction — from rolling, the Jeep had to be handled gingerly.

"The only thing holding it there was the Ford pickup," explained officer Chris Johnson.

Firefighters chained the driver's Ford Explorer to the fire engine and then shored up the Jeep so the pickup truck behind it could be towed away.

After removing the large rocks underneath the Jeep, firefighters gently lowered it to the ground. The Jeep was badly damaged but drivable.

The small oak tree appeared surprisingly intact.

Johnson said later that Davis was cited for driving on the wrong side of the road.

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Cal-Am wants to blast 'the irrigators'

By MARY BROWNFIELD

IN AN attempt to motivate Peninsula water users to cut consumption by more than 300,000 gallons a day for the next three months, Cal-Am filed papers with the Public Utilities Commission Thursday for permission to hit consumers where it hurts: their wallets.

"We're going to take a real hard push at the big users — the irrigators — because they're the ones who, if they make

a small change in their usage, will affect overall usage," said Steve Leonard, general manager of Cal-Am's Monterey Division.

The rate hikes target those who use more than 30 units (a unit is 100 cubic feet, or 748 gallons) per month, "rather than the average families who are meeting their goals," Leonard said.

Most residential Cal-Am customers in the district have been allotted an amount of water based on the size of their families and their properties. Those who stay within their allotments would pay no more under the new rates, but those who exceed their limits would see their bills skyrocket.

For example, assume Mr. X is using 40 units, but his allotment is for only 18. Right now, according to Cal-Am's rate regulation manager Dave Stephenson, Mr. X is paying \$211 for his water (not counting all the extra fees and service charges.) But under the new fee schedule, Mr. X's water tab would almost double to \$398.

And Mr. X isn't alone. Stephenson estimated that 3,000 residential customers used more than 1.5 times their allotments in May. Some are using as much as 300 units, or 224,400 gallons per month. Their bills would jump from an astounding \$3,757 to an astronomical \$6,738.

"The last time we did this, 60 percent of the big users cut their usage," said Stephenson. "We hope to get their attention again."

The rates would also change for non-residential users, including double for public authorities — to \$6.11 per unit — and triple for golf courses — to \$9.16 per unit. A few commercial uses would increase six-fold.

Leonard said the PUC should discuss the request July 8. It's considered an emergency because the water year ends Sept. 30, so it would take effect immediately, but rates would drop back to normal in October. He added that a rate hike would not mean more revenue for Cal-Am.

"Any money collected by increased rates for big users goes into an account and gets distributed [in the form of lower water bills] to people who live within their conservation means," he said. "Cal-Am doesn't profit from it."

The rate hikes are simply the best means of getting the attention of people who use a lot of water, he said.

Due to lower-than-average rainfall this year and warm weather this spring, Leonard said, the utility is facing a par-

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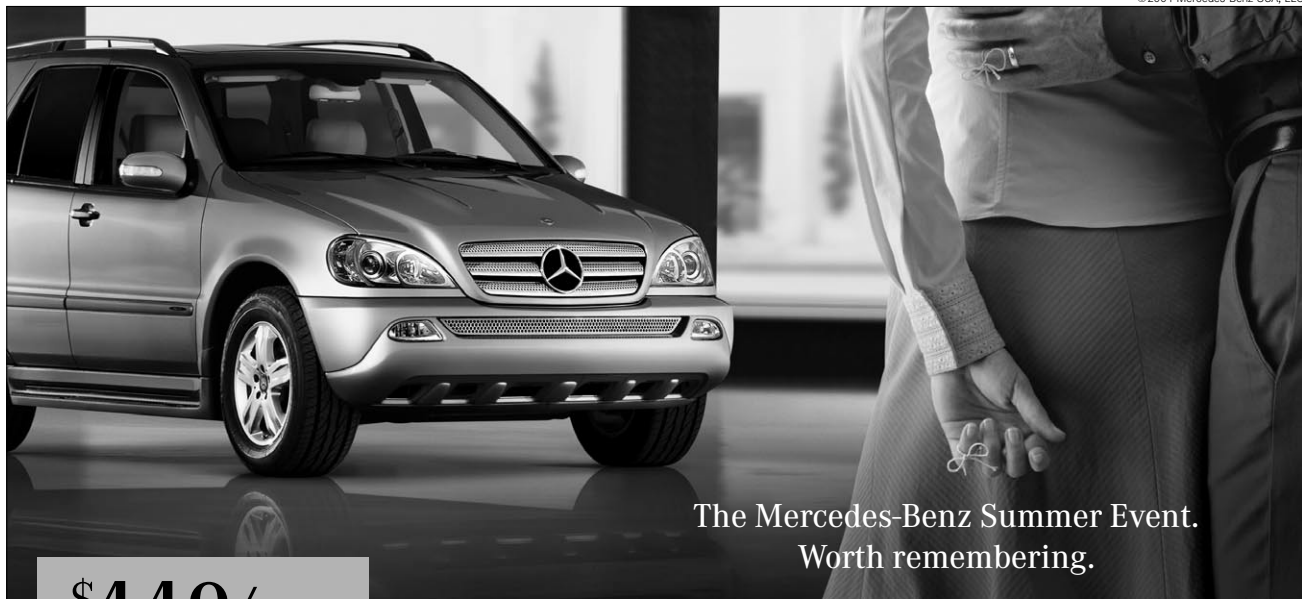
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Laird to suggest changes on district-dissolving Senate bill

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A SENATE bill to dissolve the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District appears poised for rewrite.

Set to be heard by the Assembly Local Government Committee June 16, SB 1529 was rescheduled for June 23 after its author, Senator Bruce McPherson, learned its major opponent would draft a counterproposal.

Assemblyman John Laird's office "said they would like to offer some amendments and would have them to us by Monday," McPherson said. "We're open to negotiations."

SB 1529 debuted earlier this year as a bill to change the governance of the water district by phasing out current board members and replacing them with elected city officials and a county supervisor. The bill, which was similar to legislation proposed by McPherson last year that died in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations, would have also eliminated the public vote on water projects.

Continued opposition to SB 1529 drove McPherson to redraft it to dissolve the district outright. "We said, 'Let's do what voters said they wanted,'" he explained, referring to the November 2002 advisory ballot measure in which 66 percent of the voters said the district, which has created almost

no new water since being established in 1978, should be eliminated. He believes local residents should decide what would replace it.

McPherson said he doesn't know what Laird has in mind, but he's encouraged by the offer of collaboration.

"I just don't think the district can go on like this. It's gone on for 26 years without fulfilling its specific obligation," he said. "And if there's some light at the end of the tunnel and if it will finally fulfill its obligation, I will listen."

The talk would mark the first time the two officials have directly negotiated the contents of the bill. Laird was not available for comment.

This week, former water board director and union official Ron Chesshire told McPherson that during an April meeting, Laird stated he "could support a bill to dissolve the district, because that is what the people voted for."

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The editor of London's prestigious news weekly, The Economist, pointed out that an 18% mortgage is really no more expensive when all interest rates (and the rate of inflation) are very high than is a 6% mortgage in a low interest rate and low inflation environment. Technically, this is true. The trouble is, interest rates change—constantly.

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A \$2.4 MILLION project to turn the former Odello artichoke fields back into a natural lagoon will improve survival rates for two threatened species, help protect Mission Fields and The Crossroads from flooding, and eliminate some of the controversy about opening the Carmel River to the sea every winter, according to Ken Gray, an official with the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

"The project combines the benefits of flood control and habitat restoration," Gray said. "The [existing] lagoon isn't as big as it was historically, and that interferes with the natural hydrology of the Carmel River."

The chairman of the local flood control district, Larry Levine, also praised the proposal. "Our goal is to maximize the water that can flow through Odello east and west, and my impressions of what state parks is doing are positive," said Levine.

About 96 acres of land on the west side of Highway 1 that were farmed for decades by the Odello family but which are owned by state parks, are involved. Earth movers will dig out 200,000 cubic yards of dirt from the fields, creating a 15-foot-deep channel for the Carmel River and a vast area that will become wetlands or riparian habitat. Only a small area around the old barns on the property will be left high and dry.

"We recognize that the barns are an historic resource, so we want to protect them from flooding," Gray said.

But the rest of the land, once occupied by thousands of artichoke plants, will be lowered.

"The new channel will expand the habitat for juvenile steelhead trout, which move downstream in the spring," Gray explained. "By increasing the volume and depth of the lagoon, we'll be providing more room for the fish to grow."

Not only will that increase survival rates in the lagoon, it will increase the odds that the young fish will be mature enough to enter the sea when the annual breaching of the sandbar across the mouth of the river occurs, he said.



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

A state parks project will leave the dilapidated barns at the old Odello artichoke fields high and dry, but the rest of the land will become part of the Carmel River Lagoon.

Also, "the new south arm will be farther away from the mouth of the river and there will be some deep pools, so fish that aren't ready for a saltwater environment will be able to stay in the river after it is flowing [to the sea]," Gray added.

That could help reduce the controversy over when the breaching takes place — with federal wildlife officials always wanting it delayed as long as possible, and residents along the lagoon wanting it done expeditiously to protect their homes.

Lowering the fields west of Highway 1 will also increase capacity for floodwaters in the lagoon, reducing the possibility that they'll flow into developed areas, as they did in January and March 1995.

"There are so many different projects in the planning process [in lower Carmel Valley], we're concerned that runoff will increase," Levine said, referring to a 280-unit project at Rancho Cañada, the Gamboa senior assisted-living project, a plan from Brad Dow for low-income housing adjacent to Carmel Middle School and a big expansion of the Safeway store at The Crossroads. "Anytime you're talking about replacing open space with buildings, parking lots and driveways, you have the possibility that flooding will increase."

After the 1995 floods, a notch was cut into the levee on the south side of the Carmel River, allowing flood waters to flow into Odello east, which was then owned by Clint Eastwood. The notch prevented a repeat of the disastrous floods in 1998, Levine said. "And now we're looking at deepening and widening the notch," he added. "We want protection from a 100-year flood, but now we're only prepared for a 35-year flood."

The massive amounts of dirt removed over the next several months by state parks will be moved across Highway 1, where they will be leveled to allow farming to resume on the east side of the road.

Most of that land was donated by Eastwood to the Big Sur Land Trust in 1997, putting an end to a condo project that had long been proposed for the east side of the highway.

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Ronald (Ron) Dekkert, our beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away in the presence of loved ones early Monday morning, June 7, 2004. A native of and lifelong Californian, Ron was born in San Francisco on June 24, 1920 and raised in Santa Cruz, California.

As did many of his generation who grew up during the time of the great depression, Ron, at a very early age, accepted the responsibility of providing for his mother and younger brother. A gifted mathematician as well as athlete, Ron achieved top seed status in tennis during the 1940s through 1960s.

A veteran of World War II, Ron was selected for the V-12 Officer Training Program and served in the United States Navy out of Pearl Harbor. Following WW II, Ron went on to graduate cum laude from the University of Washington and was a lifetime alumni and member of Phi Beta Kappa. Ron worked in International Taxation for Del Monte Corporation in San Francisco for over thirty-five years. Ron also served as Director of the California Taxpayers Association, Director of the Tax Executives Institute and the California Taxation Steering Committee and the California Manufacturers Association. Additionally, Ron provided many hours of volunteer service to the Board of Directors for Sunny View Manor - Cupertino, Los Altos Lutheran Church and Quail Lodge Men's Golf Club in Carmel Valley. Ron was a member of the Church of the Forest, Pebble Beach.

Ron loved the game of golf. He especially enjoyed his years traveling and challenging countless international courses with his wife, Enid. Ron's sense of friendly competition and ability to make a long drive is still remembered fondly although he was unable to play golf during the last years of his life.

In addition to his wife of 27 years, Enid, Ron is survived by his daughter Donna Dekkert Fontaine, sons Martin Gothberg and Walter Gothberg, daughter-in-law, Emi Gothberg and seven grand children: Amanda & Alex McCall; Tiffany & Seth Whisnand; Jaeda, Brian and Ayumi Gothberg.

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Ron was one of those rare individuals who stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts and we will never be the same. His compassionate and generous presence will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

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Carmel Valley

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ticularly tough challenge in trying to make up 100 acre-feet (32,800,000 gallons) of water by the end of September.

If it doesn't, the State Water Resources Control Board — which imposed strict pumping limits on Cal-Am in 1995 — could fine the company as much as \$3 million, and ratepayers would eventually foot that bill.

"The people of Monterey work like crazy to keep their water use down, and this sneaks up on people," Leonard said. "I want them to understand that we're focused on those who can cut the most."

Cal-Am has been ringing the alarm bells since last month, when Peninsula water users began regularly exceeding daily targets. It launched a public information campaign, after which water use actually increased for a few days, much to Leonard's dismay.

The water district and Cal-Am have been reminding people to water outside only between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m., use a sprayer with a shutoff, not hose off buildings and sidewalks, and take their vehicles to commercial car washes that recycle water.

Nonetheless, Cal-Am customers exceeded the daily limit of just over 50 acre-feet nine times between June 1 and June 15, according to MPWMD Water Demand Manager Stephanie Pintar. (To keep Cal-Am on track, the district sets daily targets.)

The MPWMD has not activated Stage 3 conservation, which forces residents and businesses to follow the water-use rules or

face fines for wasting, because its staff is investigating Cal-Am's missing water, according to Pintar.

Joe Oliver of the water resources division and senior hydrologist Darby Fuerst are tracking the water that escapes from the utility's main system unmetered due to leaks, hydrant flow tests, fire-fighting, system flushing and even theft.

The water Cal-Am can't account for dropped from 10.2 percent last year to 9.6 percent this year, according to Oliver, but that's still above the district's target: 7 percent of the company's annual 15,000 acre-feet of production.

He said the utility and the district are working on ways to lower it through more stringent reporting, increased inspections and more public outreach "to try to get people more tuned in to noticing and reporting leaks," and reminding them of conservation measures.

Leonard said the percentage of unaccounted-for water falls below the industry standard of 10 percent to 15 percent and is only receiving more attention because of the

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— Steve Leonard

current push for conservation and rates hikes.

"At times like this, people want to know we're doing everything we can," he said.

The company will hire an external auditor and dispatch leak detectors to listen for the smaller underground ruptures along its pipelines.

"But I don't think we'll find much more," he said. "We are obligated by the PUC to do everything we can to solve this problem, and we're doing that by looking into everything and questioning everything we do: the way we process water, save it and make it up."

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By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

THE MARCHESE Piero Antinori — that renowned vintner whose family name has become synonymous with Italian fine wines — will again be hosting a series of intimate dinners at The Inn at Spanish Bay's Peppoli Restaurant next month. Visiting the U.S. from his ancestral home in Florence, Italy, the marchese will be here to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the release of Tignanello Super Tuscan, a Bordeaux-style Tuscan red made by Antinori.

The 6:30 p.m. dinners on Monday, July 5 and Tuesday, July 6, will be preceded by a reception for Marchese Antinori when diners may meet and greet him. The four-course, wine-paired 3-hour dinners will be \$100 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Monday's dinner will be a Chianti

Classico celebration and Tuesday's a Wine Regions of Antinori dinner, both in the Peppoli dining room.

The 7:30 p.m. Super Tuscan celebration and dinner with Piero Antinori on July 5 will follow a reception for the marchese at 7 p.m., and will be composed of a five-course, wine-paired dinner with the marchese, and will cost \$215 per person. On Tuesday, July 6, at 7:30 p.m. the 30th Anniversary of Tignanello and dinner with Piero Antinori will also be a five-course wine-paired dinner with the marchese, and will cost \$250 per person.

Chef de Cuisine will be Arturo Moscoso, who will explain the preparation of each course, and Antinori winemaker Renzo Cotarella will discuss the accompanying Antinori wines.

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ON WEDNESDAY, June 9, the media and various concierges were treated to dinner at Pacific Grove's **The Old Bath House** at at 7:30 p.m. dinner. Such a lovely view across the bay in the evening — and that lobster bisque! Unbeatable. **Executive Chef Boris Iabaca**, originally from Chile, is a chef *par excellence*. The preparation, plating and presentation of the dinners he turns out are nothing short of superb. Each one, a work of art.

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GARY IBSEN, Big Daddy of the annual **TomatoFest**, needs volunteers for this year's Sept. 10 - 12 *pomodori* affair at Quail Lodge. He's looking for dedicated helpers who can give six hours to setting up or hosting. If you'd like to volunteer, call Debbie at 655-1657.

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AN EARLY **Father's Day Luncheon** will help celebrate Dads and Dadhood, co-hosted by the **Alliance on Aging and Meals on Wheels** at 11:15 a.m. Friday, June 18. Scene of the festive luncheon will be the Sally Griffin Senior Center, 700 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove. A nominal \$3 donation is suggested, and non-senior guests may participate for \$6. Advance tickets are recommended for this popular luncheon with a menu featuring barbecued chicken. Janet Farrell, vocalist, will entertain, and a prize drawing will be held. Dads are invited to bring their kids and grandkids. Call 375-4454 for more information.

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IF YOU haven't yet had dinner at **Christopher's on Lincoln** — between Fifth and Sixth, Carmel-by-the-Sea — you probably don't know there's an *intime* bar there, too (just as there are at PortaBella, Ocean Ave. Grill, Anton & Michel's, Kurt's Carmel Chop House, etc.) where you can pop in for a glass of wine or a martini in a friendly, non-bar setting. Christopher's (in the same location of the erst-

while Lincoln Court Restaurant), is "Carmel casual" and open nightly for dinner, except Tuesdays, from 5 p.m.

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BECAUSE THIS is a food & wine column, from time to time we're going to define a food word that may puzzle our readers: Our south-of-the-border readers will get a laugh out of this, but many north-of-the-border foodies don't know what a *posole* is (sometimes spelled *pozole*). It's a dense, hearty soup, so hearty, in fact, it's usually eaten as a main course. It's made of pork or chicken, hominy, garlic, onions, cilantro and dried chilies. Diners can add to their bowls of posole chopped lettuce, radishes, cheese, onions and more cilantro. Originated in Jalisco, posole is generally served at Christmastime.

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A \$4,000 **Fishwife/Turtle Bay New Millennium Scholarship** for the year 2004 was awarded to **Danielle Robin Case**, a senior at Seaside High School. Scholarships of \$750 each were awarded to **Daryl Lambert** and **Janelle Oriol** of Carmel High, and **Shrishti Nand** and **Dominique Smith** of Monterey High. Another example of restaurateurs making a difference in young people's lives. Bravo **Chefs Julio Ramirez, Jefferson Seay and Marie Perucca-Ramirez!**

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By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

AN OPENING night gala for "The Sound of Music" will be presented by the Forest Theater Guild Saturday, June 26, at the Outdoor Forest Theater, Mountain View and Santa Rita, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Theatergoers may attend either the gala or the musical, or both.

Swiss Lugano restaurant will cater a gourmet picnic dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m., and a wine bar, live music, dancing and a

Van Trapp family raffle of treasures will be held.

