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TWO FROM RLS ENROLL AT U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

■ *Plebes have
been friends since
second grade*

By PAUL MILLER

WHEN CINDY Schelcher said goodbye to her son on Aug. 15 at the gates of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Christmas music was blaring on loudspeakers.

"They were reminding me that I wouldn't be able to see him again until the holidays," she said, recalling the tearful farewell.

A few days earlier, her son, Michael, a 2004 graduate of Robert Louis Stevenson School in Pebble Beach, was in his summer whites being introduced with 1,000 other new students at the Naval Academy, having made it through the rigors of the Navy's "plebe summer."

"They put those boys through a gauntlet, and I was studying Michael's face to see how he was taking it," Schelcher said. "He's doing what he wants to do."

Also among the future officers of the U.S. Navy on the field that day was another RLS graduate from last spring, Will Gifford. As far as anyone recalls, it was the first time two RLS graduates have gone to the same military academy in the same year.

And with the United States at war in the Middle East and under threat of more terrorist attacks at home, the boys' career choice was a momentous one for their



PHOTO/COURTESY GEORGE SCHELCHER

Will Gifford (left) and Michael Schelcher graduated together from RLS last spring and are now tackling the rigors of being plebes at the U.S. Naval Academy.

families.

"His father, DeWitt, was surprised, but I wasn't," said Mary Gifford. "In grammar school, Will played the Major General in 'Pirates of Penzance' and, looking back on it, that was probably when he started getting interested in the military."

Her father, Cmdr. Chesley Willis, was a career Navy man. He was always sending flight suits and other memorabilia to his six grandchildren — especially Will.

"He wanted him to grow up to be a Top Gun, and that's what Will says he wants to be . . . a Navy pilot," his mother said.

One night at the dinner table, Will

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Arson investigators: Both fires in 24 hours were intentional

By KIRSTIE WILDE

BATTALION CHIEF Curt Itson and arson investigator Cliff Williams were poring over the crime scene at a \$200,000 commercial building fire in Carmel Rancho Wednesday when they were called to a second suspicious fire in a multimillion dollar property under construction on Carmel Point.

By Thursday afternoon the two arson experts with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection were ready to say both fires were "intentionally set using a flammable liquid as an accelerant," but not that either was definitely arson.

"Just because a fire is set, doesn't make it arson," said Itson, who explained that it is not illegal to set fire to one's own property.

Until they can interview the owners, tenants, tradespeople, neighbors and witnesses who had access to the two buildings, they will not be able to rule out non-arson causes.

The first fire, in a two-story office building at 26350 Carmel Rancho Lane, started in the basement in the middle of the day Tuesday — not the usual M.O. of an arsonist. The fire destroyed all the communications in the building, according to Dennis Carreiro, battalion chief of the Pebble Beach Fire Protection District, and as of Thursday afternoon there was no power, water or phones in the building. Nine businesses, including an office of the ambulance company, American Medical Response, were temporarily out of business. But there is no dan-

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PHOTO/KIRSTIE WILDE

One of this week's arson fires hit this stately home under construction on Carmel Point. The other, much more extensive, fire caused \$200,000 damage at the mouth of Carmel Valley.

City tries to raise hotel taxes without raising hotel taxes

By KIRSTIE WILDE

BOTH THE city of Carmel and a residents' group are trying to figure out how to get tourists to pay more in transient occupancy taxes, but Mayor Sue McCloud and local innkeepers want to do it without hiking the tax rate.

With a theme of "Inn-creasing Overnight Visitors" for the event, the mayor hosted a few dozen local business people and hotel owners at The Pine Inn Sept. 22 to brainstorm ways to lure more tourists to town, thereby increasing revenue from the TOT without actually increasing its rate of 10 percent.

The trick may be to offer more amenities to visitors without ruining the small-town charm that now draws them to Carmel. That could mean changing the law against live music, loosening the regulations against sparkling lights on Ocean Avenue, or wiring the whole square mile for wireless internet so visitors could access the web from any hotel room.

The city's computer specialist, Steve McInchak, reported

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Rippling River residents seek \$2.7M

■ Favorable report
raises new challenges

By PAUL MILLER

AS SOON as one Sword of Damocles was removed from above the heads of the residents of Rippling River last week, another, perhaps a more formidable one, appeared.

Friday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers put to rest talk of demolishing Rippling River, with a report that the 79-unit affordable housing complex can be brought up to code for \$2.7 million.

"I felt very happy and very relieved when I saw the report because it means we'll be able to remain on premises," said Merri Bilek, president of the Rippling River residents association. "It says repairs can be done instead of demolishing the whole place, which the county housing authority has been talking about for four years."

In August, Jeff Beam, an engineer hired by the residents of Rippling River, did his own inspection of the complex and concluded there was nothing wrong that couldn't be repaired.

Last week, a team from the army corps confirmed his conclusion.

"The corps' report indicates that all the buildings are structurally sound and, with implementation of recom-



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Badly decayed beams holding up balconies — supported now with temporary two-by-fours — have to be fixed first, according to a report from the Army Corps of Engineers.

mended repairs, should have an additional 20-year life," according to the Save Rippling River Committee, which

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Ignoring dad's advice was medicine's loss, art's gain

By CHRIS COUNTS

LIKE GREG Hawthorne, the Big Sur artist whose vision created it, the Hawthorne Gallery is not content to blend in with its surroundings.

Located on Highway 1 across from the famous Nepenthe Restaurant, the Hawthorne Gallery is a staggering combination of impossible curves, angles and geometric figures that somehow fit together perfectly. It's big; it's bold, and it has become a landmark on a highway where man-made landmarks are few because unobstructed views of the route's amazing scenery are cherished.

"It takes a certain mindset to stop here," explained gallery manager Linda Rowland-Jones. "It's not clearly marked. People stop here because they are intrigued."

What visitors discover is a remarkable structure of wood and glass is filled with a dazzling array of bright colors and abstract shapes.

In a studio overlooking the gallery, Nepenthe and the Pacific Ocean, Hawthorne cooks up his latest blend of bright colors and abstract shapes, producing paintings, custom furniture, steel wall puzzles, waterfall installations and sculptures. His work is represented in hundreds of private, public and corporate collections. The diversity of his work is summed up in his mantra, "I want to push the limits."

Hawthorne has come a long way from the day when, with the bright optimism that often accompanies youth, he announced his intention to become an artist. "My dad wanted me to be a doctor because he said I could never make a living as an artist," he remembered. "When I sold a painting for \$100, I thought I was rich."

It was clear that, even at an early age, Hawthorne was not content to simply blend in. "I went to an all-boys Catholic high school in Michigan," he recalled. "It was very competitive, it was nonstop work and



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Using bright colors and abstract shapes, artist Greg Hawthorne creates paintings, furniture, wall puzzles, waterfall installations and sculptures for display at Hawthorne Gallery in Big Sur

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incredibly boring. There was too much chemistry and physics. The one class I enjoyed was art."

Hawthorne wasn't the only member of his family to enjoy art class. In fact, the Hawthorne Gallery is truly a family affair, representing the work of five family members as well as other contemporary artists. Greg's brother, Chris Hawthorne, works in blown glass. Chris' wife, Julie, specializes in whimsical ceramic pieces. Greg's sister, Lisa, sells enamel jewelry. Lisa's husband, Steve Kuntz, and her stepson, Terry Kuntz, are sculptors. Greg's wife, Susan, is a graphic artist, his 23-year-old son, Taylor, is away at art school and his 15-year-old daughter, Shelby, is a sophomore at Carmel High School who plans to go to art school.

Driven by rain

When Hawthorne decided to move to the west coast in 1983, he considered settling in Oregon. But during a brief visit, "it rained every day, every minute and every second." So instead, at his father-in-law's advice, he checked out a piece of property in Big Sur.

A realtor met Hawthorne at the airport and they drove down the coast to visit a somewhat overgrown property with three things going for it — location, location and location.

"I turned to the realtor and said I'll take it," he recalled. "He said, 'But you haven't seen anything else.' And I said again, 'I'll take it.'"

Ironically, the refugee from rainy Oregon arrived in Big Sur just as one of its stormiest periods — El Niño of the early 1990s — was beginning. Eventually the sky cleared and the sun began to shine on the future home of the gallery, which opened its doors in May 1995.

From the start, the Hawthorne Gallery was an

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Treated water will allow lagoons to be joined

■ Cal-Am may support project to aid fish and frogs

By PAUL MILLER

THE NEW lagoon excavated this summer in the former Odello artichoke fields west of Highway 1 will be joined to the old lagoon at the mouth of the Carmel River next week if the level of the old lagoon can be raised to match the level in the new one, which the water table has brought to more than five feet above sea level.

"We've been pumping water from wells, but it hasn't had much effect yet," said Ken Gray, district planner for state parks in Monterey. "It's a day-to-day thing, and it looks like the levels will be right sometime next week."

According to a local supervisor for Granite Construction, which dug the new lagoon at a cost of \$2.4 million, water from the Carmel Area Wastewater Treatment Plant will be pumped into the lagoon as soon as it is available, raising it by about a half-foot.

Ray von Dohren, general manager of CAWD, confirmed that he'll pump water to the lagoon from the high-tech plant that supplies irrigation water to the golf courses of Del Monte Forest as soon as there is a surplus.

"At this time of year, we have extra water more often than in July or August," said von Dohren. "We thought we might have some earlier this week, but then the weather was too nice," which increased demand in Pebble Beach.

Since the advanced reclamation project opened in 1994, treated water from the sewer plant has been stored in a large tank until it's needed on golf courses. When the tank is full, the treated water normally goes out the

sewer plant's ocean outfall. But recently, temporary facilities have been rigged to send some of the extra water to the lagoon to help protect habitat for two threatened species, the steelhead trout and the red legged frog.

Cal-Am general manager Steve Leonard said last week his company was studying the possibility of funding a long-term project to direct surplus reclaimed water to the lagoon, if state officials will give the company credit for the saved water.

"We might be able to produce 100 acre-feet more water a year, if we replace it by putting treated water back in the river," Leonard said. "It's a small amount, but it still could be important to make sure we comply with 95-10," the state order which strictly limited how much water could be pumped from the river aquifer.

According to von Dohren, the cost of setting up a permanent system to pump reclaimed water to the lagoon would be \$50,000 to \$200,000 — most of it for instrumentation.

"It has to be automatic or else the staff time costs too much," he said.

Von Dohren and Leonard have already met with federal wildlife officials on the idea, which they supported preliminarily.

Meanwhile, von Dohren reported that the project to repair the sewer plant's outfall off Carmel River State Beach is still not completed.

"The pipe was about half full of sand, and so far we've cleaned about 100 feet of a total length of 280 feet," von Dohren said. Work had to be halted this week because of rough seas, but he said it would probably resume Monday.

The total cost of the repair project, which began when a hole was discovered in the outfall pipe in the summer of 2003, may reach \$450,000, he said.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported seeing juveniles drinking alcohol on Scenic between Eighth and 13th avenues. Officers contacted several juveniles and a 21-year-old who took responsibility for the beer. He said he

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmel fire responded to a reported sewage leak on Monterey Street. Crew found a small sewage run-off in the yard at that location and advised Carmel Wastewater Management District of the problem. A service unit was en route.

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Flippo: 'Prop. 66 will release dangerous criminals'

MONTEREY COUNTY District Attorney Dean Flippo will appear at the Carmel Foundation Oct. 6 to discuss Prop. 66 on the November ballot, which Flippo says would "release thousands of serious and violent criminals back into our communities."

Prop. 66, which is backed by the ACLU but opposed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, would amend the state's "three strikes" law to require that all three offenses be violent before the law's severe penalties are triggered.

If passed, Prop 66 would retroactively reduce the sentences for many of the criminals who were given long sentences under the existing law, which sharply increased sentences for multiple offenders.

The "three strikes" law was approved by voters in 1994 and has twice been

upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. Critics say it costs too much and is unjust, putting people behind bars for life for stealing or drug use; proponents say it has played a major role in reducing crime.

One of the sponsors of Prop. 66 is Jerry Kenan, whose son, Richard, is in prison for killing two teenagers while driving drunk and with a suspended license. If the proposition passes, the younger Kenan would have his sentence reduced. His father has spent more than \$1.5 million of his own money to help the proposition pass, according to press reports.

But family members of the dead teenagers have also been traveling the state, campaigning against Prop. 66.

Flippo's talk will begin at 2:30 p.m. at The Carmel Foundation. Call (831) 624-1588.

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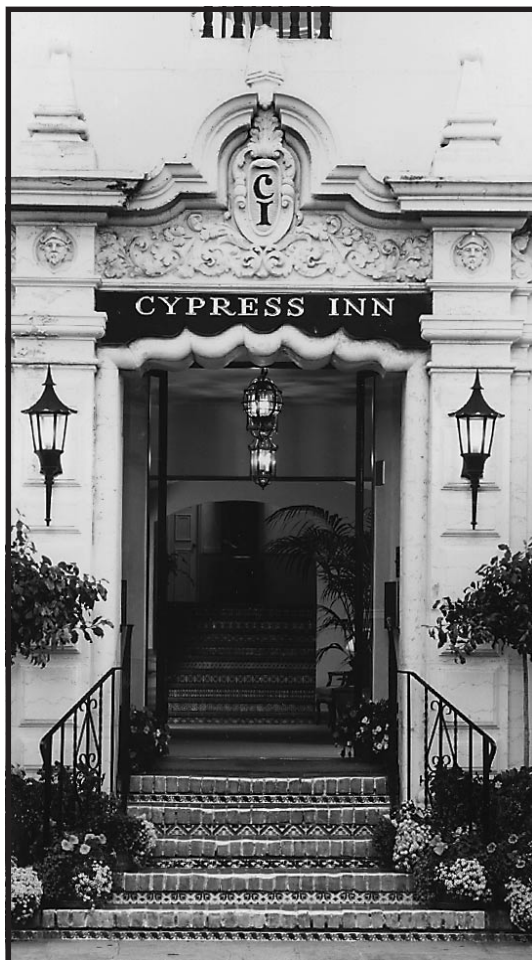
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Why a braided bearded Dane called on the mayor

By PAUL MILLER

A MAN looking like a character straight out of Mary Poppins walked into city hall Monday.

With his top hat, long black coat, ornate walking stick and braided beard, Niki Martiny created quite a sensation when he approached the counter and told assistant administrator Stephanie Pearce he wanted to see the mayor.

"He impressed me as having stepped out of maybe 1865," Pearce said. "Especially with the little cloth bundle he carried with his belongings."

At first, Pearce had a little trouble understanding what Martiny wanted, "because of his accent and my unfamiliarity with anyone doing what he said he was doing."

Martiny told Pearce he was on a three-year-plus-one-day journey around the world as a member of a traditional carpenter's guild based in Germany. The guild promotes the use of hand tools and methods developed in the 14th Century. It also encourages its members to travel the world to learn new skills from woodworkers in other nations.

"I started with one year in German-speaking countries, and then I went to New Zealand and then Japan and now I have been in California for two months," Martiny said.

He travels by foot whenever possible, and everywhere he goes he asks for official stamps from other guilds and local governments. His leather-bound "travelers book" had about ten pages densely filled with official-looking stamps and handwritten notes from mayors in numerous cities.

