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Fire-fighting sleuths needed for construction blaze



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Carmel Fire Engineer David Jedinak used a chain saw to cut through the roof of a nearly completed Hatton Road home Wednesday morning in search of the fire that was eventually found in a wall between two fireplaces. Seventeen firefighters helped douse the fire, which caused only \$10,000 damage.

By MARY BROWNFIELD and PAUL MILLER

FOUR FIRE engines converged on a Hatton Road home under construction late Wednesday morning, when workers applying finishing touches to the single-story house called 911 as smoke wafted through the house and out of the roof.

"There was smoke in the house and coming out from the roof around the shingles," said Carmel Fire Engineer August Beacham, who responded with engineers David Jedinak and Bill Cox. After using their thermal imager to locate hot spots and testing the roof for soundness to ensure none of them fell through to suspected flames below, they used a crowbar to pry up the brand new wood shakes near the stone chimney.

"Can we get a hose up here before we open this up?" Jedinak asked, fearing a fresh supply of oxygen might cause the fire to rage.

But after cutting through the roof with a chain saw, they only found more smoke. Meanwhile, as construction workers

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No support on council for 20% TOT hike

■ Measure headed for April ballot

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE IMPACTS of increasing the hotel tax in Carmel-by-the-Sea from 10 percent to 12 percent — including how much money it might raise and what it would pay for — will be studied before the city council decides whether to approve it or ask voters to decide. Councilmembers will receive the report and must make up their minds at a special meeting Dec. 29.

With the successful petition drive by residents Patricia Fairbank, Mike Biele and Jim Brun that was certified by the Monterey County Registrar of Voters last Thursday, the council has been forced to reconsider increasing the TOT even though it abandoned the idea as a way to raise money ear-

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FEDS TO KILL LAWN-ROOTING PORKERS

By CHRIS COUNTS

IF SALLY Baumgartner had brought in a backhoe to dig up her front yard, it couldn't have done a better job. But she liked her well-manicured lawn just the way it was before wild pigs ripped it to shreds.

"It looks like someone took a Rototiller to it," said Baumgartner, whose home is adjacent to the Carmel River Lagoon.

Several recent pig invasions have con-

See **WILD PIGS** page 7 of the *Real Estate* section



PHOTO/COURTESY LAURIE SEGALE

Don't blame Lucy the Labrador; this time the dog didn't dig up the lawn. Only a pig — or a Rototiller — could do this much damage in one night.

Council OKs \$70K EIR for Flanders

By MARY BROWNFIELD

TWO CONSULTING firms working together on an environmental impact report for pending sale of Flanders Mansion could be paid \$69,724, the council decided Dec. 10. It unanimously OK'd a contract with Denise Duffy & Associates and Jones & Stokes, rejecting the \$14,740 bid from another firm because that proposal was too simple.

Councilman Erik Bethel seemed incredulous at having to conduct any study.

"We have to do an EIR for a house we are proposing to sell to a family?" Bethel asked. "Why?"

City attorney Don Freeman said the mansion's historical significance — it's listed on the national register — its presence on park land, and the nearby Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden require it.

"It would be reducing public access to the entire park," he said before going on to recommend that the EIR address not only Flanders Mansion, but "other properties identified by the city as potential candidates for disposition now or sometime in the future."

While the council has focused predominantly on selling the historic mansion to help pay for necessary capital improvements, the planning commission and forest and beach commission in October also listed Rio Park, the firehouse and

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Study doubts C.V. finances

By CHRIS COUNTS

PROPOSERS OF the Carmel Valley incorporation effort received a boost when a preliminary fiscal analysis that was made public this week concluded that the proposed city would be financially viable. Then, they got a big letdown when the same study said \$2.5 million annual alimony payments to Monterey County might undo the city's fiscal stability.

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Filmmaker sees beauty among the impoverished

By KIRSTIE WILDE

YOUNG OMAR McGraw Farouk Aqeel wasn't sure what was in store when he accompanied a group of local doctors on a humanitarian mission to the slums of Delhi, India, in November, but he didn't expect to fall in love.

The York School sophomore, budding filmmaker and self-described "American who can't live without my Starbucks and iPod," had never ventured any place remotely resembling the Third World. But when his stepfather, Peterson Conway, invited him to

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Perhaps fortunately, one of the scenes not caught on film for Omar Aqeel's documentary was this one at a back-street restaurant in Jaipur, India. A musician used the teenager's head to prove his 38-inch mustache was more than sufficient for two men. Although he appears to be laughing, Omar was "actually cringing, thinking, 'God knows what is in that mustache — he unwound it from around his ears.'"

TRAFFIC COMMISSION OKS PARKING EXPERIMENT

By MARY BROWNFIELD

SEVERAL DOWNTOWN blocks have temporarily lost their 90-minute parking limits, following a Carmel Community Traffic Safety Commission decision Dec. 1. The hope is that employees will be enticed to leave cars there all day, rather than occupy valuable central commercial spaces — and repeatedly leave work to do the “90-minute shuffle.”

The idea was proposed by city council members Paula Hazdovac and Mike Cunningham. The experiment could last up to a year, but be tweaked or abandoned if it doesn't free up downtown spaces.

The time limits were lifted on both sides of Junipero between Fourth and Fifth avenues, the center island between Fifth and Sixth, both sides of Fourth and Eighth avenues between Mission and San Carlos, and the north side of Eighth between San Carlos and Lincoln.

“Hopefully it will entice employees to park there instead of playing the cat-and-mouse game, running out to repark every 90 minutes,” city administrator Rich Guillen told the commission.

Public safety director George Rawson estimated about 100 cars do the daily shuffle, and his parking officers recognize many of the vehicles.

“They have years of experience working in the city doing the job every day and will give close to scientific feedback if you want it,” he said.

Although they ultimately voted for the experiment, commissioners worried it might be confusing and unfair

Chairman Carl Roetter commented the free parking spaces were concentrated in the northeast corner and three blocks on the south side, but no more spaces were opened to benefit the west end.



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Ninety-minute-limit parking signs were bagged in an effort to draw employees out of the central commercial district.

where they park and perhaps ticket them for occupying 90-minute spots. He also said the Junipero parking stalls should be saved for tourists.

“The concept is if they are closer to the core commercial district, they are more likely to be used by employees,” Guillen responded. “Right now employees could park at Vista Lobos [at Torres and Third] all day, but if you go up there during the day, it's empty.”

Guillen speculated many employees would rather have their cars close by and don't fancy the idea of walking back up the hill at the end of the day.

Roetter and other commissioners agreed the success of the program heavily relies upon businesses' willingness to participate.

“It strikes me we can all engineer this. If we attack it from the idea of using this as a way of establishing dialog with business people, which we all seem to agree is fundamental, maybe we should consider going along with it,” Neidenberg said.

Roetter hesitated to make a recommendation on the proposed experiment.

“We don't have the analy-

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Threats prove effective in costing man his job

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of a Kodak digital camera, silver body, with approximately 200 photos stored, while on the north end of Carmel Beach near the Pebble Beach Golf Links. He was advised no found property had been turned over to Carmel P.D. He was advised to notify the

Monterey County Sheriff's Office since he was actually in its jurisdiction. Information taken in the event property is turned in to CPD.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: While on a bar check on Lincoln Street, located an extremely intoxicated subject in a back alley at 0220 hours. He was vomiting and holding onto the wall in order to avoid falling down. He was contacted and said his roommate was at home. Contacted the roommate at his house, and he said he was willing to take responsibility for the subject and care for him to ensure his safety. The subject was released to his roommate.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from San Carlos Street for expired registration and unpaid parking tickets.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a noise complaint at a Torres residence involving after-hours construction. Contacted a painter who said he wasn't aware of the ordinance and would quit and leave immediately. The painter did not have his driver license with him so he was asked for some other proof of I.D. He showed his vehicle registration and said that it was him. Upon return to the station, ran a records check which showed he had a suspended driver license. Upon return to the residence, the subject and his vehicle were gone. Suspension had been served and the truck is registered to the painter.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle parked on Junipero was found to have registration expired since July. There were 18 outstanding parking citations on file with a total amount due of \$922. The vehicle was towed per the California Vehicle Code.

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COUNCIL: CLOCK SHOPS CAN SELL WATCHES

By MARY BROWNFIELD

UNLESS THE Carmel City Council changes its mind next month, a French-born watchmaker has won the right to sell watches alongside clocks in his Lincoln Street store. The council voted 3-2 Tuesday to change the city law limiting watch sales to jewelry stores.

Hughes Beck applied for an amendment to the zoning code after his business was closed because watches could only be sold in the city's 32 licensed jewelry stores.

Beck, who said he has no interest in selling jewelry, proposed amending the zoning code to allow clock stores to sell watches. After the idea was panned by the commission in August, he proposed requiring a trained watchmaker to work on site and limiting the watches to those powered by a mainspring.

His attorney, Jim Heisinger, also proposed setting a minimum retail price of \$1,800 to ensure quality and prevent an influx of stores selling cheap watches.



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Bejeweled or not, watches are no longer jewelry, according to the Carmel City Council.

Principal planner Brian Roseth recommended against changing the zoning code, just as the planning commission did when it considered the original application and again in October, after the city council remanded the amended version back to it for review.

"Many of the companies that offer luxury-quality watches sell their watches in both mechanical and electronic (quartz) versions. This could make the distinction meaningless and certainly would make it very difficult for staff to monitor and enforce," Roseth wrote in his staff report to the council. "By itself, 'mechanical' does not guarantee a high-end store, as there are mass-market watches that are still mechanical."

The planning commission also decided the current code, which defines watches as

jewelry, "has been successful and does not need fixing to correct any flaw," according to Roseth.

City attorney Don Freeman cautioned the council against imposing a minimum value on watches for sale.

"I don't think it's a standard we can legally support," he said, because it would be a land-use decision based on economics that would be "very difficult to defend if challenged in court."

With the exception of Beck and Heisinger, no one spoke in favor of changing the code. In addition to the owners of Greenwich Time and a representative of Fourtane, former Mayor Ken White, former

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Elevator must be installed, though it's not needed

By MARY BROWNFIELD

FIREFIGHTERS SAY they don't need it, but taxpayers will still have to foot the bill for an elevator at the Carmel Fire Station when it is seismically retrofitted and remodeled, the city council learned Dec. 10.

Architect John Thodos presented a set of revised plans to the council based on feedback from firefighters, public safety director George Rawson and P.G. Fire Chief Andrew Miller.

At their advice, Thodos had removed the elevator from the first set of drawings prepared by Portland architect Ivars Lazdins and instead planned a restroom where an elevator could be added later if needed. Fire personnel reasoned that only they need

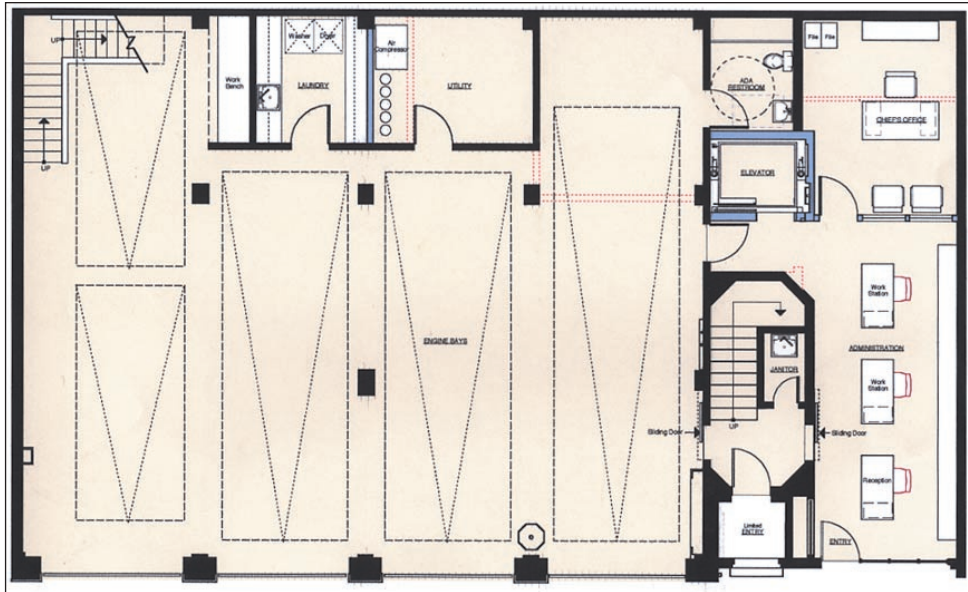
access to the second floor, which is closed to the public.

But on Tuesday, city attorney Don Freeman advised the council that remodel plans must include an elevator, because a federal law — the Americans with Disabilities Act — requires it.

"This is a public building, and even if no people require assistance using the upper floor, we still have to provide reasonable accommodation," Freeman said.

After learning the city has no choice but to fork out an estimated \$50,000 for an elevator, the council asked what costs might be cut, such as installing one large refrigerator rather than the three separate units — one for each shift — requested by firefighters.

See **ELEVATOR** page 31A



The ground floor of the Carmel Fire Station, as designed by architect John Thodos, would turn one bay into a reception area and chief's office. The elevator is located behind the stairs.

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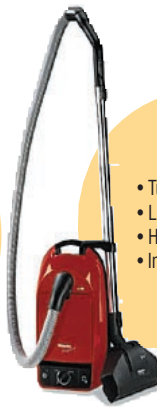


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Barely visible Sprint antennas to be added at Sunset Center

SPRINT PCS can install wireless equipment on Sunset Center, the planning commission decided Wednesday, countering an historic preservation committee opinion that high-tech had no place on such an important building.

Sprint will pay the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea for the privilege of installing two antennas on top of the theater and other equipment inside. One antenna will be hidden behind a stucco plate and a grill and the other will match the roof. Equipment will be installed in the third floor stairwell and associated cables will be run through the attic.

The antennas will be located on parts of the building added during the recent renovation and will not "change the original building or create a false sense of history," according to planner Nathan Schmidt's staff report. An architectural historian concluded the project is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's standards for rehabilitating historic buildings. Nonetheless, the historic preservation committee in October recommended the application be denied because it was inappropriate for an historic resource as important as Sunset Center.

Planning commissioners disagreed. Without discussion, commissioner Alan Hower moved approval of the use permit, and commissioner Robin Wilson seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

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Parents light fire of public service in River School kids

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL RIVER School parent Melissa Eason could barely believe her eyes when students came bearing armloads of shoe boxes stuffed with toys and treats for less fortunate children around the world.

When she and fellow parent Betsy Conron pitched the Samaritan's Purse toy drive as a holiday community service project, they expected to get two shoe boxes from each class.

"We hoped to get 40 in all, but we got 100," she said. "It was like Christmas morning when we sent the kids to collect the boxes and they came back with armloads, and there were bags of extra stuff. We had to get extra shoe boxes."

The Carmel resident, who has sons in kindergarten and second grade at River School, said she and Conron selected the charity after their families helped gather gifts for some of the boxes sent to 6.6 million children in Sudan, Afghanistan, Liberia and 90 other countries last year.

Eason suspected the River School kids responded so favorably partly because they could relate.

"It was all age appropriate — kindergartners shopped for kindergarten-aged children, and fifth graders shopped for children their age — so they were buying something they would want for themselves," she said.

The kids were also impressed that many of the children



PHOTO/COURTESY MELISSA EASON

Carmel River School (from left) kindergartner Henry Eason, first grader Megan Rice, and second graders Hanna Taormina and Elle Perres and their schoolmates filled 100 shoe boxes with small toys for needy children all over the world who would otherwise receive no Christmas gifts and perhaps never have before.

receiving their gifts might have never even owned a toy before.

"That's mind-blowing to our blessed little community," Eason said.

While the kids have undertaken service-oriented tasks in the past, such as cleaning up Carmel Beach, Eason and Conron hope they have sparked what will become a long-term practice.

With their shoe boxes filled and en route to needy children all over the globe, the students embarked on another campaign Monday: filling 12 barrels for the Food Bank for Monterey County. After that, they will gather coins to benefit three children-centered charities and then begin a clothing drive for International Health Emissaries (see story, page 1A.)

"This was the beginning of what we hope will be a long-lasting community service program that will continue every year, because the kids just love it," Eason said.