Gala tickets are \$65 per person, or \$85 with show admission. The musical, which begins at 8 p.m., can be seen Thursday through Sunday through July 24. Tickets can be ordered by calling 626-1681.

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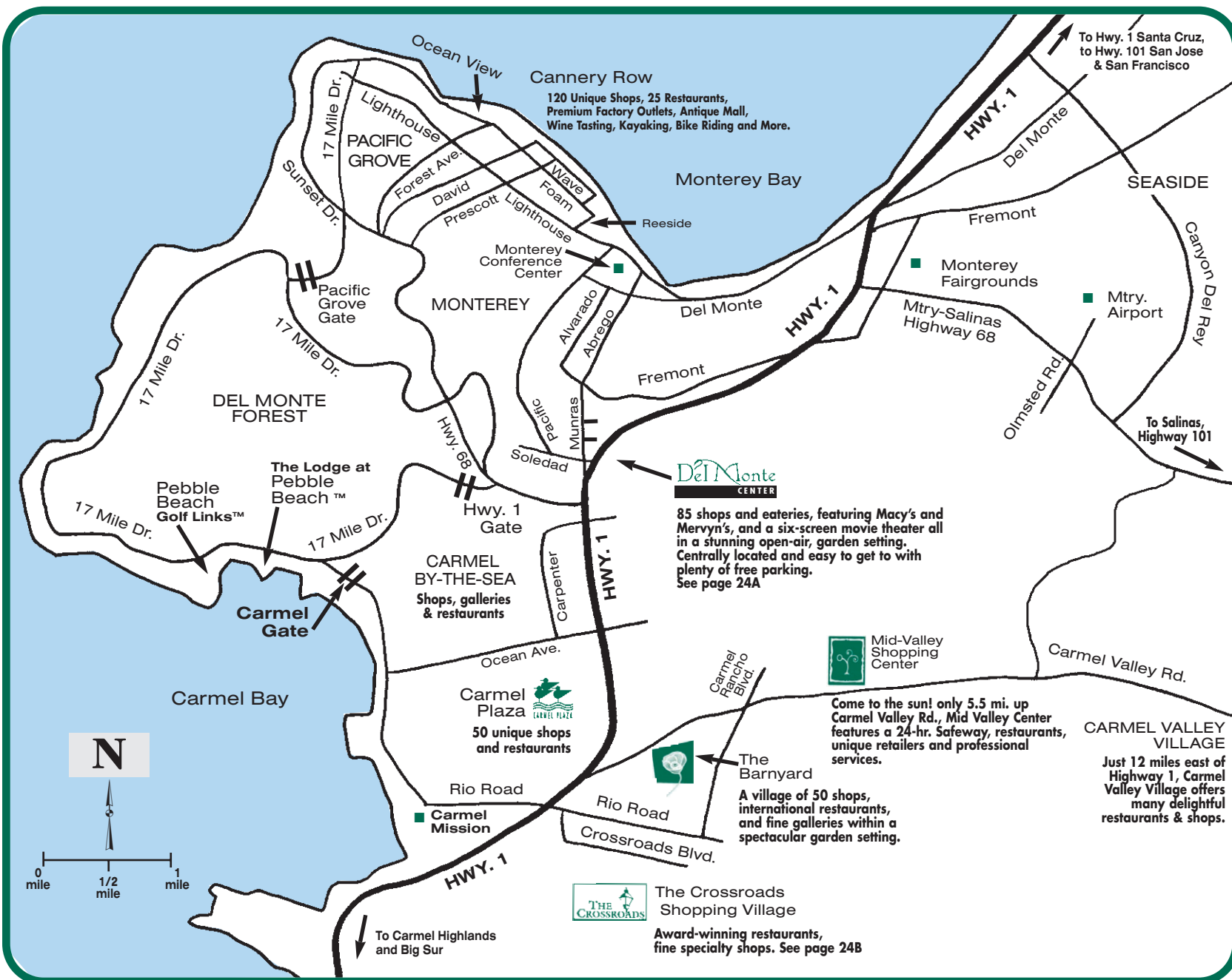
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'Buddy' rocks S.F. stage

By K. K. Robinson

A YEAR ago, Pacific Repertory Theatre rocked Carmel with its production of "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" at The Golden Bough. It was so successful the run was extended and the musical returned, after its San Jose performances,

to sold-out houses in Carmel for the holiday season.

The audience was on its feet for the last 30 minutes of the show, clapping, singing, dancing in the aisles and shouting its approval. Last week, the scene

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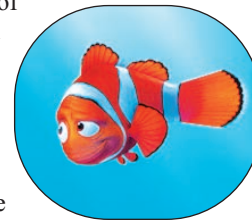


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Travis Poelle as Buddy Holly in a PacRep production at the Post Street Theatre in San Francisco.

Find 'Nemo' on Carmel Beach Saturday evening

CONTINUING WITH its ever-popular tradition of screening a movie for free on the beach each summer, the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will present "Finding Nemo" at the foot of Ocean Avenue on Saturday, June 19, at dusk. Carmel Police Cpl. Steve Rana, the man behind the projector, advised people to arrive early to stake out their spots, bring blankets and picnic dinners, and be prepared to dance to some tunes before the adventures of a fishy dad's quest for his



wayward fishy son unreel.

Six years ago, the inaugural Movie on the Beach was Ed Wood's campy classic, "Plan 9 from Outer Space," followed by "Creature from the Black Lagoon," "Tarantula," "Shrek" and "Monsters, Inc." in subsequent summers. Rana said there's no secret to selecting the movie to be shown. "We're trying to get fun family films," he said. For more information, call Carmel Community Activities & Recreation at 620-2020.

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Crashing waves and poets' voices

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

THREE OF our Monterey Bay educational institutions will be represented at the Friday, June 25, free poetry read-

ing at Point Lobos: **Diane Garcia** and **Sally Smith** from CSUMB; **Allston James**, MPC; **Maria Garcia Tabor**, Hartnell; and **Elliot Ruchowitz-Roberts**, professor emeritus in English of MPC. **Patrice Vecchione** and **Mark Friday** will also read.

The Tor House Foundation and California State Parks are sponsoring the reading which will take place outside Hudson House, where the crashing waves will accompany the poets' voices. If the weather is good, we can expect a spectacular sunset from the beach. If not, we can look forward to a mysterious, romantic shroud of mist. In any event, dress warmly.

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Preceding the reading, refreshments will be served at a reception at Hudson House, which is the home of Phil Jenkins, superintendent for California State Parks.

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LOCAL AUTHOR and artist **Belle Yang** is participating in **The Great American Road Trip Adventure**, which is taking place in 30 cities across the country over the summer to provide aspiring writers with information from established authors, helping them achieve goals, which may ultimately result in published work.



Belle Yang

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Road Trip is coming to Carmel at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 21, at the Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard. The event is free. For more information call 624-1803.

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CARMEL POET **Ric Masten** will be celebrating his 75th birthday with the annual Summer Solstice Poetry Festival (which began in 1986) at 7 p.m. Monday, June 21, at the Thunderbird Community Room, The Barnyard, Carmel. Poet **Elliot Ruchowitz-**

Roberts will read with Masten. The fee is \$8 at the door.

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CARMEL VALLEY glass artist **Joy Day**, who creates and specializes in astronomy-themed artwork, was selected to be featured in **Laura Woodmansee's** recently released book, "**Women of Space: Cool Careers on the Final Frontier.**" To learn more or to order a copy of the book, call Day at 659-4950. For a preview of Day's paintings in the book, log onto <http://sphericalmagic.com>.

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HIGH SCHOOL writers who live in Monterey County and aspire to a literary career are invited to enter a writing contest sponsored by the South Bay and Central Coast branches of the **California Writers Club**.

Contest information is available at www.centralcoastwriters.com. Entries must be postmarked before July 1.

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TEEN SINGER-songwriter **Lauren Shera** will perform a set of her original blend of folk-rock and poetry on guitar on the Monterey Public Library's second floor **Terrace Café**. Admission is free, but beverages and baked goods will be available for purchase.

The 45-minute performance begins at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 20. Seating is limited. Call 646-3949 for information.

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Abridged history gives full dose of brilliant theater

By DEBORAH SHARP

IN JOHN Rousseau's Director's Notes for the Circle Theatre's production of "The Complete History of America (Abridged)", he characterizes the play as a spoof "with just enough truth to keep the action moving." One could add, "just enough truth to instruct and carry a punch," which all good satire should. The play is witty and good fun, as long as

one doesn't get defensive about the state of the nation, past or present. Nothing is sacred, including Americans' less-than-precise way with language, the national anthem or the improbable bullet that killed JFK.

The stage is set as a classroom where the three actors, John Rousseau, Michael Jacobs, and Julie Hughett attempt to instruct the audience in American history. Highlights of that lesson include a little pep talk on witch hunting by the Rev. Farrell Orwell and General Washington's dismay when two feisty dwarfs answer his recruitment ad. The ad calls for Minute Men, doesn't it? Lewis and Clark are a vaudeville team, the Civil War is captured in a slide show, and three World War I soldiers in the trenches carry the story forward by several decades when they escape the Germans disguised as The Andrew Sisters. The entire cold war and U.S. involvement in international intrigue is presented after the intermission as a *film noir* starring Spade Diamond, a private detective who has connections with Lucy Ricardo. You get the drift.

The only segment that stretched the limits of taste too far was a takeoff on the Reagans. No matter what one's politics, after the images of last week, it jarred and could easily have been taken out of the script. Fortunately the play ends on a happy note, a playing of the entire chronicle of American history backwards until Columbus is seen sailing away from the New World and the riches of the Incas and Aztecs are returned to them.

The Rousseau-Jacobs-Hughett team handled the Reduced Shakespeare Company creation with their usual physical and verbal flair. Personalities are created through the many fast-

paced costume changes and prop manipulations, and the cast handles them all deftly, without losing control. The real humor of the play lies in its wit, not hysterical slapstick, and the actors never lose sight of that (except possibly in the final scenes of the Spade Diamond episode). Watching a finely-honed team like this is a reminder of the exceptional talent, whether Equity or not, that exists here.

"The Complete History of America (Abridged)" plays through July 1 at Pac Rep's Circle Theatre. Call 624-0100 for performance days and times, and give yourself an early 4th of July treat by celebrating American history with Julie, John and Michael.

'I Hate Hamlet' opens June 18

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The curtain rises on "I Hate Hamlet" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, at the Magic Circle Center, 8 El Caminito Road, Carmel Valley Village. The play runs through June 27. Contact 659-1108 for information.

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was repeated on opening night at the Post Street Theatre in San Francisco.

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Travis Poelle reprises his incredible portrayal of Buddy Holly with the same intensity that earned him standing ovations last year. And, in this production, he is surrounded by a cast that rises to his level. They play off each other's talent and energy, electrifying the stage in the musical numbers.

PacRep founder and "Buddy" director Stephen Moorer has effectively trimmed the script and restaged the show into an even tighter, more exciting experience. Vibrant new lighting by Mark Gilmore transforms the new, mobile sets by Jean-François Revon into explosions of color. Tandy Messenger, PacRep resident costumer, has found new ways to dress the enlarged cast and the sound by Thomas R. Craft allows all of the lyrics to be enjoyed.

Don Dally's musical direction is superb, enabling the actors to show off their talents. And, as Tommy, he showcases his own amazing musicality, then leads the expanded band in the Surf Ballroom Winter Dance Party scene, providing

the musical foundation for the performances that bring down the house. With Poelle, Dally and the backup band, there's enough flashy musicianship to fuel any rock 'n' roll concert.

Tom Donald (Hipockets Duncan), Scott Free (The Big Bopper) and Lyn Whiting (Vi Petty) have ratcheted up their Carmel performances several notches. They join Luke Darnell and David Schultz (as Crickets Jerry Allison and Joe B. Maudlin), Lucinda Serrano (Maria Elena) and Jesse Cadwell (Norman Petty). The Apollo Theater scene has been significantly improved with Kalene Parker, Daniel Simpson, Ty Blair and Aaron West. Matt Davis has a great comic turn as the Clear Lake emcee and adds an accordion to the band!

The second act keeps getting better and more exciting as Poelle and Dally roll out one timeless song after another: "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?" "Chantilly Lace," "Maybe Baby," "Peggy Sue Got Married," "It's so Easy" and "La Bamba" (with Davitt Felder as Ritchie Valens). No wonder the audience is on its feet.

The real Maria-Elena Holly was in the front row on opening night and she came on stage at the end to thank everyone for making Buddy's music live again. Congratulations to all of our local talent who are making it big in the City.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Edith M. Finnegan Trust, dated March 28, 2003, by EDITH M. FINNEGAN, Deceased.
Case No. MP-17175
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF EDITH M. FINNEGAN
Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Agujaito Road, Monterey,

California 93940, and mail a copy to Jacquie DePetris, as Trustee of the Trust dated 3/28/03, of which the decedent was the Settlor, at 470 Camino El Estero, Monterey, CA 93940, within the later of four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Probate Code § 9103. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

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(s) JO MARIE OMETER, Attorney for Jacquie DePetris, Trustee of the Edith M. Finnegan Trust dated 3/28/03

Publication dates: June 11, 18, 25, 2004. (PC604)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Dieter Pankow Revocable Trust, dated March 28, 2003, by DIETER PANKOW, Deceased.
Case No. MP-17174
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(s) JO MARIE OMETER, Attorney for Jacquie DePetris, Trustee of the Dieter Pankow Revocable Trust dated 3/28/03

Publication dates: June 11, 18, 25, 2004. (PC605)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Trust Estate of CAROLYN VOGEL Deceased.
Case No. MP-17166
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF CAROLYN VOGEL

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(s) DONALD G. FREEMAN Attorney at Law P.O. Box 805 Carmel, CA 93921

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Notice of Public Hearing

On June 21, 2004, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District will conduct a public hearing on the first reading version of Ordinance No. 117, titled "An Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Amending Rule 28-B Clarifying the Ministerial Review of Water Use Credit Transfer Applications, Setting Standard Conditions of Approval, and Setting Fees for Transfers and Review of New Technology." The proposed ordinance would enable documented non-residential water credits to be transferred from an existing use to an expanding non-residential use or to a jurisdiction, for use at its discretion. The ordinance clarifies that review of these water credit transfers constitutes a ministerial act. The public hearing will begin at 7 PM in the Monterey City Council Chambers, Pacific and Madison, Monterey, CA. Copies of the ordinance can be obtained free of charge by calling the District at 831-658-5611. The ordinance can also be viewed on the District's web site at www.mpwmd.dst.ca.us. Look under "What's New." Your comments on the ordinance are welcome. Submit written comments by 1 PM on June 21, 2004 to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, P.O. Box 85, Monterey, CA 93942. Oral comments will be received during the June 21, 2004 public hearing.

Publication dates: June 18, 2004. (PC 612)

CARMEL AREA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS ANNUAL MEETING

The Carmel Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its Annual Meeting and Dinner on Thursday, June 24, 2004 at Indian Village in Pebble Beach. Social gathering will begin at 5:00pm, and a brief business meeting will be held at 5:30pm at which time new Board of Directors members will be formally elected onto the board. A barbecue dinner catered by Grove Market will be served at 6:00pm, and the cost of dinner is \$20.00 per person. For more information or to RSVP attendance, call Donna Duvin at the Carmel Area Chapter of the American Red Cross: 624-6921.

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SCORES

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the year before, but the school was again ranked in the bottom half of similar middle schools in California, as it has been for five straight years. The API tests basic academic skills.

"We're still trying to figure out what's going on at the middle school," said Marvin Biasotti, superintendent of the Carmel Unified School District. "There's fine leadership and a fine teaching staff at the school, but the scores are not at a level we're satisfied with. And this year's scores at the high school really caught our attention."

The lagging performance at the middle and high schools is in sharp contrast to the district's elementary schools, state figures show. River School again ranked in the top 10 percent statewide and in the top 10 percent of similar schools; Tularcitos was in the top 10 percent compared with all schools and in the top 30 percent compared with similar schools.

Behan outlined a series of steps he said would help raise API scores at the middle and high schools, including fine-tuning the curriculum to match state testing standards, an increase in remedial programs to raise scores among the lowest-performing students, and frequent practice tests to monitor how well preparations are going for the statewide exams, administered every April.

A new curriculum specialist has been hired and will start implementing those steps in August.

"She'll have oversight over the entire district's curriculum, but her emphasis will be at the secondary level," Biasotti said.

"We're going to focus on state standards with razor sharpness," Behan said. In particular, the eleventh grade will lose its options for English courses next year.

"Instead, we'll be offering a single class focused on the skills the state tests for, with less of a mix," he said.

But Biasotti said caution was also in order. "We don't want to narrow our curriculum to the extent the richness of the educational experience at Carmel schools is sacrificed," he said.

Other factors

Besides curriculum changes, Behan suggested simple administrative changes might

improve the middle school's low ranking among similar schools. In fact, the state might have placed Carmel Middle in the wrong group, he suggested.

"At the elementary level, 12 percent of the kids qualify for reduced-price meals, whereas at the middle school only 6 percent do," he said. "There are factors that make them not want to participate."

Because lower-income students usually do worse on tests, it's important that "we get accurate information" about students' income levels in the CUSD, Behan said, to ensure local schools aren't being compared with richer schools in places like Atherton and Beverly Hills.

Biasotti offered another theory why the high school compares poorly with the majority of similar public high schools in California.

"Our level of competition with private schools is higher than in most communities," he said. "We have York, Santa Catalina and Robert Louis Stevenson schools nearby, and they all draw top students. Most high schools don't face that."

Tests conflict

Several parents complained to the school board Monday that, for high school juniors, the API tests conflict with SAT and Advanced Placement tests they need to get into college.

"My daughter was in 11th grade at Carmel High this year, and part of the time she was overwhelmed," said Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum. "She took three Advanced Placement tests, and they were the same week as the state test."

"You can just tell your kid to suck it up if it's going to cost them points on an Advanced Placement test," said school board member Howard Given.

"Quite a few of the parents opt out their students from the state test, which is their right to do," said Behan. "The state test matters to the school and it matters to the community, but it doesn't matter to the student."

More than 30 students at Carmel High didn't take the state test this year, according to principal Karl Pallastrini, "and they had very high grade-point averages, which has an effect on our ranking."

"The lowest-achieving students are all taking the state test," Behan observed. "But many students with a 3.0 GPA or higher aren't."

'Scripted curriculum'

Despite the unanimous concern over the API results, school board member Amy Funt warned against putting too much emphasis on the results of a single test. "The API score is one number in a constellation of numbers that follow a student through school, and we should not become hostage to that one statistic," Funt said. "When parents have students in our schools, their experience is very positive and to me that says much more than an API statistic."

"The more you raise your API score, the more adherence you're paying to a scripted curriculum," Pallastrini said. "And that can leave very little room for any kind of teaching that is the teacher's passion or is engaging for students."