The book, provided by the "Confederation of European Itinerant Tradesmen," also included this explanation:

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It also sternly warned that all the stamps and notes in the book must be official: "Private notes are not acceptable and will entail the canceling of this book for improper use."



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

This Danish itinerant carpenter, after traveling through German-speaking countries plus New Zealand and Japan, stopped by city hall this week for urgent business with the mayor.

Martiny wouldn't allow any photographs to be taken of his book.

"It is proof of my journey, and it is quite personal," he said proudly. He came to Carmel's city hall to acquire an official Carmel-by-the-Sea stamp and, if possible, a signature from mayor Sue McCloud.

"First I checked with Karen Crouch, the city clerk, to see if it was all right for me to give him a stamp," Pearce said. When Crouch OK'd the idea, Pearce put an embossed foil stamp bearing the words "City of Carmel-by-the-Sea" in Martiny's treasured book.

Later, McCloud wrote, "All the best in your career and trip home."

She also gave him a tour.

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announced his decision to join the military. After 9/11, Mary Gifford asked her son if he was sure.

"More than ever, Mom," was Will's reply. "Just remember, if we don't have a strong military, we're going to have more 9/11s."

"Other parents asked me, 'Why are you encouraging him?'" Mary Gifford said. "But that wasn't what we did. He was accepted at other schools, including Berkeley and UCLA, but he was adamant that he wanted to go to the Naval Academy."

The physical rigors of the Navy's summer program were a major test for the young Gifford, because "everybody knows he's not a jock," his mother said. "We thought he'd get eaten alive, but at the end of the summer he was in the second-highest group."

"The summer program is when the Navy tries to get people to quit, and they do," said Dave Miller, an English teacher and director of college counseling at RLS.

Among the deprivations: Each plebe is only allowed three five-minute phone calls home all summer. But then things lighten up a bit.

"The worst part is over now," Miller said. He recommended Gifford for a spot at the Naval Academy.

"Will Gifford is one of those students teachers love to have in their classes, coaches love to have on their teams, and students love to have as their friend," he wrote to the selection committee.

Miller also recommended Michael Schelcher, calling him "a model of integrity and reliability with a pronounced dedication to principles and loyalty to friends and institutions."

His father, George Schelcher, was a career Army man

'The summer program is when the Navy tries to get people to quit, and they do.'

— Dave Miller

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tom Williams, CCC President

"What's good for business is good for Carmel"

October and the days grow shorter. We will also be receiving our membership renewal notices this month. You will see a few changes to the form with additions for enhanced marketing, special event participation and web site participation. The Carmel Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting business, marketing and networking opportunities to benefit its members professionally and economically. To that end your board of directors is always on the lookout for opportunities to benefit you, the membership. We have most recently created a new web site with features never before available to the users or our membership. With better tracking, operating and site management the new web site is a tremendous investment for current and future destination and local marketing. It has also become a small revenue source which will be directed to enhanced services for members. We are looking at renting additional space for a downstairs visitor center. This would give us an on-street location and ease of access not enjoyed until now. As you will appreciate, an increase in rent, overhead, staffing and utilities will require the board of directors and staff to become very creative with the budget allocations for the upcoming fiscal year.

Your board believes this is one of the best possible uses of membership dues and addresses directly our mission of promoting each and every member business. It is also a great asset for the city of Carmel and its residents. Unlike many cities in America the city of Carmel-by-the-Sea has never supported a facility for visitor services. I have never understood that position when more than 50% of the city's operating budget comes from the revenue of visitor serving businesses like yours. The Carmel Chamber of Commerce has been for many years the only full time staffed visitor center in Carmel. Your dues, participation in special events and sponsorship support enable us to continue this very important function on behalf of our membership and the city as a whole. Our Chamber is on a very sound financial footing and the board has not taken our commitment to our membership and visitors lightly. It is this kind of investment our membership supports with its dues. Thank you for your continued participation.

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Southern Latitudes Wines celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting. L-R is Maria Murray, Buon Giorno Bakery and CCC President Elect; Kerre Dubinsky and Annalisa Wood, owners of Southern Latitudes Wines and Council Member Paul Hazdovac. In the background are CCC Board of Directors (L-R) Michael Adamson, Monterey County Bank; Mia McKee, Mia McKee Marketing & Event Planning and CCC Executive Director Monta Potter.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Council Members Paul Hazdovac and Mike Cunningham will present parking proposals
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS October 2004

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| 9/30 | CCC Ribbon Cutting, Oliver Elliott Sebastian Fine Art, 5-7 pm 624-2522 |
| 10/1-10/13 | The Assassination of Henry VI, Circle Theatre, 622-0100 |
| 10/1-10/17 | Richard III, Circle Theatre, 622-0100 |
| 10/1-10/6 | "Surfaces" Group Show, Carmel Art Association, Dolores btwn 5th & 6th, 624-6176 |
| 10/1-10/10 | LOVE LETTERS, Staff Players, Indoor Forest Theatre, 624-1531 |
| 10/1-10/17 | TWELFTH NIGHT:OR WHAT YOU WILL, PacRep, Outdoor Forest Theater, 622-0100 |
| 10/1 | Harvest Wine Seminar, Chateau Julien Wine Estate, 624-2600 |
| 10/3 | Capitol Steps, Performance Carmel, Sunset Center, 624-2040 |
| 10/4 | Annual Carmel Valley Wine Festival, 659-6010 |
| 10/7 | Carmel Art Association Gallery Showcase, Carmel Art Association, 624-6176 |
| 10/7-11/2 | Carmel Art Association Show, Carmel Art Association, 624-6176 |
| 10/8-10/10 | Fall Festival, Robinson Jeffers Tor House, 624-1813 |
| 10/9 | Carmel Art Association Opening Reception, Carmel Art Association, 624-6176 |
| 10/9 | Friends of Monterey Symphony Opening Flamenco Gala, Monterey Plaza Hotel, 624-8511 |
| 10/12 | CCC General Membership Meeting, La Playa Hotel, 624-2522 |
| 10/14 | David Finckel & Wu Han, Carmel Music Society, 625-9938 |
| 10/14 | CCC After Hours Mixer, La Playa Hotel, 624-2522 |
| 10/14 | Monterey County Economic Forum, Hyatt Regency Monterey, 755-5852 |
| 10/15-10/17 | Fry's Electronics Monterey Sports Car Championship, Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway, 800-327-SECA |
| 10/16 | Dvorak – Serenade & Walton – Façade, Monterey Ensemble, Sunset Center, 333-1283 |
| 10/17 | Annual Taste of Carmel, Carmel Chamber of Commerce, 624-2522 |
| 10/19 | CCC Ribbon Cutting Mixer, Beleza Skin Care, SE corner Junipero & 5th, 624-2522 |
| 10/22 | Perlman – Schmidt – Bailey Trio, Mozart Society, Sunset Center, 625-3637 |
| 10/24-10/25 | Concert I-Jose Luis Castillo, conductor, Monterey Symphony, Sunset Center, 624-8511 |
| 10/24 | Music in the Gardens at the Barnyard Shopping Village, 624-8886 |
| 10/24 | 43rd Annual Great San Castle Contest, Carmel Beach south of 10th, 620-2020 |
| 10/29-10/31 | Changing Seasons, stroll through Carmel galleries, 624-9035 |
| 10/30 | St Petersburg String Quartet, Chamber Music Monterey Bay, Sunset Center, 625-2211 |
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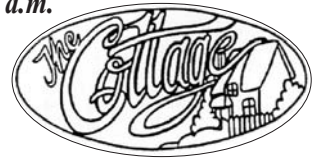
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REPORT

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reviewed the army report in detail this week.

Earlier housing authority estimates put the cost of repairs at more than \$10 million — a figure that was impractical because it exceeded the cost of building a new project at the same location or somewhere else, officials said.

The army's cost estimates are for fixing virtually every aspect of concern at Rippling River, include structural, architectural, plumbing/mechanical, electrical, site conditions and handicapped access, according to a committee of residents that reviewed it.

"We're very pleased that the army's figure for repairs is about what we've been saying all along," Bilek said.

But the \$2.7 million price tag, which includes \$300,000 needed for immediate repairs of the worst defects, has its own difficulties, because nobody knows where the money will come from.

"Therein lies the big challenge," said Barry Phillips of the county housing authority, which has managed Rippling River since the early 1980s. A meeting Monday of the ad hoc committee of the board of supervisors and the housing authority will be where the search for the money begins.

"The important thing is to get the buildings to a habitable and safe standard immediately, and then to fix everything that's needed to keep them that way for the next twenty years," said Kathleen Lee, an aide to supervisor Dave Potter.

LAFCO will tackle C.V. incorporation Monday

THE POSSIBLE incorporation of Carmel Valley will have its first substantial hearing in front of the Local Agency Formation Commission Sept. 27 at 3 p.m. at the board of supervisors chambers in Salinas.

On the agenda are status reports of the finances, service plan and environmental impacts of the proposed town. Kate McKenna, LAFCO executive officer, will also present a timeline for the agency to formally consider the incorporation plan. Before becoming effective, the plan also must be approved by a majority of voters within the boundaries of the proposed city, which would stretch from Highway 1 to just beyond Carmel Valley Village.

Members of the public are invited to comment on the incorporation proposal. For more info, call (831) 754-5831.

"The county and the housing authority are working to figure out if there's money."

"We expect to have more challenges," Bilek said. "The Department of Housing and Urban Development [which funds operation of Rippling River] could come up short with what they're able to spend."

In that case, "we might have to turn to the community for as much help as we can get," Bilek said.

A review of the army report by the Save Rippling River Committee offered some hope that the \$2.7 million price could be cut.

"The costs given [by the army] include an automatic 20 percent contingency," the committee said. "Actual construction costs could be less."

Also, community volunteers could do some of the easier work, such as interior painting, Lee said. And licensed contractors might be willing to work on the project for reduced rates, she added.

One local property management company, Westport, Incorporated, has already put together a list of tradesmen willing to donate 2,800 hours toward fixing Rippling River, according to its president, Brad Boghosian, who told the housing authority he has solicited help from several contractors.

"They are willing to donate tradesmen to reconstruct buildings at no cost," Boghosian said. "If proper plans, materials and project management are provided, the resources for labor could be unlimited."

He said his goal is to get 5,000 hours of donated

labor.

"As the community learns of this request, I'm sure we will far exceed my current goal," Boghosian said. "Our community has a strong passion to assure the residents' security and give them peace of mind."

There was also progress on extending liability insurance for Rippling River, according to Phillips. "Our existing carrier has said that, based on the army's report, if we take certain steps recommended in the report, they will continue coverage past their Dec. 7 deadline."

And then in March the company, which insures government-owned housing projects all over California, will do its regular annual review of Rippling River.

That was good news, especially since requests for new insurance from other carriers brought unexpectedly high bids.

Bilek said the county housing authority has been spending \$80,000 a year to insure its properties countywide.

According to county administrator Keith Honda, new bids ranged \$52,000 a year to \$154,000 a year, just for Rippling River.

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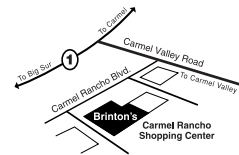
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ARSON

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ger that ambulance calls will be affected, Carreiro said, because they are dispatched by radio and alpha pagers out of Marina.

The other companies put out of business by the fire include Tom Redfern and Associates Realtors, Steven Kramer Real Estate Group, Pacific Funding and Investment, Brookstreet Securities, Girard Securities, World Graphics, Carmel Rentals

and Myomplace Yoga studio.

There was no estimate about when they will be able to move back in, because Monterey County has temporarily condemned the building while it inspects the structural fire damage. An SBC repairman on the scene said pulling new cables to repair the telephone, cable and computer lines will be very difficult because they are melted inside the walls.

The building is owned by Susan Stilwell of Pebble Beach, who told The Pine Cone she had no idea who might want to damage her building of her tenants. There have been no evictions or tenants and most of them are long-term renters. She said there was a previous arson fire at the building last spring

which remains unsolved. So far, investigators have released no information connecting the two crimes.

"We have nothing to indicate the two fires are related," Itson said. "The only commonality is that they both involved some kind of flammable liquid. We don't know what it was, just that it wasn't something ordinary like gasoline or paint thinner. We have samples at the lab now."

Carmel Point fire

Approximately 12 hours after the Carmel Rancho fire, another was set in the basement of a multimillion dollar property under construction in the 26400 block of Scenic Road on Carmel Point. The house, owned by

Morgan Gilman, was part of a somewhat controversial development of oceanfront lots where open space had been. But arson investigators who interviewed Gilman said he had no known enemies nor threats against him.

"The house was not secured, so someone could just walk right in there," said Itson. The fire broke out around midnight. "We will have to check for signs kids or transients may have started the fire."

The damage to the basement was not extensive, Carreira said, and went out before firemen arrived. Itson speculated that the fire probably wasn't the work of activists angry about a house being built at a spectacular oceanfront location.

"Ecoterrorists always claim responsibility," he said. "No one has made any claims or left any calling cards at the scene."

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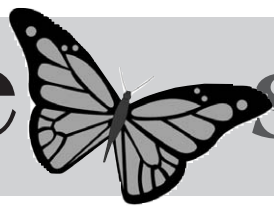
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HAWTHORNE

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eye-opener. The design, a collaboration between architect Mickey Muennig and Hawthorne, brought recognition for the architect and business for the artist.

"Mickey is a great guy to work with," Hawthorne said of the designer of the Post Ranch Inn and the new bath complex at the Esalen Institute. "We would get together, drink martinis and argue. It was wonderful."

After carving out such a successful niche for himself in the art world and the Big Sur business community, Greg says he's not planning to retire anytime soon — or even slow down.

"I've heard that the arts in Big Sur are dead," he said. "I believe they're just getting started."

His enthusiasm is perhaps inevitable, considering his deep appreciation for Big Sur's artistic heritage.

"Henry Miller, Harry Dick Ross and their contemporaries received a lot of attention. But there are more good artists here now than ever," he said.

It is Hawthorne's nature to scan the horizon for something new, something bigger and something better. But he hasn't forgotten where it all started — in a high school classroom in Michigan.

"Reading, writing and arithmetic are important," he said. "But we need to remember that everything needs to be designed. We need to think about the next generation. We need to keep kids thinking creatively. The arts feed everything else."

Seventh John Denver beach cleanup set

THE LIFE, work and music of singer John Denver will be remembered in Pacific Grove October 10 with a beach cleanup and vigil near the spot where Denver's plane crashed on Oct. 12, 1997.

The cleanup will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, on Ocean View Boulevard between Acropolis and Asilomar, and will follow the 1.2 mile beachfront path over to Lovers Point Park.


The cleanup will be followed by a sing-along and raffle benefitting Friends of the Monarchs at Lovers Point Park from noon until about 4 p.m. that afternoon. And there will be a memorial candlelight vigil at the beach turnout at Ocean View Boulevard and Acropolis from 5 to 6 p.m. Information tables will be set up at the beach turnout and at Lovers Point Park, with maps and directions to other John Denver-related attractions in the area.