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Ag commissioner investigates cat fumigation deaths

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE MONTEREY County Agricultural Commissioner's office is investigating the two recent incidents in which

cats were trapped under fumigation tents at neighbors' homes and killed, and one of the cat owners continues doggedly pursuing her bid to change state law so it doesn't happen again.

The cases are unlike any others assistant agricultural commissioner Bob Roach has encountered in his 17 years with the department, and he's now overseeing the investigation of the Sept. 22 death of Carmel Valley resident Nancy Carlen's cat, Velvet, and the similar incident two weeks later involving Dolores Street residents Brenda Morrison and James Dowhower's cat, Phoebe. Dowhower heard his cat's cries and went inside the tent to retrieve her. But Phoebe convulsed and died several hours later.

"We're looking to see if there were any violations of pesticide regulations," Roach said. "But since the investigations are still in progress, I can't really say anything about them."

The California Food and Agricultural Code regulates pesticide use, and county agricultural commissioners enforce the laws, Roach explained. The department is also in charge of making sure users follow the federal rules printed on pesticide labels.



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Fumigation companies use garishly colored tents to warn that poisonous gas is being used, but a proposed law would require pest control companies to warn neighbors directly when a home will be tented so they can ensure their kids and pets are nowhere near it.

"There are general standards of care that say you have to perform pest control in a careful and effective manner using suitable methods and equipment, exercising reasonable precautions to avoid contamination of the environment," he said, summarizing state laws.

People, animals and property are all supposed to be safeguarded when poisons are being used, he said.

Penalties for breaking the law can range from a simple notice of violation or a small fine to "severe criminal prosecution," Roach said. "Typically they're invoked against the employer, though there are certain very limited circumstances when an applicator can be held accountable."

As proposed by Carlen, "Velvet's Law" would require fumigation companies to notify neighbors before a home is tented to ensure they can bring their pets and children inside before the poisonous gas flows.

"It's my understanding that Assemblyman John Laird's office was submitting it to the legislative counsel in Sacramento that advises the Assembly to make sure that there weren't already existing laws that would have covered the issue," she said this week, shortly before the ag commissioner's investigator arrived at the house next door to photograph the scene of Velvet's death.

Carlen said Congressman Sam Farr also supports the idea. "When I was talking to him, he said, 'We're having a home tented, and not only did we not think about the neighbors' cats, but we didn't think about our own cats,'" Carlen said. "This is something everybody relates to."

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Carmel and Monterey are top dogs among dog-friendly cities

By CHRIS COUNTS

RESIDENTS AND visitors have long considered the Monterey Peninsula to be one of the best places in the world for a pooch to call home. But now it's official — Carmel and Monterey top the list of the "Ten Dog-Friendliest Cities in North America."

DogFriendly.com, a pet travel guide publisher, combines Carmel and Monterey into one destination. Last year, when the publisher initiated its survey, the two cities landed in the seventh spot.

So what has happened in the past year to elevate our local pet-friendly status?

"We received a lot of feedback from customers," said Tara Kain, co-founder of DogFriendly.com. "People wanted to see Carmel and Monterey as the top destination."

In retrospect, Kain agreed Carmel and Monterey deserve their exalted status among dog owners. In particular, Carmel stands out from any other city she has visited.

"The town has a great attitude toward canines," Kain said. "They welcome dogs in many accommodations, outdoor restaurants and stores. The main town beach is even

classified as an official off-leash beach."

Specifically, Kain commended Carmel's Cypress Inn, "which not only allows dogs, but welcomes them with doggie treats, invites them to their in-house bar, and has them in for tea and cookies in their lounge."

[Inexplicably, she wasn't aware of The Pine Cone's canine profile, "Sandy Claws," or the newspaper's occasional dog obituary.]

She also praised the Monterey Recreation Trail, "where leashed dogs can walk for miles on the paved coastal trail or take a dip at one of the many beaches along the path."

While the Monterey Peninsula's status as a dog-friendly destination might seem secure, Kain said other cities are working hard to make the list.

"We've been contacted by chambers of commerce and from all over the country," she said. "We get press releases from cities like Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia. We even received an invitation from Ithaca, N.Y. to speak at a conference there."

"Our ratings are based on the quality and number of dog-friendly places, such as lodging, attractions, outdoor restaurants, hikes, beaches and stores," she said. "Our list is also intended for local residents who may

not need a hotel but who can enjoy a variety of nearby dog-friendly activities. As part of our criteria for determining dog-friendliness, we focus on places that allow all well-behaved dogs, regardless of size or breed."

Kain also said DogFriendly.com looked at places where dogs are considered an important part of the local community.

"Our goal in ranking cities or resort areas is to find places that not just grudgingly permit dogs but those places that actually welcome and appreciate dogs," she said.

Last year's top-ranked dog-friendly city, Lake Tahoe, fell to sixth place on this year's list. The Cape Cod and Nantucket area in Massachusetts, which offers a remarkable variety of transportation options for dogs, was selected runner-up to the Monterey Peninsula cities. Nantucket even features an airline that permits dogs to stay with their owners. Chicago finished third and Seattle was chosen fourth, proving that big cities can also be friendly to dogs.

Sunset for Dance Kids 'Nutcracker' at Sunset?

DESPITE A dispute over costs to rent Sunset Center, the nonprofit Dance Kids of Monterey County, which has performed at the theater for a decade, will present 'The Nutcracker' there this weekend.

In a letter to the nonprofit that manages Sunset, Dance Kids Executive Director Alan Richmond said he was "appalled at the unexplainable rate increase" amounting to \$8,000 to use the theater.

But according to Sunset chairman Jim Price, board member Karen Kadushin met

with Richmond Nov. 11 "to work out a mutually acceptable plan." Grants were offered to Dance Kids and other historic users to help cover fees, he said, but Richmond's group did not apply for the grant that could have saved it \$2,400.

Richmond said Dance Kids will move to Monterey Peninsula College next year due to the increase, but will perform 'The Nutcracker' at Sunset Dec. 10, 11 and 12. For information on tickets and times, call (831) 373-7300 or visit www.dancekids.org.

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By MARY BROWNFIELD

THEIR VOICES have been heard in Switzerland and Germany; their story has been told on national television and in newspapers as far away as China and Iraq, and they've raised more than \$45,000 to help fix the firehouse, but the city still refuses to accept it. Carmel-by-the-Sea's own

Calendar Girls, a.k.a. the Carmel Fire Belles, will host their final calendar signing next Friday in downtown Carmel.

"We've all decided we're not backing down, and we're not giving the money to anyone else," said Patty Ross, who spearheaded what she thought would be a "slam-dunk" means of raising money to seismically retrofit the Carmel Fire Station.

Not that other groups — fire departments, low-income housing projects and even an independent filmmaker from Detroit among them — haven't asked.

"The most phone calls I get" are from people wanting the money, Ross said.

But the femmes hope the city decision makers, who are refusing to accept their donation for fear of being sued for sexual harassment or workplace discrimination, will change their position. Until then, the money remains in an interest-bearing account, slowly growing.

"I know [city officials] have gotten a lot of flack — a lot of letters have been written, and phone calls made — and so far those are all for us and all against them," Ross said, adding that the women will even wait for a change in the administration, if necessary.

"We're hoping the public will rally around us and support us — that they will go to the council members and say, 'The citizens don't agree with this. You work for us, and we want the money to retrofit the firehouse,'" she continued.

Ross also said city employees and council members have been forbidden to even speak with any of the dozen calendar models, but city administrator Rich Guillen denied that assertion.

"I don't know where they're getting that," he said. "You can talk to any employee, and it's the same for them."


As the leader of the project, Ross has become the spokeswoman for the group, participating in radio interviews — one of which was in German except for her English answers and was broadcast in that country as well as Switzerland.

A cover story posted on Yahoo's website generated newspaper coverage in China and Iraq, according to Ross, and a Los Angeles radio program, The David Lawrence Show, researched the issue and reported more than 1,000 different calendars were published since 9/11 with people posing in varying stages of nudity.

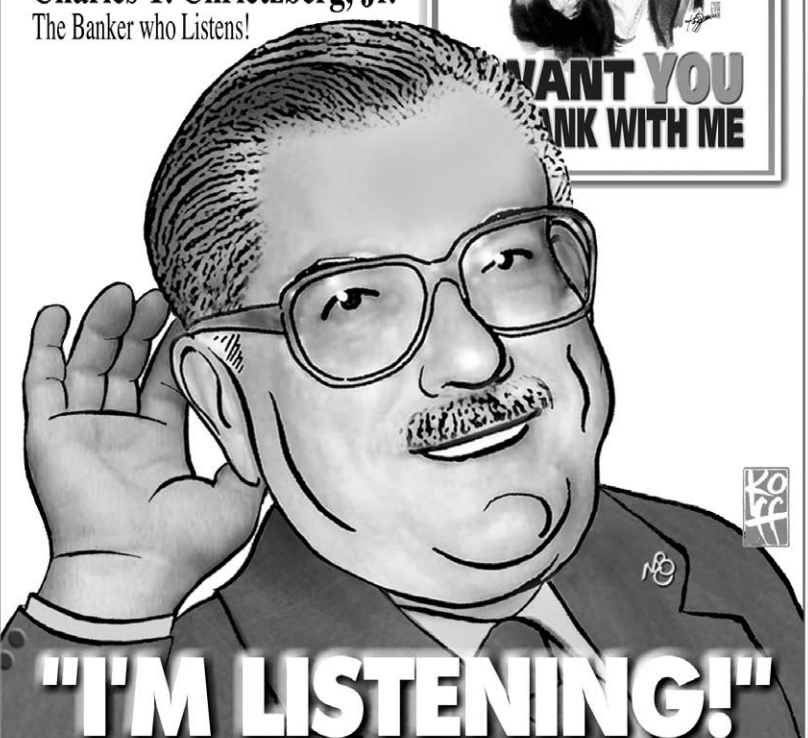
"Many were taken in firehouses and police departments," Ross said. "But not one resulted in litigation of any kind."


The attention has helped the women sell more than 1,700 of the 2,500 calendars they printed and sparked the launch of its website, www.carmelfirebelles.com.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club members Carol Stratton (left) and Vicki Mitchell (right) welcomed Washington resident Helen Montgomery, guest of fellow garden club member Ann Walbert, to decorate topiaries with them during a holiday workshop Thursday. The topiaries were distributed to homebound Peninsula residents, Carmel Foundation and the library.

Green thumbs spread holiday cheer

By MARY BROWNFIELD

FOR MORE than two decades, Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club members have created holiday arrangements for homebound residents and the library.

Their first effort in 1981 yielded gifts delivered to 20 Meals on Wheels clients and one for Harrison Memorial Library, according to club president Carol Sullivan.

On Thursday, members and their guests gathered at the Church of the Wayfarer to

decorate 143 wreath- and tree-shaped ivy topiaries for homebound residents served by the Carmel Foundation, Hospice and the library's outreach program, as well as for the foundation and the library. The club also provided a Christmas tree for kids to decorate at the Park Branch.

"Each year, the theme is a little different," said event chair Incy Brooks. This year's efforts were adorned with doves in home-

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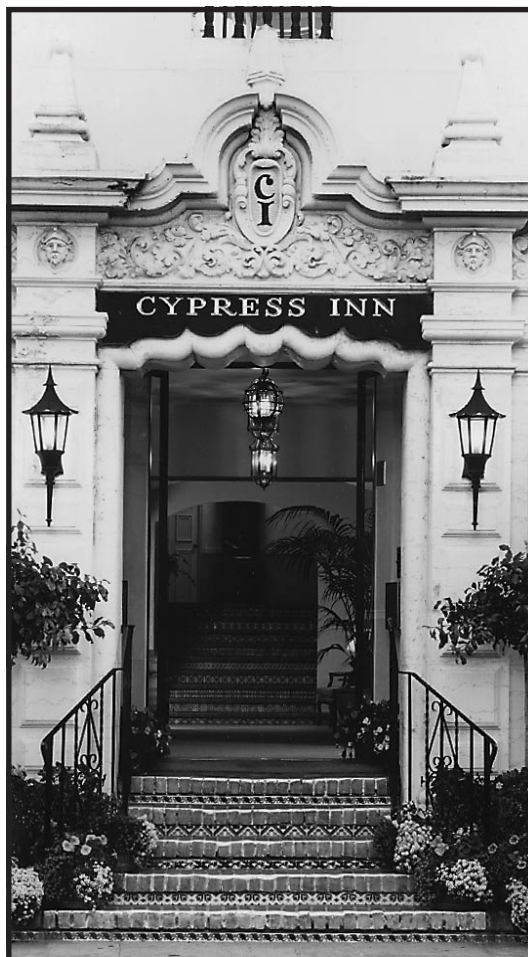
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WATCHES

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councilwoman Barbara Livingston, Carmel Residents Association President Sherry Shollenbarger and builder Josh Schneider opposed changing the law.

"The concept of watches as practical timepieces is long gone. Purely and simply, watches are jewelry. Every fashion designer has a line of watches; there are Swatch watches, sports watches, dressy watches, and watches worn around necks and as bracelets," Livingston said. "Watches are a fashion statement. Watches are jewelry."

"The underlying principle here is Carmel has a set of ordinances that have worked for many years, and it's clear that the amendment is just an opportunity for someone to open a loophole, and I feel a Pandora's Box, to suit someone's needs," Schneider said.

Councilman Gerard Rose countered that just because a law has been in place for 20 years does not mean it should not or need not be changed. "If you are truly interested in diversity, as I am, and catering to more affluent tourists, which I am, and minimizing protective monopolies, which I am, I would take a long, hard look at the version just

looked at by the planning commission," Rose said.

He suspected the requirements would help ensure quality.

"I don't think you have to check your common sense at the door to realize you're not going to be selling crummy watches if you're paying to have a trained watchmaker on site," he said.

Councilwoman Paula Hazdovac and Mayor Sue McCloud also supported the idea of tweaking the code to allow a new type of business in town, though Hazdovac was concerned about the appearance of changing the law to suit one person.

City attorney Don Freeman responded that it's anyone's prerogative to apply for a zoning code change.

But councilman Mike Cunningham remained unconvinced.

"[The law] should only change when there's a clear-cut pattern of unfulfilled need, and I don't see that here at all," he said.

The council voted 3-2, with Cunningham and councilman Erik Bethel dissenting, to approve the ordinance amending the zoning code to allow the sale of mechanical watches in clock shops. The law will return to the council for final adoption next month.

VELVET'S LAW

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search in and around the home and post signs on the tent warning that the odorless and colorless Vikane gas is being used. It's applied along with tear gas to deter any human who might walk into a house that's tented.

But workers somehow missed Phoebe, clinging to a beam underneath a deck, and Velvet, who was fond of hiding in the crawl spaces.

Their owners said, had they been warned exactly when the fumigators would be tenting, the pets would have been kept indoors.

"I'm not trying to take on this whole industry, and my argument is this is good for them," Carlen said. "They don't want this type of PR."

She remains devoted to the cause and will continue to drum up support.

"My message to everyone is: Call your supervisors and legislators, and tell them you want Velvet's Law, because they all know what it is," she said. "There's been a lot of talk about it. People have noticed, but noticing is not enough to do something."

In the meantime, she advised homeowners to tell others when a fumigator will be

coming.

"At least let your next-door neighbors know, so they can protect their animals and small children," she said.

GARDEN

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made nests, gold ribbon, mini pine cones and glitter.

"The real mission is to bring a bit of holiday cheer into the rooms of home-bound residents through the distribution efforts of Hospice, the library and the Carmel Foundation," Brooks said.

They also auctioned off a few items Thursday to raise money to rehabilitate the garden at Harrison Memorial Library — the largest project the club has undertaken since it redesigned Piccadilly Park several years ago.

All permits have been issued for the library garden, principal planner Brian Roseth told the city council Tuesday.

"It's a very important goal and a large project for us," said Brooks.

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Real working studio for artists opens in San Carlos Square

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

THE LAST art gallery to be admitted to the pantheon of over 120 Carmel-by-the-Sea galleries, is at present housing four artists busy creating works of art.

owned by Leslie Cichy of Scottsdale, Arizona, who also has another Peaches Studio there. The galleries are named after a deceased dog.