"Testing is one measure of the quality of schools, but it's not the only factor or even the most important factor," said Rabbi Greenbaum, who has sent three children through Carmel public schools. "We have to look at what our kids are achieving as they graduate. Do they get into the college they want? How successful are they when they finish high school? Generally, we're doing very well in that regard."

And sacrificing unique programs to concentrate on preparing for standardized tests wouldn't help students, Greenbaum argued. "They'd be harmed tremendously if they took away the habitat program at the middle school, for example."

"There has to be a balance," said Given. "We don't want to turn our students into

robots."

Even board critic Richard Kreitman didn't advocate drastic changes. "The API scores do represent how our children are doing on the core curriculum, but we certainly don't want to become a Stepford District and have the children just taught to take the test."

"I think it's important to remember, whatever issues parents have had with Carmel High over the past few years haven't been academic issues," Pallastrini said. "They've been attendance issues, dress code issues and things like that."

Carmel High offers more Advanced Placement courses than almost any other school in Monterey County, he said, and by many measures is a school of which the community can be proud.

"If you look at Advanced Placement scores, SAT courses and college acceptance levels, we do extremely well," Pallastrini said. This year, Carmel High seniors were admitted to Stanford, UCLA, Berkeley, USC, Boston College and the University of St. Andrews, among many other colleges, he said.

Biasotti said parents seemed to agree. "We did a parent satisfaction survey this year. The results ranged from a low of 80 percent to a high of 95 percent who said they were either 'satisfied' or 'extremely satisfied,'" he said. "We definitely need to improve our test scores, but we also need to maintain the high-quality programs that our community, parents and students value."



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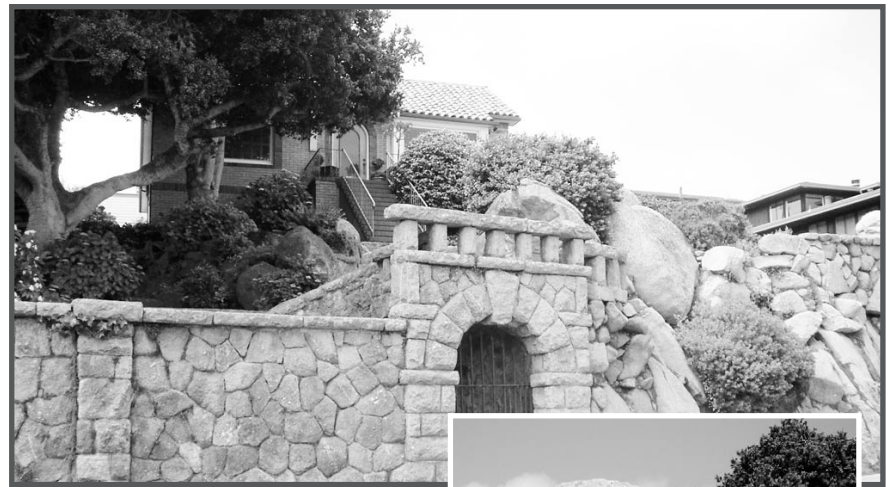
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FIRE SCHOOL

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tools for investigating and recognizing various signs of arson, though Beacham declined to share any secrets that could end up in the wrong hands.

After burning operations ended each night, students returned to a base camp set up identically to those used during true wildfires, including a mobile kitchen unit, sleeping quarters, onsite medics and other supplies and support.

All weekend, they used the incident command system practiced in most fire departments throughout the United States, in which a single incident commander — in this case, Salinas Rural Fire Chief Steven Negro — oversees the firefighting effort, and his command staff includes a public information officer, a liaison and a safety officer.

"Then below that are the rest of the troops: the operations section, the planning section, the logistical section and the finance and administration section," explained Carmel Fire Battalion Chief John Trenner, who oversees logistics for the school. "Operations makes things happen on the fire, logistics gets the support, planning organizes it, and finance and administration makes sure the bills are paid and we're not going nuts spending too much money."

Using the nationally recognized ICS helps students know what to do when they see it in place on a large scale, according to Trenner.

One of a kind

The first Wildland Fire School was held on Fort Ord in 1979 and involved only a handful of Monterey County agencies, including Carmel Fire Department. When the base closed, Fort Hunter Liggett became the site, and the training has since grown to include hundreds of firefighters from agencies all over the western United States.

"It's the only one of its kind," Trenner said.

As the man in charge of logistics, Trenner oversaw every essential aspect of running the four-day school, from setup to cleanup. He said he's held the job for years, "because no one else wants it."

In preparation for the June 10-13 training, he calculated how much food would be needed for the 1,200 meals to be prepared by 22 inmates from the Gabilan Conservation Camp at Soledad prison.

He coordinated with the Army, contacted the public agencies and private vendors who donated or discounted their goods and services, set up the onsite medic to care for injured firefighters, ensured the fuel tankers arrived with the 10,000 gallons needed to keep 60 fire engines running all weekend, and acquired 100 radios from the communications section of the state office of emergency services. He was the go-to guy whenever anyone needed anything, whether it be batteries or garbage bags.

"We have to support an army," he said.

But no amount of planning can compensate for the unpredictability of nature. Two years ago, the school was canceled due to late-season rains, and last year it was canceled after an early fire season took the school's resources elsewhere.

"This year, one of the kitchen support vendors got hired to go to the levee break [in the delta], and without that, we can't feed people," Trenner said. Just days before the June 10 start date, it appeared the school would have to be canceled again, but a company called Tom's Fire Equipment stepped in and provided the mobile kitchen.

While all involved were glad the school came off without a hitch, Carmel Fire Administrative Coordinator Leslie Fenton was particularly relieved, since she became head of finance and administration in 2002.

"I was afraid it was going to be, 'Three strikes and you're out!'" she said later.

As administrator, Fenton mailed registra-

tion packets to all the agencies in April and then gathered the responses in order to give a head count to Trenner. She also made sure the 60-engine capacity wasn't exceeded and ensured participants' fees — \$40 per person per day for in-county agencies and \$70 per person per day for those outside the county — were paid.

DESAL

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"What about us?" said Bill Phillips, assistant general manager of the MCWRA.

Together with consultant Larry Gallery — whose firm is designing the project, estimating its costs, conducting environmental studies and assisting in obtaining permits — Leonard and Phillips described the plant and its time line.

How big?

Located near Duke Energy's power station, the desalination plant currently proposed would produce 20,272 acre-feet of treated water — most of which would go to the Peninsula through more than 24 miles of pipeline.

In addition to making up for the Carmel River overdraft, the plant would provide 1,000 acre-feet of water per year to restore the over-pumped Seaside Basin and 8,542 acre-feet annually to accommodate projected demand throughout coastal Monterey County. Of that, 3,572 acre-feet would supply the six cities and the parts of the county included in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

According to Phillips, the MPWMD's water-use figures are based on the 20-year general plans, though the district is awaiting updated figures from its jurisdictions.

The numbers will be scrutinized and could change throughout the review process, Phillips said, "but it means we need to have a sustainable water supply for a very long time."

Nine months into the studies for the new plant, Cal-Am and the county plan to bring a 60,000-gallon-per-day pilot plant online in order to verify the quality of water a larger operation could produce and help determine the costs and effectiveness of their design. Trailer-mounted and mobile, the pilot plant would run for a year.

"If all goes well and we get a pilot plant up and running, we would supply the water to Duke," Leonard said later in the town hall meeting in response to a question of whether the pilot plant's water could be used by the public. "We will find a productive use for it. We don't want to be testing it on humans, but it's OK to put it in a machine."

With the initial environmental review submitted to the PUC and the preliminary design work finished by mid-spring 2005, and the pilot plant operations and final environmental review ending the following winter, Gallery estimated the project could have

Although Fenton had no estimate of the costs, since some bills are still out and Monterey Peninsula College is set to pay the school \$1 per hour for each of its students who participated, the estimated budget for the 2003 school was \$64,185, according to the MCFTOA.

all of its permits from local, state and federal agencies in hand by late 2006.

Who will pay?

Beyond providing the general information, the county and Cal-Am could not give specific answers to questions from the audience concerning cost, who would participate and which agency would ultimately own the plant.

When it was first conceived as a method of making up the Carmel River overdraft, Cal-Am customers within the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District were expected to foot the bill.

Now that the plant's scope has expanded to include several other communities, they will also pay.

"The users, whoever they are and in whatever magnitude, will be expected to bear their share of the total costs," Phillips said. "If they want to be served, then they will need to buy in."

Even the agency pushing a competing desal project — the Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Water District — could join in rather than build its own plant next door at the old National Refractories site.

As part of a portfolio of water projects and conservation efforts that would provide "the most sustainable solution with the least vulnerability for the whole county in the long term," Phillips anticipates the desal plant will ultimately be owned by the people it serves.

"The county wishes it and intends it to be a public project," he said, adding that the common route — design, build, operate and transfer — could be employed with Cal-Am.

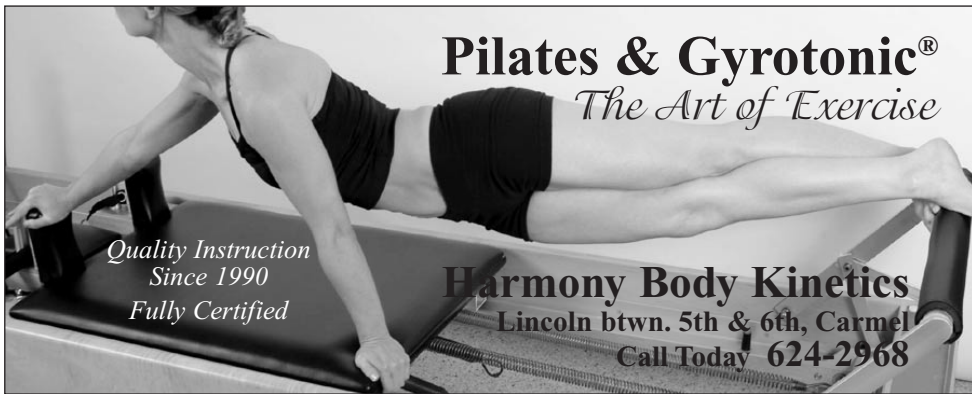
"The California Coastal Commission has been fairly adamant that any coastal desalination facility be of a public nature," said Lou Calcagno, Monterey County supervisor for the Moss Landing area.

But Leonard declined to commit to this track.

"It's our aim to develop a water supply within the regulatory limits of a water utility. We have a good relationship with the county and intend to move forward from that position of strength," he said. "There are many ways to build a public-private partnership, and we're just beginning to scratch the surface. We don't know what form that will take."

But all agreed the June 15 town hall meeting was just one of many to be held during the lengthy design, environmental review and permitting of the plant.

"There are a number of bites at the apple in the public review process," Phillips said.



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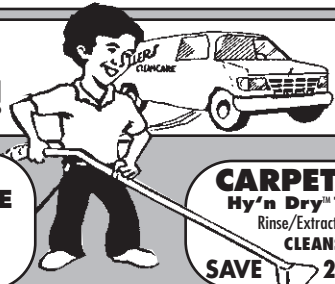
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THE COLORFUL gardens of The Barnyard Shopping Village will be the scene of the 15th annual Art & Wine Festival from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 19. Tickets, sold only on site, are \$25 per person and include tastings of food from Barnyard restaurants, wines from 15 local vintners, and music by the Dennis Murphy Trio. Local artists will work at their easels in the garden. A silent auction to benefit the Carmel Chamber of Commerce will be held. The Barnyard is located off Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road on Carmel Rancho Lane and is composed of 50 shops and international restaurants in a Carmel cottage-style garden.

HEIST

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pen, 845th of 1,000 made; a Pelikan Blue Ocean fountain pen, 4,497th of 5,000 made; a Pelikan White Tiger fountain pen, 563rd of 888 made; a Pelikan Green Demonstrator, 2,714th of 3,000 made; a Stipula Nettuno 1911 fountain pen with matching pencil, 122nd of 911 made; a St. Dupont Andy Warhol Marilyn Monroe ballpoint, 325th of 1,964 made, and a Namiki Butterfly.

Melton is following several leads and asked anyone with any information or who might have seen one of these pens since the June 12 burglary to call Carmel Police Department at (831) 624-6403. The \$1,000 reward will be given to whomever provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of the culprit or culprits.

ELECTIONS

From page 1A

which begins July 1, the budget was supposed to be reduced about 40 percent — a goal that won't be met with the two positions being saved. But Anchundo thinks he can save some additional money another way.

"With all the cutbacks other departments are making, I knew I couldn't ask to keep positions without offering something in return," he said. Starting this fall, the familiar punch-card machines that have been used in the county for more than 20 years will be retired. Instead, paper ballots marked with a pen or pencil and read by optical scanning equipment will be used.

"I hope the savings will be enough that maybe I'll be able to go back to the board after November and ask them to restore the positions permanently," Anchundo told The Pine Cone. But he also said, after 11 years as Monterey County's registrar, he might not stick around himself.

"Maybe this election will be the last ding in my armor. I may ride off into the sunset," he said.

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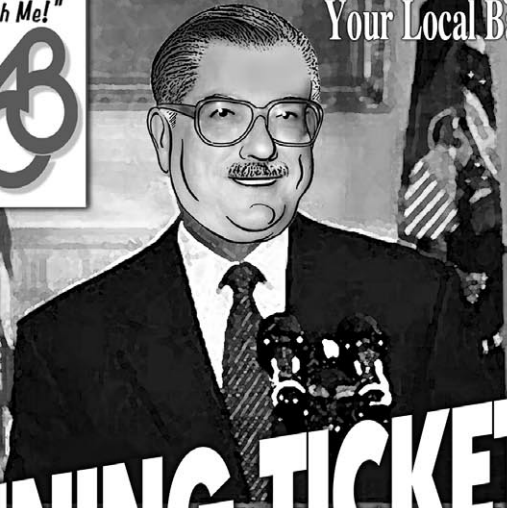
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Editorial

How the misinformed public gets that way

DESPITE VIGOROUS job growth in the last six months, most Americans don't give President Bush any credit for the improving employment picture, according to a story from the Associated Press that was printed in the Monterey County Herald last week.

So misinformed are the voters, the story said, that most of them think the economy has actually lost jobs since the first of the year, whereas, in fact, 1.2 million new jobs have been created.

Why does the public have the wrong idea about the economy? The AP reporter, Ron Fournier, offered a variety of explanations but carefully omitted the most obvious one: The public is in the dark because the news media turned out the lights

For most of last year, there was a begrudging acceptance by the big city papers and the network newscasts that the economy was recovering from the recession that began in late 2000. But the tidbits of good news in the New York Times and on CBS, NBC and ABC were almost always accompanied by the grim mantra that it was a "jobless recovery." Only when faced with overwhelming evidence that this was not true did the news media stop their pessimistic drumbeat. But having had the "jobless recovery" drilled into their heads, it is little wonder that most people have trouble getting it out. Fournier apparently lacked the courage to admit the news media's role in this. But he isn't the only reporter who flinches when it's time to point a finger at his own industry.

A column in this Sunday's New York Times, for example, reported the "surprising" news that the French establishment had reacted with outrage to a single gay wedding in the city of Bègles. The mayor of the town will probably be prosecuted for permitting the marriage to happen, according to Times correspondent Christopher Caldwell, who also made this observation:

"Gay marriage may be sweeping the Western world, but in France it has brought out a conservative impulse that will surprise those used to thinking of France as a progressive counterweight to a reactionary America."

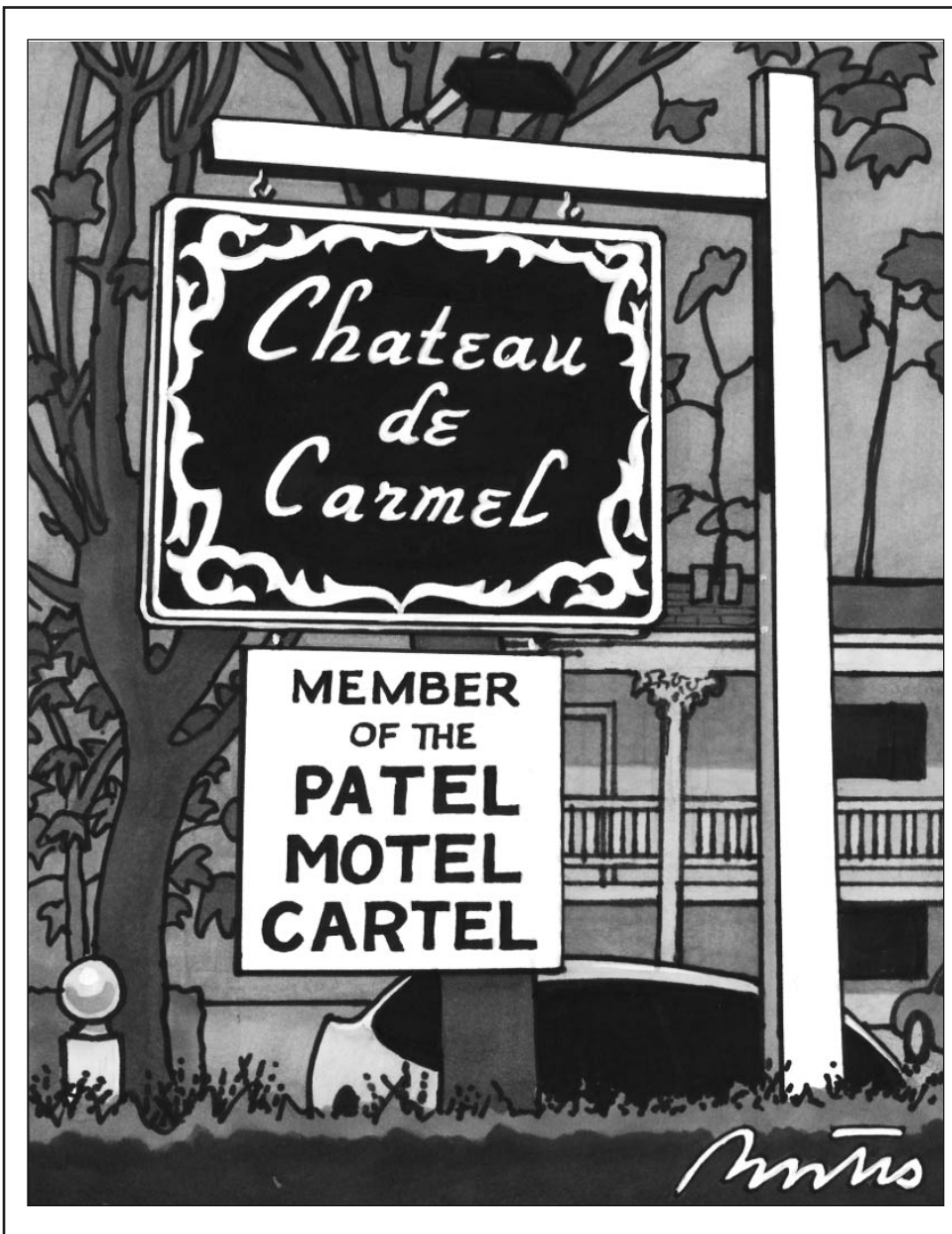
But why would informed people think France — where abortions are illegal after the 12th week of pregnancy, where students are forbidden to wear crucifixes, yarmulkes or headscarves to class, and where the blatantly racist Jean-Marie Le Pen was nearly elected President two years ago — is "progressive" compared to the United States? Only because the attitudes of many Americans are controlled by the major news media, which often don't tell the truth.