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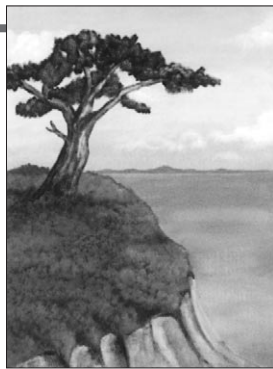


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"We have six [high-speed] T-1 lines linking all city buildings right now, which will soon be replaced by a fiber-optic system," McInchak said. "A single T-1 line could serve all 990 hotel rooms in Carmel, for a monthly cost of only about \$180."

The city's Wi-Fi system potentially could give every resident high speed, wireless internet access, too, and also in public places like Devendorf Park or Carmel Beach. But would that amenity draw tourists or turn them off?

"We have to be careful," warned Lydia Graham of Graham and Associates, the company hired by Carmel to market the city. "People come to Carmel to get away from it all, to be where the world used to be." She said universal Wi-Fi might be a nice perk to offer hotel guests, but probably not something the city wants to trumpet on Bay Area radio

advertisements.

'Classy live jazz'

Two strong proponents of changing the law banning live music in Carmel establishments that serve alcohol, councilmen Gerard Rose and Erik Bethel, were turned away at the door to the meeting Wednesday.

"Compliments of the Brown Act," McCloud explained, referring to the open-meeting law which does not allow more than two council members to discuss city business in unofficial meetings. "But if they were here, they would argue that live, non-amplified music is needed in Carmel."

Several innkeepers agreed, saying there is nothing to do in town after dinner and they are continually pointing their guests to Cannery Row, Monterey or Mission Ranch, which does nothing to bring revenue to Carmel.

"One of the top 20 questions we get at the visitors center is, 'What can we do tonight?' Younger people want music," agreed Monta Potter of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce.

"It's amazing that the home of the Bach Festival doesn't allow live music," chimed in Chris Tescher, the builder.

But, as with Wi-Fi, live music might turn off just as many people as it draws.

"Elderly diners with hearing aids tell me the restaurants are too noisy now," said McCloud. "If there is music, they won't patronize."

And changing the law wouldn't be easy. Besides convincing a majority of quiet-loving residents that even an understated string quartet playing in a restaurant next door wouldn't be bothersome, the law might require approval of the California Coastal Commission.

"It depends on whether staff concluded there was an environmental impact that required an amendment to the local coastal plan," said city attorney Don Freeman.

And legalizing live music could "open a can of worms" according to La Playa Hotel's Tom Glidden, who worried that the expense of entertainment — paying musicians, losing dinner tables to dance floor — might actually be counterproductive. "You might just end up competing with your neighbors for the same customers, but with higher overhead," Glidden said.

David Kimball of KRML radio, the tiny station made famous in the Clint Eastwood film "Play Misty for Me," told the group his "classy jazz" soon will have a much wider audience.

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Raise TOT 20 percent?

There is a petition circulating in town to raise the TOT rate from 10 percent to 12 percent, a 20-percent increase. City clerk Karen Crouch said 443 valid signatures must be turned in by Feb. 5, 2005, but Mike Biele, a resident spear-heading the petition drive, told The Pine Cone he already has 500 signatures and expects to turn in more than that long before the deadline.

The additional funds raised by an increase in the TOT "will be allocated for the following specific uses," according to Biele's petition:

- 1/2 percent to maintain, protect and enhance the city's public beach, parks, open space and forest areas;
- 1/2 percent to maintain and enhance the city's Harrison Memorial Library, Forest Theater, Flanders Mansion and Scout House
- 3/4 percent to guarantee funding of the city's capital improvement program
- 1/4 percent for tourist promotion.

"The public is fed up with waiting for the city council to do something to raise revenue," Biele said. And the cost of a special election on the TOT hike — estimated by Crouch to be between \$5,500 for a mail-in ballot to \$7,500 for an election at the polls — is puny "compared to the \$700,000 estimated year-after-year income" from the higher hotel tax, he said.

Besides Biele, who is a retired teacher who moved to Carmel three years ago, the circulators listed on the petition are Patricia Ann Fairbank and Jim Brun of Carmel.

Marshall Hydorn, former city councilman and current innkeeper and real estate salesman, said the higher TOT is "worth trying for awhile," but he would prefer it have a sunset clause.

The Coachman's Inn's Karen Redmon believes a 20 percent hike in the TOT will drive her "bread and butter" clients away. She already has the signatures of 360 guests who say a 12 percent TOT would affect their returning to Carmel.

According to Crouch, once the petitions are submitted to the city, she will personally drive them to the registrar of voters in Salinas, who will check to make sure there are 464 valid signatures. If so, the tax hike will appear on the agenda of the next regular Carmel city council meeting. If councilmembers decline to pass it, a special election must be held not less than 88 days, or more than 103 days from the date the item was presented at council. A hike in the TOT requires a two-thirds majority vote.

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Sandy Claws

By Margot Petit Nichols

LILLY MCTURK, 4, a King Charles Cavalier spaniel, is so well-traveled – flying two round trips a year to her native Canada – her Mom Janet put her on a diet recently to be sure she could fit into her under-seat Sherpa airline carrier bag. After stringently monitoring Lilly's diet for a month, at weigh-in time this week, Lilly had lost one ounce. Put it down to the treats Lilly gets at the dog-supply stores in town and to beach goers who can't resist Lilly's adorable little tricolor face.

Not an only pooch at the McTurk household, Lilly has an older sister, Maggie, a 12-1/2-year-old brown standard poodle, who has a laissez-faire attitude when it comes to sis Lilly, as is frequently the case in

homes where the age difference between siblings is noticeable.

Lilly gets to sleep with Mom, while Maggie enjoys



the luxury of her own bed. When Mom and Maggie take off for Canada, Maggie, mature enough to handle this responsibility, stays home and guards the house with a doggie sitter.

Lilly's best friend, King Charles Cavalier Harry Dodds, sleeps over on occasion, crowding in on Mom and Lilly.

At Christmastime, both Harry and Lilly are Salvation Army bell ringers at Carmel-by-the-Sea's post office, bringing in twice as much as a one-dog bell ringer. Quite an activist, Lilly has helped with Beach Clean Up Day, too.

A participant in the city's October birthday/Halloween parade, Cavalier division, Lilly's looking forward to marching with some 30 of her breed from near and far, particularly because she and Mom have arranged for a banner to herald their contingent this year.

Red Cross needs hurricane relief volunteers

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WITH DAMAGE from three hurricanes across wide areas of Florida and Alabama, the national headquarters of the American Red Cross is seeking at least 200 willing and able volunteers from California to help provide relief services.

"We have sent 13 volunteers so far," said Donna Duvin, director of the Carmel Chapter of the American Red Cross.

In addition to helping with feeding and sheltering the thousands left homeless, volunteers are needed to assist with accounting, public relations, warehousing and damage assessment.

They should be prepared to face the harsh conditions wrought by the multiple hurricanes that hit the states and be willing to work in chaotic circumstances for a minimum of two weeks. Most areas are without power and have no drinking water.

The Red Cross pays all expenses for travel, lodging and food. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Duvin at (831) 624-6921.

Tor House gets \$10K grant

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

A MATCHING grant of \$10,000 was awarded to the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation this week by the National Endowment for the Arts. The grant is a partial support for a \$20,000 project to preserve the Robinson Jeffers collection and to complete the rehabilitation of the East Wing of Tor House located on Carmel Point. Poet Jeffers built the house as a family residence and Hawk Tower as a writing studio.

Tor House is listed on the National Register of Historical Places and is recognized as a unique Carmel treasure. According to president Alex Vardamis, the foundation is actively pursuing funds to meet its obligation for the matching grant.

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Today's Real Estate

by MAUREEN MASON
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Who Needs a Realtor?

Tax expert Rich Robinson, himself a CPA, has often said that he would never attempt to do his own taxes. He takes his figures to the best CPA he can find. He has proven to himself that doing so saves him money—because the CPA finds tax savings he forgot to find—and it allows him to sleep better at night.


Similarly, Robinson says he would never try to sell his home without the help of the best real estate professional he can find. It has both saved—and made—him money. And there's the matter of sleeping well again.

There isn't room here to discuss all the reasons Robinson gives for his decision, so we will be looking at the over the course of a few columns.

The first point to be made is very simple. The best available real estate professional will know your neighborhood, will know the state of the market in your area, will be able to help you arrive at the best possible asking price for your home, will be able to provide ideas for making your home as appealing to buyers as possible (without costing you much in the process), and will be able to work the network of local real estate agents to your greatest advantage.

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PHOTOS BREATHTAKING IN 'UNDER ANTARCTIC ICE'

The Bookshelf

By MARGOT
PETIT NICHOLS



THE PHOTOGRAPHS in a spectacular new book, "Under Antarctic Ice — The Photographs of Norbert Wu," are by a Pacific Grove resident who has also written the photographic notes. Text is by Jim Mastro.

This collection of underwater photos is breathtaking and doubly so when readers realize this is probably the only opportunity they will ever have of seeing dozens of penguins swimming in Antarctic waters — as observed from below — so they appear to be flying in an azure sky; or view a brittle star (*Ophionotus victoriae*) consisting of white circular body and five very long, thin legs, approaching a pencil urchin (*Ctenocidaris perrieri*), that looks for all the world like a red fluffy pincushion impaled with almost a score of pencils; or swarms of bright red sea stars gathered in one spot on the ocean floor devouring decaying matter.

But the photographs above water are utterly enchanting, too. Many shots of penguins standing in formal attire in social groups are endearing, and a small group of emperor penguins pausing to ponder a tracked vehicle is a study in neighborly nosiness.

One of the most intriguing photos is of Adélie penguins,

having been replaced on their nests by mates, making their way to open water. "Going to sea to feed is the most dangerous thing they can do," Mastro tells us, and so they look over the edge of their icy terrain into the cold waters below, scanning the water for Leopard seals who might be lurking there waiting to devour their plump bodies. After interminable dithering and procrastination and several changes of location, one makes the plunge — to be followed by the whole group. The line-up of jostling penguins and their final leap to search for food, resembles a bunch of children gathered at a swimming hole, waiting for the bravest among them to be the first in.

This 178-page cloth covered book with 140 color photographs by Wu will intrigue scholarly naturalists, marine biologists and casual readers alike. It has just been released by the University of California Press, Berkeley, Los Angeles, London, and is available at local bookstores for \$39.95.

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REMEMBER "BEYOND BINGO," that social satire and mystery caper about friendship, legalizing medical marijuana and more set in Pacific Grove? It was written by three P.G. friends, **Carolyn Livingston, Joan Drummond Miller and Julie Houy**, who have just signed an option granting rights to an independent producer for possible development of a film based on the book. Way to go, ladies! The book would make a delightful movie, and if it were filmed in P.G., would bring scenic verisimilitude to a good story. Although

the publisher of the book is no longer in business, the book may be purchased by calling (831) 373-6221.

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HENRY WARD BEECHER said it: "A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life." A truism if we ever heard one. Now **The Carmel Public Library Foundation** has launched its **2004 fundraising campaign** to raise money for immediate use by Harrison Memorial Library for purchase of books and equipment and to fund special programs. Although we mention it quite frequently in this column, we

want to be sure our readers realize that no tax money is used for any of these items. The City of Carmel funds personnel and building maintenance only. The library relies on private contributions for everything else. Foundation president **Mary Wurtz** encourages everyone to help maintain free Library services to all. Individuals wishing to contribute to the CPLF fundraiser may pick up a brochure at the main or park branch, or call the foundation at (831) 624-2811.

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THE AUTHOR'S TABLE, "a novel evening of individually hosted dinners, each featuring a distinguished writer," is again sponsored by the California State University, Monterey Bay, and the National Steinbeck Center. This year's authors, with whom you may dine at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1, are **Anthony Dias Blue, James Bracher and Daniel Halloran, Rosalind Gray Davis, Norman G. Gautreau, Maxine Hong Kingston, Jonathan Kirsch, Eric Lax, Otto Penzler, Ralph Peters/Owen Parry, Kathleen Sharp, Peter Smith, Gail Tsukiyama, Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez, Ciji Ware, Jacqueline Winspear and Lolly Winston**. Private homes and hosts will be distributed between Corral De Tierra, Carmel, Monterey, Pasadera Ranch, Rancho San Carlos and Carmel Highlands. Placement for this third annual Author's Table is again based on your selection for the contribution levels of \$500, \$300 and \$150 per person. Co-chairs are **Paula Downing and Mary Jo McKenzie**. For information, contact event coordinator **Tia Gindick** at (831) 625-8190.

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"SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE" by **Kurt Vonnegut Jr.** will be discussed by that congenial discussion group, **The Literary Circle**, at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 27 facilitated by **Stuart and Paula Walzer** in the Monterey Public Library community room, 625 Pacific St., Monterey. Admission is free and newcomers are welcome. For information, call (831) 646-3949.

Eroica Trio premieres O' Connor's 'Poets and Prophets'

CHAMBER MUSIC Monterey Bay opens its 38th season with the Wednesday, Sept. 29 appearance of the Eroica Trio. Winners of the Naumburg Award, the trio will premiere violist/composer Mark O'Connor's "Poets and Prophets," a work inspired by the life and music of country legend Johnny Cash.

Chamber Music Monterey Bay invites audience members to a "Dazzle and Bedazzled" reception at 7 p.m. that will feature wine, sweets, raffle items and a prize for the most elegant attire. Setting is Sunset Theater, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel. For tickets, call (831) 625-2212 or visit www.chambermusicmontereybay.org.



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LA BELLA NOTTE is being held 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2. This annual event is a beautiful night of food, a potpourri of marvelous entertainment, and dancing to the Blues and Swing Trio at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Carmel Valley Road opposite Ford Road in Carmel Valley. No host wine will be available for purchase. This fun-filled evening is sponsored by the Carmel Valley Community Chapel, for a minimal cost of \$35 per person. Please purchase tickets before Sunday, Sept. 26 by calling (831) 659-3115 or 659-5506.