The four artists renting space in the gallery work independently, but collaboratively run the studio. They are Vincenzo

d'Amica, a sculpture and painter who "celebrates the golden age of the female figure" in terra cotta, stone and bronze; "Boban" Burak, a painter of contemporary and abstract art; Tina Roberts, who creates sculptural beadwork to wear or display; and Dianna Holubec-McArthur who does monotypes of photo image transfers.

D'Amica said the studio, with its working artists, will "return vitality and creativity" to the Carmel scene.

Besides the artists, a Boston terrier, Edie Roberts, is a greeter in the studio daily.

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Edie Roberts, a distinguished Boston terrier with her own business cards, is the official hostess at Peaches Studio in San Carlos Square, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Four artists who produce artwork in the studio are, from left, Boban Burak, Dianna Holubec-McArthur, Tina Roberts, Edie and Vincenzo d'Amica.



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Experts disagree as supervisors delay Rancho San Carlos hearing

By CHRIS COUNTS

PRESSED FOR time because of a farewell party for county administrative officer Sally Reed and a lengthy public hearing on a 4,000-unit subdivision in north Monterey County, the board of supervisors cut short debate Tuesday on a final approval of a 29-home development at Rancho San Carlos. The hearing was continued to Jan. 25.

Conflicting testimony from water experts about the health of the native population of steelhead trout in Las Garzas Creek is at the heart of the debate surrounding the most recent phase of the development of Rancho San Carlos.

When the planning commission was asked to approve the subdivision in September, the National Marine Fisheries Service objected on the grounds that an environmental impact report for the project was flawed and that hydrology studies were incomplete.

Brian Finegan, an attorney representing Rancho San Carlos, was clearly frustrated by the delay in the approval of the subdivision. He said if the supervisors sided with the NMFS, they would be putting "the power of approving this project in the hands of the feds."

"The drama never ends," said Finegan. "Disagreement among experts does not invalidate an environmental impact report. California Environmental Quality Act rules state this."

Finegan said the issue of the environmental impact of the Rancho San Carlos development on Las Garzas Creek "was settled a long time ago."

But Amanda Wheeland, an attorney representing NMFS, said legitimate concerns have been raised regarding the welfare of steelhead in the creek.

"We are interested in making sure the subdivision doesn't adversely affect the steelhead population in Las Garzas Creek," she said. "We have evidence that the creek is unnaturally drying up during the summer months. The original EIR for the Rancho San Carlos development and the supplemental EIR for the Potrero subdivision fail to adequately address the impact wells will have on the creek."

Wheeland said her agency has tried unsuccessfully to work with Rancho San Carlos on a habitat conservation plan.

Gillian Taylor, co-chair of the Ventana chapter of the Sierra Club's conservation committee, urged supervisors to uphold the NMFS objections to the project.

"Rancho San Carlos sold themselves as a green project, and now they're doing everything they can to get out of environmental regulations," Taylor alleged. "They shouldn't get off the hook just because they claim to be green."

Experts come lately?

Tom Carvey of Common Ground disputed the validity of the NMFS claims. "It never ceases to amaze me how many experts are brought in at the last moment," said Carvey. "Is there any proof that steelhead have been harmed?"

Build-out at Rancho San Carlos will be just 350 homes on 20,000 acres of land, and Carvey urged the supervisors to approve the 29-unit final phase. "Local government knows

best," he said. "We depend on you to make the incomprehensible comprehensible."

Supervisors expressed frustration that so much new information was being submitted by opponents of the subdivision. On Dec. 8, they set a Jan. 15 deadline for submission of correspondence related to the project.

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Carmel Valley

FINANCES

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The preview was presented to the Local Agency Formation Commission at a public hearing on Dec. 6 in Salinas. The fiscal analysis is being done by Economic and Planning Systems, Inc., an urban economics planning firm located in Berkeley.

Ott estimated that the proposed city would generate about \$8 million in revenue by its third year, while incurring about \$5.8 million in expenses.

However, the requirement that the city compensate Monterey County for the loss of tax revenue from its residents and businesses would cause it to "experience annual deficits in its initial years of operation" said Jennifer Ott, vice president of Economic Planning Systems, Inc.

Those "revenue neutrality" payments would leave the city with a deficit of about \$300,000 a year, the report said.

"But the \$2.5 million figure is just a starting point," said LAFCO executive officer Kate McKenna. "It's subject to negotiations."

The new city's boundaries would roughly correspond to those designated by the Carmel Valley Master Plan. Although some areas located near the mouth of Carmel Valley have asked not to be included in the city, Ott said that boundary changes won't significantly affect the city's financial viability.

Tuesday's hearing also offered residents an opportunity to express their views on incorporation. Most of the testimony was in favor.

John Dalessio, a Carmel Valley resident and a Monterey County Housing Authority commissioner, urged LAFCO members not to require the preparation of a costly environmental impact report before approving the new city. An EIR, he said, would be unnecessary.

"One minute we are not a town and the next minute we are a town," Dalessio said. "What possible environmental impact could happen in that minute. An EIR places an unreasonable financial burden on the residents of Carmel Valley."

Incorporation proponents have also not decided whether they want to pay for a \$25,000 initial study, McKenna said, which would help the LAFCO board determine if an EIR is required.

Former county supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman believes incorporation will benefit the local community.

"Carmel Valley is the only major population density in Monterey County that has not established its own township," said Strasser-Kauffman. "With a skyrocketing population in the Salinas Valley, Monterey County may not be able to give Carmel Valley the attention it deserves. If we want to keep our valley nice, we will most likely need to help ourselves."

Bob Sinotte, president of the Carmel Views Community Association and Valley Watch, said surveys indicate that the vast majority of local residents oppose incorporation.

"There isn't one part of the valley that supports incorporation," he said. The number of proponents at the hearing does not accurately reflect public support for the incorporation because "activists show up at the hearings."

Incorporation is a major threat to the valley's rural character, Sinotte said.

"Cities have built-in mechanisms for growth," he said. The city of Carmel Valley will be "tied to developers and the tourism industry by an umbilical cord."

The public hearing on the proposed city will be continued when LAFCO meets again on Jan. 24.

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— John Dalessio

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INDIA

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accompany the International Health Emissaries mission on a trip to provide dental care to the destitute of Old Delhi, Omar thought it might make a good subject for his next film.

This 15-year-old has been making movies since he was barely big enough to figure out where the "on" button was on his mother's video camera. Last summer he filmed a bloody historical drama about the Countess Elizabeth Bathory at Flanders Mansion in Carmel, a project he is currently editing.

This time, Omar envisioned a documentary about International Health Emissaries — a group of Monterey Peninsula dentists and their wives who travel to impoverished neighborhoods in Third World countries and help people who are in misery because of lousy teeth. Dentists Ron Faia of Carmel and John Nardone of Pebble Beach, as well as Bob Venn, D.D.S., of Modesto, paid their own expenses for the mission, as do all the dentists in the I.H.E. Conway, who has vast international travel experience from innumerable buying trips to supply his Carmel store, Conway of Asia, booked the flights, buses and accommodations, and secured St. Stephen's Hospital in Old Delhi where the free treatments would be offered.

More than 250 patients, who had no other access to dental care, according to Omar, were treated during each of two days in Old Delhi. The dentists were assisted by Carmel artist Lynn Lupetti, her husband, Ed Lohman — who had some experience with extractions and other procedures from an earlier trip to Guatemala — as well as Omar.

"People were living in such poverty, it was so sad," he said. "I was a little afraid of the filth. One small boy showed up with a huge tumor in his mouth. That night, I went home to the hotel and brushed my teeth like crazy," he said.

"My job was to go out to the waiting room and give out toys to the kids — we brought a huge duffle bag of toys. There was this one little girl, she couldn't speak any English, but we had a conversation anyway, writing with crayon on a paper. I was amazed at how the whole culture gap was so easily bridged."

But the culture gap with Moslem patients was much more serious. Because it was the month of Ramadan, those patients were fasting, unbeknownst to the dentists. When they were given Novocain, some fainted.

"A couple people had to be taken to the emergency room because they were passing out. The second day we decided not to treat Moslems any more," Omar said.

"The worst bathroom I have ever seen was in the hospital. I was so nervous. Dirt was coming out onto the floor. It was so filthy. But the doctors were so sweet and so helpful. The minute we came in, they gave us tea and cookies and asked us if we wanted seconds. This was something I noticed the whole trip, people were so proud of what they had, even if it wasn't much."

Filming in the back streets

While some others in the group were "room service junkies," according to Conway, Omar was drawn to the teeming back streets of Delhi.

"It was fascinating, even though parts seemed very grim," the young man said. "There are plenty of buildings, but nobody is in them. Everything happens on the street: People are selling things, getting shaved, going to the bathroom right on the side of the street next to where others are selling food."

"We were heading down a back street to have lunch in this restaurant and when we passed a cart with plates



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Dentist Ron Faia (right) examines the aching tooth of a woman at St. Stephen's Hospital in Old Delhi, while art gallery manager Ed Lohman sheds light on the subject.



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FIRE

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moved furniture and attempted to protect the interior from damage, another crew used Cypress Fire Protection District's thermal imager to discover a fire inside the wall between back-to-back fireplaces, according to Cypress Fire Prevention Chief Dennis Carreiro, who served as incident commander at the scene. Workers had been using the gas fireplace to warm up in the cold, wet weather.

"We were able to work with the contractor to isolate the fire right around the gas fireplace," Carreiro said, and because the fire was growing slowly, the crew could take a little more time to fight it.

"You don't want to do \$100,000 worth of damage, but you can't let the fire get out of control," he said. "The fire didn't appear to be really active — there was heat and light

smoke — it's not like it was blazing."

Otherwise, "without a second consideration, we would get out the saw and open the wall."

Firefighters removed the mantel from the wall, cut out the framing, pulled out the fireplace and doused the flames with a short blast from a fire hose.

The contractor estimated the repairs will cost about \$10,000, according to Carreiro. "We could have very easily done another \$40,000 to \$50,000 damage if we hadn't been able to do it that way."

Seventeen firefighters from three agencies — Cypress, CFD and Carmel Valley — helped fight the fire, and a California Department of Forestry investigator is working to determine its source.

"I can't say whether the fireplace or the installer caused it," Carreiro said. "But between the two, the fire did happen."

FILM

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of food for sale, a big rat stuck its head out from under a plate and I thought, 'Forget it, I'm not eating lunch anywhere near here!'"

But Omar was determined "not to be a sissypants; I was going to rough it," and he continued exploring the slum, camera in hand.

"I saw someone shooting heroin right on the street. The cops were there, but they seemed just lazy, walking around but not seeming to do anything."

A shrine to Clint

In Jaipur, another stop on the trip not far from Delhi, Omar found gorgeous scenes to contrast with the images of the poorest of the poor.

"You see trenches with dark and dirty water running along the streets. Mothers bathe their kids in it. But the women are wrapped in brightly colored saris. The city is a beautiful orange, so rich in color. Everywhere you turn there is something fantastic: Huge temples plated in gold, with spires 150 feet in the air, mosaicked with tiny, gold-leafed tiles.

"And even though many people live in terrible poverty, in one-room houses on the river, they make something beautiful out of nothing. I saw one house with a poster of Clint Eastwood surrounded by flowerpots and bright flowers, like a little shrine. I thought, How different life can be, and how utterly beautiful."

Omar's camera recorded some of the opu-

lence that remains of the maharajas — the princes who ruled India before and during the era of British colonialism. He stayed in a 600-year-old maharaja's bedroom in what is now a marble hotel surrounded by water, the Lake Palace in Udaipur, whose former prince had been catered to by 3,000 servants when it was a private palace.

"The maharaja would have his laundry sent to France by boat," Omar learned. "It would go out on a Wednesday and six months later come back . . . on a Wednesday."

In Tibet, he felt an echo of the maharaja's style: "if you want something dry cleaned, they retrieve it quietly and when they bring it back, they put a fresh orchid on top. They give the best they can do."

He saw enormous temples in Bangkok, climbed the steep, steep steps to a gold-leafed shrine in Nepal with "monkeys running everywhere, monks chanting, and an incredible vista" spread out in front of him. Everywhere he turned, there was eye candy.

"God, it was so fabulous; I am seriously considering not going back to school," he said, and instead, work on editing his eight hours of video into the documentary and then travel some more. Omar has fallen seriously in love with the world.

But it shall be unrequited, for now. Conway had to apologize for the fact that school is currently interfering with his son's education.

"But I offered a compromise," he said. "I told Omar, 'Stay in school, and I'll take you on all my trips to the Third World, from now on.'"

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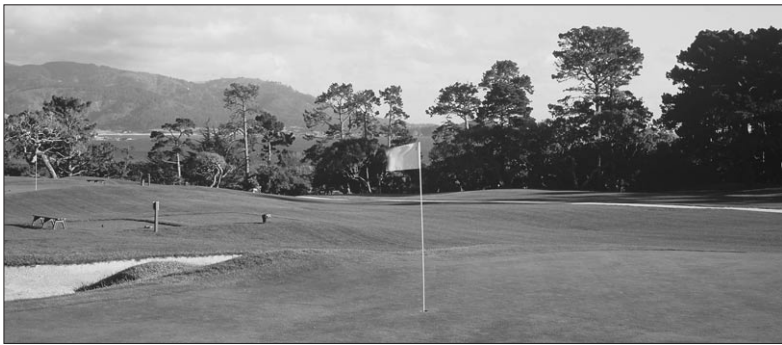
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Architects honor lifetime achievers

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE MONTEREY Bay Chapter of the American Institute of Architects handed out Lifetime Achievement Awards at a dinner at La Playa Hotel Dec. 5.

The awards honored members "whose professional achievements have gone beyond a career in architecture." By serving their communities on nonprofit boards, committees and commissions, honorees "furthered the profession of architecture by promoting public awareness and understanding of architecture," the group said.

While celebrating their 50th anniversary, members of the local AIA group gave the lifetime achievement awards to:

■ **Raymond Belli Sr.**, who was the first licensed architect in the State of Alaska in 1952, and whose local architectural firm "has been the starting point for many entry-level architects who have gone on to their own businesses." Belli has been a member of the Salinas Valley Kiwanis Club and the board of the Washington Union School District.

■ **Melvin Blevins**, who was a Naval Reserve Commander in the Engineering Corps from 1959 to 1963 and who has been a member of the AIA Monterey Bay Chapter for 36 years, has served on the Salinas Chamber of Commerce board, the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation,

and was a volunteer with "Building Homes for Haiti."

■ **Sebastian Bononaro**, who has been a member of AIAMB for 42 years, has served on the Seaside Architectural Planning Commission, the Monterey Committee for Environmental Impact Report Procedures and the Carmel Historic Preservation Committee.

■ **Peter Holewinski**, who was an architect with the U.S. Navy from 1956 to 1963 and was cofounder of Holewinski and Blevins in 1962, became a drafting instructor at Hartnell College and has served on the Salinas Design Review Committee, chamber of commerce board and Rotary Club.

■ **Raymond Lloyd**, an AIAMB member since 1972, was in the Peace Corps in Ghana from 1970 to 1972, and has been a member of Carmel Rotary for 20 years and of the Architectural Advisory Committee for Lower Carmel Valley for eight years.

■ **Donald Wald**, who first opened his architectural office in 1963, started the Pacific Grove Architectural Review Board and was CSI President in 1971.

The local AIA chapter also honored several architectural firms, including Hall & Goodhue/HGHB, Robert Stanton & Associates, and Burde & Shaw/Shaw & Associates.

Women arrested at Carmel bar

POLICE ARRESTED and jailed two women — 19-year-old Denice Loren Luna-Ortiz and 28-year-old Roseanna Shramek — outside a Lincoln Street bar Dec. 2 for reportedly being drunk in public, in addition to other charges. The bartender at Sade's was questioned for serving the underage Luna-Ortiz, whom police said had no identification with her when she was contacted at the bar shortly after midnight, but he said she had provided I.D. and claimed she was 22. Luna-Ortiz was also cited for smoking in the bar, which is illegal. During booking, Shramek reportedly kicked Carmel Police Officer Nancy Titus in the leg, generating charges of battery against her. A third woman was cited the same night for smoking in the bar.



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CYNTHIA TOWNE WHEARY, 88, died Nov. 19 at Carmel Valley Manor. A private mass took place Dec. 4 to celebrate her life.

Born in San Francisco, Mrs. Wheary attended Katherine Delmar Burke School and Sarah Lawrence College in New York.