Thus, we have been preached the gospel that the Bush tax cuts mainly benefited the rich, only to be told months later that, because of the alternative minimum tax, high wage earners in states such as California and New York hardly received tax cuts at all.

Other newsworthy facts in recent major newspapers: "Most Americans are surprised to learn that not all Native Americans were environmentalists" and "Many people assume that if something is natural, it must be good for you." The beliefs revealed as untrue by these stories could only be held by people who had been thoroughly indoctrinated by earlier stories to believe in a Looking Glass world.

First they tell you something over and over again that is ridiculously untrue. Then they report the "surprising" news that you believe it.

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).

Fee hike is 'exorbitant'

Dear Editor:

The subject of this letter is the increase in the city's daily house watch fee. My wife and I have owned a home in Carmel for more than 24 years. Because we are part-time residents, we have used the Carmel Police Department House Watch Service from its inception. We are deeply shocked at the arbitrary and discriminatory action taken by the city council in its effort to balance the city budget.

Even though the house is serviced by an alarm system, we use the Carmel Police Department House Watch Service for about

two-thirds of the year (approximately 245 days). Our annual use fee will increase from about \$980 to more than \$4,650 per year. That almost approaches the Monterey County property taxes we pay annually!

We say discriminatory since most of the other fee increases are on one-time-only or occasional occurrences, while this is a daily fee that applies mostly to part-time residents and is on a continuing basis.

While it is true that over the years there have been only minimal increases, we feel that an increase from \$4 to \$19 a day is exorbitant and arbitrary. Raise the daily house watch fee if you must, but keep the increases in line with other fees that are on a continuing daily basis.

Jack and Ellie Matranga, Carmel

'A necessary antidote to the dissonance of modern life'

Dear Editor,

The protection of historic buildings as cultural resources can affect economic issues in positive ways. Imagine Flanders Mansion restored and housing a definitive fine arts collection from Carmel's finest artists, enriching our lives and generating income as an historic tourist destination.

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Beach. Richard Todd of Preservation Magazine speaks of protecting our cultural landscape by integrating the building, views and parkland as a complete asset. Flanders and its environs represent "access to another time, a necessary antidote to the dissonance of modern life." Flanders Mansion is on the National Register of Historic Places for good reason. Now if the Carmel City Council had enough vision to know why.

Suzanne Arnold, Carmel

'We still have to plan for tomorrow'

Dear Editor,

General Plan Update 3, which was envisioned as the "world-class" ship of general plans on which Monterey County's future would set sail, was abandoned by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors by a 4-0 vote before GPU3's unworkable policies could be launched.

Shortly before the vote, County Counsel Charles McKee thanked County Planning Director Scott Hennessy for "helping me rearrange the deck chairs on the Titanic and not leaving me on my own."

How appropriate, considering the icebergs GPU3 attracted from all interested parties — both environmental activists and representatives of the community, including business people, labor organizations and affordable housing advocates.

After more than four years of meetings, hearings, refinement groups, boot camps and approximately \$5 million spent, the supervisors recognized the plan touched everyone and no one wanted to touch it. Rather than adopt a plan that would collapse like the \$900 million terminal at Charles de Gaulle International Airport, the supervisors effectively said to County Counsel Charles McKee, "Go ahead, make our day."

With apologies to Clint Eastwood, one also has to ask, "Do you feel lucky?"

Yes, everyone should feel lucky the bickering will stop in the context of GPU3 and, perhaps, meaningful and collaborative dis-

cussion will come out of incorporating some of the bulwark of GPU3 in GPU4 during the next 16 to 18 months.

Did GPU3 take too long? Certainly. Did it cost too much? Definitely. But one must consider the greater legal costs of defending an unworkable plan, the goals that would be unachievable with the plan, and the disincentives that would make it impossible for people to invest, live and work in Monterey County.

Property owners want to protect their property values and rights to use their property. Under the guise of preserving agricultural land, GPU3 would have taken away the rights of property owners by imposing a 40-acre minimum on rural subdivisions.

That's the agricultural property owners' point of view. But what about the worker who actually uses the hoe or makes the beds in the county's 12,500 hotel rooms? The GPU3 effectively slammed the door on the workers' "American Dream" of owning a home, building equity in that home and some day being able to help their families buy homes and, perhaps, own their own farms or businesses.

The county's ability to turn its own finances around rests on a sustainable economy that allows investment, preservation of lifestyle and environment — and, most of all, provides for the safety of all.

That can't happen tomorrow if we don't go ahead and make a plan for all of those who were lucky enough to migrate here and invest in this county yesterday or those who hope to settle here 20 years from now.

That's why a broad-based group of community leaders pushed for GPU4 — so that we would all feel lucky to breathe the air of the scenic Big Sur Coast and pour the dressing over that crisp bagged salad produced in Monterey County.

Ron Chesshire, Monterey

(Ron Chesshire is president of the Monterey County Building and Trades Council and business agent of the Carpenters Union Local 605.)

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Sandy Claws by Margot Petit Nichols

LLULING FERGUSSON, almost 3, is known to her intimates as Lulu, although the Chinese name is more appropriate: Her Mom and Dad were brought over to the United States from China by a U.S. Naval Lieutenant and she was one of five little Pekingese born of the union.

Thoroughly American Lulu watches television with Mom Charlotte in their Pebble Beach home, and whenever a dog appears on the screen, Lulu runs over to the TV and sits up, just as she's doing in this photo. She doesn't bark or

carry on, just sits up and looks pleased.

We encountered Lulu and her mom on the Scenic Road walking path as they were preparing to return to P.B. Lulu particularly likes to come to Carmel Beach because she sees so many dogs (much better than television, she feels) and has many friends among the regular beach goers.

Lulu has two meals a day at home, and loves everything that is placed before her, be it baby food or regular dog food. She also plays with her many toys, chasing them and tossing them in

the air and in general, animating them – especially that long, white snakey toy with four legs that almost defies description and certainly defies naming.

Our readers can't see Lulu's tail in this photo, but it's really a lulu, curling up over her back and feathering out in the most luxurious display of beige and cream colored fur imaginable.



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

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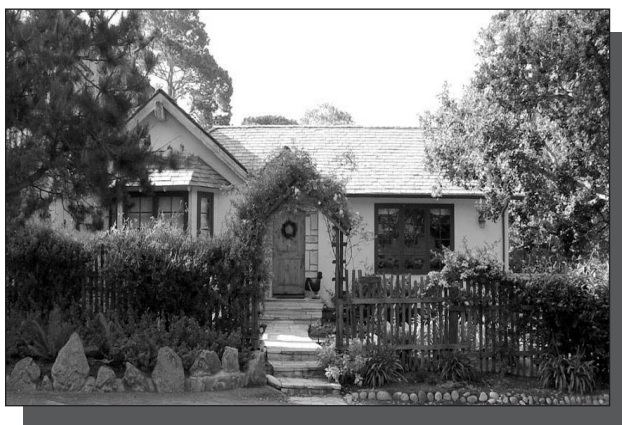
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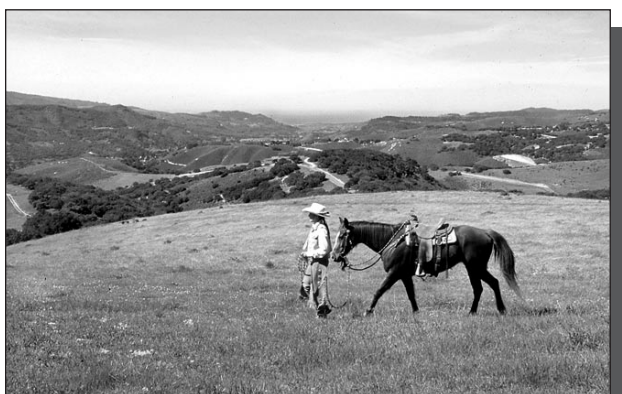
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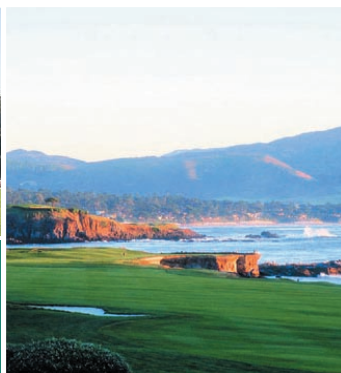
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CARMEL VALLEY

Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 3.5
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Master gardener Stuart Walzer cultivates a broad spectrum of plants in his Carmel garden. Paula Walzer employs these blossoms in her art (left).

Story and photos by ANNE PAPINEAU

SHRUBS BLOOM, wither and bloom anew in the Carmel garden cultivated by Stuart Walzer during this, his present incarnation as a certified master gardener.

In the adjoining studio of Paula, Mrs. Walzer, blooms blossom and fern fronds flourish on handmade paper — immortalized under her creative ministrations.

Their art, their lives — each complements the other. Ever meet a couple who just seemed so comfortable together they put others at ease? Such are Stuart and Paula Walzer. Husband and wife are a creatively involved, achieving, ever-learning twosome. Compliments flow naturally between them.

“He often inspires me to do things,” said Paula.

“My retirement has been the happiest years of my life,” said Stuart.

Theirs is a tale remarkable not merely for its longevity (married 53 years this December, Stuart will turn 80 next month; Paula is 77), but for their high-achieving tendencies.

Pick up a copy of “The Girl Watchers Club — Lessons from the Battlefields of Life,” and there is Stuart Walzer’s curriculum vitae. Harry Stein’s book, published last year, tells of this group of Monterey Peninsula World War II veterans who “have gotten together every week to shoot the breeze, solving the world’s problems and their own.”

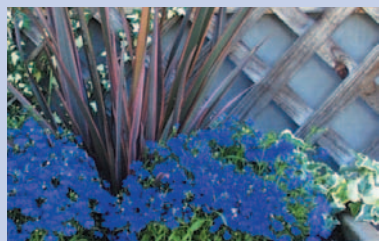
There’s Stuart, who fought in the Battle of the Bulge but flunked out of the University of Wisconsin before the war. After fighting, he graduated from UCLA and Harvard Law. He’s also the “new boy” among the assembled Girl Watchers: an import from, ahem, Los Angeles.

This long-married father of four sons maintained a successful practice in a field pitted with bloodless battles of epic scale: the divorce courts of SoCal. The “L.A. Law Journal” dubbed Walzer the town’s “dean of divorce.”

As a member of California’s Commission for the Family, he helped redraft state divorce law, eliminating fault in the early ’70s. His work influenced divorce laws around the country.

How far away that must seem from his Carmel garden, teeming with succulents and South African protea, rose branches reaching high into the established trees.

Paula Walzer displays artwork of her own design in the family dining room (above).





The Walzers' Carmel home came with a back yard coated with concrete, cracking and dyed red. The concrete was jackhammered and stacked into walls where Stuart cultivates succulents. Paula's studio on site utilizes the fruits of his labors.



"Gardening has been a great source of emotional release for me. It helped me to sort of wind down from the very intense kind of law I practiced. I've always been interested in gardening, but not to the extent I took it up here. I love the idea of growing things," Stuart said.

The artist in the family

Paula is no less busy. An artist who studied in her native England as well as Switzerland and, in Los Angeles, at Otis/Parsons and UCLA, she employs new technology to capture the beauty of Stuart's leaves and flowers. Paula crafts paper by hand, and then computer scans and prints her husband's flowers onto this medium.

"I make paper using corn husks, grass and leaves and incorporate images of plants," she said. She often harvests these materials right outside her studio door.

"It is a tactile craft very much in tune with today's interest in the environment and in natural and organic materials," she explained.

Stuart inspired this new direction in his wife's art by clipping an article from The New York Times. She'd recently had knee surgery, and couldn't pursue her usual printmaking, a physically demanding process.

"An artist who teaches in New York had a friend on the faculty who was a specialist in collecting insects," Paula said of the Times story. "They went out and collected moths, and the school had just been given a \$65,000 scanner. So he scanned them and reprinted the moths on large sheets of paper."

Surrounded by the fruits of Stuart's gardening efforts, why not attempt the same process using flora?

"The computer came with a bundle of software, and I taught myself how to use it. For me, the computer is just a tool."

Paula's completed images are delicate, shimmering, exquisite.

By no means has she abandoned her paper and printmaking. In fact, Paula teaches papermaking workshops, typically to no more than a handful of students at a time.

"Most people don't understand what making paper consists of," she explained. "All is made the same way — it's what you make it from that changes. The paper I make, like Japanese paper, has long fibers and is very strong."

Paula grew up in the industrial area of Manchester, England, which was bombed extensively in 1940. Like her husband, World War II became a crucible for her adult life.

"My parents sent us away, my brother and me, to a boarding school in a part of the country that was away from the bombing. While I was there, I thought I would be a scientist. My art teacher persuaded me to go into art," Paula recalled.

She completed a four-year course at the Municipal College of Art in Manchester, studied further in Switzerland and then launched a small manufacturing firm making women's rainwear in England.

"I was actually trained as a book illustrator and designer of layouts for advertisements. When I graduated from school in Switzerland, they weren't publishing books in England, for paper was rationed, even after the war.

"What was going on in England, there was a big drive for exports. Britain was poor and producing items to sell to other countries. I developed a line of fashion rainwear in bright colors. I used the name Paul Blanche, because nobody thought a woman's name would sell. I came to the States to get ideas for fabrics, because the U.S. was really into synthetics and bright colors."

Enter Stuart Walzer.

"She was getting ideas for her designs and happened to come through L.A.," said Stuart. "We had some remote family connections. Friends of my family knew friends of her family. My mother wrote me a letter that this very nice, red-headed Englishwoman was coming, and she was very literary. We met and we were engaged four days later."

Stuart described himself as "just out of law school and looking for a wife." "My firm was successful and I left the whole thing to be with my husband," Paula added. "Shortly after our first son was born, I started going back and taking classes at UCLA to keep my hand in with drawing. I was always interested in printmaking and went into printmaking with Harriet Germain. I got my own press. Printmakers are interested in paper. If you're doing etching you must work on 100 percent rag paper that will hold up under pressure while keeping wet. I had to know about paper to do my different prints."

The Walzer's home showcases Paula's different types of prints: etchings, woodblocks and monotypes.



Now retired, Stuart Walzer (above) was recognized in the L.A. Law Journal as that city's "dean of divorce." English-born Paula has pursued art professionally since before their marriage nearly 53 years ago.



An accomplished printmaker, Paula has recently tried scanning leaves with her computer and recording the results on handmade paper.

"I'm not very disciplined," she added. "When I start working, I work like crazy. But getting up the momentum is tough. It's hard work. Printmaking is also kind of messy. Stuart wanted me to print something on my new paper. I must have a clean area and a dirty area. I'm organized, though you wouldn't think it from looking at my studio."

Periodically Paula will send out announcements for a workshop or open studio. During open studio, she shows and sells her creations. When Stuart's garden was part of the Monterey Bay Master Gardeners Tour, visitors were treated to glimpses of Paula's studio and work.

She is a docent for the Monterey Museum of Art, which has twice featured her work in juried shows, and a member of Artists' Equity.

Peninsula long their getaway

The Walzers purchased their Carmel home nine years ago, but the Monterey Peninsula was long their getaway place from L.A. stresses.

"There's tremendous contrast between living in L.A. and living up here," Stuart observed. "Here you can really breathe, and we felt living here would be something wonderful."

Even before living here full-time, the Walzers used the Peninsula as a holiday retreat for the family. Thanksgiving would bring the clan together. The Walzers have four sons: Peter, a lawyer in L.A.; David a landscaper in Santa Cruz; Andrew, a college professor in L.A. and Lloyd, a fifth grade teacher in Oceano. They are also blessed with a grandson and four granddaughters.

"I retired technically in 1994 when we moved up here, but I had some cases pending in L.A. and took an office up here where I could finish up my cases," Stuart said.

The Walzers have long been involved in "literary and musical things." They lead the Monterey Public Library's Literary Circle, in which participants are urged to read a book and then join in "lively, congenial discussion. Admission is free and newcomers are always welcome." To join in, call 646-3949.

Stuart has served on the boards of the Carmel Music Society, Chamber Music Monterey and the Mozart Society, as well as the Monterey Peninsula College Foundation. He volunteers for Legal Services for Seniors.

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WALZERS

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And on most days, he can be found in his garden, repairing deer damage and refining the plant palette.

Finding the hours he spends in the garden "restorative," he decided to go the whole route and studied to become a master gardener. Earning the designation required attendance at classes every Saturday for four months, completing the curriculum and passing an exam. The studious Stuart passed, although "some of it was pretty technical." Now he not only has a green thumb, but knows most of his plant progeny by their Latin names.

"The garden was originally a mess, overgrown with coyote bush and scotch broom," he recalled.

Crack-filled patio

The entire back yard was surfaced with a concrete patio, dyed red, and "full of cracks." No one's definition of Eden, to be sure.

Stuart conferred with his architect, Terry Wilson, who suggested the concrete be jackhammered and stacked into walls.

"Mark and Elaine Schlegel, our landscapers, built most of the walls."

Irregular but sturdy, the walls work. With time, Stuart softened the walls using a variety of plants.

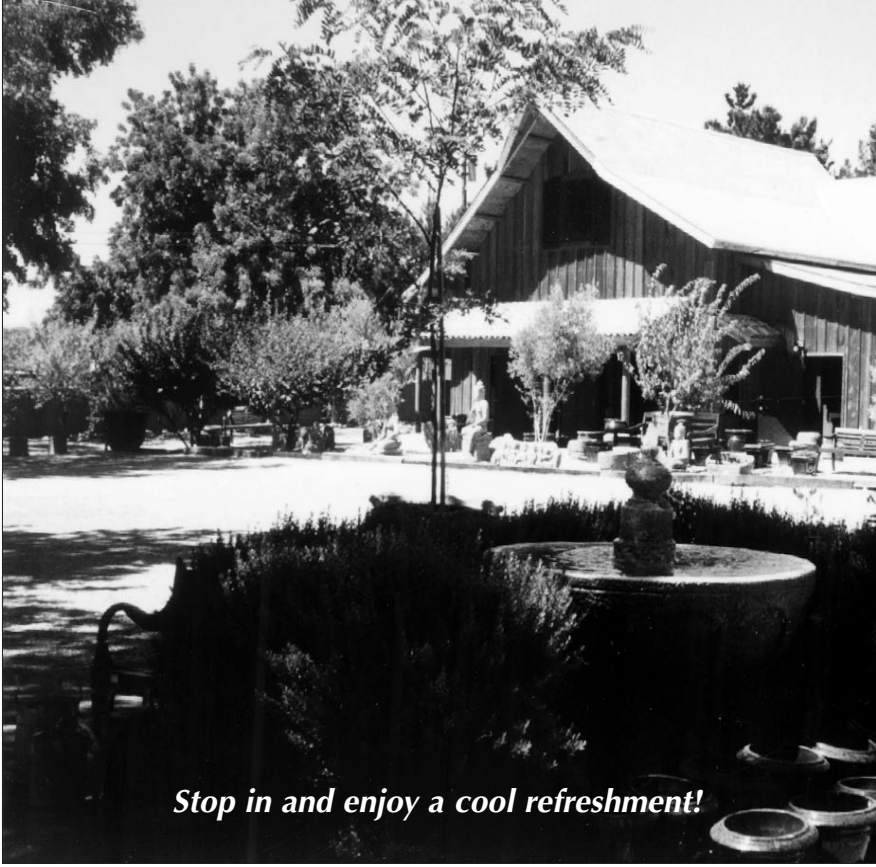
"I'm a plant collector," he said. "I'm out to prove you can grow almost anything in Monterey County. We don't get too many chilling hours, and a lot of plants, like lilacs, want chilling hours. I grow lilacs without that; they've acclimated over the years. A variety I just put in, the Descanso Gardens Lilac, is purple and white."