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNUAL ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES FAIRE will be held Saturday, Oct. 2 at the church grounds, 437 Rogers Ave. off Martinelli Street, Watsonville. Faire hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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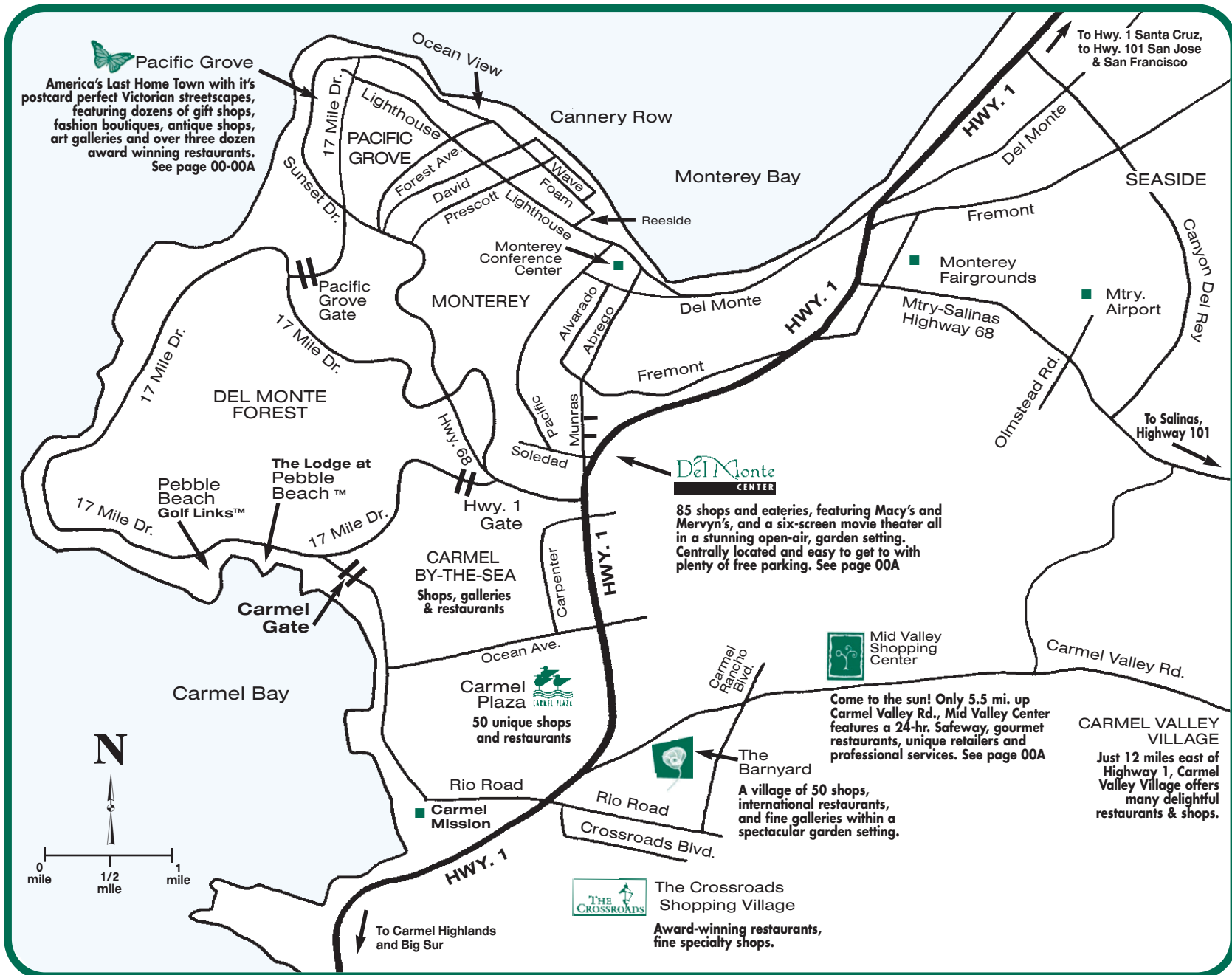
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Carmel Mission Fiesta set for Sunday

THE 40TH annual Carmel Mission Fiesta will take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26. This benefit for Junipero Serra School features handmade crafts, music, and a chicken barbecue. The mission is on Rio Road, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

'Rubber Revolver' comes to Sunset Theater

SNAZZY PRODUCTIONS presents "Rubber Revolver," its original interpretation of classic Beatles albums, in concert Saturday, Sept. 25 at Sunset Theater, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. "Rubber Revolver" begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30, \$35 and \$40 and may be ordered by calling (831) 620-2040, online at www.snazzyamericanamusic.com or at Recycled Records in Monterey or Etc. Etc. Etc. Antiques in Santa Cruz.

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Art board reviews gifts of original paintings

By ANNE PAPINEAU

IN A Sunset Center that is gradually being adorned with artwork selected by the Carmel Art Board from the city's collection, members reviewed a gift of paintings donated by a Carmel Highlands couple seeking to downsize.

Paul and Michelle Reps offered the city contemporary large-scale paintings by European artists.

The bubble-wrapped works are presently stored in an unused room at Sunset Center. CAB members partially unwrapped the paintings Tuesday. These include "Dipped in Red," "Island" and "Static Interference," which comprise a triptych by German

painter Rudolf Haegele. Each canvas measures 34 by 74 inches. The couple also gave the city two works by Dutch artist Lee Waisler, "Red Dutch House," a 96-by-66 work painted in acrylic, sand and ground glass on canvas, as well as "Passage," a 96-by-194 inch diptych painted in 1993.

Due to its large dimensions, CAB members decided to withhold voting on whether to permanently hang "Red Dutch House" in the Sunset Theater lobby until the canvas can actually be viewed in that position.

The remainder of the collection, they decided, will be sent to auction, with any monies raised in this way to be used to purchase future acquisitions, and to frame, display and maintain pieces in the city's art

inventory.

Christie Miller, community services manager, said Mr. and Mrs. Reps will be acknowledged for their donation even though four paintings were slated for auction.

In their ongoing mission to hang city art in the remodeled Sunset Center, CAB members viewed the placement of several works they had chosen previously. These include a Roy Lichtenstein fabric hanging sited opposite the elevator doors on the upper floor of

the center beside windows treated so the hanging will not be damaged by sunlight.

CAB members also voted to accept an oil painting donated by Alex Gonzales. They elected to place it on the wall between the entrance doors of the auditorium.

The next CAB meeting is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Carmel City Hall.

STUDIO TOUR OFFERS CHANCE TO VISIT MORE THAN 100 ARTISTS

THE 16TH annual Artists' Studio Tour arrives in Monterey County this weekend, affording lovers of fine art to witness the "where" and "who" behind those original creations.

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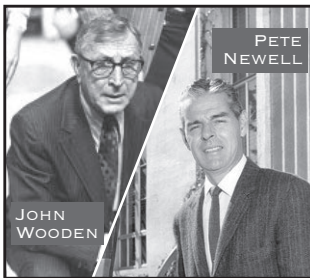
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EFFECTIVE 'LOVE LETTERS' AT FOREST

By AGNES ASH

A. R. GURNEY'S two-character drama, "Love Letters," offers a new generation the opportunity to experience an era when radio was the world's favored stage. Currently being offered with four o'clock tea at the Indoor Forest Theatre, the play vividly tells the story of two Long Island WASPs born to the same privileged social territory but wind up with conflicting values.

Like a radio drama, the experience is chiefly auditory. The audience must listen attentively or lose the thread of the story. It's worth the effort. The success of "Love Letters," presented by the Staff Players Repertory Company, relies on interaction between playwright and audience. Everyone will hear this play differently as reactions are colored by personal experience.

The title of the piece is misleading because "Love Letters" isn't a romance, it's a morality play. The story spans two generations of rich, country club-focused, private school educated families. Gurney isn't repeating Scott Fitzgerald's favored theme, "The rich are different." He's defining nuances separating the comfortably rich from the super rich.

The play also deals with social issues that have nothing to do with money. Gurney's list includes anti-Semitism, parental neglect, interracial marriage, women's rights and civic responsibility.

Vast chasm between the two

Here's how the play works: two characters, Melissa Gardner (Marcia Gambrell) and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III, (Philip Clarkson) sit on chairs on an empty stage, a table between them, and read letters exchanged throughout their lives. The actors never look at each other and this bit of stage business emphasizes the vast chasm between them. It tells the audience they're trying to keep the relationship going by writing. He's in summer camp at Yale, in the Navy. She's in a convent school in Palm Beach making her debut, wandering around the globe trying to find inspiration for her paintings.

Through the letters, Gurney projects vivid images by describing clothing, surroundings and sexual encounters. By using colloquialisms of the era, the dialogue moves the plot effectively from decade to decade.

Important moral points are made with anecdotes. For example, the play touches on anti-Semitism when Andy writes Melissa telling her he has been graduated *summa cum laude* from Yale. He wasn't named in the top 10 of his class, Andy writes, but he doesn't have to apologize to his father because "everyone knows those names are all Jewish."

Andy reveals another character flaw by writing Melissa that his father doesn't approve of her but admits his son would be, "set up for life," if the adolescent romance ends in marriage.

Melissa struggles through bad marriages and alcoholism. In rehab, she shares the facility with her multi-married mother. They are, of course, being treated at Silver Hill, an exclusive Connecticut sanitarium.

The letters trace the metamorphosis of a warm, impressionistic Andy into the stuffy, self righteous image of his

father while Melissa mirrors her rebellious, self-destructive mother.

The most important message the play delivers is that letter writing is a lost art, which is regrettable because putting words on paper teaches the writer how to organize thoughts and express feelings.

The author stipulated no sets, no music, no costume changes. However, the production would benefit from chairs and a table reflecting the luxurious lifestyle of the characters being portrayed. Andy should wear the Ivy League uniform, chinos and a blue blazer. Melissa's floating, gypsy style chignon is appropriate, but no woman with her genes would ever give up a head band or side combs.

Overall, the voices were good, the lines were read with perfect timing and the play held audience attention for more than an hour without an intermission.

■ "Love Letters" continues at the Indoor Forest Theater, Mountain View at Santa Rita, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Curtain is at 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays until Oct. 10. High tea will be served 30 minutes before curtain and after the show. Tickets are \$16 general; \$12 for students/seniors/military and \$6 for children 12 and under. For reservations, call (831) 624-1531 or online at www.ticketguys.com.

PacRep to open 'Twelfth Night'

PACIFIC REPERTORY Theatre's 15th annual Carmel Shakespeare Festival concludes with the romantic comedy, "Twelfth Night." Half-price previews will be staged at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30 and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1. The play opens at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 at the Outdoor Forest Theater, Mountain View and Santa Rita, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Rick Hamilton and Fredi Olster direct "Twelfth Night." The cast includes Kevin Black, Travis Brazil, Julie Hughett, Michael Jacobs and David Mendelsohn.

The PacRep box office, Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea, is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Tickets may also be ordered at www.pacrep.org, www.ticketguys.com or call (831) 622-0100.

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AN ART auction to benefit Save the Whales educational outreach programs for the children of Monterey County will take place Saturday, Sept. 25 at Pacific Tweed, a clothing store at 129 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel.

Fine art will be on display from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for silent bids. The live auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. To be auctioned will be original works and lithographs by Chagall, Lautrec, Matisse, Miro, Picasso and Rembrandt. It will also include Japanese woodblock prints, vintage photography, etchings and Indian miniature paintings. Prices range from \$250 to \$25,000.

Prior to the auction, the Save The Whales song, composed by Carmel music teacher and writer Joan Cobb, will be performed by 11-year-old Maggy May Trout of Carmel.

The nonprofit Save The Whales organization was founded in 1977 by 14-year-old Maris Sidenstecker and her moth-

er. The group's purpose is to educate about the fragile marine environment. Sidenstecker, a marine biologist, brings her education programs, "Whales On Wheels," to Monterey County children. She heads a water monitoring after-school program for elementary students in Salinas, and assists cities in educating the public about storm water pollution prevention.

"History has taught us that when as children we are given an education and an understanding of our surroundings, we make better decisions with regard to protection and conser-

vation later in our lives," said Dave Bernal of Pacific Tweed. "This is a program that does just that."

Auction artwork will be provided by Masterworks Fine Art Institute of San Francisco.

Hors d'oeuvres will be supplied by Cal Stamenov, executive chef of Marinus at Bernardus, Wills Fargo and Wickets. Wines will be provided by Bernardus winery.

Reservations are required to attend the auction, as space is limited. To make them, call (831) 899-9957 or visit www.orcamaris@earthlink.net.

Brinton's 'Holiday Spectacular' to help Pacific Repertory

GRAND OPENING day of Brinton's fifth annual "Holiday Spectacular" on Friday, Oct. 1 will also serve as a benefit for Pacific Repertory Theatre.

Holiday decorations and displays will occupy 5,000 square feet of Brinton's, located on Carmel Rancho

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For early shoppers, a preview tent will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Shoppers who make a \$15 donation to PacRep will receive an all-day shopping pass that entitles them to a 20 percent discount on both holiday items and general merchandise at Brinton's.

At 6:30 p.m., a grand opening ceremony commences and will continue until 9. Hors d'oeuvres will be offered by Chef Kurt Grasing of Grasings Coastal Cuisine and Carmel Chop House, accompanied by wine. Live music and drawings for shopping spree gift certificates will also be featured.

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An Open Letter to the People of Monterey County's Coastal Communities

September 20, 2004

Dear Citizens, Residents and Friends:

On September 20, 2004, California American Water will submit its application to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to develop the Coastal Water Project (CWP). This is the milestone in a long path of public proceedings, hearings, permit applications, studies, and approvals that are required to implement the project.

The basis for the CWP is "Plan B," which was developed by the CPUC as a solution to provide a reliable, drought-proof water supply for our local service area. The CWP adds a desalination facility at Moss Landing and aquifer storage & recovery (ASR) to our existing portfolio of water supply elements, which already include conservation, reclamation and managed pumping from the Carmel Valley Aquifer and the Seaside Groundwater Basin.

The CWP aims to satisfy the demands of State Water Resource Control Board Order 95-10, which required California American Water to reduce its pumping from the Carmel Valley Aquifer by an amount equal to almost 70% of the entire water supply of the Monterey Peninsula. The CWP will put water back into the Carmel River and help restore the Carmel River watershed, protecting its sensitive riparian habitat and the species that rely on it.

In meetings with Peninsula Mayors and members of the County Board of Supervisors, California American Water has expressed a willingness to enter into a partnership with the County that could result in public ownership of the CWP. In response to recommendations by these leaders, the CWP has been designed so that it may be expanded to:

- replace existing poor-quality drinking water in North County,
- reduce seawater intrusion,
- permit approved remodel projects,
- serve lots of record, and
- serve future needs in Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove, Monterey, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, Sand City, Marina, Moss Landing, Castroville, and various unincorporated coastal areas of Monterey County.

By taking a regional approach, costs to our ratepayers will be reduced.

Our CPUC application details the necessary rate increases for the CWP. The CPUC will only approve those expenditures that the CPUC deems, after extensive analysis and public input, are reasonable and prudent. For a typical family of three in California American Water's service territory, a monthly water bill would increase by about 8 cents a day beginning in 2006. Ratepayers would pay nothing until then. After 2006, the typical family bill would increase to about 90 cents a day in 2010 and 2011. For this, ratepayers would finally have a secure drought-proof supply of high-quality water for the first time ever.

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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Leonard".

Steve Leonard
Vice President Monterey Coastal Division
California American Water

Food & Wine

Amuse bouche

“**MEDITERRANEAN NIGHTS**,” exemplified in sumptuous food at **Bistro 211**, will be celebrated Monday, Sept. 27 with a lavish repast — all for \$27 plus tax and gratuity. Dinner includes family style servings of *tapenade* and *baba ganoush* with rustic breads, Middle Eastern yogurt and cucumber soup with mint, and a Greek salad. And that’s just for openers. For the entrées, innovative **Chef Jon Magnusson** will prepare a *mouclade* of mussels (steamed mussels, fennel and curry), Moroccan lamb stew and roast

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A **WINE SEMINAR** with **master sommelier Larry Stone** will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1 at the Highlands Inn, Park Hyatt Carmel. One of only 106 master sommeliers in the world, Stone is currently on staff at Rubicon restaurant in San Francisco. He has twice won the coveted James Beard Foundation Award for outstanding wine service and was the first American to win the Best Sommelier in the World competition in Paris in the late '80s. The seminar is sponsored by the **American Institute of Wine & Food Monterey Bay Chapter**, and is intended for restaurant staffs to increase their knowledge of wine and food pairing. It is free for those working in the restaurant and wine industry. There will be a tasting of Monterey County and other wines. Based on availability, A.I.W.F. members may also attend the seminar at a cost of \$125 per person.