With her husband, Eugene, who died in 1994, she lived in Belvedere, Tiburon and San Francisco with their five children before moving to Carmel Valley in 1973, when her husband retired.

She loved spending summers near the ocean with her family at their homes in Bolinas and Seadrift. Among her many activities, she was a docent at the Audubon Canyon Ranch and a member of the Town and Country Club, Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club, Casa Abrego Club, Cypress Point Club and the National Society of Colonial Dames of America.

Mrs. Wheary is survived by her three sons, James of Lafayette, Patrick and Denis, both of Portland, Ore.; two daughters, Molly

Evans of Seattle and Cynthia Hertlein of Carmel Valley; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the Audubon Canyon Ranch, 4900 Highway 1, Stinson Beach, CA 94970; and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, P.O. Box 195, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

AN INTIMATE gathering for friends and family to celebrate the life of **BETTIE CARLTON BARRETT** is planned for Sunday, Dec. 12.

Mrs. Barrett, 81, a longtime resident of Pebble Beach, died Nov. 21 with her family at her side.

She was born Bettie Jean Carlton to Bernice (Roby) and Walter Raleigh Carlton in Long Beach. She attended Long Beach Polytechnic High School and married her high school sweetheart, Richard Ridley Barrett. They were married 53 years at the time of his death in 1996.

Prior to their move to Pebble Beach, they

resided in Santa Ana and Tustin; where they raised their three children: Robert Carlton of Portola Valley, Linda Sue Bishop of Pebble Beach and John Richard, who died in 1975.



Mrs. Barrett was a homemaker and real estate investor. She was always active in the community, serving in leadership positions with the local churches she and her family attended, as a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader, and in school-connected organizations.

Also among her interests were home and interior design. She drew the plans for the remodeling or building of five homes the family lived in. It was not uncommon to see house plans sprawled on every flat surface in the house, as she loved designing elegant, functional homes.

Mrs. Barrett was a gracious and welcoming entertainer. Her life-long study of Christian Science and her adherence to its principles helped her to always see the good in people.

She loved art and worked in watercolors, oils and acrylics. She also enjoyed gardening, traveling and camping throughout North America in the earlier years with her family.

In addition to her children, she is survived by her grandchildren: Meredith of Monterey, Reid of San Diego and Johnathon Bishop of Healdsburg. An elder brother, Walter Edwin Carlton, preceded her in

death, as did two grandchildren, Sara Bernice Bishop and Everett A. Barrett.

Memorials are suggested to the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950; or to the donor's favorite charity.

For information about the gathering in her memory, call (831) 625-5979.

FORMER CARMEL business owner **WILLIAM HANZELKA** died Nov. 23 at his home in Penn Valley.

A native of Iowa, he served in the U.S. Army and was a self-employed metal sculptor. In Carmel he worked alongside sculptors Malcom Moran and Don Buby, and eventually acquired similar craftsmanship skills. Mr. Hanzelka opened his own gallery, Boar's Head Antiques, located above the Hog's Breath Inn on San Carlos Street. He also had a knack for antiques restoration and was called upon by clients around the country to restore items no one else seemed able to.

He also had a passion for collectible cars and watches. He was so modest he thought everyone knew how to recreate a porcelain hand for a four-foot-tall statue or completely restore a carousel horse someone wanted for their living room.

Mr. Hanzelka was a fisherman and devoted family man.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne; sons Bradley and Eric of Carmel Valley; and daughter Susanne Nuckols of Los Osos.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to Hospice.

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This event is sponsored by the **Carmel River Watershed Conservancy** in collaboration with the **Planning and Conservation League Foundation**.

For more information, contact Clive Sanders
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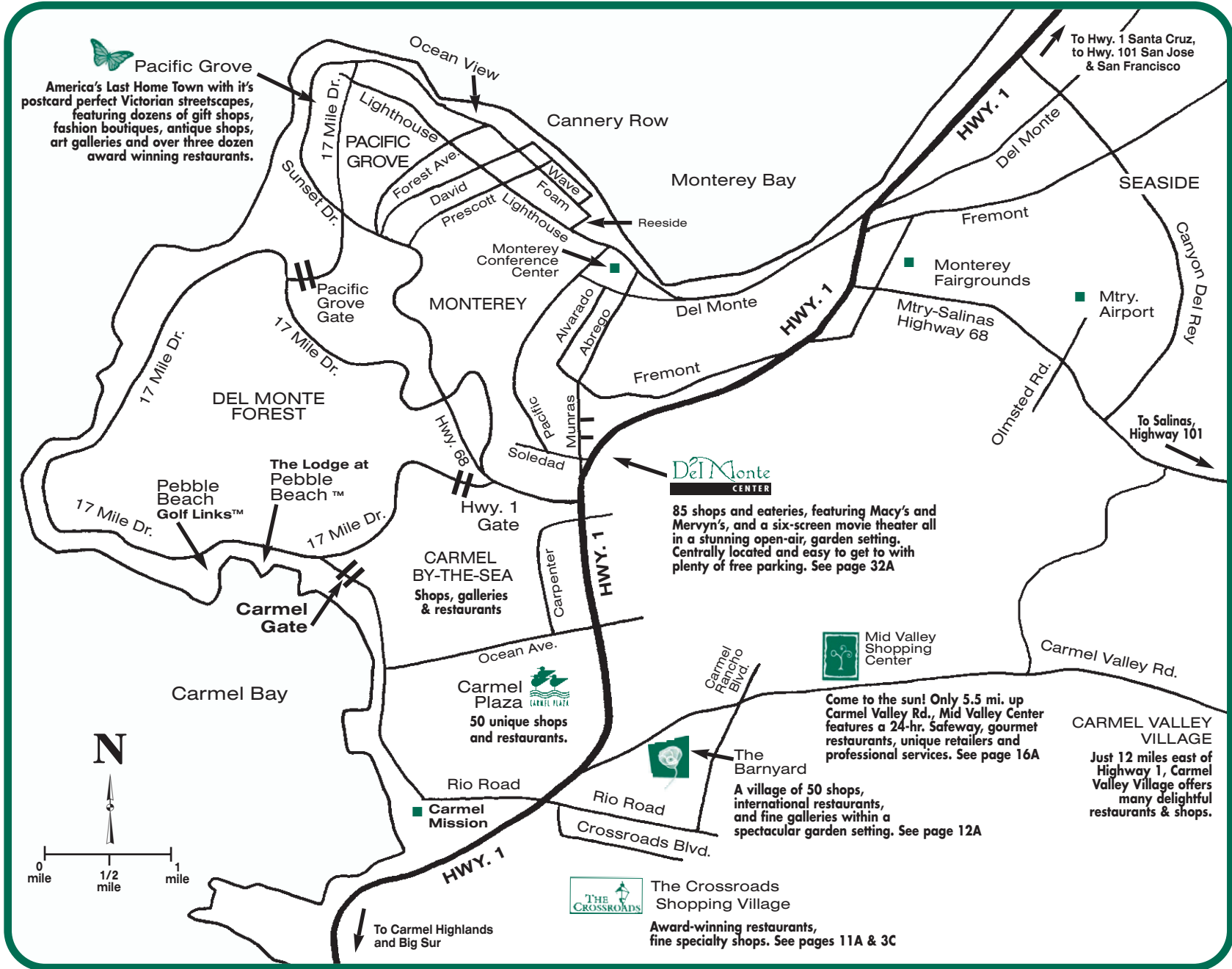


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CHILDREN'S EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE
presents
"Little Angels Rest" & "Angels in Flight"
 thru December 19
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Miniature artwork



WHAT: "Mustard Meadow," a 5-by-5-inch oil miniature by Peggy Olsen, is among the original paintings featured during the annual miniature show in the galleries of the Carmel Art Association. Petite treasures in a variety of mediums can be viewed and purchased.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Jan. 4. The galleries will be closed Dec. 24-25 and 31, and Jan. 1.

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COST: Admission is free.

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MONTEREY

Casa Cafe	
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Monterey Fish House	.26A

WHAT: "The Nutcracker" ballet featuring, from left, Jade Suyematsu, Kevin Hanstick and Katy Felsing
WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10-12; opening gala 5:30 p.m. Friday includes food, beverage, silent auction, preferred early seating
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The other signature dish is the *hausplatte*. "If you can't decide, this is the right dish for you" the menu advises. This is just what one of our dinner companions did. A very large platter was placed before him with an impressive assortment of



they worked in the same restaurant.

Burgundy-clothed tables with candles predominate in the main dining room, while the "heustadel" party room is rustic and decorated with country *accoutrements*, including blue-checked table cloths.

We started the meal with a shared, baked, imported Camembert (\$9.95) that came with two tiny pear halves topped with lingonberries, and oddly, a slice of white bread cut diagonally. We preferred to eat the delicious Camembert with German *bauernbrot* that came in a basket.

Claudia considers two of the dishes on the menu to be her "signature" creations: Claudia's *hausschnitzel* (\$17.95), a breaded pork steak topped and baked with mushrooms, onions and cheese, and served with

pork *schnitzel*, a large, browned *bratwurst*, roast pork, *sauerkraut* with caraway seeds, *rotkraut*, home fries and gravy. At the end of the meal, there was nothing left on the plate.

The *sauerkraut* is *wunderschoen* and the *rotkraut* (more sweet than sour) is composed of shredded red cabbage, applesauce, cloves, salt, onions, butter, sugar and vinegar. The "home fries" are boiled potatoes, sliced and then fried with onions and butter.

Another dinner companion opted for the chicken breast (\$14.95), which was flattened with a heavy kitchen knife, breaded, and fried to a crispy golden brown. Ordinarily served with home fries, a substitution of *spaetzle* was requested. Although not indicated on the menu, substitutions are charged for. *Spaetzle* or dumplings are \$2.95, and if you request sauce (gravy) a surcharge of \$3.95 appears on the bill.

I lucked out by dining at

See **STAMMTISCH** page 29A

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Reconciliation: 2:00pm (Vietnamese)
Mass: 3:00pm (Vietnamese)
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Christmas 2004

<p>Sunday, December 19, 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons and Carols 7:00 pm <p>Thursday, December 23, 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm (No 5:30 pm Mass) <p>Friday, December 24, 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (No 7:00 am or 12:00 noon Masses today) • Christmas Vigil Masses 4:00 pm 5:30 pm • Solemn Midnight Mass 12:00 midnight <p>Saturday, December 25, 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Day Masses 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (No 5:30 pm Mass or confessions today) 	<p>Sunday, December 26, 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feast of the Holy Family 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (No 5:30 pm Mass or confessions today) <p>Saturday, January 1, 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation) • Masses in the Basilica 12:00 noon (No 7:00 am Mass today) • Vigil Mass 5:30 pm • Confessions: Blessed Sacrament Chapel 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm <p>Sunday, January 2, 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Epiphany of the Lord 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm
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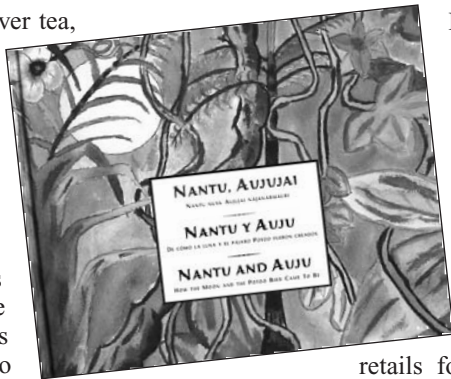
This is the basis of a "dream culture," practiced by diverse people in different lands. This book concerns Ecuadorian Achuar Indians of the Amazon rain forest. After dreams are discussed, the elders recount Achuar myths to the children so they, too, can pass them down. One of the myths tells of the failure to share resources which leads to the eventual division of heaven and earth. It was their shaman, through dreams, who foretold of the imminent destruction of the rain forest by outsiders, and counseled them to make an alliance with the people of the modern world to save the rain forest, which they refer to as "the lungs of the earth."

The book, "Nantu and Aju — How the Moon and the Potoo Bird Came to Be" — is illustrated in its entirety by Achuar children of Kapawii Village School who were taught art by artist/photographer Elizabeth Murray of Monterey. Murray flew in by helicopter because there are no roads in or out of the 2 million acres of pristine Ecuadorian rain forest.

She packed 60 pounds of art supplies to instruct the children, who until then had used sticks for brushes and only had plant dyes for colors.

The drawings are delightful, and the tri-language text is in Achuar, the Achuar's dialect of Spanish, and English. In this way, the Achuar's "perennial wisdom can spread to the modern world," according to Murray.

Murray has been working through the non-profit



Pachamama Alliance, which works in partnership with the Achuar to help preserve their rain forest.

Donations and volunteer time combined to publish the book through Arutum Press, Monterey. Proceeds go to support educational projects in the Achuar territory.

The colorful book retails for \$15.95 and can be purchased at The Pilgrim's Way, Bay Books and The Thunderbird Bookshop.

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"HE IN ME" — a novella in 10 chapters by Ted Gargiulo, Jr. — is a story of an intellectual being driven to desperation by his loutish neighbor in the apartment below where the stereo thumps maddeningly day and night. It is a

story of a barbarian at the gates of civility.

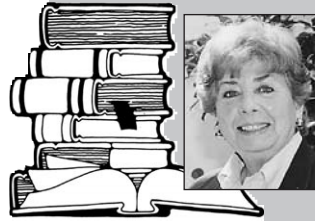
The stereo's blaring bass is accompanied frequently by screeching brakes and canned laughter of the neighbor's television set. In desperation, Tim and Nan, the protagonist and his wife, take to running their dishwasher more frequently than necessary to drown out the stereo. Nan takes Valium, and starts ironing, folding laundry and working on craft projects in their rear bedroom where the noise is somewhat muffled. Tim continues to go to work, always returning to the unabated noise. Nan listens to soap operas 12 hours a day as another ploy. On weekends Tim tries in vain to work on his unfinished novel — an allegory of "power, evil and self actualization" whose protagonist manifests to him in a strange way — ergo the title. Meanwhile, Nan goes shopping — just to get away from the noise, and the once-happy couple spend less and less time together.

Their nerves become frayed, their perfect marriage begins to break apart. Their lives become ever more Kafkaesque as the insensitive, boorish neighbor ignores their desperate attempts to communicate with him.

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BOOKSHELF

From page 23A

The denouement is startling. Ted Gargiulo, Jr. of Seaside is a fine

writer, using an economy of well-chosen words to bring the reader along with the suspense and anticipation of each new chapter. His writing style is urbane and literate as befits his protagonist.

The 127-page novella in softcover, pub-

lished by PublishAmerica, Baltimore, retails for \$16.95.

The author will read from his book at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard, Carmel. A book-signing will follow. "He in Me" is also available at Bay Books, Bookworks and Borders.

VERMONT ARTIST and author **Stephen Huneck** will sign his many books — most of them about a dog named Sally — from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18, and on



Sunday, Dec. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Stephen Huneck Gallery, Ocean Avenue between Mission and San Carlos, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The books include "Sally Goes to the Beach," (from which he will read at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18) and from other "Sally goes to" books (the farm, the vet, the mountains), and "My Dog's Brain." "The Dog Chapel" and "The Art of Stephen Huneck."

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'Painting Churches' given staged reading

A NEW live play reading series debuts Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur.

Robin McKee, founder and producing artistic director of Contemporary Carmel and the California Performing Arts Festival, oversees the series.

Opening production is Tina Howe's bitter-sweet comedy, "Painting Churches." This play introduces audiences to Mags, an up-and-coming portrait artist, and her upper-crust and apparently crackpot parents, Fanny

and Gardner Church.

Actors for Sunday's reading are Sherry Kefalas, Roo Hornady, Philip Pearce and Jolie Kobrinky.

Robin McKee directs the production. There will be one reading only: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the library, located on Highway 1. Tea and coffee will be included in the \$8 admission price.

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Jessica Williams performs live music, and in Carmel!

GRAMMY-NOMINATED pianist and Monterey Peninsula favorite **Jessica Williams** returns to the Jazz and Blues Company in Carmel this Saturday, Dec. 11 for a special "Black-Hawk Live" holiday concert.

A talented pianist and prolific composer, Williams has released more than 40 albums in a career that spans four decades and she plans to release three more CDs very soon. Williams' latest release, "Live at Yoshi's Volume 1," features bassist Ray Drummond and drummer Victor Lewis and was nominated for Best Jazz Instrumental Album in 2004.