Through "a rather diverse route," he encountered landscaper Cleo

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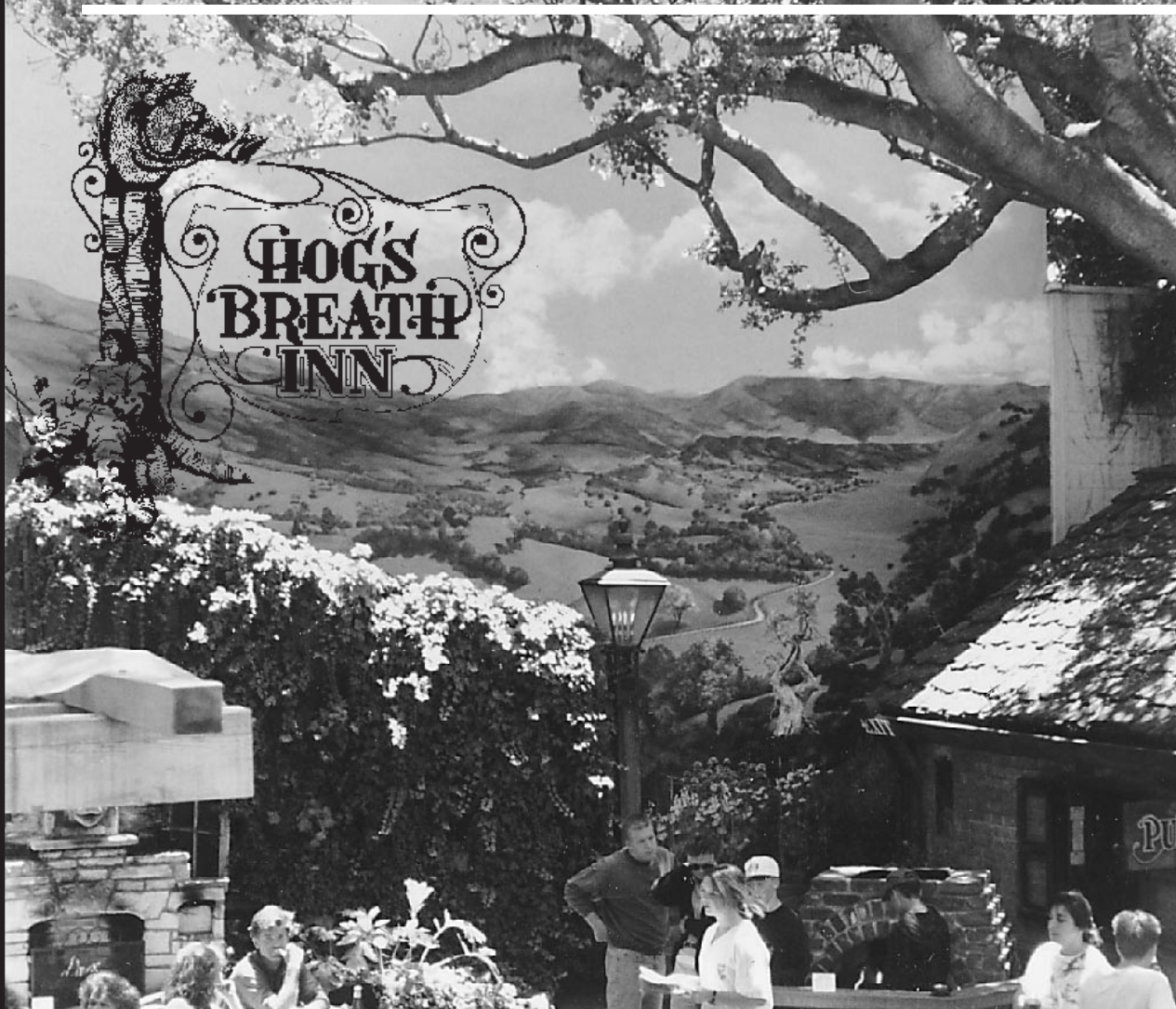
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Paula's sunny Carmel studio is cluttered yet organized. She often leads workshops in papermaking here.



"Soil is everything" asserts Master Gardener Stuart. This echium in his front yard "Mediterranean garden" has reached epic heights.

GARDEN

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Pirtle, who did some design work for him before she moved away. He's also been inspired by Corralitos rosarian Bill Grant and Clair Dungan, "who has a magnificent garden in the valley."

Stuart employs "no spray at all," is a firm believer in the power of worm castings and has come to the conclusion, "soil is everything. While you can grow things in the existing soil, it makes all the difference when you bring in loads of really good topsoil."

Gophers and deer are "a plague."

"There are several neighborhood cats, but I've never seen one with a gopher in its mouth."

Stuart found one method to "conquer deer" is to "buy climbing roses almost exclusively and train them up the trees. Above about five feet the deer can't reach them. Roses are deer candy. There are very savvy deer that get on their hind legs beside a tree. They have been photographed secretly by secret agents, standing up quite high eating on a trellis."

The master gardener changes plantings with some frequency to "keep my interest up."

But he grows no vegetables, preferring to shop for seasonal comestibles at local farmers' markets.

"That's another thing that attracted me to this area," he said.

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Fortunately, Paula is, in her husband's words, "a wonderful cook. She's very, very efficient. She can whip up a meal in half an hour that would stun you. This is the best restaurant in town, Chez Nous, Our House."

"I like to cook, to collect recipes," Paula said. "I try to plan our meals so they're healthy. I have a color theory of food. We were once in Lyon, France, on a road trip. We had a dinner by Paul Bocuse, the famous chef, and everything was white: cream soup, fish soufflé, chicken in

cream sauce. The dessert was creamy. I complained the next day about that meal.

"My philosophy is contrast, whether it's food or a house. Pair the simple with something very lovely. But if all the furniture is carved and ornate, you don't notice it anymore."

Paula, the professional artist in the family, consulted

with the architect to make the color of their home "match the tree trunks. I wanted the house to kind of go away." She sought a home that served as a background to their respective creations and a harmonious life. The result may be judged a success.

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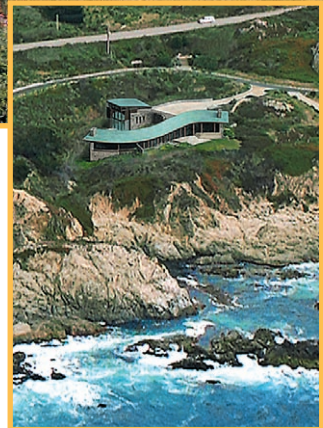


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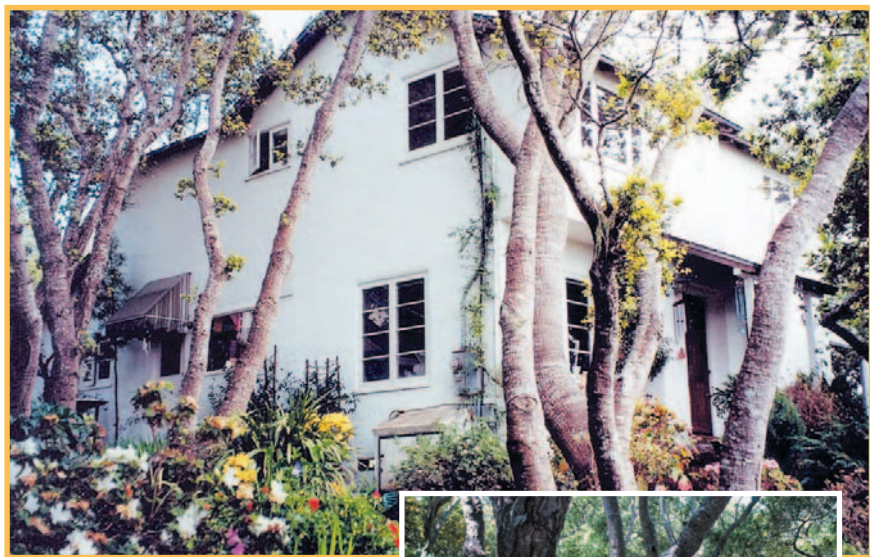
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FLANDERS

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toric use as a single-family home — perhaps it's time to explore what the aging lady is worth on the open market.

Putting a price on Flanders will be problematic; there are no good comparables for it. But interviews with people who have tried to buy the house over the past 15 years, with a real estate agent who has historic preservation credentials, with the president of the Flanders Foundation and with the man who lived there as a child in the 1970s and as caretaker for the past couple of years, may give some idea of the property's strengths. The weaknesses of the "elegant white elephant" are obvious the moment one steps inside.

Rent-free tenants

Flanders has not had a paying tenant since 1988. Its current occupant, caretaker Todd Collins, has been living there rent-free in exchange for doing light maintenance since November 2001, when his longtime buddy, former assistant city administrator Greg D'Ambrosio, invited him to move from Manhattan and escape the smoke of the World Trade Center disaster shortly after 9/11. Since that time, Collins met Celine Camy during a trip to Paris and wed this lovely French woman in a ceremony in front of the fireplace in the Flanders living room. They set up house-keeping 10 months ago but never really turned the house into a home: One bedroom is furnished with just a mattress on the floor; another is fitted with a lonely drum set. Much of the place looks like a flophouse.



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Above the den fireplace, a ship arrives in harbor, part of a room-covering mural of California history painted during Flanders' time. The cracks in the ceiling are old, too.

But Collins remembers it from grander days. In 1978, when he was just a boy, he moved into Flanders with his parents and brother shortly after the city purchased the mansion and its 14-acre grounds from the estate of Grace Flanders for \$275,000.

"My father, Jack Collins, was hired as city manager of Carmel. As part of the deal, the city wanted him to live within the city limits, so he said, 'We'll take Flanders.'" The move followed a nasty court fight and eviction of Carmel realtor Bradford Dow, who was booted to make room for Collins.

The Collins family served as caretaker for only a year, after which Jack got fed up with Carmel and left.

"It drove him crazy, how people here argued on and on about everything. He thought, 'How can you live in a place where you can't get anything done?' So we

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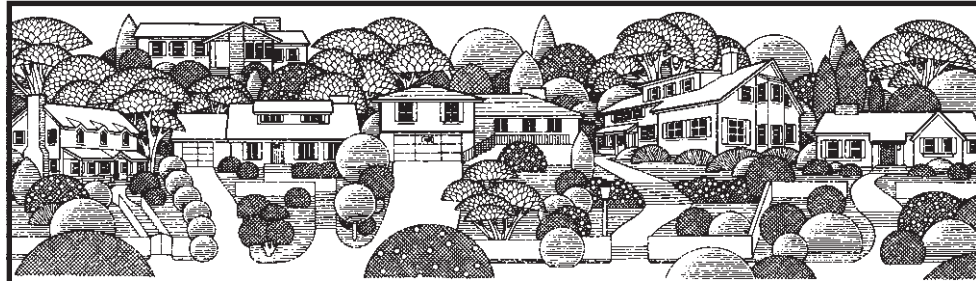
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The original front of Flanders is now the back and the naked stone walls are swathed in ivy. The house has "good bones and bad arteries" — even the updated wiring is old.

moved to Washington and dad went on to be deputy mayor of Seattle."

Jack had a point. The town was arguing about what to do with Flanders when he left 30 years ago, and it was still a campaign issue in the April 2004 Carmel city election.

Solid, with no creatures

Collins still sees great potential in Flanders Mansion and disputes the negative descriptions of the place that he reads in the press.

"[City administrator] Rich Guillen and the mayor say it is 'crumbling' and a recent Herald article described it as 'falling apart

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to the tune of \$750,000,” Collins said. “But I think it is just the opposite. The house is, by all honest appraisals, extremely solid. There are no leaks and no creatures scurrying about. It really could be a fantastic place in the proper hands.”

John Paul Hanna, a Palo Alto land use attorney who has owned homes in Carmel for many years, believed his were the proper hands for Flanders. He tried to buy the mansion way back when Clint Eastwood was mayor.

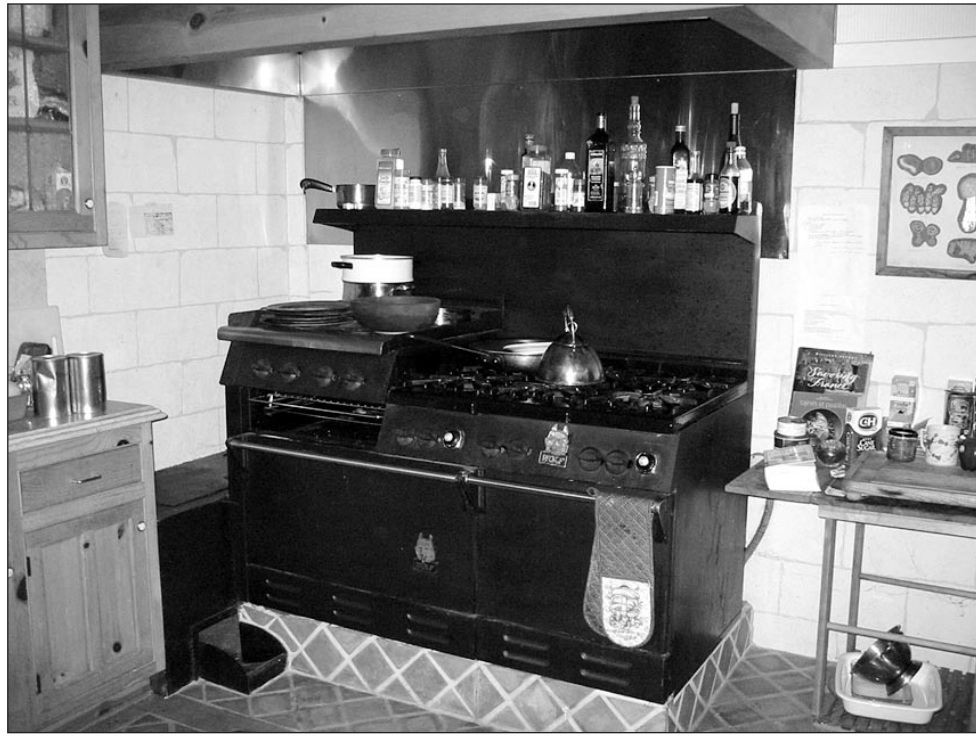
“I tried to buy that thing in 1985 and every two years I’d make them an offer,” Hanna said. “Finally, when Sue McCloud was mayor, I thought, ‘At last a reasonable bunch in there. At last, they’ll be realistic and realize Flanders was a wasting asset

that was fast becoming a hazard. I offered to buy it for the appraisal price, or take it on a 99-year lease. I offered to open it once a year so people could tour it. But they wouldn’t even give me a counter offer. So I said, ‘Sayonara.’ I was so tired of the grief they put you through every time you try to buy anything or remodel anything.”

Hanna, whose family home on the Stanford University campus was built by Frank Lloyd Wright, spent thousands of dollars with architect John Matthams on plans to rehabilitate Flanders. His vision — which included a swimming pool, authentic renovation of the house and three-car garage addition with caretaker quarters above — was estimated to cost \$3 million to \$5 million.

But he was afraid to make a deal with

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The handsome Wolfe range was an unintended legacy of Carmel realtor Bradford Dow — who was evicted in 1978 after investing in the stove and other improvements.

Caretaker Todd Collins (right) looks over an old collage Grace Flanders created from magazine clippings.

The baths (below) are horrific and showers nonexistent.



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the city of Carmel without every single detail approved before close of escrow.

“The historic preservation people combined with the city can just wear you down. You might not live to finish the thing,” Hanna said.

He, like Collins, decided it was easier to move elsewhere. In Hanna’s case, Mendocino filled the bill.

He advises any potential buyer who wishes to remodel Flanders to consider using benefits of the Mills Act to get a tax break.

“If you open the house for occasional tours, that would provide a public benefit and tax savings,” Hanna said.

Eastwood and the art collectors

Two other high-profile buyers offered to purchase Flanders in 2001: Clint Eastwood, who planned to renovate it and sell it as a private residence, and Joseph and Nancy Telese, who wanted to renovate the mansion as their residence and then, upon their deaths, promised to donate it back to the city along with their \$5 million art collection.

But the Teleses became discouraged when they couldn’t get a response from the city, so they, too, went away. And Eastwood’s interest in 2001 was linked to helping Carmel raise money to renovate Sunset Center. Since that project is finished, Eastwood now says he’ll pass.

“When I offered to buy Flanders, I was trying to encourage the city to get rid of their dead wood and invest in something worthwhile like Sunset Center. But Flanders is a flophouse; it isn’t even interesting architecture. It’s just a block house and probably not very secure,” Eastwood said.



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In 1925 when Paul Flanders owned more than 300 acres surrounding his manor house, the view, unobscured by the trees of today, included the mission, Carmel River and the Pacific.

Truly, it could be difficult to convince hikers who have lounged on the lawn for decades to keep off if the property is sold.

Try six and see what happens

Paul Brocchini, a realtor with Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty who also served on the city’s historic preservation committee, looks at Flanders and sees tremendous value — for the right buyer.

“It would take someone who wants to own a unique piece of Carmel history,”

Brocchini said of the home designed by San Francisco architect Henry Higby Gutterson and built in 1925 by developer Paul Flanders as the manor house for the surrounding 80 acres. Flanders also owned the 233 acres next door that became the Hatton Fields subdivision.

“It would not be the usual Carmel buyer, who comes here to retire and downsize, but someone who doesn’t mind spending at least \$1 million to fix up a one-of-a-kind showplace,” Brocchini con-

cluded. The benefits of Flanders from his perspective: a great piece of land — only two acres to care for but all of Mission Trail Park to enjoy — plenty of water credits from the 4.5 baths, teak floors, crown mouldings on high ceilings, a beautiful house and great design, and a huge Wolfe range in the kitchen, all tell Brocchini that an asking price of \$6 million is not too high.