A members-only dinner will take place at 7 p.m. with Stone speaking on the subject, “How to use a Sommelier.” Cost is \$125. Membership in the

Monterey Bay Chapter is open to the public. Reservation deadline for both events is Oct. 18. Call Gary Wolfe at (831) 443-6847.



FRESH CREAM, the super extraordinary Monterey restaurant adjacent to Fisherman’s Wharf at Heritage Harbor, received kudos in the Sunday New York Times’ Aug. 25 issue. In its Aug. 25 edition the Boston Globe ran a feature article declaring Fresh Cream to be a “delightful feast for the eyes and the palate.” The recognition Fresh Cream has won includes 11 consecutive Wine Spectator awards, nine consecutive DiRona awards, and a Four Diamond rating from the American Automobile Association. You can visit the restaurant’s web site at www.freshcream.com for a virtual tour of its bay view dining rooms.



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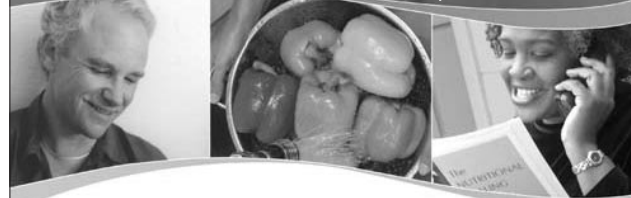
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EXECUTIVE CHEF MARK AYERS and **pastry chef Alex Espiritu** of Pacific's Edge restaurant in the Highlands Inn, Park Hyatt Carmel, have been honored with an invitation to prepare and host a dinner on Saturday, Nov. 6, at the renowned **James Beard House** in New York. The two culinary experts were selected by the James Beard Foundation program committee in March following the 18th annual Masters of Food & Wine at Highlands Inn. Both were instrumental in producing that extraordinary event. The foundation, based in New York City, a nonprofit that promotes the American culinary arts, was founded in 1986, the year after Beard died, when Julia Child and others joined together to preserve Beard's house. The foundation has evolved into the most recognized promoter of the culinary arts in the United States.

Chef Ayers is currently designing the November menu, which so far consists of four appetizers, to be served with **Moët & Chandon**, **Nectar Imperial**, Epernay, France; four entrées of grilled kajiki, seared day boat scallops, grilled quail breast and roast lamb loin which will be paired to local wines: **Caine Vineyards & Winery** Sauvignon Musqué, "Ventana Vineyards," 2001; **Robert Talbott Vineyards** Chardonnay Diamond T Cuvée Audrey



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Max and friends at Southern Latitudes Wines.

2001; **Pisoni Vineyards & Winery** Pinot Noir Estate 2001; and **Galante Family Winery** Cabernet Sauvignon "Blackjack Pasture" 2001. Chef Espiritu will prepare a kabocha squash *fromage blanc* cheesecake served with Concord grape sorbet, and paired to **Mer Soleil** Late Harvest Viognier 2001. Reservations for the dinner, limited to 100, can be made by calling (212) 627-2308.

SCISSORS SNIPPED and ribbon fluttered to the ground at the Sept. 21 grand opening of **Southern Latitudes Wines** in the Pine Inn Courtyard at Lincoln between Ocean and Sixth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Attorneys **Annalisa Wood** and **Kerre Dubinsky**, proprietors, officially launched

their **wine tasting and sales** business following a soft opening in July. Good dog Max assisted, and hors d'oeuvres and wine, appropriately, were served. Southern Latitudes is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except Tuesdays. For information, call (831) 622-7652.

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SAMUEL HAROLD OLIVER, M.D., a Monterey Peninsula resident since 1957 and longtime physician here, died Sept. 8 with his wife, Phyllis, at his side.

A native of Mattoon, Ill., he received his undergraduate degree from Butler University, his medical degree from Indiana University and completed his postgraduate medical training in ophthalmology at Harvard University.



Dr. Oliver served in the U.S. Navy in Sitka, Ala., as a physician and codebreaker of Japanese intelligence prior to World War II, and then as a flight surgeon aboard an aircraft carrier during the war. Following World War II, Dr. Oliver was chief of eye surgery at Bethesda Naval Hospital. There he treated members of the military, diplomats and members of Congress. Later, he served as chief of ear, nose and throat surgery at Tripler Army

Navy Medical Center in Oahu, Hawaii. Dr. Oliver retired from the Navy as a commander in 1954.

After moving to the Monterey Peninsula with his family, Dr. Oliver continued his medical practice, and retired in 1985.

He was a member of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club where he loved to play golf and spend time with friends and family.

Dr. Oliver was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

In addition to his wife of 26 years, he is also survived by their daughters, JoAnne Minnick of Boise, Idaho, and Susan Silacci of Salinas; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His son, Terry Oliver of North Carolina, died earlier this year.

Memorials are suggested to the Endowment Fund of St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, 146 12th St., Pacific Grove; or to the Hospice of the Central Coast, P.O. Box HH, Monterey, CA 93942.

HELEN HUGGINS WELLS died Sept. 8 at her Carmel home. She was 106.

Born in Berkeley on June 15, 1898, her life embraced three remarkable centuries.

During her first 40 years, Miss Huggins lived in Berkeley with her parents, Pearl Owsley and Charles Loyal Huggins, Berkeley city engineer. She attended Mills College, graduated from UC Berkeley and was employed in the assessor's and treasurer's offices of the City of Berkeley.

After her marriage to James Hayden Wells, she moved to his lemon ranch, Tres Lomas, in El Cajon. The couple enjoyed traveling to Europe, the Middle East, Guatemala and visiting sites of genealogical interest in the United States until his death in 1957.

In 1965 Mrs. Wells moved to a house in Carmel built to her specifications, adjacent to the Huggins' family longtime vacation cottage. While a resident of Carmel, Mrs. Wells was a founding member of the Monterey Bay Colony of the

Mayflower Society. She loved history and was a member of the California, Missouri, El Cajon, Monterey, Berkeley and Pajaro Valley historical associations. Mr. and Mrs. Wells contributed a park to the City of El Cajon and an American Wing to the San Diego Art Museum. They also established a trust for youth, civic and humanitarian causes. She also belonged to the Town and Gown Club of Berkeley.

Mrs. Wells was an excellent driver with an unblemished record until she gave up her car at age 90. She drove and navigated several motor tours in England, visiting relatives with her sister, Bernice Porter. Her favorite way to celebrate birthdays into her late 90s was with trips to museums: the deYoung and Legion of Honor in San Francisco, historic sites in San Juan Bautista, the Orr House, Rodgers House Ag History Project and the Circle P Ranch in Watsonville.

Known as "Aunt Hollie" to her family and friends, she was preceded in death by sisters Elizabeth Lewis of Beverly Hills and Bernice Porter of Watsonville.

She leaves a niece, Diane Porter Cooley and her husband, Donald; grandnephew Steven Porter Cooley and his children Sam and Kathryn of Watsonville; grandniece Anne Cooley Youngblood and husband Ben, children Genevieve and Thomas of Los Angeles; cousins David Huggins of San Carlos, Robert Huggins of Germany, Carol Trabert of Roseville, Barbara Lanterman of Maryland and Jane Davies of Great Easton, England; Richard Grey of Forest Knolls; as well as the family of her devoted caregiver, Kushma Kumar.

Mrs. Wells loved the natural beauty of California as she had experienced it as a girl. She contributed her property at Lake Tahoe to be preserved without development.

A memorial service will take place at Mountain View Memorial Park in Oakland at a later date.

Contributions in her memory may be sent to the Carmel Foundation, Monterey History and Art Association Library Fund, or the Pajaro Valley Historical Association Archives.

MARIAN LLEWELLA FISCHER, coordinator of thousands of weddings including those of dignitaries and celebrities from around the world, died Sept. 9. She was 76.

A native of Aberdeen, Wash., she moved to Carmel from Riverside with her parents, Felix and Llewella Dowgiallo.

She worked as a grocery checker at Forest Hill Store, Pilot Market and Carmel Drive In Market for many years before becoming front desk manager at Dutch Motor Lodge in Monterey.

In 1969 she became wedding coordinator for the Highlands Inn, retiring to start her own business, Carmel Weddings, in 1981. Mrs. Fischer became known as "The Original Carmel Wedding Coordinator" and continued to coordinate weddings until the time of her death.

Her love of people led her to a life devoted to service to those in need by arranging benefits and concerts at Sunset Center. Her compassion for the elderly and infirmed prompted her to take three young friends to rest homes for bingo games and interaction with the elderly.

In 1977 she launched Slot Trek Tours, arranging trips for local citizens to travel to casinos, cruises and other entertainment. She gave Slot Trek to the Carmel Recreation Department in 1992.

Mrs. Fischer is survived by her husband of 54 years, retired assistant Carmel Police Chief and city council member Bob Fischer. She is also survived by their daughters, Diana of Las Vegas; Kathee of Carmel and Gael of Black Hills, S. Dakota; her sister, Beverly Doud of Carmel Valley. She was proud of her eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lt. J.G. Harvey Gardner, in 1949.

A celebration of her life will be announced at a later date. In Mrs. Fischer's words: "Just think of me at a wedding or on the Slot Trek bus."

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or the charity of the donor's choice.



TRAVELER

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She also gave him a tour. "He was very impressed with all the clear-heart redwood in the council chambers," McCloud recalled. "The historic preservation committee was in session at the time, and some eyebrows went up at this apparition at the back of the room."

Martiny provided some fascinating details about the significance of his costume.

"The six buttons on my coat mean we work six days a week," he said. "The eight buttons on the vest mean we work eight hours a day, and the three buttons on the sleeve show that we travel for three years, and before that we study for three years."

Also, his wide bell-bottom pants were to keep sawdust from getting inside his shoes while he worked.

"And we have a tradition of wearing a valuable earring which can be used to pay for our funeral when we die, but I haven't done that yet," the 27-year-old man said.

Earlier this summer, he flew to Los Angeles from Japan and hitchhiked to San Francisco and then to Northern California.

"I expected it to be more sunny," he said.

Also, posters seeking information about the murders of two campers on a Sonoma County beach in August disturbed him and his girlfriend.

"But everyone in America has been very nice and very friendly," he said.

When he returns to his hometown of Frederiksberg, Denmark in 2005, he will begin his career as a traditional carpenter.

"I will build houses the way they did 650 years ago," Martiny said.

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who piloted Cobra helicopters in Vietnam. "As a kid, Michael was always interested in military stuff, and he actually started talking to me about the academies three years ago," George Schelcher said. And the young Schelcher had a chance to learn firsthand about the Naval Academy from two assistant lacrosse coaches at RLS, both students at the Naval Postgraduate School and Annapolis graduates. "There was definitely some patriotism that made him want to go, and he's fully aware that he can end up at the front lines, but Michael also realized that the academy was probably the best education he could get," George Schelcher said. "Like Will, Michael was accepted at other schools, but he methodically decided that the Naval Academy was where he wanted to be. It was an intellectual decision, not an emotional one." "Truthfully, I was shocked when he told me he wanted to go to the Naval Academy summer program, because we had never

discussed it," his mother, Cindy, said. "But I'm extremely proud of him. And of Will, too." "Both those boys were tremendous leaders here on campus, with a real strong sense of family and community," said RLS dean of students Ron Provost. He thought what motivated them wasn't the terrorist attacks or the war in Iraq, "but just a strong sense that the service academies fit in very much with who they are as people and the values they have." The two young men had been friends since the second grade at Carmel River School, their mothers said. "Then they went to Carmel Middle School together and RLS together," Mary Gifford said. "They were on a lot of the same sports teams and they even dated some of the same girls." Her son, Will, says he'll make a career out of being in the Navy. At first, Michael Schelcher said he wanted to be a Marine. "But this is a journey of discovery for him," George Schelcher said of his 19-year-old son. "We have no idea where it will lead, and neither does he."

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Editorial

A dramatic shift

IF YOU want to see how much Arnold Schwarzenegger has altered the California political landscape, you don't have to look any farther than our own state senate race, where Abel Maldonado and Peg Pinard are competing to succeed the popular, but term-limited, Bruce McPherson in the Nov. 2 election.

Maldonado is a Republican and Pinard is a Democrat, but you wouldn't know it from looking at their TV ads.

In his spot, which has been playing on local TV stations, Maldonado walks down the state capitol steps with McPherson, who is heard commending the candidate for his stands on coastal protection, school funding and other apple-pie issues. McPherson also lauds Maldonado as "the kind of independent voice we need in Sacramento."

More tellingly, at another point in the ad, the camera slowly pans a still picture of a smiling Maldonado with Governor Schwarzenegger, while the candidate's voice is heard describing his support for the governor on key issues — especially workers comp reform and cutting the state budget. The word "Republican" is not heard.

In her advertisement, Pinard doesn't mention the fact that she's a Democrat. Instead, she emphasizes her reputation as a "well known fiscal conservative" in San Luis Obispo County, where she is a county supervisor. According to her official press biography, which also doesn't mention her party affiliation, Pinard has "balanced local budgets by making the tough decisions needed to cut expenses without raising taxes" — not exactly a stand most Democrats brag about. Viewers of the spot could be forgiven for thinking Pinard's a Republican. But she isn't.

Why don't these candidates think they'll increase their chances of winning by telling voters which party they belong to?

In Maldonado's case, the reasons are obvious. Republican party loyalists will support him anyway, while more Mexican-Americans may decide to vote for Maldonado, whose parents were immigrants, if his party affiliation is kept under wraps. And by bragging about his friendship with Schwarzenegger, Maldonado hopes to attract a lot of the Democrats who were drawn to the former actor's star appeal in last fall's recall election. Again, the less Maldonado emphasizes his Republican party membership, the more Schwarzenegger fans will back him.