"Time to Burn," a trio CD, is in her own words "a burner" and features some jazz chestnuts including, "Mack the Knife," "A Night in Tunisia" and "You're Drivin' Me Crazy." Two new solo CDs are also in the pipeline, one a collection of all new Williams' compositions and the other offering, entitled "Jazz at the Alley," captures a live solo concert at the club of the same name in Seattle.

Saturday's concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Call KRML at (831) 624-6431 to make reservations.

Also performing this month at the KRML Jazz and Blues Company: on Friday Dec. 17, pianist **Weber Iago** plays an eclectic mix of mostly original compositions; a unique blend of Brazilian, jazz, and classical influences. He will be joined by **Leo Costa** on drums and **Dan Robins** on bass.

The **19th Annual Celtic Christmas**, a Monterey Peninsula holiday tradition, takes place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Pacific Grove Art Center, 568 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.

Featured performers include **Amy Krupski** and **Deb Knodel** on Celtic harps, popular local storyteller **Taelen Thomas**, award-winning children's recording artist **Nancy Raven**, vocalist **Shannon Miller** and **Julie Roseman** on



PHOTO/ELAINE ARC

Jessica Williams

flute. For information call (831) 375-2208.

Will Sherburne, publicist for the **Monterey Hot Jazz Society**, continues to call its monthly party the "best kept secret in Monterey County," but honestly, I'm doing my part to get the word out. For your dancing and listening pleasure, the music of Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke and Turk Murphy will be performed this Sunday, Dec. 12, by the **Tenth Avenue Jazz Band** and **Tom's Trad Jammers**. The event takes place the second Sunday of every month, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the

Moose Lodge, 555 Del Rey Gardens Drive in Del Rey Oaks. Call Will at (831) 633-0683 and please tell him the cat is out of the bag.

Brian Gingerich of the Monterey Mattress Company, a long-time local arts patron, called recently to announce a fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 16 at the Big Sur home recording studio of Beach Boy **Al Jardine**. The event, which will feature a solo performance by Jardine, is a fundraiser for the **JazzMaster's Workshop** program at **Captain Cooper School in Big Sur**.

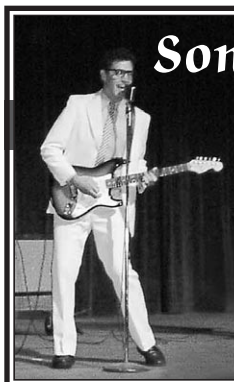
Promoted by the Big Sur Arts Initiative and the Monterey Mattress Company, the informal concert will include performances by **Jardine**, **CowBop** plus former Wylie bandmember **Steve Heger** fronting his new group, **Hey Stevie**. **CowBop**, a tasty mix of bebop and western music, features guitarist and JazzMaster guru **Bruce Forman**, vocalist **Pamela Forman**, drummer **Mike McKinley** and bassist **Dan Robbins**.



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Bruce and Pamela Forman of CowBop

A western jazz ensemble, **CowBop's** music is as unique as one of their road trips. The quartet recently traveled the length of California's Highway 49, starting with only a full tank of gas and \$100. The group's intent is to make it the entire way by playing, bartering, selling CDs and living off the kindness of friends and strangers. Pledges are sought and donated to **JazzMasters Workshop**, a national mentoring program that is free for students. Catch them at **Jardine's Red Barn** recording studio located at Sycamore Canyon in Big Sur. For tickets and directions, call (831) 667-1530.



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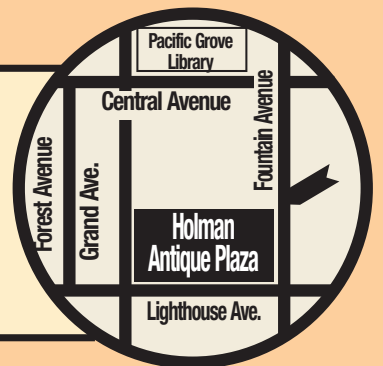


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STAMMTISCH

From page 22A

Stammtisch the first weekend of the month when Chef Claudia makes her oh-so-tender *sauerbraten* (\$20.95). Having lived in Germany for almost five years, I infrequently have a craving for this roast beef which is left to tenderize for several days in a sweet-sour marinade. It is browned and then simmered, in Claudia's style, for five hours until

it is so tender it can be cut with a fork. It is generally served with dumplings and rotkraut, but I, too, opted for the *spaetzle*, which I consider to be Germany's gift to the world.

The menu at Stammtisch is fairly extensive, heavy on pork dishes that are prepared *schnitzel* style (\$12.95 to \$20.95), but four beef entrées are offered from \$18.95 to \$24.95 for the rinder steak (*filet mignon*) hunter style (*auf jaeger art*) served with homemade mushroom cream sauce and

spaetzle.

Vegetarians are not forgotten: A *vegetarian platter* for \$13.95 is offered with a variety of side dishes.

Imported German beers are available for \$5.25 to \$5.50 (lager, pils, amber Oktoberfest, double bock, dark lager, crystal clear, Erdinger weizen with fine yeast or dark, and nonalcoholic beers — and even Dortmund low carb beer for those on the Dr. Atkins diet.

Many more dishes appear on the menu, including soups and salads, house specialties, sausage, fish and chicken dishes and side dishes.

Stammtisch is open for lunch, also, except on Sunday and Monday. The menu is shorter, but prices are several dollars less

than at dinner.

If you have a craving for excellently prepared German food, stop by Stammtisch German Restaurant soon. It's easy to reach. In Seaside: Drive north on Fremont past University Plaza and turn right on Echo. Stammtisch is past the large parking lot for the little shopping center, and has its own off-street parking just beyond.

'Steel Magnolias' at CHS

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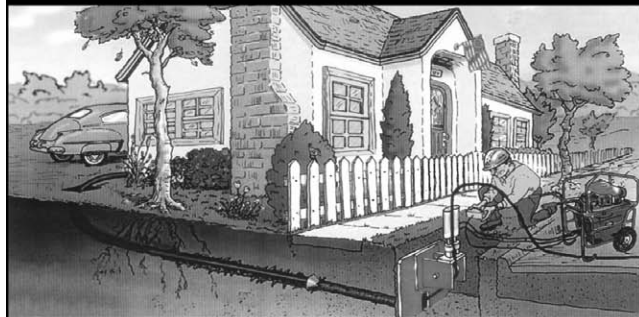
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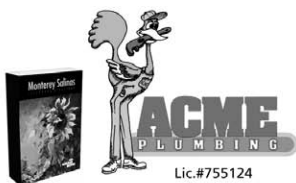
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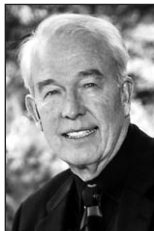
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Editorial

Is the council getting the right advice?

FAR BE it from us to urge the city council to tilt at windmills. But we also don't think council members should shrink from battling ridiculous state and federal mandates, even when the city attorney tells them not to.

Recently, there have been a spate of examples of the council being advised to be overly cautious to avoid running afoul of rules handed down by Sacramento or Washington, or to forestall the possibility of being sued. The results have been ridiculous:

■ The Carmel Fire Belles had themselves photographed in revealing outfits to raise money for rehabilitation of the city's rundown and seismically unsound fire station. The resulting calendar wasn't exactly an artistic achievement, but it was done in good humor, and generated contributions of more than \$45,000. Still, the city attorney advised that accepting the money could expose the city to the possibility of a lawsuit for *sexual harassment at the workplace*. Even allowing the photos to be taken at the fire station was improper and could be grounds for a suit, the city council was advised. Has anything more ridiculous ever been heard at city hall? Lighten up, people.

■ Two elections in a row have basically settled the issue of Flanders Mansion. The people of Carmel don't see it as an important civic asset, and they would just as soon sell it to help pay for more worthy projects. But before the obvious will of the majority can be put into effect by unloading the mansion to a private buyer, the city decided it has to spend almost \$70,000 assessing the sale's environmental impacts, ostensibly because selling Flanders Mansion would be a "change of use." But the mansion has almost always been a private residence. It will be a shameful waste of money — and a distortion of the intent and plain language of the California Environmental Quality Act — to spend even one dime paying experts to consider whether turning a home from a rental owned by the city to one that's owner-occupied will have a significant, negative effect on the natural environment.

■ Just this week, the city attorney advised the council that the Americans With Disabilities Act requires the city to put an elevator in the firehouse. But the elevator will lead to a part of the fire station that's only used by able-bodied firefighters while they're on duty and is closed to the public. If "reasonable accommodation" to "public accommodations" (the language of the ADA) requires elevators in firehouses, what's next? Braille in the cockpits of commercial airliners?

We have often used this space to argue that laws such as the ADA and CEQA should be reformed to adhere to the principles of common sense. City officials need to have common sense, too.

BATES



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

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

'Staff did not verify cost estimates'

Dear Editor,

An ad on page 14A of your Dec. 3 edition contains incorrect information attributed to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. This ad mistakenly states that MPWMD staff estimated the cost of desalination projects proposed by California American Water Co. and the Pajaro/Sunny-Mesa Community Services District. The ad refers readers to the MPWMD's website link to a detailed staff report and attachments

comparing these and other water supply alternatives. I am writing to ensure that your readers have the facts on the purpose and content of the MPWMD staff report.

MPWMD staff prepared the 14-page report and its attached matrix of data and information for review and use by the MPWMD Board of Directors at its September 29, 2004 strategic planning workshop. Cal-Am, Pajaro/Sunny-Mesa and other project sponsors provided the estimated cost and other information used in the MPWMD report and matrix. MPWMD staff did not alter or independently verify the accuracy and completeness of their cost estimates.

Because these alternative water supply projects are early in their design development and require environmental impact analyses that have not been completed, the MPWMD staff report points out that proponents' cost estimates are of a preliminary nature and could be off by 35-100% or more. It also notes that many important capital and operating cost elements such as site acquisition, right-of-way and environmental mitigation measures could be missing or were unable to be accurately estimated at the time our report was prepared.

I would encourage your readers to examine the MPWMD staff report and matrix on our website: www.mpwmd.dst.ca.us. On the

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home page under "Meetings," click on "Agendas," and then click on Sept. 29, 2004, Item 7. I would also be glad to mail them a copy, if they call me at (831) 658-5650.

David A. Berger, General Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Financial statements at the gates?**Dear Editor,**

I just read the editorial for last week ("How to make Carmel famous, Dec. 3). I loved the suggestions you came up with but I think you're missing another way to bring "upscale visitors to town." Visitors should be required to produce a financial statement before entering Carmel. If the family net income falls below \$300,000 a year, no entrance.

Granted, riff-raff such as my husband, who is a sergeant with the sheriff's department, and me, who works for a law firm, wouldn't be able to visit. But we'll understand. And I'm sure Carmel's innkeepers will understand as well when they have to compete to get the coveted "upscale" visitor.

In all seriousness, that is one of the most offensive things I've ever heard. You wouldn't hear that coming from Mr. Eastwood. I've always considered Carmel to be my "second home." But no more.

Maureen Keller, Reno

ELEVATOR**From page 6A**

The public safety team that reviewed the plans with Thodos also requested a larger engine bay to accommodate the truck it hopes to buy with a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant, and a separate reception area and chief's office downstairs.

Upstairs, they asked for six small dorm rooms rather than the proposed three, a larger kitchen and dining room, and a conference room with two computer work stations. Separate men's and women's restrooms and showers, a common area and deck space for eating and barbecuing are also included.

Councilwoman Paula Hazdovac asked if it would be cheaper to build fewer, larger dorm rooms rather than the 6-foot-by-8-foot individual rooms, but shift commander Ian Watts said separate rooms are required because male and female firefighters can't room together.

"Whatever is more cost effective is what we want," Watts said, regarding the fridge.

He explained that a downstairs restroom would be ADA accessible and separating the downstairs offices from the bays would protect workers from exhaust fumes. The existing fitness center downstairs, which violates health regulations due to the fumes, would be moved to the second floor.

With the council's decision that the elevator must be included and requests that costs be examined, Thodos said he would hire an estimator to evaluate the entire project.

"If we were doing a small residence with normal construction, I could give you a good idea," he told the council. "But this is far more complex."

The work will include steel reinforcement of the 67-year-old building to withstand earthquakes, and Thodos told The Pine Cone Wednesday that the structural engineer, also a Portland firm, has almost finished those drawings.

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One important point: It is always best to sit down with your tax advisor and real estate professional to map out your strategy for every investment property long before selling it—even before buying it in the first place. So call Maureen at 622-2565 and visit her website at www.maureenmason.com.

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A bit of Haggis**Dear Editor,**

Regarding last week's editorial ("How to make Carmel famous") suggesting the sale of the Mayor . . . sounds like you think it would bring in more than the sale of Flanders or more than \$5M. Gee, that will make my Scottish ancestors envious!

Sue McCloud, Mayor
Carmel-by-the-Sea

Common sense no more**Dear Editor,**

Way back in history, what passed for law was simply precedent set by courts, and civilization was governed by "common law," which was mostly common sense. Among the things decided by the process was the principle that if a person suffered no pecuniary damage, he did not have a "case." But the legal profession ultimately secured a monopoly on justice, and Rumpole and his buddies in the back room saw to it, over a bottle of rum, that they got a fair share of the take.

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Sandy Claws

By Margot Petit Nichols

TANA COLEMAN, 9-1/2, is a German shorthaired pointer who lives to retrieve tennis balls.

All aquiver while she waited for Dad Ken to Chuckit to her on Carmel Beach Thursday morning, she resembled a statue with the shakes. She gives new meaning to the word "focused."

In between retrievals, we admired Tana's brownish-amber eyes and unusual brown coat, which she wears stylishly. She has a partially pigmented nose, which often burns when she falls asleep in the sun.

Living in the best of all possible

worlds, Tana comes to the beach every day with Dad Ken and his fiancée, Kathryn. Tana accompanies them on the occasional visit to their second home in Los Altos Hills, where she has full use of the swimming pool.

Tana used to have a sister, Toby, a chocolate Lab, who died five years ago at the age of 12. But in six months' time, Tana will have a puppy brother for whom she can be an example of everything gentle, kind, well behaved and fearless. Both Toby and Tana are immortalized in a gate painting on Dad Ken's Dolores Street home, somewhere below Ocean, done by

artist Nancy Mercury. Look for it on your next walk.

As is the case with most Carmel dogs, Tana loves squeaky toys which she takes apart in a matter of minutes. Pulling the stuffing out, she uncovers the squeaker mechanism. It's Dad Ken's job to stuff it all back in, but the toy doesn't last long after that. She currently has a crush on a big, plush cricket.

At night, Tana sleeps in her own comfy bed in Dad's room where she watches attentively for anything moving in the dark. She eventually falls asleep, snoring protectively to drive away any intruders.



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Heated debate leads to rethinking of Big Sur meeting format

Farr assures skeptical locals: 'It's not a big land grab'

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN RESPONDING to accusations that the U.S. Forest Service has failed to follow Big Sur land-use regulations, new Los Padres National Forest Supervisor Gloria Brown stepped into a hornet's nest at the Big Sur Multi-Agency Council meeting Dec. 3.

"What purpose would it serve for us to go through the same process as the locals?" Brown asked the audience at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. Brown's seemingly sincere question was greeted with a chorus of gasps, hoots and chuckles.

Welcome to the contentious world of Big Sur land use politics, where government agencies are routinely accused of being held to a different — meaning more lenient — standard than private property owners.

Brown joined Congressman Sam Farr at the meeting in supporting the redesignation of the northern portion of Los

Padres National Forest as the Big Sur National Forest. Farr tried to ease local concerns about the proposal.

"This is not a big land grab," said Farr, who believes the redesignation will provide for more local control, something Big Sur residents have sought.

Mike Caplin, president of the Coast Property Owners Association, fears the proposal could accomplish more harm than good.

"The outcome of the redesignation could make unlawful land acquisitions lawful," Caplin said.

Caplin contended the forest service is restricted by federal law to adding no more than 3,000 acres outside its existing boundaries. He worried redesignation could remove that limit.

Public land acquisition in Big Sur is unquestionably a divisive topic. Some local residents have questioned the intention of public agencies buying private land, calling it a stepping stone to establishing a national park, which most Big Sur residents oppose. Other residents simply see their community disappearing parcel by parcel.