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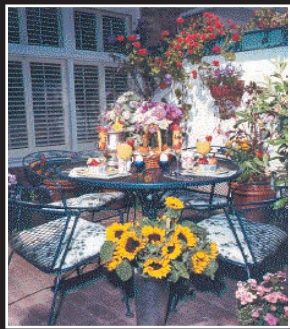
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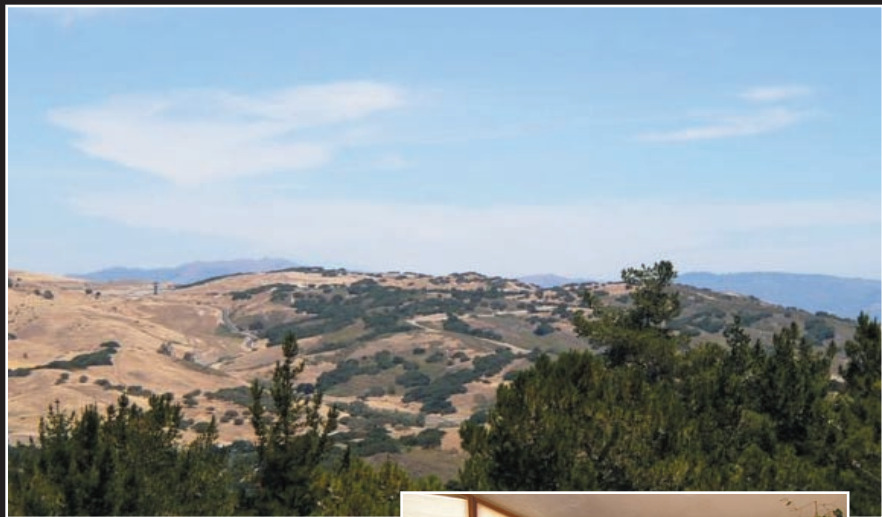
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“But it won’t be a quick sale, that’s for sure,” he warned. The only comparable he could find in Hatton Fields is on the market at \$5.575 million. It’s a gorgeous 1920s renovation “down to the studs” that has been on the market well over a year.

Too valuable to sell?

The Flanders Foundation — a group headed by Melanie Billig whose goal is to find a public use for the house and private funds to rehabilitate it — believes it should not be sold for any price, and that it could be a wonderful art museum or a terrific

venue for meetings, dinners, or small classes in music and art. But the neighboring homeowners have stopped any serious consideration of uses along those lines. Their lobbying put the kibosh on a proposal for a “Center for the Culinary Arts” floated by Bill Fleming in 1997, despite the unanimous approval of the 10-member Flanders Property Task Force and a thumbs-up from the Carmel planning staff.

After neighbors complained about everything from the “excessive schedule of events which would give little rest to the flora and fauna of the area” to the impact of “cooking odors wafting through the neighborhood,” the city council unanimously turned down the project. A dejected Fleming wrote off 18 months of work

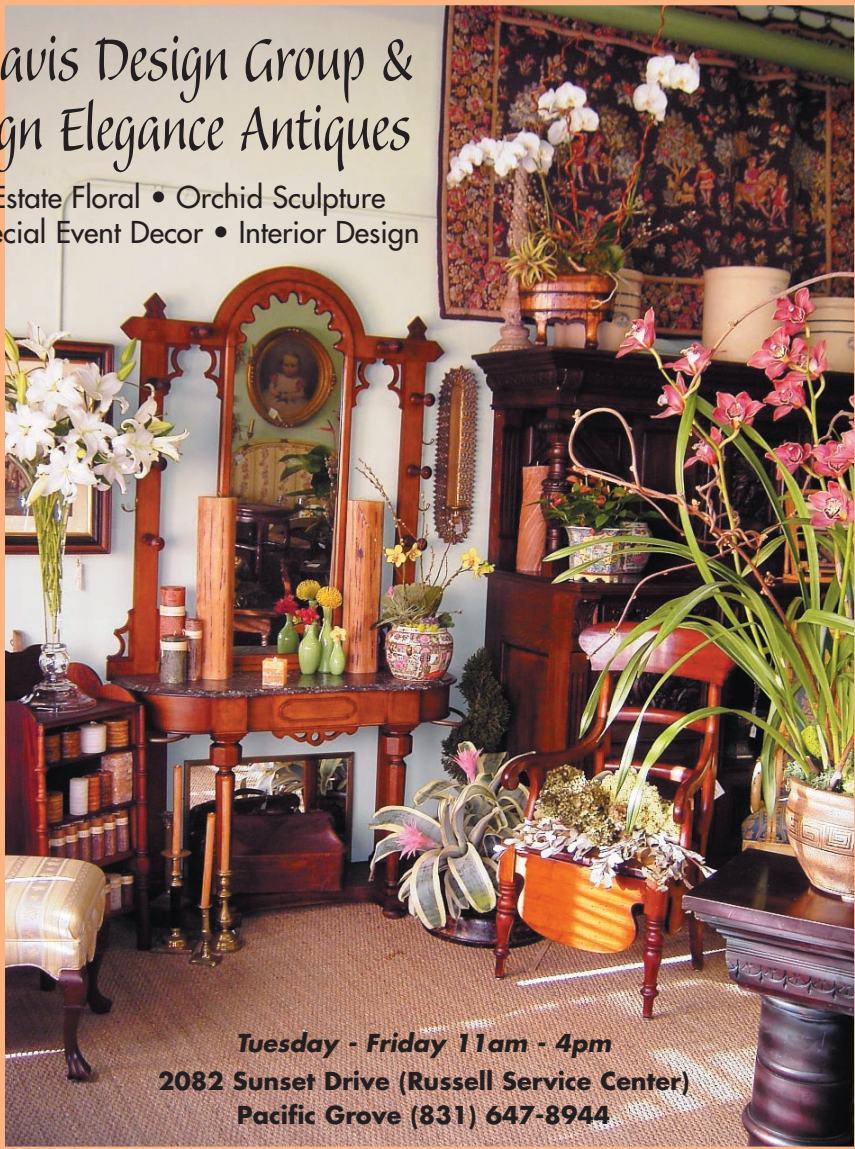


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Art classes lead by John Cunningham were held in the Flanders living room for decades and the Flanders Foundation would like to see another such public use of the mansion.

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But Billig is undeterred in her campaign to preserve the mansion as a public asset.

“We haven’t given up. Until the very last day, the very last vote, to the nth degree we will fight to keep Flanders in public ownership,” she said. “It sets a very bad precedent to carve out a piece of property from a nature preserve to put it on the market and sell it to a private individual.”

But Eastwood thinks holding on to wasting city assets is irresponsible. He recalled a city councilwoman who, years ago, created a sweet deal for an artist friend of hers to live in the house for only about \$70 per month.

“I just explained to her, he may be a terrific artist, but you just can’t do that with the taxpayers’ money,” Eastwood said. “You have to charge a fair rent for the city.”

“I would just ask the people who are fighting to hold on to that old house: ‘If you lived next door to a flophouse with

mattresses on the floor and people living there for free, would you like it? Or would you rather have a nice home, fixed up with a family next door?’ And their answer probably won’t be the truth.”

Billig realizes the votes are there for this city council to finally sell Flanders. But as a former councilwoman and mayor of San Luis Obispo, she’s an expert on how to slow the approval process. There are still many legal hoops through which the city must jump: The mansion must be offered to various park departments and its zoning must be changed from open space to residential before any private sale can go forward. And of course, somebody can always demand an EIR.

Although caretaker Todd Collins has been officially notified by the city manager to vacate the property by June 20, presumably in anticipation of readying Flanders for sale, a potential buyer should probably heed the wisdom of Jack Collins and John Paul Hanna: “Don’t count on moving in until the key is in your hand.”
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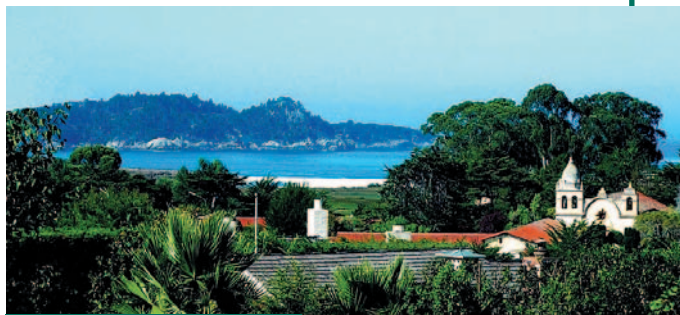
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A Carmel Point state of mind
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Story and photos by ANNE PAPINEAU

IN A slice of the world where 20 years is regarded as some benchmark of longevity, Carmel Martin can claim local history bragging rights.

His grandfather, John Martin, moved here in the 1850s, traveling first from a family farm near Glasgow, Scotland, and then to Canada with his parents, four brothers and sister. Visions of fabled California gold fueled the Martins' continued migration. Their journey to California proved lengthy and tough: down the Mississippi River by boat, across the Isthmus of Panama by train and then up the West Coast by ship.

It must have been a beautiful March day in 1856, because history records that the ship docked in Monterey, and the Martin family disembarked to eat lunch under a big oak tree. That stop derailed the trip to the gold country.

"They thought it was the promised land. They'd heard about the gold, but they never made it as far as the Gold Rush towns. Interestingly enough, they had gold coins with them, and used these to buy property in Monterey," Martin reminisced.

The family settled and contributed to the fabric of the Monterey Peninsula. Martin Street in Monterey takes its name from this Martin clan, and Carmel Martin grew up there in a house that is now the Monterey Inn. Martin Road in Hatton Fields is further proof of the family's historical relevance.

As a schoolboy, Carmel acquired the moniker Cappy, and it's by this name that friends and family know him. His father, Carmel Martin Sr., an attorney like his son, was named for Carmel Mission Basilica, Cappy noted. The elder Martin was born in 1879, decades before any City of Carmel-by-the-Sea existed. Cappy inherited his nickname not from a place, but a Depression-era comic strip character.



Thriving roses, cherished antiques and primitive paintings (and Cappy's hats) commingle in the Carmel Point home built by Remsen Bird and now occupied by Carmel and Liz Martin.



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MARTIN

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“The kids at school started calling me Cappy, because they told me Carmel was a sissy name and Cappy Ricks was a comic strip at the time.”

The 19th century Martins leased and eventually bought property at the mouths of the Pajaro and Salinas rivers, and a swath of what now encompasses some of the most desired residential real estate on earth: Carmel from its landmark Mission to 12th and Santa Lucia and west to the Pacific shore. On this site the family cultivated dairy cattle and “Salinas Burbank Potatoes.” They built their home on what is now Mission Ranch.

In “Don’t Pave Main Street,” the video

produced by the Carmel Heritage Society that recounts Carmel’s past — which is also Carmel Martin’s past — the octogenarian attorney recounts how the rest of his family favored growing pears in the valley to being the stewards of rocky, windswept Carmel Point.

“My father said, ‘Gee, we ought to keep this property.’ They said, ‘That property is worthless. Nothing will grow down there. It’s all rocks and bad soil . . . we ought to sell it.’ My dad said, ‘Why don’t we keep it, pay the taxes on it? I think it might be worth something.’”

Carmel Sr. was unable to sway his fellow Martins. The family sold the parcel to Devendorf and Powers, the developers who shaped 20th century Carmel. These men profited from the fact that a great many people wished to live within walking

distance of Carmel Bay — rocks aside.

The Martins may have sold off the point, but that is exactly where Cappy has made his home in recent decades. He still maintains his law office in Monterey, and he and his wife, Liz, reside in a place that is the antithesis of the houses he rues as “dot.com McMansions.”

Roses and wisteria nurtured by Cappy himself blossom about the one-story home that has occupied this corner since the mid-’30s.

“There’s some conflict. Some say the house was built in ’32, but I think it was ’36. We bought the house in ’76,” Cappy said.

Former home of Remsen Bird

Known for certain is its provenance. The home was built by Remsen D. Bird,

president of Occidental College in Glendale from 1921 to 1946. The Birds summered there and the widowed Mrs. Bird ultimately occupied the place year ’round.

“My father was a member of the Old Capitol Club (a private men’s luncheon club in Monterey) and Remsen Bird was the moving force behind that group,” Cappy recalled. “Bird was a very academic and forceful man. I met him at the club.”

Cappy and Liz, each of whom had been married before, occupied a home at the corner of Stewart Way and Ocean View on Carmel Point when they decided to purchase their present abode. It was a question of needing less space but wishing to stay in a location they favored for its “climate and location: just perfect.” The

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Martins had children from their first marriages: Cappy, three, and Liz, five. The blended family matured, and when the Bird home came up for sale, the Martins were poised to downsize.

Liz Martin's Peninsula pedigree is not as lengthy as her husband's, but she possesses fond memories of Carmel, since she'd paid numerous visits over the years. She grew up chiefly in Pasadena and Winnetka, Ill., and attended Mills College in Oakland for two years.

She moved here from Southern California 43 years ago with her first husband, urologist Seeley Mudd.

Liz and Cappy met at the Merienda, the kind of Old Monterey society event that evoked the town's Spanish colonial heritage.

"We kind of knew each other because I'd gone to school with Cappy's ex-wife, which was a fluke," Liz observed.

When she became acquainted with Cappy, she was renting a house in Carmel Meadows, which Liz described, in her droll way, as "a Godforsaken place."

Complementary tastes

Once the Martins ultimately merged households in 1969, they found they had an excess of possessions but complementary tastes. To this day, they are surrounded by 19th century primitive paintings and lovingly maintained antique furnishings.

"I have just always loved the folk art, the primitives. They are so naïve. Some folk art is horrible — babies in high chairs," Liz observed. "My mother had some lovely things we've incorporated.

"According to my oldest, we have too many paintings, too much furniture. You have to walk though the house sideways."

Liz credits Frances Elkins — the interior decorator who produced elegant designs that blended traditional with Art Moderne elements — with being her initial helpmate.

"She started me in the right direction," Liz explained. "Harriet Weill, a protégée of Elkins, also helped me. We would take the train to San Francisco and to the different showrooms. She was wonderful."

Liz and Cappy Martin are hard-pressed to pigeon-hole the exact style of their gracious home.

"Cappy says it's Monterey style. I think it's a conglomeration, a combination of Old Carmel, with sort of southern touches."

Twice the home has been featured on the Carmel Heritage Society house and garden tour. Cappy serves on the board of directors of that group. He's a past president and more than 50-year member of the Carmel Rotary Club and has served as secretary/manager of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Youth Fund since the mid-'70s. His affiliations are many. During World War II, after graduating from UC Berkeley, he served in the Pacific with the U.S. Army. In 1949, he graduated from Stanford University Law School.

For the Carmel Heritage house tours, scores of visi-



Aptly named, the Sunshine Room is frequented by the Martins' guests and serves as an art studio for Liz, who works in acrylics.

tors strolled through the spacious living room with its fireplace that Cappy said "We use often." Many of the artistic treasures on display they inherited: paintings and etchings by Society of Six artist August Gay, an evocative painting of an oak tree by Arthur Hill Gilbert, a poppy-splashed canvas by Doris Rohr.

Liz credits interior designer Linda Thornton, of the former Grey and Greene studio in Carmel, with helping her to happily wed their many possessions in the former Remsen Bird home.

"She had a wonderful sense of color," said Liz of Thornton.

The Martins improved the home by totally remodeling the "Sunshine Room," where Liz paints her own cheerful canvases, and placing the dining room where a bedroom once stood. A surprise in the former Bird house: It has a basement with a steep staircase, a California rarity.

Liz is pleased that hers is "a good party house," allowing comfortable circulation from her kitchen into the patio.

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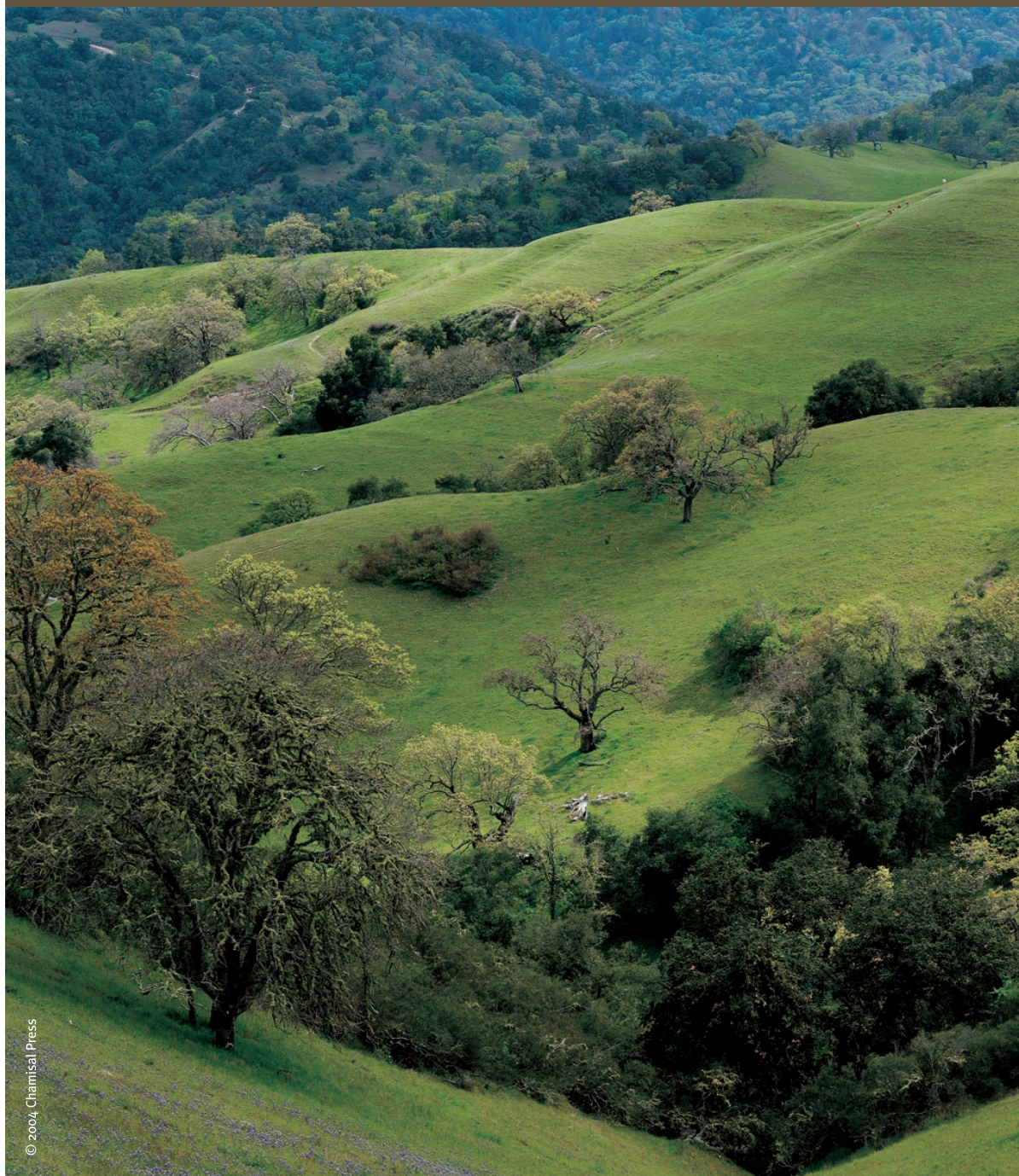
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CAPPY

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"I love to cook. I really do," Liz said. "Cappy goes to the farmers' market on Tuesdays and brings home the fresh things we have down here. I've gotten kind of spoiled. And he is a fantastic gardener. I've never known someone with such a green thumb."