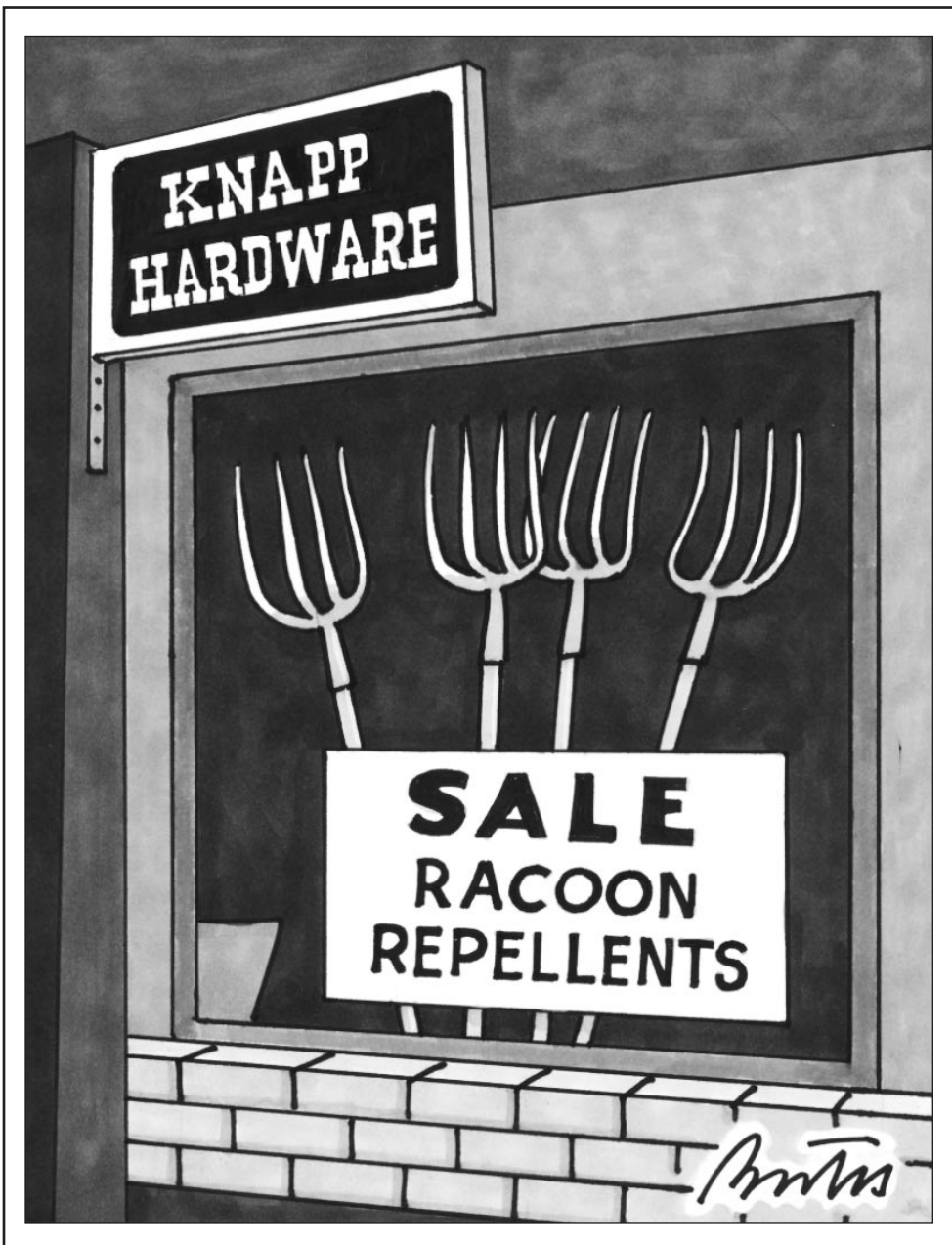
But Pinard's shyness about proclaiming herself a Democrat is surprising. Clearly, with all her talk of being a fiscal conservative who won't raise taxes, Pinard is buying into Schwarzenegger's agenda, which has proved immensely popular with Californians. In that climate, she must feel it will hurt her chances to be identified with the people the governor regularly derides as being "addicted" to taxing and spending.

"These guys never sign the front of the check — they only sign the back of the check," Schwarzenegger said in Monterey in July, referring to the Democrats who control the state legislature. Clearly, Pinard doesn't want to be lumped in with that group.

Less emphasis on party loyalty and more on issues is one of the beneficial changes Arnold Schwarzenegger has brought to California politics.

It takes a lot more work, but we encourage voters to follow his lead and base all their election-day decisions on substance, not party alliances.

BATES



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Control raccoon population

Dear Editor,

As a parent of a small child and "guardian" of several pets, my concern over the aggressiveness of the local raccoon population is mounting. Living in Carmel Woods, we take great care "locking down" before sunset — securing our trash, rounding up our pets and ensuring our fences are sealed. We accept these conditions so that we can live in a beautiful, natural environment with its own special set of "wildlife." That said, as we continue to hear about these vicious attacks (downtown no less!) and

about serious parasitic disease passed on to children in local playgrounds, I have to ask myself, Where do we draw the line? and What is it going to take for us Carmelites to do something about this problem? A mauled child? Rabies outbreak? I challenge our city leaders to think about humane alternatives to limit and control the raccoon population before we see more serious incidents occurring.

Wendy L. Cole, Carmel

A bunch o' pansies!

Dear Editor,

Ma girls would never let a 'coon chase 'em down the street! They'd never run from a fight leaving me to defend maself from a 'coon, or any udder critter 'r varmit! What kinda dawgs 'r you'all keeping in Carmel, anyhowse?

C'mon Carmelites, git yerself a decent dawg, like a Rhodesian Ridgeback! (aplytly nicknamed "The Lion Hunter") Ya won't regret it! Or better yet, git yerself a pair o' 'em! "Ain't no 'coon got the guts to show up in ma backyard. (It has happened, and let me tell you, that 'coon regretted it!) Or much less attack me on the streets when I got ma gals wit me! I promise ye, ya won't have no more trouble wit 'coons or 'possums or burglars in or near ye! And come to think of it, there ain't been no cougars seen in our neck

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LETTERS

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of the woods for a long spell!

Dael Cahr, Carmel

'What is happening to our human family?'

Dear Editor,

Outraged, appalled and saddened were my feelings as two bridge players returned from the office of Sunset Center Friday afternoon. The Pines Bridge Club was holding its weekly game when all four commodes at the Woman's Club became dysfunctional. Two had overflowed and water was on the floor in the main room.

A couple of our members walked across the street to use the facilities at Sunset Center where we played our bridge games prior to the restoration. Carla and Maria were told that it was against the rules to allow outsiders to use the restrooms. The ladies explained there was an emergency across the street, but the RULES prevailed.

What is happening to our human family? Where is the compassion, the care for one another and the simple concept of interconnectedness? Since individuals make the rules surely they have the discretion to interpret their application. In this situation, would kindness have improved the relationship of individuals, the businesses and the community of Carmel?

It is bad enough that we are no longer allowed to use the empty parking lots for our 48 senior citizens, but now we cannot even use the restrooms in an emergency!

Betty Jackson

Quit badgering the winners

Dear Editor,

Why do non-elected people make life so

difficult for those elected? The "three" working to kill the goose that laid the golden egg are an example. When I suggested to them that a special election costs money, they replied, "Oh, there doesn't need to be one."

In other words, our elected officials should not use their own minds but defer to the "three." Meanwhile, the motels will be empty and day-trippers won't be staying for dinner. We have a nest egg in Flanders. If it is so very precious, why hasn't it found a decent purpose by now? For Pete's sake, stop badgering our elected officials.

Mary Ellen Hicks, Carmel

In our hearts forever

Dear Editor,

As you all know, Golden Buddha at The Barnyard will be no more as of Sunday, Sept. 26. We want to take this opportunity to voice to you how much we've appreciated your loyalty and support throughout the last 11 years. Without a doubt, each and every one of you has contributed in part to the success of our restaurant.

What started out as a business venture for us has now become a place where friendships were made that will last a lifetime and an extended family we are so fortunate to be a part of. We will miss the familiar faces and the new(born) faces and being able to watch your children grow. We will miss hearing stories of the past and jokes that kept us going when we were having a bad day.

All in all, you opened your hearts and let us in and now you're in our hearts forever. Thank you all so much for the greatest time of our lives! We couldn't have done it without you!

Sam, Rosemary, Justin and Rachel Voong, Carmel

Editor's note: The Golden Buddha restaurant will reopen later this year under new ownership.

The squirrels return

Dear Editor,

Carmel's grey squirrels were a fixture in Carmel for many years among the pine forests and trees. They disappeared in the 1980s due to some kind of disease but now they are back again and have made a revival in their natural habitat.

Maybe the forestry service helped by cutting down trees which had pitch canker and the animals could not survive on dying trees?

However, we are happy to see them back again. They belong in Carmel's landscape.

Val Ewing, Carmel

What the bleep?

Dear Editor,

Your readers should see "What the Bleep Do We Know?" at the Galaxy in Monterey. Important quantum physicists are revealing

the latest edge of infinite possibilities.

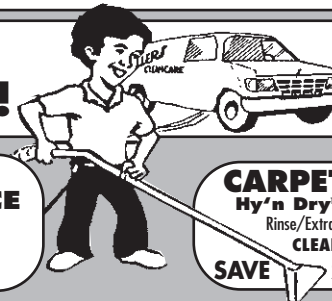
Arnold Mindell writes in his book, "Quantum Mind": "You are the source of all of us together, a cosmos of relationships, a virtual and changing wonderland." And Ken Wilbur, another famed scientist, says, "Nothing can stay long removed from God, never long divorced from the Ground of Body outside of which nothing exists." And Mary Baker Eddy, a world-renowned spiritual healer alerts us that, "Divine Science demands mighty wrestlings with mortal beliefs, as we sail into the eternal haven over the unfathomable sea of possibilities."

Let us all take a leap to catch the bleep, and discover more of those infinite possibilities!

Dr. Alice Jean Small, Monterey

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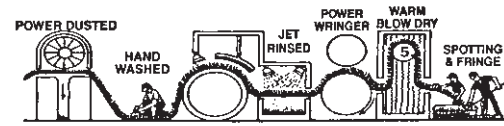
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■ This week's cover home, located in Carmel-by-the-Sea is presented by Christine Kashfi of Burchell House Properties (see page 2B)

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REAL ESTATE

Home sales the week of Aug. 29-Sept. 4, 2004

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24643 Upper Trail: \$970,000

Alice L Covington to Evan E & Michele R Evans

24501 Via Mar Monte #46: \$535,000

Edmond Y & Corinne K Fung to Rendoll Concepcion

26201 Mesa Place \$875,000

Marian Prior & April Kovacevich to Edward L & Diane M Deberry Jr

El Pescadero & Highway 1 2SE: \$215,000

Clyde L Thompson to Brandon Gesick

CARMEL - SOUTH COAST

None

CARMEL VALLEY

210 Via Los Tulares: \$1,050,000

Robert L & Donna M Johnston to William M Dwyer

17 Del Mesa Carmel: \$490,000

John Lawrence & Ellen B Schick to Marian Prior & April Kovacevich

187 Calle de la Ventana: \$700,000

Mary L Vasconsellos to Jay Ralph & Mary Elizabeth Jacobs

246 Del Mesa Carmel: \$850,000

Thomas L & Janice C Marshall to Jacquelyn S Haag

279 Hacienda Carmel: \$309,000

Allen W Sharpe to Ethel E Scarlett

PEBBLE BEACH

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Carmel's Townhouse Lodge to Robert L & Chong Canipe

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Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 3
Sq. Ft.: 2,230
Price: \$979,000

Overlooks the 9th Fairway

This private remodeled Club Place end unit enjoys a superb location with southern views of the golf course and mountains from both levels. Conveniently located within an easy stroll to the tennis facility and clubhouse.

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CARMEL VALLEY



Acres: 29.3
Price: \$1,570,000

Conveniently located close to the front gate at The Preserve and Carmel, this lot offers an ideal combination of privacy, proximity, sunshine and valley views, all on an elevated area graced with magnificent oaks. A 3.38 acre homesite allows for a single story home and guest quarters.

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CARMEL




Bedrooms: 2
Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 1,664
Price: \$1,795,000

This architecturally designed home is located in the coveted “Golden Rectangle.” Custom kitchen with granite countertops, hardwood floors, high ceilings, two fireplaces and impeccable landscaping!

Storybook Cottage with Views

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PEBBLE BEACH

Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 2 full, 3 half
Price: \$7,400,000

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This estate, designed by architect Francis Palm, overlooks the world’s most recognized cypress tree. Situated on 2.7 private and wooded acres with spectacular views running south down the rugged Pacific coastline, crimson sunsets await you!



Mediterranean Classic



CARMEL VALLEY

Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 2.5
Sq. Ft.: 2,523
Price: \$1,675,000

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Carmel Chalet Overlooking Pescadero Canyon

CARMEL

Bedrooms: 3+
Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 2,500
Price: \$1,375,000

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Sited on a huge lot, this home offers a large living room with huge picture window, hardwood floors, Carmel stone fireplace, gourmet kitchen features a brick fireplace, French doors, spacious rear wooden deck and custom built art studio above the new double garage.



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Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 2.5
Sq. Ft.: 2,700
Price: \$1,049,000

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MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY

Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 1,113
Price: \$619,000



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PEBBLE BEACH



Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 3
Sq. Ft.: 2,254
Price: \$1,550,000

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CARMEL




Oversized Lot South of Ocean

Bedrooms: 4
Baths: 3
Sq. Ft.: 3,000
Price: \$2,250,000

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CARMEL VALLEY



Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 1,250
Price: \$639,000

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Bedrooms: 2
Baths: 1
Sq. Ft.: 718
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Junipero near 5th, Carmel-by-the-Sea

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE DOLORES Street resident whose roof was sliced through by a huge Monterey pine during a storm last winter has filed suit against the City of Carmel.

Marcia Green, who has been unable to make permanent repairs to her home, claims the city should pay to have her house fixed because the city owned the tree that fell. She also wants several other trees removed that she considers dangerous.

Green's lawsuit, filed in Monterey County Superior Court Sept. 2, asks a judge to order the city to pay at least \$500,000 in damages and to cut down two large pines across Third Street from her house.

Green also sued Enz Construction, a company

which her lawsuit says was hired by the city in the fall of 2001 to install a storm drain near the intersection of Third and Dolores, for damaging the tree and helping cause its collapse.

'Some of the tree's roots were torn apart when the trench [for the storm drain] was dug, and the subsequent compaction of the soil and pouring of blacktop [also] served to destroy many of the tree's specialized roots.'

— Marcia Green lawsuit

"Some of the tree's roots were torn apart when the trench [for the storm drain] was dug, and the subsequent compaction of the soil and pouring of blacktop [also] served to destroy many of the tree's specialized roots," the lawsuit says.

She has already asked the city and its insurance company to pay — claims that were rejected earlier this summer because the city said it was not aware the tree was likely to fall. In most cases, state law protects cities from liability for hazards of which

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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

NUMEROUS LEGENDARY architects have designed houses in Carmel, Pebble Beach and Big Sur — including Frank Lloyd Wright, Nathaniel Owings and Eero Saarinen.

But if you want to own a home designed by an architect

of worldwide renown *and built with the architect's own hands*, then you should take a trip to the west side of Lincoln between 13th and Santa Lucia in Carmel-by-the-Sea, where a masterpiece is for sale that is important not only to the history of the town, but to the entire development of the arts and crafts movement.

"We had an architect from Long Beach come through last weekend, and he practically had heart failure," said Hallie Mitchell Dow, who has the house listed at \$2.995 million. "If you're interested in the craftsman movement, this is one of the prime pieces."