The Brazil Ranch, which some residents claim should be known as the Funt Ranch, is the most recent focal point of the land-acquisition debate.

The 1,200-acre property, located just south of Bixby Bridge, was once owned by Candid Camera creator Allen Funt. It was acquired by the forest service in 2002 after Las Vegas real estate speculator Brian Sweeney said he was going to sell the property's eight parcels individually. It is managed by the Brazil Ranch Institute, a nonprofit that hopes to create an environmental center and raise money for maintenance by renting the property for conferences, workshops and weddings.

Big Sur residents have raised a variety of concerns about

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— Mary Trotter

the project, ranging from its \$27 million purchase price to the business it could possibly take away from Big Sur resorts that already promote conferences, workshops and weddings.

Big Sur business owner and resident Alan Perlmutter asked if Brazil Ranch intended to obtain the necessary permits required by the county to run a business on the property.

"We all have to go through this process to do business," Perlmutter said. "Are you going to be consistent with the rest of us?"

Caplin asked Brown why the forest service purchased the ranch.

"Because no other agency would touch it," she joked. Her response elicited laughter from the audience, proving that even in the middle of a hot land use debate, Big Sur residents still have a sense of humor.

Eventually, though, the dialogue became so heated that the topic of discussion shifted from the Brazil Ranch to the inability of the Big Sur Multi-Agency Council meetings to promote a forum for healthy communication.

"This meeting has grown stale," said Big Sur resident and realtor Bob Cross.

Martha Diehl, Big Sur resident and Monterey County planning commissioner, agreed that little progress is being made on important issues at the meetings.

"People in the community don't want to come here anymore," Diehl said. "We need a wider discussion."

Others agreed. Big Sur resident Mary Trotter said she supports a different forum.

"I feel like I could script these meetings," Trotter said. "I know who is going to say what. We need a more meaningful dialogue."

Frank Pinney, Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade chief and longtime resident, said the tension at the meetings "just shows how much everyone cares."

"I suggest we sponsor a forum," Pinney said.

Diehl suggested that community members and agency representatives participate in "an all-day retreat that is not a business meeting and not about data."

Her suggestion was met with applause, and Farr said he would support it.

After the meeting, his press secretary, Jessica Schaefer, acknowledged compromises must be made.

"Congressman Farr is excited," Schaefer said. "It seems like a good opportunity for people to sit down and come to a consensus."

A date and location for the forum or retreat has not yet been scheduled.



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Just outside the city limits, however, on the edge of the Mission Trail Nature Preserve, an enchanting, vine-covered home has all the coziness and charm of a modern Carmel cottage. But this home sits on almost half an acre, offering an expansive yard that seems even bigger because of the adjacent park.

"It's really unusual for a house in Carmel to have so much land," said real estate broker Judie Profeta, who has the house listed with Alain Pinel Realtors at \$2,998,000. "The



patio is perfect for entertaining or large family gatherings, and the back yard is perfect for gardening."

According to her husband, Bob Profeta, a co-owner with Judie of the Alain Pinel firm,

another unusual feature of the house is its "very classy workshop," which the current owner, a retired doctor, used for building small boats. "It has hardwood floors and French doors opening to the outside and could be a great artist's studio."

In addition to the 432-square-foot workshop, the home has a 650-square-foot detached guest house, which the Profetas call "one of the largest in Carmel," with a kitchen, fireplace and extensive attic storage.

The 2,500-square-foot main house, built in 1980, is also no slouch. It has wood floors, leaded glass inserts, cathedral ceilings, a new kitchen, four fireplaces, four bedrooms and four-and-a-half baths. It's "filled with old-world warmth and beauty and has an English Manor feeling," according to Judie Profeta.

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FLANDERS

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Vista Lobos as properties that could be sold. (A committee formed early this year to consider possible revenue sources also suggested selling Scout House, though the commissions preferred relocating it.)

"We have not discussed selling anything else," Mayor Sue McCloud said. "I hope Denise [Duffy] is not going to spend a lot of time on this, because the council has not taken any steps for selling other properties besides Flanders."

In addition to the two firms that won, principal planner Brian Roseth solicited a bid from Golden State Planning and Environmental Consulting, headed by Elizabeth Caraker, a frequent contract planner for the city, working with EIP Associates senior project manager Mathew Sundt.

The first two firms decided to join forces and pitched an \$86,685 proposal using past studies, field research and community outreach, and considering "potential land use and site changes that could occur" if Flanders is sold, according to Roseth. "This proposal includes a very specific and defensible approach," meaning it would hold up if opponents challenge the EIR in court.

Golden State's \$14,740 proposal took "a minimalist approach," relying on existing studies and summarizing laws on historical, cultural and biological issues.

"The document assumes that any future owner would be subject to these constraints

and could be subject to further environmental review if impacts to biological or cultural resources would occur," Roseth wrote. "No specific approach to project alternatives is included."

He said the winning bid should be cut to \$69,274, with the city handling the public noticing and the mitigation monitoring and reporting document, and separately bidding the required responses to public comments on the draft EIR.

EIR 'idiocy'

Councilman Gerard Rose called the requirement "idiocy" and said the city was simply bowing under threat of litigation.

Freeman maintained his position but said the EIR could serve as a tool in the city's favor if the issue ends up in court.

The only member of the public to speak, Flanders Foundation President Melanie Billig, supported the more expensive contract and suggested leasing the mansion be evaluated as a project alternative. She reiterated other areas of study, including aesthetics, biological and cultural resources, land use and planning, noise, recreation and cumulative impacts.

Bethel said he was disconcerted that the contentious fight over Flanders seemed to provoke the call for an EIR, and regardless of whether the city orders one because of threats of litigation or because it's prudent, "this is \$70,000 that could go to another librarian or resident-serving services."

The council voted 5-0 to OK the contract not to exceed \$69,724, and Roseth told The Pine Cone it will likely be further reduced in negotiations.

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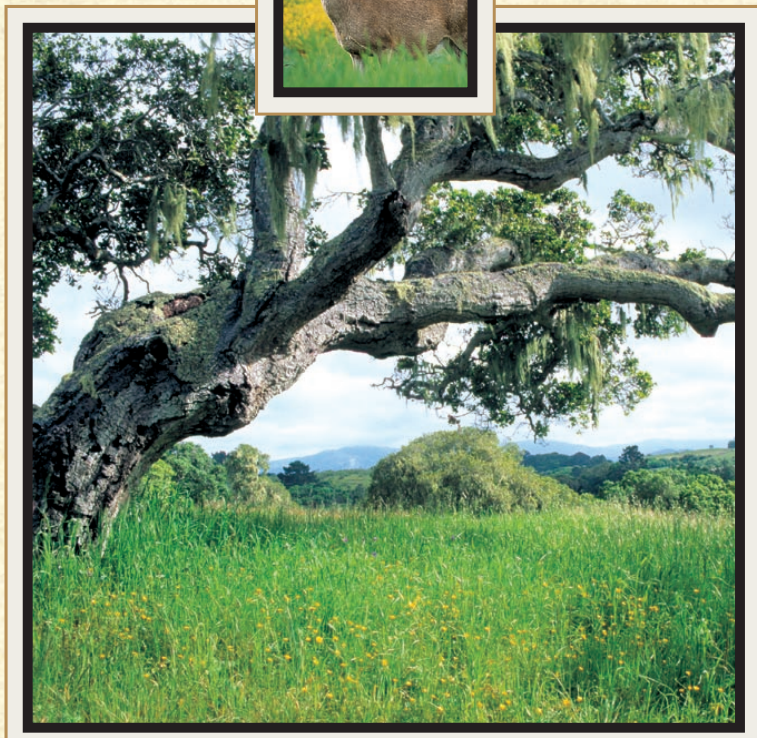
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WILD PIGS

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vinced Baumgartner and her husband to build a \$2,000 fence to deter the wandering beasts. Their second line of defense is a motion-activated sprinkler.

She believes the recent expansion of the lagoon by the California Department of Parks and Recreation caused the pigs to move to her neighborhood.

"There is probably some truth to that," admitted state parks planner Ken Gray, who said his agency noticed a significant increase in the number of wild pigs after agricultural activities ended there in 1995.

"When the Odellos were growing artichokes, the area didn't provide much of a wildlife habitat," Gray said. "Many varieties

of wildlife have moved in since then."

Wild swine are not native to California. European wild pigs were introduced to Monterey County in the 1920s by hunters. The descendants of the boars bred with domestic pigs, creating the pesky rascals that recently terrorized the Baumgartners' front lawn. Wild pigs are now found throughout California.

Now that the lagoon is on its way back to a natural state, it provides ideal habitat for wild pigs.

"They seek out muddy areas where they can root with their snouts," Gray said. "They're omnivores, so they'll eat almost anything. They like acorns, roots, bulbs, earthworms and insects. There is a plant in the area with a bright yellow flower called the Bermuda buttercup. They dig it up

because it has a tuberous root system with lots of moisture and nutrients."

A well-manicured lawn is also a tempting treat for a wild pig.

"Turf is notoriously subject to damage by pigs," Gray said. "The moist soil supports bugs and earthworms. Wild pigs can wreak a lot of havoc on lawns and golf courses."

Homeowners like Baumgartner aren't the only ones who'd like to get rid of the wild pigs. State parks is hoping to establish about 50,000 plants a year for the next three years in the lagoon expansion area. In the wetlands, they will plant tulles, cattails, reeds and other species. In the uplands, they will plant sycamores, willows and cottonwoods. The wild pigs, with an affection for digging

up everything in sight, could seriously disrupt the revegetation project.

Gray said his agency has signed a five-year agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Service to remove the pigs, which will be trapped and shot.

"We're hoping to get started in the next couple months," he said.

Frustrated residents might be tempted to take matters into their own hands, but Gray encouraged locals to leave the dirty work to the feds.

"Hunting wild pigs is not appropriate in a residential neighborhood in Carmel," he said, not to mention illegal.

TRAFFIC

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sis they [council members and others with whom they consulted] went through," he said. "We're in a situation where we don't have the information, but we're being asked to bless this."

Nonetheless, the commission, including newly sworn in member Bob Spensor, unanimously voted to recommend the experiment be implemented but listed its

concerns for the record. The group will receive a report after three months and also suggested downtown businesses be surveyed for their opinion of the program.

Changing the parking limits marks the first of a two-pronged approach. Hazdovac and Cunningham have also proposed extending the 90-minute limit downtown for shoppers who purchase parking passes from local businesses. The commission has yet to weigh in on that concept in detail.

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TOT

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Several residents urged the council to forego a special election — which would cost \$5,500 to \$7,500, according to a staff report prepared by city clerk Karen Crouch — by adopting the tax hike. Election code dictates the council can-

not alter any of its wording.

“Forcing an expensive special election, which the city would have to pay for out of an already over-stretched budget, seems unwise,” said Carmel Residents Association President Sherry Shollenbarger, whose board decisively supports the TOT increase.

Monta Potter, executive director of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, reiterated her board’s strong opposition, say-

ing the TOT hike could hurt the tourism industry on which the city so heavily relies and would not allow the council to determine how to spend the money.

Coachman’s Inn manager Karen Redmon and La Playa manager Tom Glidden said increasing the hotel tax could send visitors to other cities when Carmel has a lot of vacancies. Room rates have remained flat for the past four years.

“This is a 20 percent increase in this tax, from 10 percent to 12 percent, and I don’t know how people would feel about their property taxes going up 20 percent, but it’s a big increase,” Glidden said. “Raising the cost of doing business in Carmel is not the answer. The answer is to increase demand, not the price.”

Former city councilwoman Barbara Livingston countered that many recent TOT increases throughout the state were initiated by city councils and passed by voters.

She also said Maine has the country’s lowest TOT, while New York City charges the most.

“So tell me: Because of the difference in the hotel tax rates, is business booming in Maine?” she asked. “And falling off the cliff in New York City?”

Flanders Foundation President Melanie Billig called adding \$2 to the \$10 tax on a \$100 hotel room a “mere pittance.”

“Downtown looks really terrible. I’ve never seen it looking so tired, so haggard, so ill kept,” she said before urging the council to take action to bring in more money. “Everybody’s interest group is covered.”

But that’s the problem, according to council members. Because it would designate “.05 percent to maintain, protect and enhance the beach, parks, open space and forest; .05 percent to maintain and enhance the city’s Harrison Memorial Library, Forest Theater, Flanders Mansion and Scout House; .75 percent to guarantee funding of the city’s capital improvement program on an ongoing annual basis, including special attention to downtown landscaping and maintenance; and .25 percent to fund tourism promotion,” the council has little say in how the money would be spent.

Councilman Gerard Rose opposed the lack of a sunset date and likened the allocations to a straitjacket.

“I don’t like the idea that we’re tying our hands and the hands of future city councils with what have to be artificial limitations,” he said. “This is a seriously flawed initiative.”

Councilman Mike Cunningham said the city should not increase its dependence upon tourists to fund its budget, roughly 65 percent of which comes from the TOT and sales tax paid by visitors, and business license fees based on their patronage.

“I don’t think that’s shrewd,” he said. “We should be paying our own bills.”

Councilman Erik Bethel countered that Carmel is admittedly a one-crop economy.

“What are we going to do, put a factory in the middle of town?” he asked.

He said a few dollars’ difference in a room price is unlikely to dissuade travelers. He could support a TOT increase but disagreed with the proposed allocation.

City administrator Rich Guillen agreed the budget depends on tourism but said it doesn’t have to become “a drug habit.”

Regardless of its merits, or the lack thereof, Cunningham said he could not OK a tax hike just because several hundred residents signed the petitions.

“They shouldn’t dictate an outcome that would normally require two-thirds of voters to approve,” he said.

The council voted unanimously to request a report, which will be presented at a special meeting in city hall Dec. 29 at 4:30 p.m., when members must either approve the tax hike or put it to voters in a special election not less than 88 days, nor more than 103 days from that date.