San Juan Bautista, as well

The Martins keep a second home in San Juan Bautista, to the delight of their border collie, Daisy, who has the run of both locations. Cappy starts his vegetable seedlings in cold frames in Carmel, and finishes them in San Juan Bautista.



Long-established, the gnarled trunk of this wisteria belies its age.

"People thought we were crazy. What's there to do in San Juan Bautista?" Liz said of their retreat. "And we said, 'nothing,' which is perfect. I mainly do nothing and Cappy plants."

Theirs is a life punctuated by visits from children, eight grandchildren and

two great-grandchildren.

Eleven years ago Liz spied a sign in the Carmel post office, "Painting for Non Painters." Ever since, she has taken group lessons with art instructor Tory Raggett.

"I feel like a newcomer," she asserted. "I must love it, because I haven't stuck with anything for that long. I do love color. I don't know how to draw."

Brave brushstrokes on her latest paintings in the Sunshine Room. "Mikado" and "Fragrant Cloud" roses flourishing in the garden. The Martins celebrate the very best of Carmel Point, that windswept, rocky bit of earth that decades ago, was owned but unwanted by Cappy's ancestors. ✨



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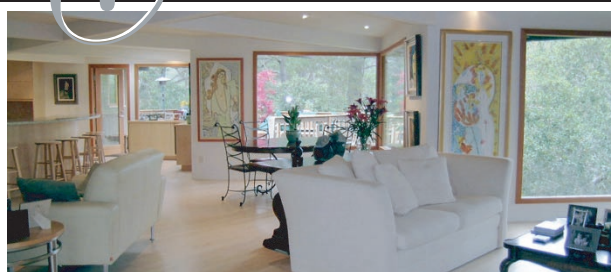
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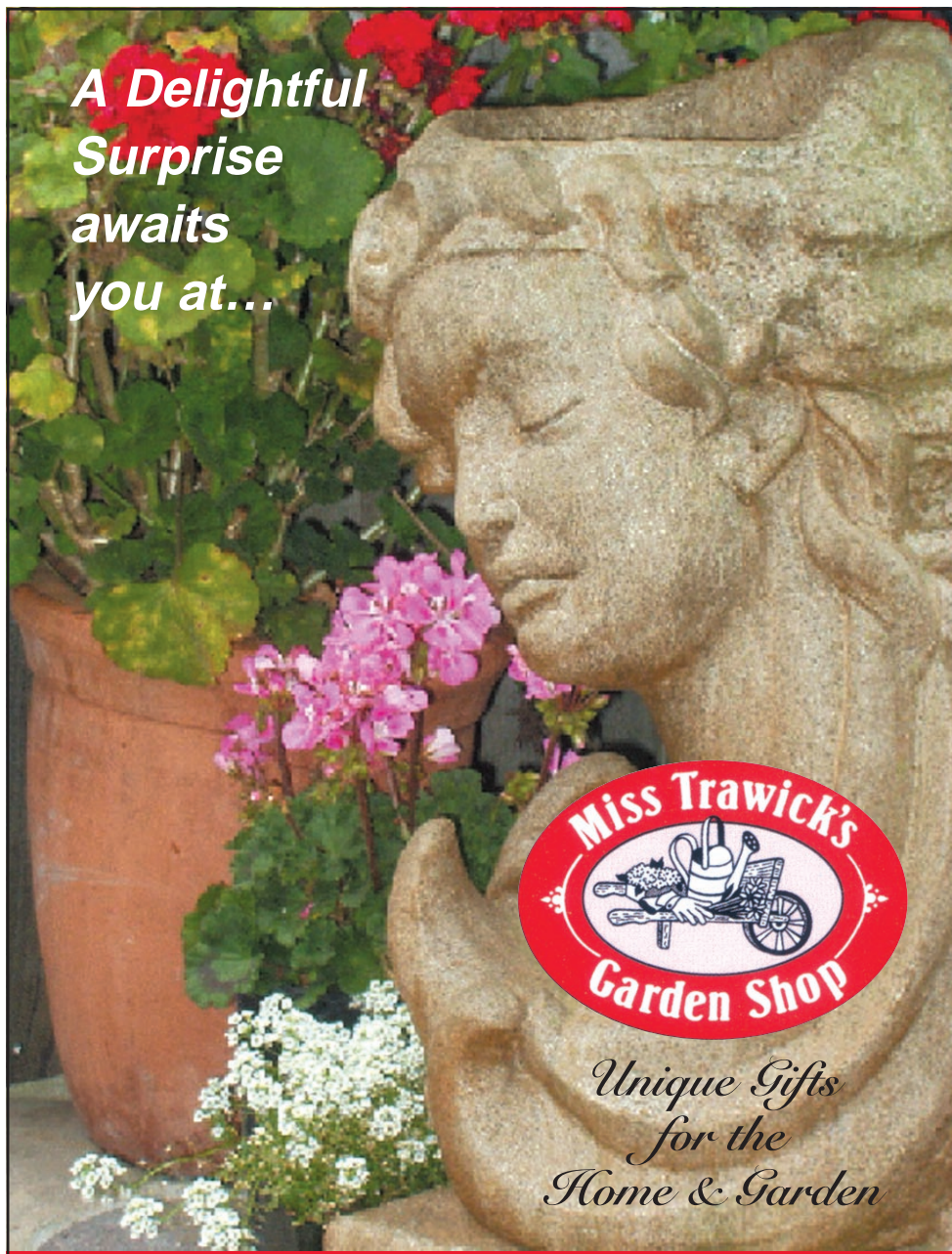
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Big Sur gardens come out of hiding

ONCE A year, the hidden gardens of Big Sur — some secreted on private roads behind fences, gates and no-trespassing signs — open to a privileged 350 visitors who help raise money for the Big Sur Arts Initiative.

By MARY BROWNFIELD

Impoverished students at the southern end of the area the arts initiative serves — Pacific Valley — make up more than half the student body there.

Lack of resources often means the artistic aspects of education suffer, according to Gafill, and the arts initiative seeks to fill the gaps however it can, including offering classes at the Big Sur Grange Hall, hiring teachers and creating after-school activities for the kids.

“We also have classes [at the Grange Hall] in the fall and spring, like aikido, sewing, embroidery, book making and silk painting, and we have slideshows there that are free to the community,” she said.

The arts initiative is solely responsible for the children’s garden project at Captain Cooper, which will also be open during the June 26 tour to all members of the public regardless of whether they purchase tickets.

“It’s an absolutely unbelievably great program, and it sneaks science into their curriculum at an elementary school level,”

A half-dozen properties, from the Coastal Gardener’s drought-tolerant masterpiece to the organic vegetable beds of the exclusive Esalen Institute, reflect their owners’ artistic sentiments, said Tom Birmingham co-director of the Big Sur Arts Initiative.

“It’s much less an English country garden type thing and more a personal expression of the creativity of the individual gardeners,” he said. Each garden in the June 26 event also hosts a musician and an artist for the day.

The immensely popular self-guided tour is likely to sell out quickly again this year, as it has since its start in 1998. For \$45, ticket holders get a map of the gardens and a guide book containing pertinent details and interesting anecdotes, according to Erin Gafill, Big Sur Arts Initiative executive director.

The Hidden Gardens Tour constitutes the primary fundraiser for the BSAI, which focuses on cultivating the arts in the coastal area, where 35 percent of the children who attend the Captain Cooper elementary school live at or below the poverty



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"They learn about growing and taking care of the land they live in," she said. "We've really seen this project become a fully comprehensive learning environment, and it's really fun to be in."

"The kids are so happy to come to school on Thursdays, because it's gardening day, and their eyes just light up."

The Coastal Gardener

Back by popular demand, David Egbert — known as the Coastal Gardener in his written columns — will welcome visitors to his hilltop property, which features flowing gardens and views of the ocean on one side and the mountains on the other.

"He knows so much about planting appropriate plants that are drought tolerant," Gafill said of Egbert and what tour organizers call the Gardener's Garden. "But it doesn't feel at all like a garden designed with that function in mind. It's luscious."

Also the tour's resident expert, Egbert is the man to go to with questions, according to Gafill.

"He's an incredible resource. If someone's coming on this tour in order to learn how to landscape or garden, he's going to

be the one to talk to," she said. "He speaks the language and understands everything you confront in a garden and the microclimates on the Central Coast."

A lifelong gardener and certified nurseryman for 14 years, Egbert worked for two notable Salinas area nurseries — Bokay and Graeber Gardens — before heading to Southern California and eventually to Big Sur.

When Egbert and his partner, Mark Morro, purchased their property off Sycamore Canyon Road eight years ago, it had no garden.

"There were weeds right up to the walls and a lot of broken-down chaparral scrub," Egbert said. "They cleared the area around the house when they built it and had not planted anything. Some things had struggled back, and it was not a pretty sight."

Although he had spent many evenings envisioning the garden before he moved onto the property, it ultimately "grew not so much from a plan, but from an act."

After wrestling to get the clumps of grass and scrub out of the yard, Egbert dug a pond.

"From there, the garden evolved naturally," he said. "We had to have a path around the pond, and beds to follow the curve. It flowed naturally and had to ripple out from the pond like the ripples."

Egbert carefully enriched the sandy, rocky soil and then filled his garden with drought-tolerant species from California

and other areas with similar climates, such as Mediterranean countries, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

"It's designed to mimic the natural surroundings without replicating them," Egbert said. "It's not stiff or fluffy or formal, and it has a lot of variety and textures."

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many visitors are surprised by the color, lushness and diversity of Egbert's garden, which also features flowers for cutting and vegetable beds.

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TOUR

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at the east and across a meadow to the ocean west of the property.

"I wanted to make a garden that complemented the view and didn't compete with it," he said.

Two of Egbert's neighbors on Front Hill are also opening their gardens for the tour, according to Gafill, and visitors may park their cars and ride a shuttle up to a private road where the gardens are within walking distance of each other.

"These are three little jewels all in a row, and they could not be more different from each other," she said. "It's inspiring to see how to grow a beautiful garden in this kind of community, where it's really rugged and rough."

Other hidden treasures

For the third time during the fundraiser's six-year history, the invitation-only Esalen Institute — the cliff-top retreat located a dozen miles north of Lucia — will open part of its grounds to ticket holders.

"Esalen is one of the most beautiful pieces of property on the Big Sur Coast,

bar none," Birmingham said.

While its famous hot baths will be off limits, its gardens and canyon will be open.

In addition to cultivating extensive flower gardens, the institute grows much of the food used in its kitchen.

"They have one of the most extensive organic gardening programs in the world. It's just amazing," he said. "They have a hands-on gardening manner with complete organic practices, which gardeners find really cool.

"And they have one of the biggest wormeries I've ever seen in my life."

Beneficial because their castings enrich the soil, worms at Esalen occupy large bays and consume thousands of pounds of cardboard and other waste.

"The worms eat it and turn it into top-soil in record time," Birmingham explained, adding that the undertaking makes the vermicultural efforts in the Captain Cooper School children's garden seem tiny by comparison.

Other gardens on the tour include that of artist and photographer Cynthia Bianchetta and her husband, Daniel, and resident Mary Trotter, one of the founders of the tour.

The Bianchettas live just north of



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The Big Sur Country Home and Garden Market, held at Ripplewood in Big Sur, features the wares of 40 artisans and is open to the public 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 26.

Esalen, and their garden overlooks the ocean, Birmingham said. It's the one stop on the tour that is home to a working artist.

Resistant to opening her garden in years past, Trotter decided to share her property this year.

"We've been wanting to have it on the tour since the beginning," Birmingham said. "Finally, after last year, she said, 'OK.'"

Fresh from photographing Trotter's garden, Birmingham described it as "an amazingly different spot," filled with luscious roses and other visual and olfactory delights.

"She has one of the most lushly landscaped properties I have been to in Big Sur. It probably has an acre-plus of roses and all kinds of poppies," he said. "It has a variety of cultured flowers, as well as a rambling property of about seven acres in

cultivation with various things, such as succulents and drought-resistant gardens. She's done a really incredible job."

The logistics

With so much to see and the opportunity to leisurely wander through gardens and ask questions — Egbert will visit several locations throughout the day to help identify plants and supply answers — Birmingham said most participants probably won't see every garden during the 10 a.m.-to-4 p.m. tour.

But it's not an impossible feat.

"If you go at a humane pace and stop for lunch in the middle, you will probably get to see them all," he said. "But others feel like they want to get more deeply involved in a few properties and are OK with missing some."

Visitors are advised to wear comfortable walking shoes and layer their cloth-

ing, as temperatures vary greatly along the Big Sur Coast.

Birmingham also pointed out that anyone who does not want to or is unable to purchase a ticket before they sell out may still visit the children's garden at Captain Cooper, peruse the wares at the Big Sur Country Home and Garden Market, and bid in the silent auction.

Organized by floral artist Kate Healey, the market includes an eclectic but practical mix of home and garden items.

"Because of the size and the nature of our community, Kate is able to very carefully select unique artisans and crafts people who create beautiful things," Birmingham said.

Handmade soaps, honey, a wide variety of plants, birdhouses, gardening tools and amenities, salves and ointments, mosaics, baskets, wind chimes, books, furniture,

artwork and olive oil are among the items to be offered at the market at the Ripplewood Resort in the heart of Big Sur on June 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For the first time since the Hidden Gardens Tour began, a silent auction will raise money toward purchasing a small office building for the BSAI.

"We have an opportunity to have a permanent home in a small office next to the Big Sur Grange Hall, which will stabilize our ability to serve the Big Sur community," Birmingham said. With about \$30,000 in the bank, organizers hope the silent auction will carry the group past its \$40,000 target.

Silent auction items include hotel visits with breakfast, guided kayak tours, acupuncture consultation and treatment, a

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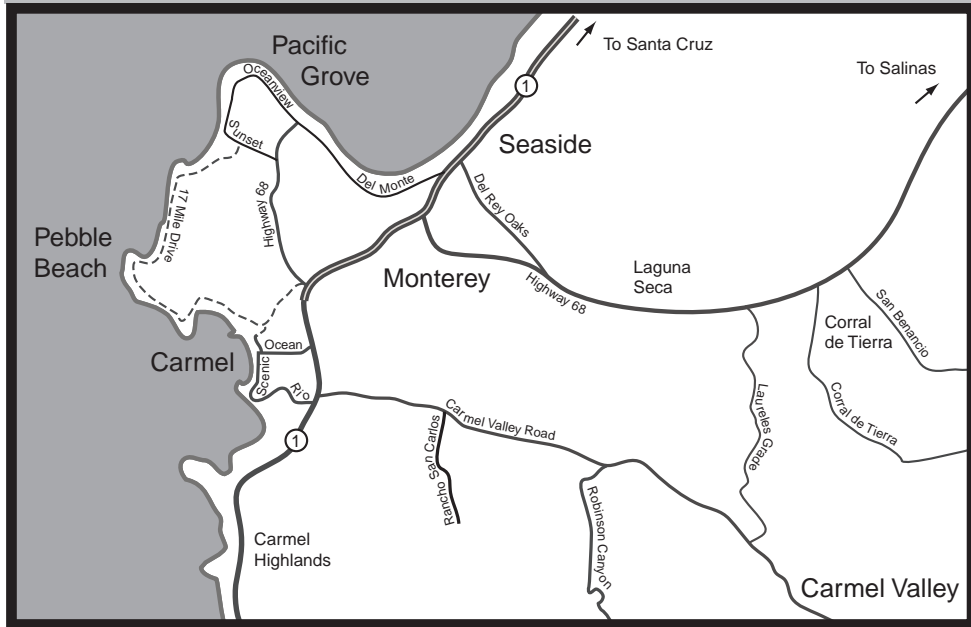
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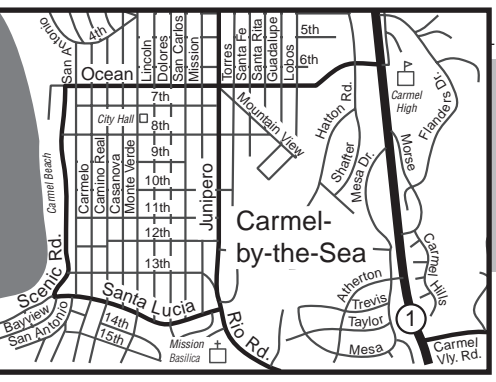
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I know marketing and public relations are a strong part of promoting my business but don't have any idea of how to begin. I am also very interested to know how you have found the experience of working with a national television show. Did you call the production company? Did you select the clients? Please tell me more.

Sincerely,
Amanda Hodder



Tom Williams

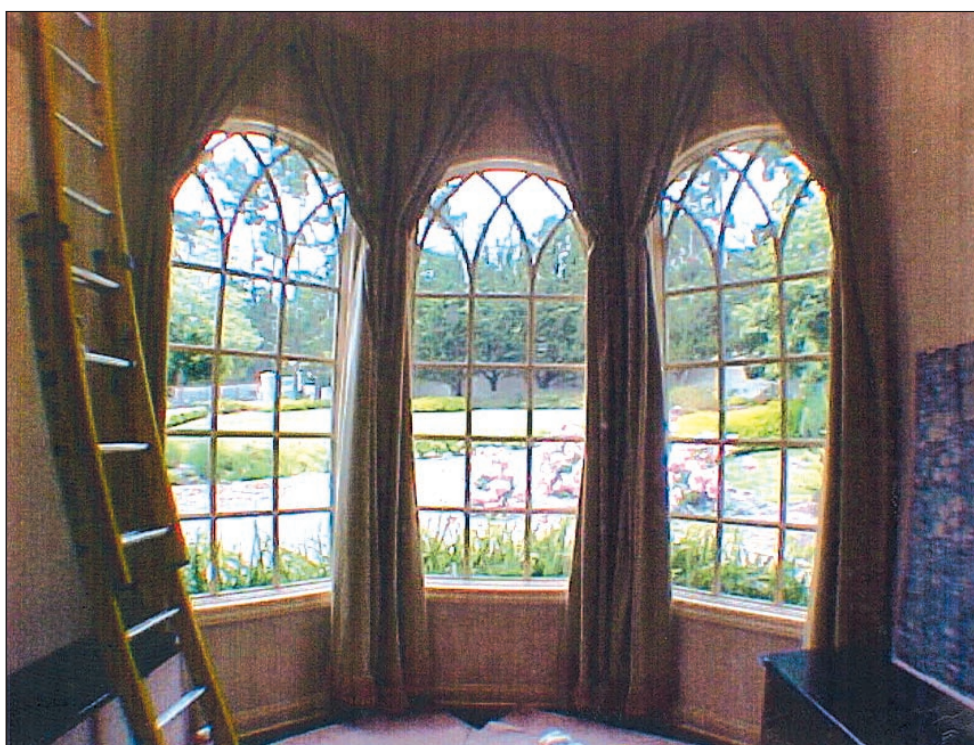
expect. I asked how she had gotten our name and she answered by saying she had "Googled" us. The hits took her to an article I had written in 1998 while a member of the national board of directors of the International Furnishings and

Design Association in which I discussed mood lighting and design for a dining room.