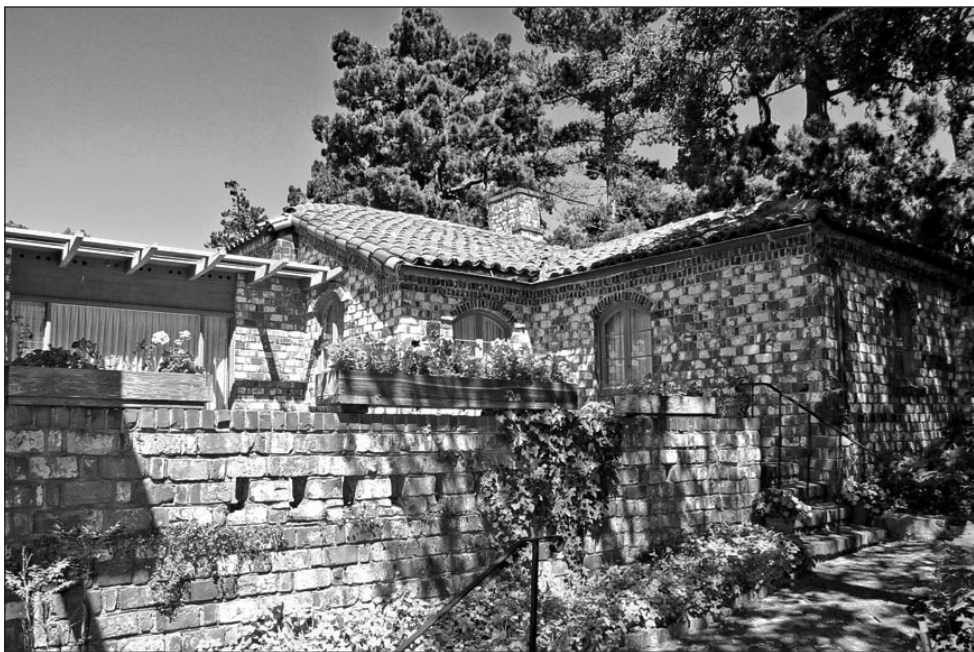
Charles Sumner Greene and his brother, Henry Mather Greene, began designing homes in Pasadena in 1894. Soon their work was acclaimed for its "simplicity and sophisticated details with meticulous attention to building materials and natural surroundings." Their finest example, Gamble House, in Pasadena, is now a museum devoted to their work.

In 1916, Charles withdrew from the firm Greene and Greene and the brothers went their separate ways.

"Charles came to Carmel, where he bought several lots on Lincoln. The home that's for sale today was the studio he built for himself in 1923," Dow said.

Numerous elements in the house were created personally by Charles Greene, including two massive, 20-foot, hand-hewn beams in the living room, decorative plasterworks in the walls, and the teak front door, she added.

When the master architect died in 1957, the building passed on to his son, Gordon, who added a wing to the studio in 1966, turning it into a fully functional, 2,800-square-



foot home with four bedrooms and 3.5 baths on a 10,000-square-foot lot.

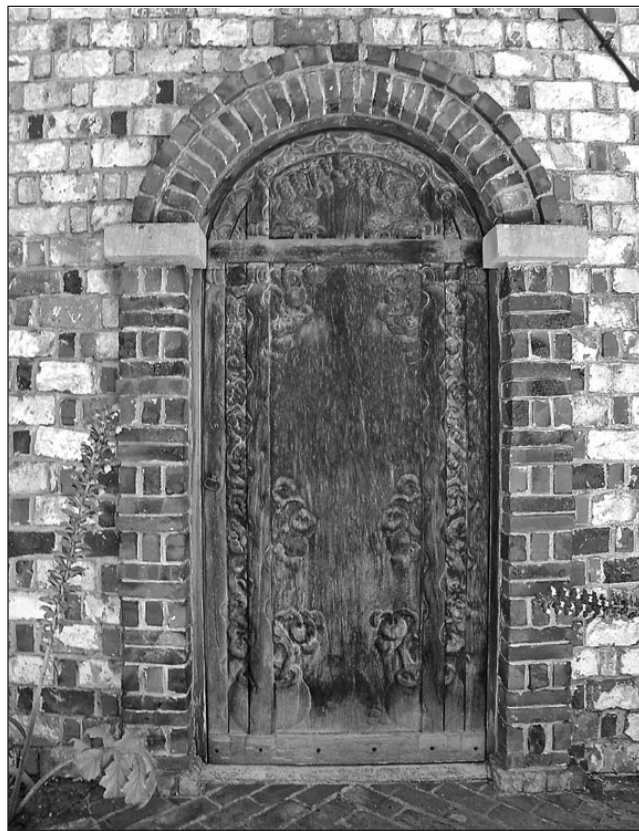
"This is an extremely rare offering," Dow said. To arrange a showing, call (831) 620-6312.

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Charles Sumner Greene, the acclaimed arts-and-crafts-movement architect, built this house with his own hands in 1923.



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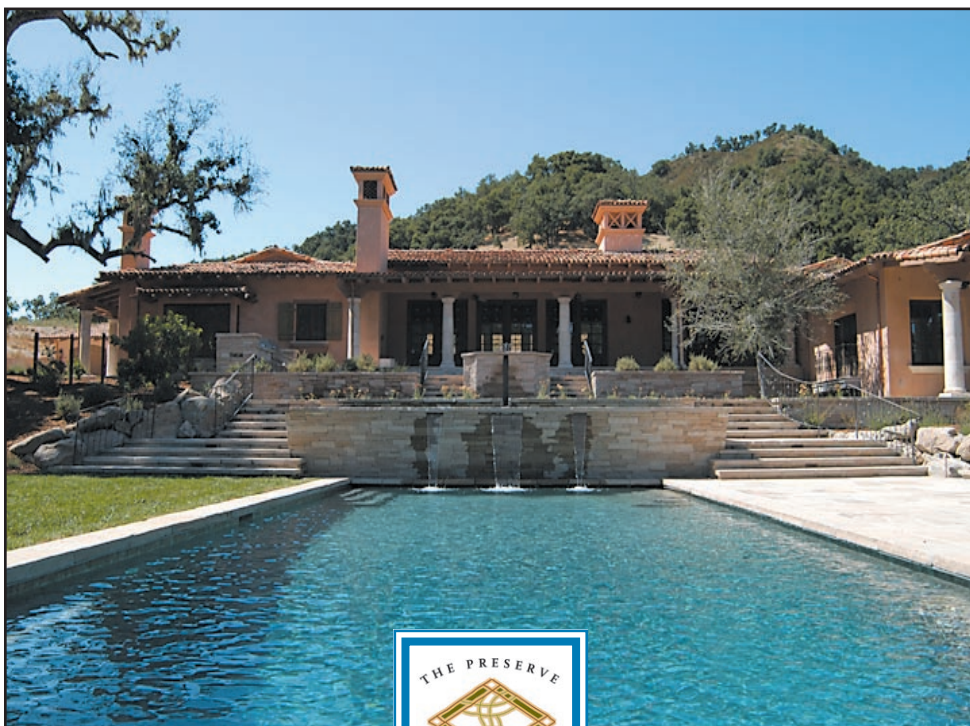
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DAMAGE

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they have no "constructive notice."

But Green, who is being represented by Long Beach attorney Raymond Goettsch, maintains that the storm drain trenching was just one factor among many that contributed to the tree's fall which the city knew about or caused:

- The tree that fell was approximately 85 years old, which is near the end of a Monterey pine's lifespan;

- Two adjacent trees were removed by the city at the same time as the storm drain work, further causing damage to the roots of the tree that fell;

- Removal of those pines and several nearby oaks increased the force of the winds

on the tree that fell;

- The tree had overt signs of cracking and potential failure before its collapse on Feb. 25, 2004.

Green's initial claim with the city was filed less than two weeks later. A subsequent claim was filed June 11. Both were rejected by the city council.

According to Green, her losses include \$150,000 for structural damage to her house; an unspecified amount for damage to the house's interior woodwork, built-in shelving, doors, furniture, driveway, landscaping and personal possessions; \$7,700 for lost income from a rental unit, and unspecified amounts for packing, moving and storing her belongings while her house has been unlivable, for extra cleaning costs and utilities, and for her "anxiety, fear, worry and distress."

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'The cost must be enormous'

Dear Editor,

Many weeks ago there was a substantial cleanup of the dunes south of Ocean Avenue. If nothing else, the removal of plants created a clear view of the ocean for several homes.

Last week, a crew of workers, reinforced by heavy mechanized equipment, has been cutting and removing large numbers of shrubs north of Ocean Avenue in the dunes. Why?

The cost of this operation must be enormous. In view of the city's financial problems, with layoffs and cutbacks of services, our library, etc., what can be the justification for such an expense?

Pierre Delfausse, Carmel

State parks should be encouraged

Dear Editor,

Hundreds of non-native trees have been cut on state property in Big Sur — some falling into the ocean. The state parks department was handed a \$25,000 fine for lacking



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permits to do the cutting, and residents who have paid even bigger fines for doing much less work without permits are upset. This whole thing is a complicated mess of good intentions, misunderstandings, bureaucracy, and mistakes made a long time ago.

The mistakes were the intentional introductions of invasive, non-native trees and other invasive species into the Big Sur environment in decades past. Native trees of the southern Big Sur coast include oak, tanoak, redwood, bay laurel, cottonwood, alder, willow, big-leaf maple and sycamore. Introduced Monterey pine and Monterey cypress, while not natural to Big Sur, are at least native California coastal species that fit in fairly well. The problems are with Australian blue gum eucalyptus, Australian acacia and, to some extent, pittisporum from New Zealand. These species re-seed readily and are so invasive that they shade out the understory and completely change the natural environment of the area. Nothing much will grow under eucalyptus except eucalyptus seedlings and poison oak.

Other very invasive plants introduced into Big Sur include cape ivy and ice plant from South Africa, sticky eupatoria from Mexico, jubta or pampas grass from South America, and French broom or genista. They change the habitat also. Native buckwheats and endangered Smith's blue butterflies won't survive in or under any of these trees and plants.

State parks is doing an admirable but difficult job trying to control and eradicate these invasive exotics on state property, and they should be given only encouragement with as little hindrance as possible. And, hey, what harm are some logs that accidentally landed on the beach? The Oregon coast is full of logs, and they are carved by the waves into the picturesque driftwood everyone admires.

Bruce Cowan, *Pacific Grove*

Vote Republican

Dear Editor,

For more than 20 years we have been arguing about a solution to our dangerously inadequate water supply. Even a drought did not result in any solution or even any improvement. Another drought, which is inevitable, will be disastrous for the citizens of the Monterey Peninsula, its economy and its environment.

We have been arguing about a solution to inadequate and unaffordable housing.

We have been arguing about solutions to the ever increasing and dangerous traffic.

We have been arguing about unemployment which is much higher than the national average.

We have been arguing about ever increasing crime which has produced minimal, if any, improvement.

During this period our elected Democrats, city, county, state and federal have been responsible for these inadequacies.

It's time for a change, vote Republican and be sure to vote in November.

Robert W. Shepner, *Pebble Beach*

Fairy tale?

Dear Editor,

Once upon a time, on the distant shores of the far-off land of California, there was the small village of Carmel-by-the-Sea. The residents there were very proud of the beautiful surroundings and worked hard to keep their village quaint and unique. They elected rulers to oversee the planning and keep watch on the town. To keep the town's unique character, these rulers made laws for all to follow: no streetlights, no sidewalks, no neon signs, no mail delivery, and no high heels.

The little village of Carmel-by-the-Sea in the far-off land of California was very special and attracted many visitors to its beauty and fun festivals that were held there. Soon the town grew with many new businesses. The rulers gave each one a permit "So we

can keep the character of our village the way we want." The residents were cautious, but had faith in their elected rulers.

As time passed, the village of Carmel became famous throughout the land for its tasty restaurants, unique stores and galleries. Many visitors came to build new castles, shop and enjoy the beauty.

Then one day, a horrible monster came out of his cave and scared everyone all over the land. People were sad, and fearful to travel and visit the little village of Carmel.

Some of the merchants in the village were worried, "What will happen to us? There are rising taxes and rents to pay. The locals are

shopping in the other marketplaces of Crossroads, Barnyard, and Del Monte for the same wares we offer here. We will have to leave. Who will fill the empty spaces?"

"We will!" yelled the galleries. "We don't have to buy our inventory; we can reach customers in the kingdom of the Internet, and we don't rely on local trade. We will take the empty spaces once held by your quaint shops of hardware, groceries and clothing."

"STOP!" cried the residents to the officials. "NO MORE GALLERIES!"

"But what can be done," lamented the

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rulers, "when all that apply for the permits are galleries?"

One voice spoke up, a local dressmaker who had recently closed her store. "I have a solution," she said. "Let us all come together and support our local shops that represent the character of Carmel that we love. Let us not travel to other markets for just a can of tuna, when the Earl of Nielson and the Duke

of Bruno offer it at our own doorstep. Let us not use our computers to shop for housewares, gifts and clothing when exquisite pieces are offered in the shops in our own home town."

"She's right," spoke the locals. "We will shop locally, and encourage the unique and interesting stores to return." And so it was. The people came to realize that it is the local residents, not the elected officials, who have the power to make and keep things the way they want: To restore that special charm to

the small village of Carmel-by-the Sea on the distant shores of the far-off land of California.

Dee Borsella, Carmel

POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An older male yellow Lab was found wandering at Larson Field. The dog did not have a collar or any other identification. The dog was found by an off-duty city worker who turned the dog over to police. Attempts to locate a micro chip proved unsuccessful. Data base was checked but no information was found.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A subject went into an antique store on Lincoln Street, and began arguing about some of the products in the store. The owner called police to have the male escorted out.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A female reported that her ex-employer owes her more than \$10,000 in back wages. When she called to collect, she said her employer became rude and said threatening, derogatory things to her. On separate occasions, she said her husband and daughter have also been verbally abused. Female requested information report but did not seek prosecution.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A female wanted to

document that her ex-boyfriend left a message on her telephone. She has repeatedly told him to quit all contact with her but recognized his number on her caller ID. She declined the offer of a restraining order and insisted that her boyfriend not be contacted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of habitual [illegal] parking off Mission Street. A vehicle was parked without standing citations on file, but 13 citations were outstanding for a total of \$441. Vehicle was towed to Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party said she lost her AT&T cell phone somewhere on Carmel Beach

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party found a golden retriever on the baseball field off Rio Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to the area of Seventh and Lincoln on the report of a raccoon attacking a dog. Upon arrival, officers observed a man holding a metal rod. The man was told to put the rod down for his safety. Several raccoons were in the area along with a mother raccoon with babies. The raccoons were making a chattering noise at the people who were threatening them and their young. Officers asked if anybody was hurt and they said no. The man asked what officers were going to do about these raccoons. Walked the area to make sure that no one was hurt. The group was told raccoons with babies can be very aggressive and perceive humans and other animals as a threat. The best thing to do is give them space and not leave any food out including cat and dog food.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cypress fire responded to a medical emergency on the eighth fairway at Spyglass Hill Golf Course in Pebble Beach. CPR performed on a visitor from New Jersey. Transported to hospital.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: On-duty emergency personnel at the Carmel Fire Station responded to a medical emergency at 0814. Care was administered to a 41-year-old male who sustained a laceration to his scalp after a milk crate fell on him. Bleeding was controlled and the patient was advised to see a doctor.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female heard a noise outside her bathroom on Mission Street. When she looked out, she saw an Hispanic male adult standing next to the window watching her. She yelled and he ran away. Since this incident, she and her family members have heard noises outside the house and once saw the silhouette of a man.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Accident reported on Mission Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of barking dog on Santa Rita. Located the dog barking inside the house. There was no answer at the door. A neighbor, who is a friend of the owner, assisted with getting the dog to stop barking.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CFD responded to a motor vehicle accident at Mission and Sixth. There were no injuries.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of illegal camping on Monte Verde. Units arrived to find a transient white male adult sleeping in the reporting party's front yard. Transient said he couldn't find the beach and decided to stay where he was until morning. He was advised that camping overnight was not allowed. A records check was conducted and he came back clear. Transient said he would take the next bus to Monterey.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party found a cellular phone on Carmel Beach and turned the phone over to Carmel Police Department for safekeeping. Officer attempted to contact the