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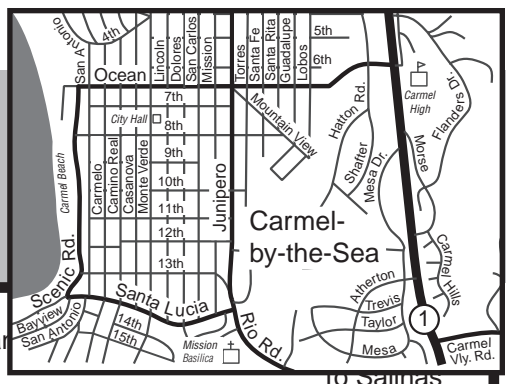
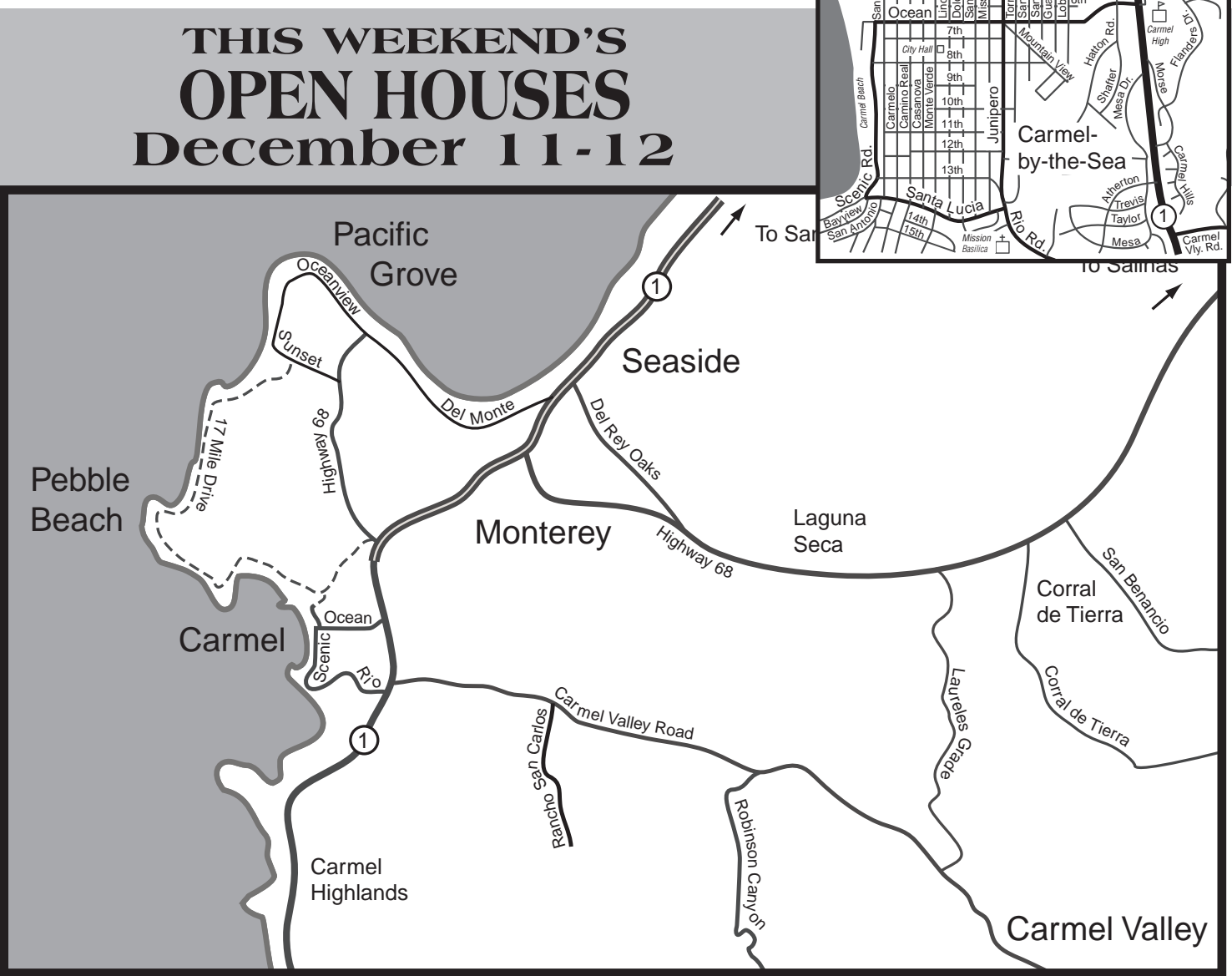
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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a construction complaint at a Monte Verde residence. Caller said her neighbor wasn't the owner of the property and was using power tools and performing illegal construction. Contacted the owner of the property who was working on a staircase. Explained to the female that her neighbor was not breaking the law because he was within the normal ordinance hours and that it was in fact the owner. She said she would call city hall in the morning to check if the owner had a permit to build the staircase. Unfounded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle found parked on Junipero Street along the center island with registration expired more than six months. The vehicle was towed per the CVC.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle was parked on Ocean Avenue and was known to have several outstanding parking violations against it. It was issued a "warning of notice to abate" on Oct. 28. The vehicle was towed per the CVC.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1007 hours, Engine 7111 was dispatched to an alarm sounding at the Forest Theater. Upon arrival at 1010 hours with Battalion Chief 7104, firefighters found an alarm in trouble with the battery power disconnected. Battery power restored and problem mitigated.

Carmel area: Female North Carmel Hills Drive resident, age 42, reported the driver's side door window to her vehicle was smashed out by an unknown subject while it was parked in front of her residence between 1400 hours on 11-24 and 0830 hours on 11-25.

Carmel area: Female reported a male struck her and choked her and took her vehicle without consent. It was later found the 36-year-old male suspect also burglarized her apartment and threatened to kill her.

Carmel Valley: Female, age 48, reported finding a side door to her Pilot Road business broken, with pry marks. No suspect information.

Big Sur: At 1545 hours, rescue personnel were dispatched to the Soberanes Creek Trail in Garrapata State Park, approximately six miles south of Carmel, regarding a Pacific Grove female, about 60 years old, who had fallen about 50 feet down a steep embankment into a shallow creek. Her injuries were unknown but she was not mobile. CDF Highlands Station, state

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M72282.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

petitioner Joseph Pierre Patrick Louis Dupuis, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: JOS. PIERRE PATRICK LOUIS DUPUIS

Proposed name: PATRICK DUPUIS CONNERS

B. Present name: PATRICK DUPUIS BELAND

Proposed name: PATRICK DUPUIS CONNERS

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: December 17, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Hon. Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 15, 2004.

Publication dates: Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10, 2004. (PC1119)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042584. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PEOPLE POLL INTERNATIONAL**, 457 Webster Street, Monterey, CA 93940. TRAVELEZE.COM, LLC, 457 Webster Street, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in Oct. 28, 2004. (s) Craig A. Langcamp, President, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 29, 2004. Publication dates: Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10, 2004. (PC1121)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042689. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CARMEL BASEBALL**, 6th Ave 2 West, Carmel, CA 93921. DENNIS GERALD MARSHALL, 24711 Dolores St., Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in N/A. (s) Dennis Gerald Marshall. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 12, 2004. Publication dates: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 2004. (PC1122)

SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW

CASE NUMBER: DR 41957
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
ARTURO G. VELASQUEZ
You are being sued.

PETITIONER'S NAME IS:

SARA I. GOMEZ

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a response (form 1282) at the court and serve a copy on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you;

if you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form.

If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately.

NOTICE: The restraining orders on the back are effective against both husband and wife until the petition is dismissed and a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

The name and address of the court is:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
1200 Agujito Road
Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:

SARA I. GOMEZ
142 Sycamore Rd.
Salinas, CA 93905
(831) 424-1680

RONALD D. LANCE
11 W. Laurel Dr., Suite #219
Salinas, CA 93906
(831) 443-6509

Reg: #LDA5
County: Monterey
Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.

Date: June 9, 2004
(s) Lisa M. Galdos, Clerk
by L. Brown, Deputy
Publication Dates: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 2004. (PC1124)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042701. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **EDM PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE**, 8 Windsor Rise, Monterey, CA 93940. EVAMARIE CAMPBELL, 8 Windsor Rise, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in Oct. 25, 2004. (s) Evamarie Campbell. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 15, 2004. Publication dates: Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10, 2004. (PC1125)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANNA HELENE CINAK

Case Number MP 17382
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ANNA HELENE CINAK.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by FREDERICK L. SCHWOERKE and KARIN SCHWOERKE in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that FREDERICK L. SCHWOERKE and KARIN SCHWOERKE be appointed as personal representatives to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on December 3, 2004 at 10:30 a.m., Dept.: Probate, in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner THOMAS HART HAWLEY, P.O. Box 805, (San Carlos bet. 7 & 8), Carmel, CA 93921. (831) 624-5339. (s) THOMAS HART HAWLEY, Attorney for Petitioner.

Publication dates: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 2004. (PC1126)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042734. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **RODNEY HUNTER FURNITURE COLLECTION**, 531 Ramona Ave., Monterey, CA 93940. RODNEY HUNTER, 7 Riley Ranch Rd., Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in Aug. 1999. (s) Rodney Hunter, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 17, 2004. Publication dates: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 2004. (PC1127)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042715
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TOMRA RECYCLING NETWORK**, 150 Klug Circle, Corona, CA 92880. This business is conducted by a Corporation
Tomra Pacific Inc., 150 Klug Circle, Corona, CA 92880

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ WALTER F. GARIGLIANO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of MONTEREY County on 11/16/2004

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/01/1999

NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
First Filing 11/26/04, 12/03/04, 12/10/04, 12/17/04
CNS: 750411#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 2004. (PC1128)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042736. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **EVER CLEAN**, 168 Central, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. MICHAEL JUSTIN VON YERZY, 168 Central, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in Nov. 5, 2004. (s) Michael Von Yerzy. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 17, 2004. Publication dates: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 2004. (PC1129)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

In re the estate of
LOIS M. STARNES, Deceased.
Case No. MP-17405

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF LOIS M. STARNES

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to MARIE DAY, Trustee of the Trust dated October 15, 1986, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in section 9103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 2, 2004.

(s) THOMAS HART HAWLEY,
Attorney for Trustee,
Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 2004. (PC1201)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042776. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SMB CARMEL INTERIORS**, 3380 Rio Road, Carmel, CA 93923/Mailing: P.O. Box 748, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.; STEPHEN M. BURKE, 3380 Rio Road, Carmel, California 93923. This business is conducted by an individual (s) Stephen M. Burke This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 23, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC1202)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042715
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TOMRA RECYCLING NETWORK**, 150 Klug Circle, Corona, CA 92880. This business is conducted by a Corporation
Tomra Pacific Inc., 150 Klug Circle, Corona, CA 92880

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ WALTER F. GARIGLIANO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of MONTEREY County on 11/16/2004

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/01/1999

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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CNS: 750411#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 2004. (PC1128)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

In re the estate of
LOIS M. STARNES, Deceased.
Case No. MP-17405

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 2, 2004.

(s) THOMAS HART HAWLEY,
Attorney for Trustee,

Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 2004. (PC1201)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042776. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SMB CARMEL INTERIORS**, 3380 Rio Road, Carmel, CA 93923/Mailing: P.O. Box 748, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.; STEPHEN M. BURKE, 3380 Rio Road, Carmel, California 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 23, 2004 (s) Stephen M. Burke. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 23, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC1202)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042706. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CMS - CALIFORNIA, LLC**, 10 Lazy Oaks, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. CLUB MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC, 10 Lazy Oaks, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on November 1, 2004. (s) Dennis R. Shepherd, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 15, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC1203)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042623. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PC EXPERTS**, P.O. Box 10177, Salinas, CA 93912, Salinas, CA 93905. ROJAN FRANCISCO, 1218 Camarillo Ct., Salinas, CA 93905; LUIS PAVON, 225 San Simeon Ct., Greenfield, CA 93927. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Dec. 12, 2003. (s) Rojan Francisco. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC1204)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042796. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **JEWEL STUDIO**, 381 Cannery Row, Suite N, Monterey, CA 93940. MALENENE'S JEWELRY, INC. 381 Cannery Row, Suite N, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Dec. 1, 2004. (s) Danny Guida, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 29, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC1205)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042783. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ALLIED WASTE SERVICES OF SALINAS**, 271 Rianda Street, Salinas, CA 93901. BFI WASTE SYSTEMS OF NORTH AMERICA, IN., Delaware, 15880 N. Greenway-Hayden Loop #100, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Nov. 1, 2004. (s) Jo Lynn White, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 24, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC1206)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

In re the estate of
EVE WIRTH (FORMERLY EVE HORN)
Case No. MP-17425

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF EVE WIRTH (FORMERLY EVE HORN)

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to DAVID B. SCATENE, Trustee of the Trust dated January 8, 1991, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921 within the later of four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 9103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 24, 2004.

(s) THOMAS HART HAWLEY,
Attorney for Trustee
Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC1207)

SUMMONS

CASE NUMBER: 04C01498
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
LAWRENCE L. FOREMAN
aka LAWRENCE FOREMAN
aka LARRY L. FOREMAN
aka LARRY FOREMAN,
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
OF MOTOR VEHICLES
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BY PLAINTIFF:
JUSTICE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
fka WILSHIRE WEST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons is served on you to file a typewritten response at this court.

A letter or phone call will not protect you; your typewritten response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case.

If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

The name and address of the court is:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
One Regent Street
LIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION
Inglewood, CA 90301-1295

The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

A. LYSA SIMON,
Bar Number 94884
17134 Devonshire St., Suite 202
Northridge, CA 91325

Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual defendant. CCP 416.90 (individual).

Date: June 25, 2004
(s) John A. Clark, Clerk
by Sue Lilio, Deputy
Publication Dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC 1208)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M72174

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner VALERIE P. SIGALA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: SWEETIE AALIYAH NICOLE RESENDEZ
Proposed name: SWEETIE AALIYAH NICOLE FUENTES

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Jan. 14, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 5, 2004

Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1209)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042837. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ELEEN ACRES**, 3912 Ronda Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. SUZANNE ELLEN THOMAS, 3912 Ronda Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Dec. 1, 2004. (s) Suzanne Thomas. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 2, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1210)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042804. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

1. THE COUNTRY STORE,
2. JSM DESIGN
8562 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. RICHARDSON S. MUMFORD, 8562 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. JANINE S. MUMFORD, 8562 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Nov. 30, 2004. (s) Richardson S. Mumford. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 30, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1211)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20042821. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **DUMONT PROPERTIES**, 2959 Cormorant Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953. DUMONT PROPERTIES, INC., CALIFORNIA, 2959 Cormorant Rd., Pebble Beach, Ca 93953. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2005 (s) Carina Dumont, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 1, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1212)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

POLICE LOG

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parcs, AMR and the sheriff's rescue team responded. CDF, state parks and AMR arrived and stabilized the patient, who was conscious and breathing. The sheriff's rescue team, along with the other rescue personnel, carried the victim approximately two miles down the trail to Highway 1, where she was taken to a local hospital. No further information on the condition of the victim.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle was observed parked on Sixth Avenue displaying registration expired more than six months. Vehicle was towed per the CVC.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident reported that her estranged husband made threats to her over the phone that put her in fear for her life.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported she lost a gold bracelet somewhere in the area of the post office at Dolores and Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an elderly woman lying on the roadway shoulder on Dolores Street at 2052 hours. Welfare check requested. CFD and CRFA responded to the scene. She was dizzy and had collapsed. She did not want medical attention or a ride to the hospital. She was released to her son's care.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Owner of a painting left it with the owner of an art gallery for sale on consignment. The owner later requested return of the painting from the art gallery owner. Unknown person took the original painting from the Dolores Street residence of the art gallery owner while the owner was away from the residence. The owner of the painting denied taking possession of it from the gallery owner's residence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 2100 hours, Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 were dispatched to a medical emergency on Dolores. Upon arrival at 2103 hours, found an elderly female complaining of mild dizziness. Patient evaluated, loaded into the ambulance, and then she decided to decline further medical attention and signed a medical release form after conferring with her son.

Pebble Beach: Male, age 30, at a Whittman Lane residence reported a subject made threats about bringing a rifle to work after an altercation with a fellow employee. Subject was fired.

Carmel Valley: Male subject, 48, at a Mid Valley Center business reported someone altered a prescription order.

Carmel Valley: Male East Carmel Valley Road resident, age 86, reported the theft of money from his residence. He believes his granddaughter is the suspect.

Carmel Valley: Female juvenile Arroyo Seco resident reported unknown suspect sexually assaulted her two years ago.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A suitcase was found unattended in the business area on Ocean Avenue. The suitcase was found to contain woman's clothing and costume jewelry, but no identification. Several receipts were found from a local retailer and identification is pending. Suitcase was booked as found property and placed in the Carmel P.D. garage.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: While on routine patrol, contacted a subject on Camino Real who was posting advertisement fliers on private property. The business was located in Seaside. The subject did not have a permit to post the notices and was advised to stop. Subject called his boss, who had dropped off several other distributors in the area, and all left the city. A message was left at the company advising them that door-to-door solicitation is not allowed in the city.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A victim on Mission Street reported a subject paid for services with a check on a closed account.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit and run on Junipero.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male turned property over to Carmel P.D. that might be stolen. He got the property from his son. Referred to a Noche Buena address.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female subject, age 55, booked at Carmel P.D. for court-ordered booking for theft.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7104 responded to report of a fire alarm activation at the Forest Theater at Monte Verde and Guadalupe. On scene, found the alarm panel in trouble, and it was silenced. Unable to reset the alarm, so the alarm company was contacted to send a technician out for repair.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a report of a medical emergency in Lincoln Street. Firefighters assisted the ambulance crew with assessment and treatment of the patient at the scene. A middle-aged female was experiencing stomach pains and nausea. She was loaded into the ambulance for transport to CHOMP.

Big Sur: Middle Ridge male resident, age 57, called to report a property boundary dispute between himself and his neighbor.

Big Sur: Female Garrapata Road resident, age 34, called to report her 16-year-old daughter as a runaway.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle was turning onto westbound Sixth Avenue from northbound

Junipero when it was hit by another vehicle that was southbound on Junipero. Driver of the second vehicle said he did not see the other vehicle because his vision was obscured by the sun. Both parties exchanged information and stated they would work it out themselves.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unknown suspect(s) stole the in-dash car stereo/CD player from the victim's car while it was parked on Seventh Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1703 hours, Engine 7111 was dispatched to a fire alarm at the Forest Theater. While en route, FireComm notified the engine crew that it was a false alarm and the call was canceled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1859 hours, Engine 7111 was dispatched to a public assistance call at a hotel at Carpenter and Valley Way. FireComm was notified that this was in California Department of Forestry's area but that the Carmel F.D. engine was responding.