Ms. Patterson was in the process of interviewing a number of designers in and around Pebble Beach and said she would send along a tape of the proposed project submitted by the homeowners. After viewing the tape we could then call her and let her know whether we

wanted to participate.

Home and Garden Television airs numerous decorating and do-it-yourself shows. I am told by the production company, PieTown Productions, Inc., "Designers' Challenge" is HGTV's highest rated prime-time series. Each show profiles homeowners with a design dilemma. The homeowners are interviewed on tape about the project and what they envision for its overall look, feel and



PHOTOS/COURTESY HALE-WILLIAMS INTERIORS

The octagonal study with 16-foot ceilings in this Pebble Beach home called for new drapery for three windows, each more than 13-and-one-half feet tall.

Dear Amanda:

What an interesting question. And, as you can imagine, not something with a simple answer. My partner, Robert Hale, and I were completely surprised to receive a telephone call from the show's producer, Laura Patterson, in mid-January.

After introductions she told us a little about the show and what we could

function.

Robert and I were sent the audition tape and were able to get an overview of the homeowners' taste in décor and their budget for the renovation. The room chosen is a small, 12-by-12-foot octagonal study with 16-foot ceilings. The home is a John Matthams-designed property just above The Lodge in Pebble Beach.

Robert and I have worked on many projects in all parts of Pebble Beach and felt this particular home gave a wonderful backdrop for our type of full-service residential interior design. We agreed to appear in the show.

On Jan. 27 we interviewed the clients in the room and spent about 90 minutes discussing the project. We then had only three-and-one-half weeks to complete our presentation, with no other contact with the client allowed.

Three interior designers or teams and their companies were then profiled and

interviewed on tape for the show. Each had the opportunity to create a unique and innovative plan to address the homeowners' design problem.

Robert and I chose to use "boards" which included mounted drawings, design schemes, fabrics, paint chips and concepts. By contract with PieTown Productions, we agreed to stay within the budget of \$20,000 and produce the finished room by early June. Our contract also required we not charge a design fee, overhead or make a profit on any items we sold to the homeowners through our office. In other words, we were working for free and the homeowners were going to receive great value for their participation. We recognized the tremendous amount of exposure this show would bring our way. The cost of buying this amount of advertising would run to the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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half weeks pulling together our designs, boards, presentation techniques, mechanics and vendors, and pricing the whole project — in total more than 30 hours of design time. We created a budget of just over \$18,850 and were confident we had

addressed all the needs of the homeowners.

On Feb. 24 we agreed to appear last of the three designers for the pitch: our presentation on camera. We didn't meet the two other designers and were not

allowed to see what they had proposed while the clients deliberated their choice over a seven-day period. We had discovered the other two designers, one from Salinas and one from San Francisco, were newer to the business than we. We hoped our experience and close location to the project would work for us.

We were surprised to receive a call from the homeowners on Feb. 26, asking for a meeting the next day. They had still not decided which design team to use and asked if we would make a number of changes. We agreed to some modifications and a reworking of the budget. On Monday, Laura Patterson phoned to say the homeowners had selected us.

By March 8 we started work on the room. We had less than three months for demolition of an existing built-in desk and repair of the space, fabrication of the built-ins, electrical work with new lighting in the ceiling, painting and glazing the walls, stripping and staining the floor, fabrication of an area rug, creating new drapery for three windows (each over 13-and-one-half feet tall), manufacture of the stone top for the new built-ins and framing for the walls.

Our experience with the production company couldn't have been more professional and filled with supportive and enlightened people. We know the upcoming exposure is something we couldn't have done alone and are grateful to PieTown for selecting us. The interview shows us at work in our offices at the Crossroads Shopping Village and in a retail space dedicated to serving our clientele.

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Although I can't say one specific thing brought us to the television show, I do know each and every day needs to be used to project a professional image to the public. It still amazes us something written more than four years ago would bring us this kind of exposure. By teaching at MPC, writing a column for The Pine Cone, working with the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Carmel, acting as treasurer for the Leadership Monterey Peninsula board of directors and working with the membership committee at

the Monterey Museum of Art, Robert and I have become a part of our community. That is what good marketing and public relations are all about.

Although the show will not air until late summer, I have included a couple of photos of the work in progress. Filming of the finished room should be completed by mid-month.

You will be among the very first to see what we have accomplished with this unique space. Good luck in your career and marketing endeavors. This is a wonderful area in which to practice interior design. ✨

Tom Williams is a partner at Hale-Williams Interiors at the Crossroads Shopping Village, Carmel. He has practiced residential interior design for more than 30 years in America and abroad.

Tom welcomes your design questions at Design@Hale-Williams.com or by telephone, 625-6070.



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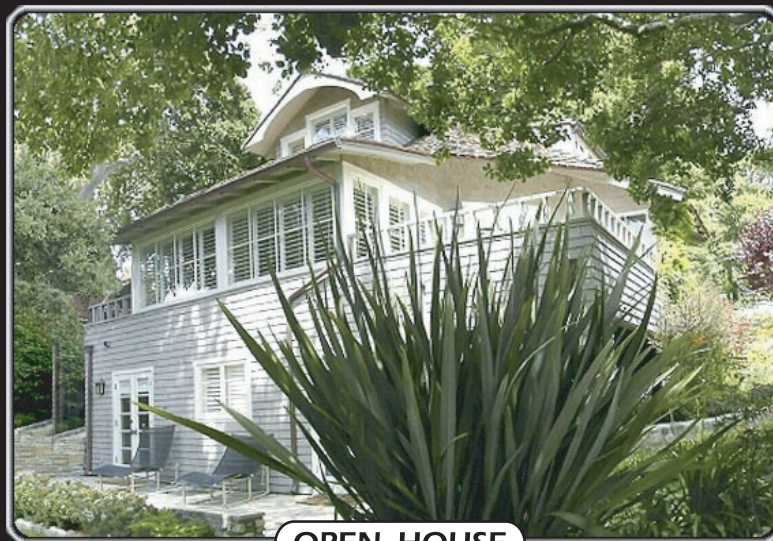
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POLICE LOG

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Big Sur: Lost/found/missing person in the area of Highway 1, 46.4 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line. The Sheriff's search and rescue team was dispatched to the area of Cone Peak in Los Padres National Forest to search for a missing hiker. A male reported he had been hiking with his friend, a 19-year-old male from Redwood City, in the area. They had become separated around Goat Camp, and he hiked a creek drainage out to Highway 1 and reported his friend missing. A search for the subject has been initiated.

MONDAY, JUNE 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a report of a possible suicide at a Rio Road residence. CPD also at scene. Fire assisted ambulance with assessment of patient. She stated she was trying to hurt herself. She was transported by ambulance to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Past-tense burglary of a vehicle parked on Monte Verde Street. Suspect used a rock to shatter the driver's side window to gain entry and stole personal belongings.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject was southbound on San Carlos Street when his trailer hit a limb of a pine tree. The limb was still attached to the tree and causing a traffic hazard. Forestry was called to remove the tree limb.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two subjects reported being followed by occupants of a black vehicle in the area of Junipero and Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject came into the station to report her vehicle had been vandalized. She stated she parked her car in the area of Lincoln Street near Ninth on Friday. When she returned four hours later, she noticed the right side view mirror was damaged. She had no suspect in mind.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Barking dog reported on San Carlos Street. A dog could be heard barking. The owner was not at home. A courtesy notice was left at the door. The person responsible for the dog returned home and contact was made. The dog is temporarily staying at the house. Steps will be taken to keep the dog quiet until it can be returned to its rightful owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An alleged altercation occurred between two dogs on San Antonio Avenue. Man reported a German shepherd charged his dog while walking on the beach. His golden retriever retreated through a bush and the owner of the shepherd retrieved her dog. The man called the department to report the incident. The owner of the shepherd was inter-

viewed. Both parties were counseled about the necessity to control their respective animals. No injuries sustained by either dog.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported her Cadillac was hit while parked in the center median on Junipero. Damage was to passenger's right-side wheel well. No suspect information.

Big Sur: The Sheriff's rescue team continued the search that began on 06-06-04 for the 19-year-old missing hiker. Three teams remained in the forest overnight. A CHP helo was requested from the Fresno office to assist in the search today. Around 0945 hours, a male called from the Big Creek Preserve to report the missing hiker had walked out of the forest. Sheriff's office responded and learned from the hiker he had taken a trail that disappeared. From that point, he followed Devil's Creek downstream to the coast, ultimately ending at the Big Creek compound. Big Sur Fire and AMR were dispatched to the scene initially, but the hiker only suffered minor scrapes and bruises. He was given a ride to the sheriff's Coastal Station, where he contacted relatives to pick him up.

Carmel area: Follow-up conducted at Monte Verde and 15th Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense battery at West Carmel Valley Road and Ford Road.

Pebble Beach: Past-tense malicious mischief at 17 Mile Drive and Bird Rock Road.

Carmel area: Assisted the fire department at Monte Verde Street and 15th Avenue.

Carmel area: Information taken at a Carmel Rancho Lane business.

Carmel area: Child molest at a Guadalupe Street residence.

Carmel area: Wallet found at a Carmel Rancho Center business.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious circumstances at a Calle de los Ositos residence.

Carmel area: Past-tense malicious mischief at a Canyon Drive residence.

Carmel Valley: Lost/found/missing property at a Hacienda Carmel residence.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Three reports of jewelry lost on San Carlos Street, in the residential district and on Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim reported he parked in his assigned spot on Mission Street. His vehicle was hit sometime after that and before noon when the victim returned to his vehicle.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two subjects on Santa Fe Street were involved in a verbal dispute. The parties were counseled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a medical emergency on Lincoln Street. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel with patient assessment, diagnostics, packaging and gathering information on a 93-year-old male who was experiencing pain in his left hip secondary to a fall. Patient transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 en route to a public assist call on Scenic Road. A woman needed assistance moving her husband from a wheelchair to his bed, and firefighters obliged.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 56-year-old male came to the fire station stating he was feeling dizzy and had a headache and muscle pain. He thought he might be experiencing side effects from a prescription drug. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel with loading the patient for transport to CHOMP.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense domestic dispute on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel Valley: Domestic dispute at another Carmel Valley Road location.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense burglary of a Boronda Road residence. Female reported prescription medications of Vicodin and Valium were taken, in addition to a paintball set valued at \$1,000.

Carmel Valley: Burglary of the Community Field Office in Carmel Valley Village.

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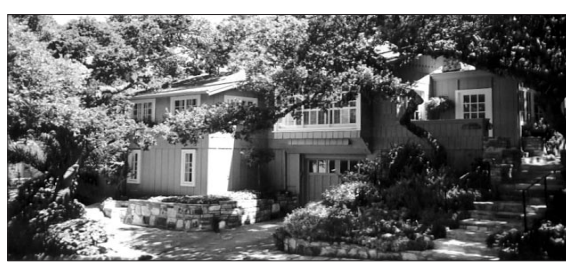
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Big Sur: Neighbor dispute on Highway 1 near Gorda.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a Carpenter Street resident and advised her of the noise complaint. The music was turned down and the occupants agreed to keep the noise down.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: While on patrol, an anonymous citizen flagged down an officer and turned over a Wells Fargo ATM card that was found by the ATM. No match for the owner was located. Contacted the bank, where an employee said she would cancel the card and it should be disposed of. The card was placed through a shredder.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female came into the station to report that her husband, who is bipolar, ran out of the house and was possibly suicidal. All units conducted a search of the area. He was located about two blocks away by his wife and she transported him to CHOMP for 72-hour hold.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ten citations issued for vehicle code violations.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 and Rescue 7161 responded to a medical emergency on Torres. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel with patient assessment, diagnostics, splinting, packaging and gathering information on a 75-year-old male who was experiencing pain and bruising in his left ribcage. Patient transported to CHOMP.

Big Sur: Transported a subject on a 5150 Welfare &

Institutions Code 72-hour hold from a residence on Highway 1 45 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense malicious mischief at a Carmel Valley Road location.

Carmel area: Alarm heard outside The Barnyard.

Pebble Beach: Property lost at a Cypress Drive location.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense burglary of a Barbara Way residence.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense burglary of a Tierra Grande Drive residence.

Carmel Valley: Malicious mischief and attempted burglary of a Tierra Grande Drive residence.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense burglary of a Robinson Canyon Road residence. House clear.

Pebble Beach: After a call of a domestic disturbance, a female Monterey resident, age 43, refused to leave the area of a Peisano Road residence and continually argued with deputies. She was arrested after refusing to leave after repeated warnings.

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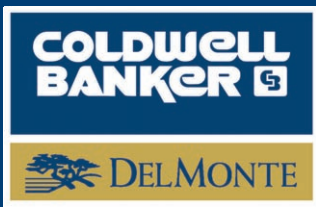
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SUNNY JEWEL! A pristinely maintained, inviting 3-bedroom, 3-bath Carmel Knolls home on a beautifully landscaped lot. French doors in the family room & master suite access garden patio areas. The kitchen with skylight-garden window overlooks the park-like yard. \$1,150,000.



JUST LIKE NEW! Two-year-old 3-bedroom, 2-bath Carmel charmer sits on a quiet street. Boasting high-peaked, vaulted ceilings, exquisite Carmel-stone fireplace, hardwood floors, granite counters in the chef's kitchen, and a master suite with lavish tumbled-stone bath. \$1,595,000.

CLASSIC 1930'S CONTEMPORARY! Extensively remodeled "Art Deco" home with stunning views of Carmel Bay and Pt. Lobos. This approximately 2900 sq. ft. home and 340 sq. ft. guesthouse offer 3 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, library loft, mature landscaping & roof deck. \$1,795,000.

"THE PERCH"! A rare listing in Carmel-by-the-Sea, this cozy 3-bedroom, 2-bath home has a magnificent ocean view. Near beach and town, this immaculate, impeccably restored home has all new Miele kitchen appliances, an enclosed garden, and three full-view decks. \$1,950,000.



GRAND ESTATE... beguiling invitation to another world. Reminiscences of Provence and Tuscany. Classically grand, informally cozy, each room winks at the sea. Grand living in gracious, poetic elegance. Quintessentially English garden, pool, and spa. \$6,800,000.

OCEAN VIEW PERFECTION! Fabulous views of Pt. Lobos, Carmel Bay and the mountains are yours from this wonderful like-new South-of-France-style masterpiece. Offering the finest conveniences and finishes in this rebuilt 4-bedroom, 2-bath home and guest house. \$2,299,000.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS



OCEAN & FOREST SPLENDOR! In a dramatic pine-studded setting this contemporary home offers magnificent ocean views

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Italian Villa - Garden Delight!

Grand and comfortable Mediterranean villa in much sought-after Quail Lodge area. Beautiful sun-drenched 3-bedroom stately residence with cost-no-object gardens. Numerous patios and terraces. Well appointed home in the sunshine just minutes to Carmel. \$2,475,000.



from every room. Soaring ceilings, 4 bedrooms, including master suite with view deck, 3 baths, family room and many special features. \$1,990,000.

PT. LOBOS TO PT. SUR VISTAS Everything you want in a home is here in this fabulous 4-bedroom, 3-bath ocean view home, including a gourmet kitchen, with the finest appliances, a perfect master suite and a large living room with ocean views. \$1,595,000.

MONTEREY



BAY VIEW COTTAGE A spacious 4-bedroom, 2-bath home, U-shaped with a fabulous center patio perfect for entertaining. Enjoy the recent addition with sun-drenched rooms, tile floor, skylights and a family room overlooking the large back yard. \$799,900.

OLD MONTEREY APPEAL! Beautifully remodeled 3-bedroom, 3-bath home nestled in the trees. Cozy den/studio with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooks the park-like setting. The kitchen is fabulous state-of-the-art gourmet. High ceilings throughout plus a 450 sq. ft. wine cellar. \$1,100,000.

MONTEREY CHARMER! Enjoy a peek of the ocean from your upstairs master suite in this cozy 3-bedroom, 2-bath cottage! Perfect for a small family or weekender. Conveniently located, with access to all parts of the Monterey Peninsula just out your door! \$639,950.

PEBBLE BEACH



GREAT VALUE! Conveniently located at the end of a cul-de-sac, this 2500 sq. ft. 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath family home is ready for some work, but has incredible potential. Open beam ceilings, spacious rooms, large brick fireplace, decks and two-car garage. \$975,000.

WORLD OF YOUR OWN! This immaculate 4-bedroom, 4-bath residence is conveniently located to all areas of the Peninsula! Reflecting pride of ownership inside and out, the 3590 sq. ft. floorplan includes a beautifully remodeled kitchen/ family room. \$1,775,000.

A VIEW TO THE DUNES COURSE! Adorable 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath Mediterranean hide-away overlooks the 8th fairway and is just a block to the Country Club. Totally remodeled, great style prevails with high ceilings, banks of French doors, hardwood, marble & granite floors. \$2,100,000.



CASA LADERA!" Located on 4.5 acres above the Pebble Beach Golf Links with sweeping ocean and golf link views is this magnificent villa of approximately 7500 sq. ft. Stunningly remodeled with 4 bedrooms, 5+ baths plus a spacious 2-bedroom guesthouse. \$15,900,000.

PACIFIC GROVE



HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS! Enjoy peeks of the bay in this inviting and cozy delight! This two-bed, one-bath home is enchanting. Build a second story to allow full bay views. Grab your slice of the pie, it's here for the taking. \$879,000.



OCEAN VIEW MASTERPIECE In a prime Pacific Grove location, this 3-bedroom, 2-bath four-year-new custom home boasts ocean views from most rooms. The state-of-the-art kitchen offers stainless steel appliances, custom cabinets, and a dumb waiter. Oversized 2-car garage. \$1,425,000.

CUTE & COZY! This charming bungalow is hidden behind flower shrubs in a delightful neighborhood. Bring a brass bed for each of the 2 bedrooms and hang your lace curtains in its delightful windows. The patio invites you with its sparkling, soothing fountain. \$675,000.

SOUTH SALINAS



CHARMING VICTORIAN! This gorgeous two-bed, two-bath Victorian will captivate you. New kitchen and remodeled bathrooms. An enchanting garden. Plus a garage with bonus room. \$569,000.



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