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owner of the phone by dialing several numbers in the phone's directory and messages were left

for the subject to contact Carmel PD. At 1600 hours, contact was made with the owner who arranged to have the cell phone shipped to him.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of suspicious circumstances on Junipero Street. Reporting party came home after a day's work and noticed

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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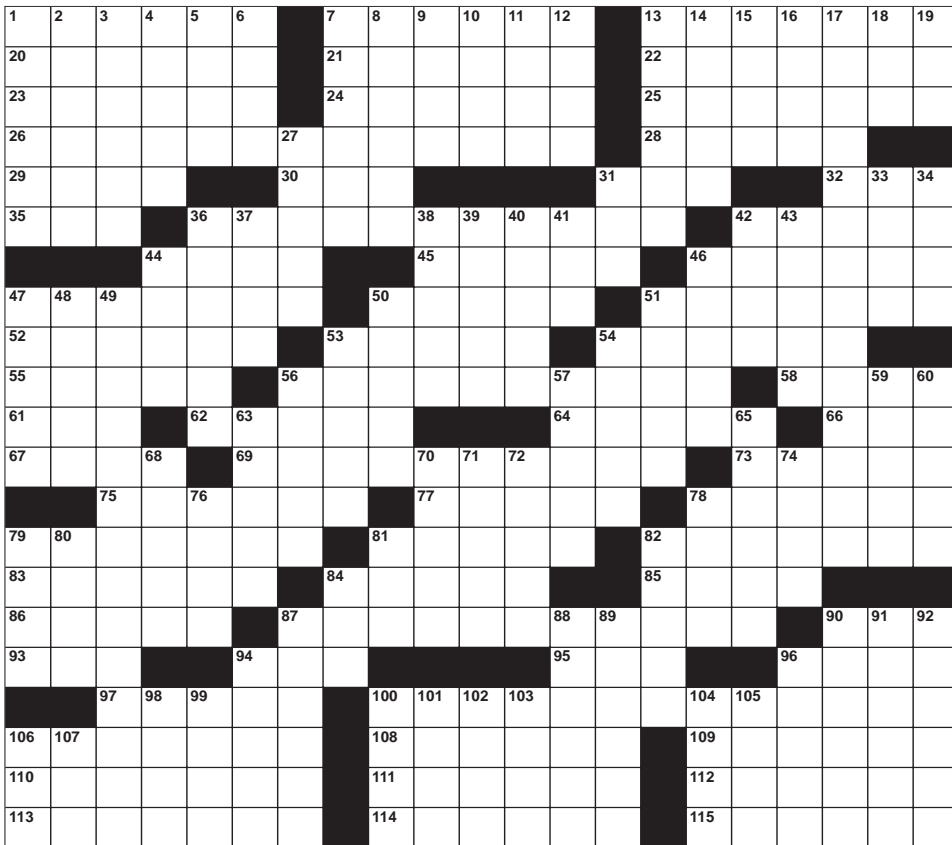
- 1 Many Bob Marley fans
- 7 Criticized severely
- 13 Call it quits
- 20 No holds barred
- 21 Big Ten team
- 22 Cause for delay
- 23 The Good Witch of the North
- 24 Key of Mozart's Symphony No. 40
- 25 "This is serious!"
- 26 DNA sample for lab analysis?
- 28 Fixes
- 29 Civic group
- 30 Football Hall-of-Famer Ford
- 31 Cause for an R rating
- 32 Continue
- 35 "L.A. Law" actress
- 36 Librarian?
- 42 Big name in watches
- 44 Al dente
- 45 On the ball
- 46 Pressure unit equal to one newton per square meter
- 47 Good-for-nothings
- 50 Checkout procedures
- 51 Venom

- 52 Saucers may hold them
- 53 Zeno, notably
- 54 Noted 2000 guest at Camp David
- 55 Sidekick of radio, TV and film
- 56 Airline's exercise program?
- 58 "___ Blue"
- 61 Atlanta's ___ Center
- 62 TV Land showing
- 64 Up
- 66 Revolutionary Guevara
- 67 Lab instruction?
- 69 Recently nicked?
- 73 Hollywood's Hawke
- 75 N.F.L. team named after a poem
- 77 Gifts on October birthdays
- 78 Uncovered the most
- 79 Regatta
- 81 Beatnik's exclamation
- 82 Wine vessels
- 83 Proceed without a game plan
- 84 "___ yourself!"
- 85 Rear
- 86 Shakespearean forest
- 87 Dictator's snide remark?
- 90 Poet's monogram

- 93 Popular soup ingredient
- 94 It may get glossed over
- 95 1863 German invention, for short
- 96 Holdings of some banks
- 97 Lady of honor
- 100 Pajama sellers?
- 106 "God willing"
- 108 Ring of color
- 109 "Want to grab a bite?"
- 110 Neanderthals
- 111 Tourists' counterparts
- 112 Favorite daughter of Zeus
- 113 Garbage dump, say
- 114 "Shame!"
- 115 Sales reps' goals

DOWN

- 1 Uneven
- 2 Cause of hereditary variation
- 3 Spring toy
- 4 Softens, with "down"
- 5 Maker of the A4, A6 and A8
- 6 1972 Wimbledon winner Smith
- 7 London landmark
- 8 Popular candy bar ingredient
- 9 Crack
- 10 Touch
- 11 Hydroxyl compound
- 12 Life-or-death
- 13 Underhanded one
- 14 Dance version of a record, say
- 15 First family's home
- 16 Slightly
- 17 Midwest cook?
- 18 News inits.
- 19 Honeybunch
- 27 Graduates, briefly
- 31 "Was that so hard!?"
- 33 Dove competitor
- 34 Honeybunch
- 36 Mister in Milan
- 37 Grps.
- 38 Part of an Atkins breakfast
- 39 Look forward to
- 40 Italian alternative
- 41 Some transp. stocks
- 42 Leg part
- 43 City just north of Lake Nasser
- 44 Leg ends
- 46 Spanish beach
- 47 Baker's unit
- 48 Peerless
- 49 Playboy's agenda?
- 50 Time on the job
- 51 Teed off
- 53 Writer/illustrator of the story "Gertrude McFuzz"
- 54 Smoking result
- 56 Bush whack?
- 57 With time to spare



- 59 Full moon, e.g.
- 60 Dings
- 63 Give the heave-ho
- 65 "Goodness gracious!"
- 68 Goodly
- 70 Tale end
- 71 With celerity
- 72 Leveled
- 74 Sting, of sorts
- 76 Puffed up
- 78 Creator of 23-Across
- 79 Switch
- 80 Leprechaun's land
- 81 Dernier ___
- 82 Domain of King Minos
- 84 Thwack
- 87 2002 film about a virtual actress
- 88 Movie shots
- 89 Expose
- 90 Mega-retailer based in Minneapolis
- 91 Breastbones
- 92 Snap courses
- 94 Vision-improving device
- 96 "Tiny Bubbles" singer
- 98 Makes like
- 99 Try it
- 100 Estonian or Lithuanian
- 101 Olympic archer
- 102 Knock down
- 103 Just so
- 104 Self-proclaimed "The Big Aristotle"
- 105 You might go for a spin in it
- 106 Kind of beer or bag
- 107 Stable staple

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a trash can had been knocked over and computer items under her computer desk were pushed over. She left her residence and called police. Officers searched the residence and everything appeared okay. Nothing was reported missing.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CFD responded to a medical emergency at San Carlos and Seventh. Assessed and assisted the ambulance crew with C-spine splinting and loading of a patient for transport to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CFD responded to a report of a woman having chest pains at a hotel in Carmel Highlands. Transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CFD responded to a medical emergency at Dolores and Ocean. A 7-year-old male with a history of kidney problems was complaining of stomach pain and vomiting. Transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency at Junipero and Fifth at 2127 hours. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel with patient assessment, oxygen administration, diagnostics, monitor hookup, packaging and gathering information on a 49-year old male who was experiencing labored breathing. He refused transport to the hospital against the advice of the medical crew.

Pebble Beach: Woman reports that sometime during the night her purse was stolen from her unlocked car.

Pebble Beach: Graffiti reported scratched into a wooden fence on private property

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Digital camera lost on Ocean Avenue Reporting party said she lost camera while shopping at the Carmel Plaza at approximately 1600 hours. She returned to the Plaza and checked with the shops she patronized but was unable to locate the item. She left her information on the answering machine at the administrative office.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances reported on San Carlos. At approximately 1645 hours, reporting party was attempting to back out of a hotel lot when a second vehicle pulled up and blocked the driveway. First driver honked the horn but the vehicle did not move. Reporting party thought other driver was on the phone and couldn't hear her horn. When she approached the vehicle, the driver rolled up the window. When she returned with an employee of the hotel, the other driver drove off. Reporting party said she recognized the driver from an incident which occurred about 18 months ago where the driver yelled at her for some unknown reason. She wanted this documented only.

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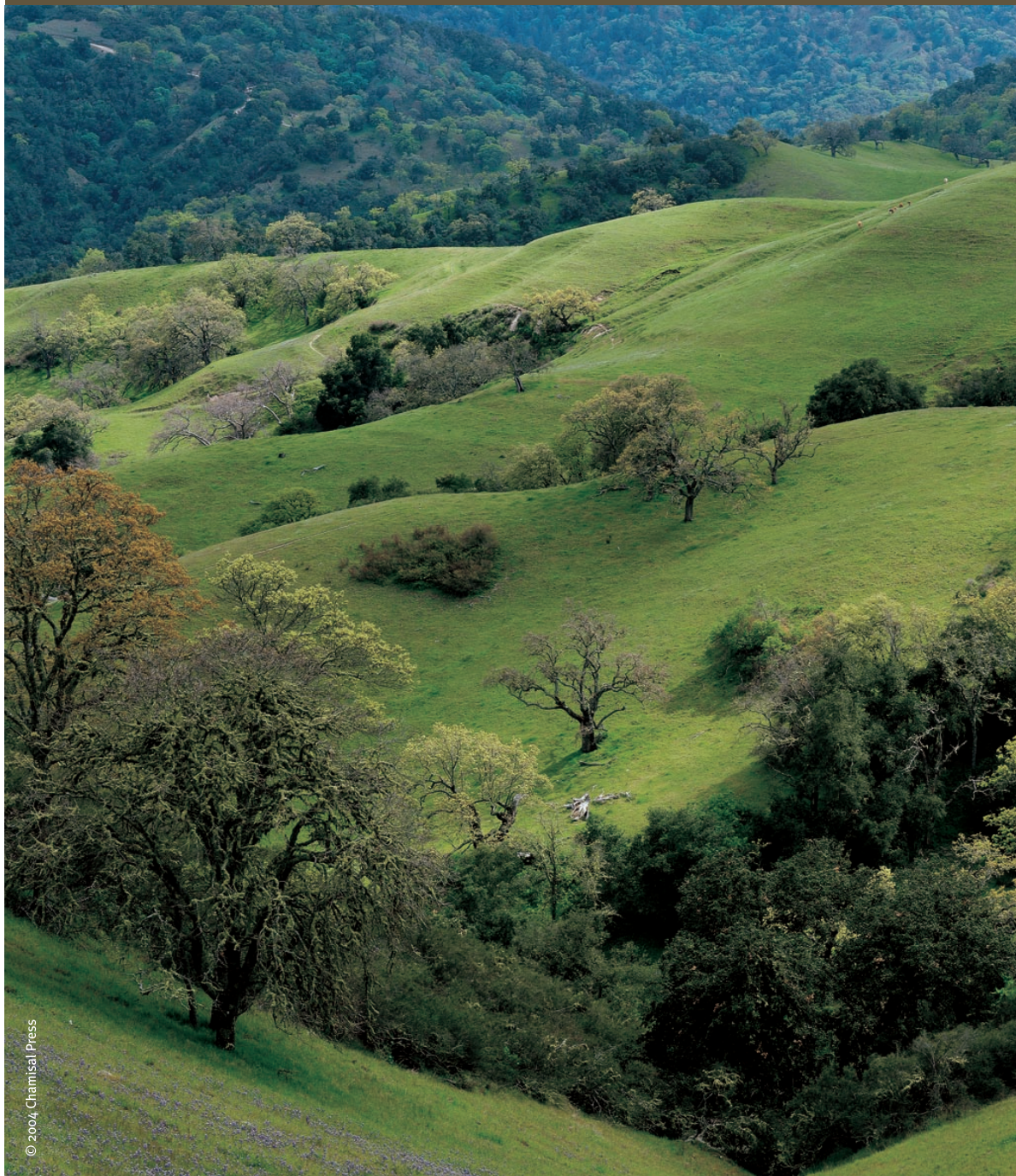
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POLICE LOG

From page 11B

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two women were locked out of their hotel room at Monte Verde and Ocean and a ladder was requested from the fire department. Upon arrival, emergency responders were advised that a spare key was provided by the hotel manager, so the ladder was not needed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CFD responded to a medical emergency at Mission and Ocean. Patient transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine dispatched to a commercial alarm at Torres and Second. Firefighters found a residential structure with a pest control employee stating he set off the alarm with fog from fumigation treatment. House will be full of mist for several hours so unable to reset alarm.

Carmel area: Discipline issues with a juvenile female who wants to live with her father

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Money clip and driver license found on Carmel Beach. An anonymous female turned in property found while walking on Carmel Beach. A black leather magnetic closure money clip contained owner's license, two bank cards, miscellaneous papers, receipts and cash. Attempt made to contact owner by local phone listing. Message left.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An unknown suspect assaulted a victim and attempted to run the victim and three of his family members over with a pickup at Dolores and 13th.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CFD responded to report of a 58-year-old female experiencing right hip pain after a fall at the Pebble Beach equestrian center. Transported to CHOMP.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A white Toyota was reported blocking a driveway on Fourth Avenue, preventing him from leaving. Vehicle was towed to Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Accident reported on Mission Street.
Carmel area: Juvenile ran away from a group home and was possibly enroute to Gonzales. Case continues.





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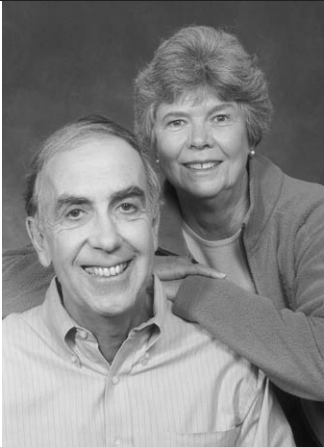
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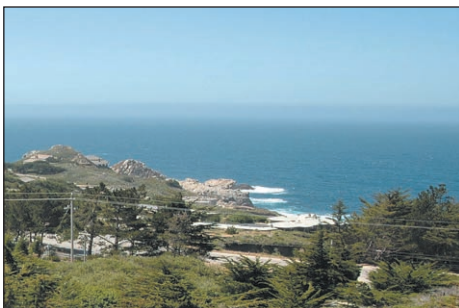


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