FireComm then canceled the engine and stated CDF was handling the call.

Big Sur: Female, 56, representing a Pfeiffer Ridge engineering company reported a check in the amount of \$10,013.67 was returned for non-sufficient funds. The victim business contacted the district attorney's office and was advised to contact the sheriff's office.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: While conducting a bar check on Lincoln Street at 0020 hours, observed a female subject smoking. She was contacted and her information was obtained. She stated she wasn't smoking but disliked the smell of cigarette smoke, so she took a drag from a friend's cigarette. She stated she didn't know it was against the law to smoke in a pub-

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lic building since everyone else was smoking inside. She was issued a citation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female, age 19, was contacted for smoking in a Lincoln Street bar. She stated she was 22 years old. A records check revealed she was 19 years old and drinking in the bar. She was subsequently arrested for providing false information to a peace officer, consuming an alcoholic beverage while underage, and smoking in a bar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female, age 28, was in front of a local bar at Lincoln and Ocean stumbling. She was walking with an unsteady, staggered gait. Her eyes were red and glassy. She had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her. She was unable to care for herself. She is on probation with a term to obey all laws. While she was being booked, the female suspect kicked the police officer on the lower leg and refused to comply with the booking process. She was lodged at Monterey County Jail after being arrested for battery on a peace officer and emergency personnel.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspect at a Lincoln Street bar allowed and served an underage female in the bar. The female was only 19 years old and is not even allowed in the bar. Additionally, the suspect served an obviously intoxicated female who was later arrested for public intoxication. The suspect was previously involved with serving two other intoxicated subjects.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision on public property on Dolores Street. Property damage only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision on San Carlos Street on private property. Injury.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject came to Carmel Police Department and turned over a tear-gas gun belonging to his deceased father.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported a non-injury accident on Seventh Avenue. Report taken.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 0127 hours, Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 were dis-

patched to a medical emergency at Carmel Police Department. Upon arrival at 0131 hours, found a teenage female in mild distress with complaints of shortness of breath. Patient evaluated by the ambulance crew. She refused treatment or transport and signed a medical release.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 0427 hours, Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7103 were dispatched to a fire alarm activation at the Forest Theater. Alarm has been in trouble all week with numerous activations, so the battalion chief's response was canceled by Engine 7111. Upon arrival at 0434 hours, the alarm was found active. No fire was found and the alarm was successfully reset.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a report of medical emergency in the parking lot of a San Carlos Street bank. At scene, found a 69-year-old male patient sitting in the lobby of the bank. He was a victim of a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident in the parking lot. He was assisted with the assessment and initial care of some minor injuries to his knee and forehead. Patient denied transport to a medical facility and was advised of the risks. He then signed a medical release form.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle stopped for going 55 mph in a posted 40 mph zone on Highway 1 and for having a cover over the license plate which made it impossible to read the license plate number during darkness. The driver, a male who provided three different dates of birth, 11-22-75, 11-22-74 and 11-23-73, was found to be unlicensed and was released on citation. The vehicle was towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle was stopped on Carpenter Street for not having license plates. The vehicle registration was found to be expired as of 10-03, and the driver was unlicensed. The driver, a 29-year-old male, was released on a citation and the vehicle was towed by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of sewage runoff from a main line near the intersection of



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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unknown suspect entered an open kitchen area on the premises at Junipero and Third and took two women's purses that were left unattended and in plain view. Suspect was caught in the act and ran from the scene with the purses.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unknown suspect(s) keyed two vehicles while they were parked in front of a lodge on Ocean Avenue at Monte Verde.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle was towed from Dolores Street and stored for having more than five outstanding parking citations on file.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: While on an area check in the area of Scenic, an adult male was observed parked in his green Buick at Scenic and Ninth at 2220 hours. He was in the back seat sleeping inside a sleeping bag. The officer knocked on the window and informed he was not supposed to be sleeping there. He was reminded that he had been informed of this last week. He was cited and released for sleeping in his vehicle.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 0902 hours, Engine 7111, Battalion Chief 7103 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a reported sewer leak at Torres and Fifth. On scene, located a blocked main sewer line under Fifth Avenue, which caused it to back up into the parking garage of the St. Moritz apartment complex on the northwest corner. Carmel Area Wastewater District technician arrived on scene and cleared the stoppage in the main line and was to clean out the parking garage and flush the storm drain with water which includ-

ed disinfectant. The total estimated sewage spill was approximately 10 gallons per minute for 30-45 minutes.

Carmel Valley: Female East Carmel Valley Road resident, age 69, reported telepathic harassment by her neighbor.

Carmel Valley: Female Via Los Zorros resident reported that her missing dog was located and the subject refused to return the dog. The subject returned the dog without incident upon contact by a sheriff's deputy.

Carmel Valley: Assistant principal at Carmel Middle School reported a past-tense death threat made to a female student by another student. During investigation, it was discovered that a crime was not committed.

Carmel Valley: A 17-year-old female reported a male suspect, age 22, violated her personal liberty and prevented her from calling for assistance. This occurred at a Pilot Road restaurant.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle parked on Monterey Street was found to have an altered year tab. The vehicle registration had been expired for more than six months and was towed per the California Vehicle Code.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female subject reported losing her watch somewhere in the city. Location unknown.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a subject on Acacia Way who was soliciting for the Sierra Club. However, no permit was on file. Subject's information was obtained. A warning was issued.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a medical emergency on Carpenter Street. On scene, firefighters assisted the ambulance crew with vitals, EKG, oxygen, patient report information and loading for an elderly male suffering from chest pain. He was transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7103 responded to a reported

smoke detector activation at Santa Lucia and Monte Verde. On scene, discovered a smoke detector in the residence had activated for no apparent reason, according to the occupant. Crews attempted to silence the local battery-powered detector, but when that failed, the battery was removed from the detector and the occupant was advised to obtain and install new smoke detectors.

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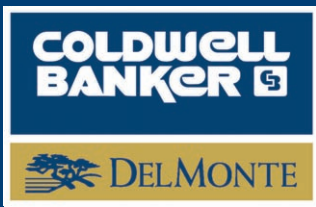
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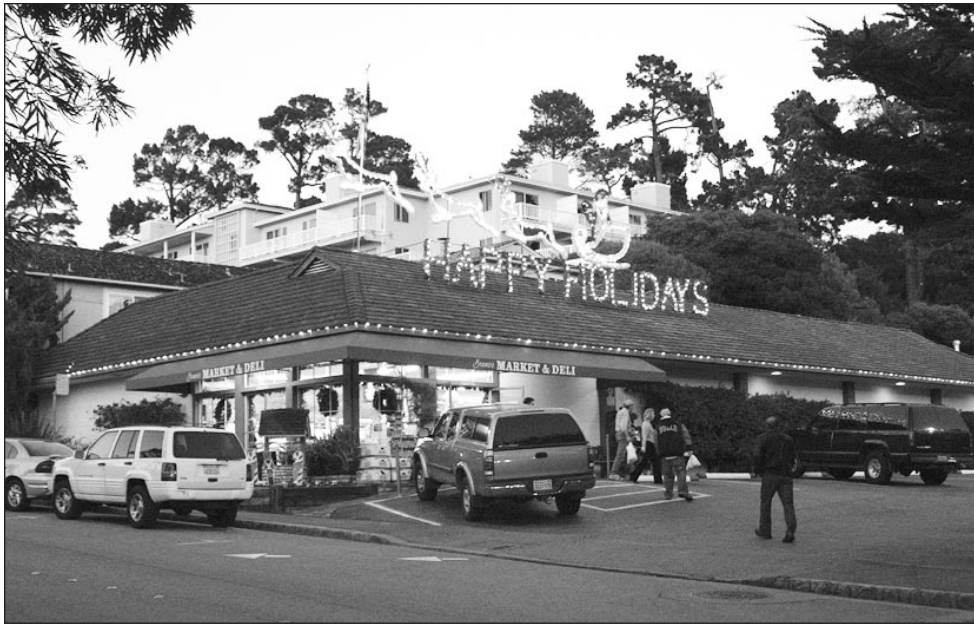
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By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHETHER YOU call them foodies, gourmands, gastronomes or *bons*

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Sippers of the fruit of the vine would appreciate the extensive line of Riedel

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ON THE COVER

Again this year, the statue of Father Junipero Serra at the northern entrance to town is garlanded with poinsettias, thanks to the Carmel Woods Neighborhood Association. President Richard Warren, a real estate broker with The Mitchell Group, said the association has placed the flowers for 12 years not only as a tribute to the holidays, and to greet motorists on one of the main routes to downtown Carmel, but to pay homage to Father Serra, who founded the Carmel Mission in 1770. The statue stands at a resting spot on the old footpath between Monterey and the Mission. The Carmel Woods Neighborhood Association has about 100 members. "We're very community minded and we try to get to know each other on a first-name basis," said Warren, who personally placed the poinsettias this year, with the help of his grandson, Timothy Wright.

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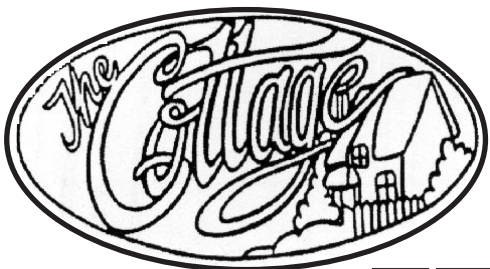


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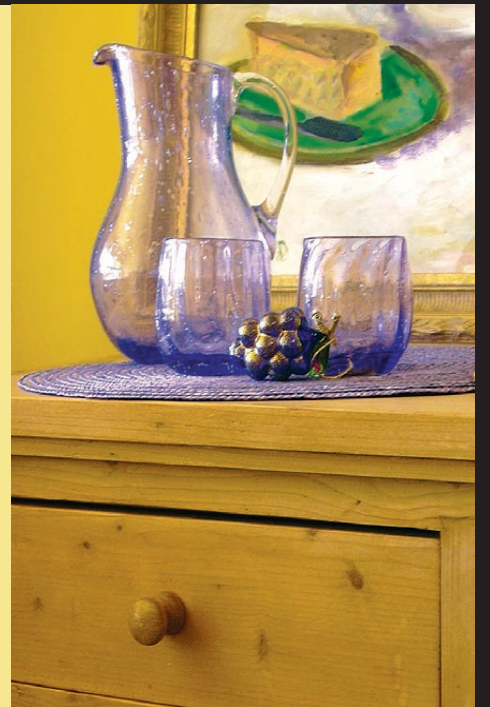
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Nielsen Bros. Market specializes in gift baskets filled with culinary treasures.

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The Cheese Shop

Just a few doors away, The Cheese Shop beckons with its old-world feel, wafting aromas and spectacular line of cheeses, from the obscure to the everyday. Thinly sliced samples are constantly offered to shoppers as they ponder the selection of 300 varieties, and everyone behind the counter is ready, willing and certainly able to recommend the best cheese to fit a particular person's tastes or complement flavors in a dish. Smoked chicken risotto? Try an Old Amsterdam gouda (pronounced howda, with a hard "h," if you're using the proper Dutch).

Cheese buyer Andrea London, in the business for 20 years, keeps busy replenishing the shop's stock. Among her more hard-to-find offerings in the store now is a Welsh cheddar called llangloffan, which she purchases from Neal's Yard Dairy in London.

Kent Torrey, store owner for 32 years, also keeps his shelves filled with many unusual wines from local vintners and around the world, spanning a wide range of prices. Great table wines can be found for \$7, while particularly rare offerings run several hundred dollars, including the 9-liter salmanazar of Galante for \$1,500. A highlight not likely found elsewhere: The Cheese Shop carries about 50 half-bottles, perfect for gift baskets and picnics.

The store also features accouterments for edible delights, including condiments and tools, like the sharp picnic knife that slides and locks into a plastic sheath for safe carrying.

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Questions? Call The Cheese Shop at (831) 625-2272.

Nielsen Bros. Market

Established in 1930 and the procurer of Carmel-by-the-Sea's first liquor license, Nielsen Bros., located at San Carlos and Seventh, is owned and operated by Merv and Nancie Sutton and their family.

Beginning with the beautifully displayed produce outside the front door, Nielsen's is the quintessential small-town market, providing the best meats, cheeses, salads, sandwiches and many other staples while offering the rare and special as well.

A wine tasting room and cellar feature many local wines as well as those from faraway regions. Need advice on how to match your recipient's palate? Staff at Nielsen's can help.

For the tequila fan or Scotch aficionado, the market carries an aisle full of many labels of each, as well as other types of liquor and liqueurs.

Venture down another aisle to find fine mustards, olive oils, vinegars, preserves, sauces, olives, and sardines and oysters, all reasonably priced. Inside a glass case, jars of truffles and their associated oils beckon.

The market's gift baskets are a holiday specialty and can be made to suit anyone's tastes and any giver's budget.

For more information, call Nielsen's at (831) 624-6441.

Bruno's Market

Bruno's Market and neighboring Surf 'n' Sand, owned and operated by Fermin Sanchez and his family, are popular with local residents and workers in need of fresh produce or some of the many offerings from the deli at the rear of the grocery store, but they

also present myriad options for the holiday shopper.

Bruno's grocery aisles carry ideal gift basket contents — mustards, crackers, preserves, nuts, chocolates, candies and other finger foods — as well as an extensive line of salsas and hot sauces to satisfy any-

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Ready, get set: Time for the holiday countdown

New Masters Gallery's 18th Toy Drive

New Masters Gallery, Dolores between Ocean and 7th, is featuring more than 70 works of internationally celebrated artists — including small sculptures and paintings 12 by 16 inches and smaller — in a holiday show called "Small Treasures." During the show, visitors who bring in a new, unwrapped toy will receive a show poster featuring the artistry of watercolorist Ian Ramsey and signed by the artist. The gifts will be presented to the Salvation Army, the Boys and

Girls Clubs, the YMCA Crisis Center and the Kinship Center. A portion of the proceeds from the show will also go to the Kinship Center. Call (831) 625-1511 or (800) 336-4014 for more information.

Dance Kids of Monterey County presents "Nutcracker 2004"

Carmel's impressive Sunset Center will be the venue for this year's production of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker by Dance Kids of Monterey County. The Dec. 10 premiere will include a Gala



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When Santa arrives in Carmel Valley, he always brings an assortment of mischievous elves with him.

and Silent Auction at 5:30 p.m., followed by a performance at 7:30. Additional performances will be Saturday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2:30 p.m. Go to www.ticketguys.com for tickets online. They are also available at the Carmel Ballet Academy, Mission and Eighth. Call (831) 373-7300 for more info.

Wayfarer Children's Choir Music Camp

Carmel's Church of the Wayfarer, Lincoln and Seventh, is hosting a music camp for children during Christmas break. Open to all children 6 - 13 in the community, the camp will run from Dec. 20 to 24, 10 to 11:30 a.m., with a performance of the children's choir at the church's Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 26 at 6 p.m. Directed by Sherrie Welchner, the camp is free, but you must call (831) 624-3550 or email wayfarerchurch@aol.com to reserve a spot.

C.V.'s Santa Fly-In

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Carmelite Carol Hilburn was the center of attention at the city's tree lighting ceremony with her Santa deely-bobbers.

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11 at 11 a.m. so Santa Claus can arrive in his traditional (for Carmel Valley, anyway) helicopter. He will then ride through the Village as part of the annual holiday parade before hearing children's wishes and posing for photos at the community center. Rain date is Sunday, Dec. 12.

Santa, Teddy Bear Boutique at Carmel Plaza

St. Nick arrived at Carmel Plaza Dec. 3, and he'll be on hand this weekend and next to listen to the holiday wishes of the little ones while a photographer records the memory. The schedule for the jolly old fellow will be: Noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, Saturday, Dec. 18, and Sunday, Dec. 19.

Carmel Plaza will also host a Teddy Bear Boutique to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

These unique, handcrafted teddy bears, available in three sizes, were created by a Carmel Valley artist and an artist from Alaska. Fur throws, pillows and other Christmas goodies will also be available. Remaining hours are: Dec. 11 and 18, noon to 4 p.m. Call (831) 637-9890 for information.

MST Trolley operates during holidays

Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) will operate the popular MST Trolley along The WAVE route for the holidays. The Victorian-style

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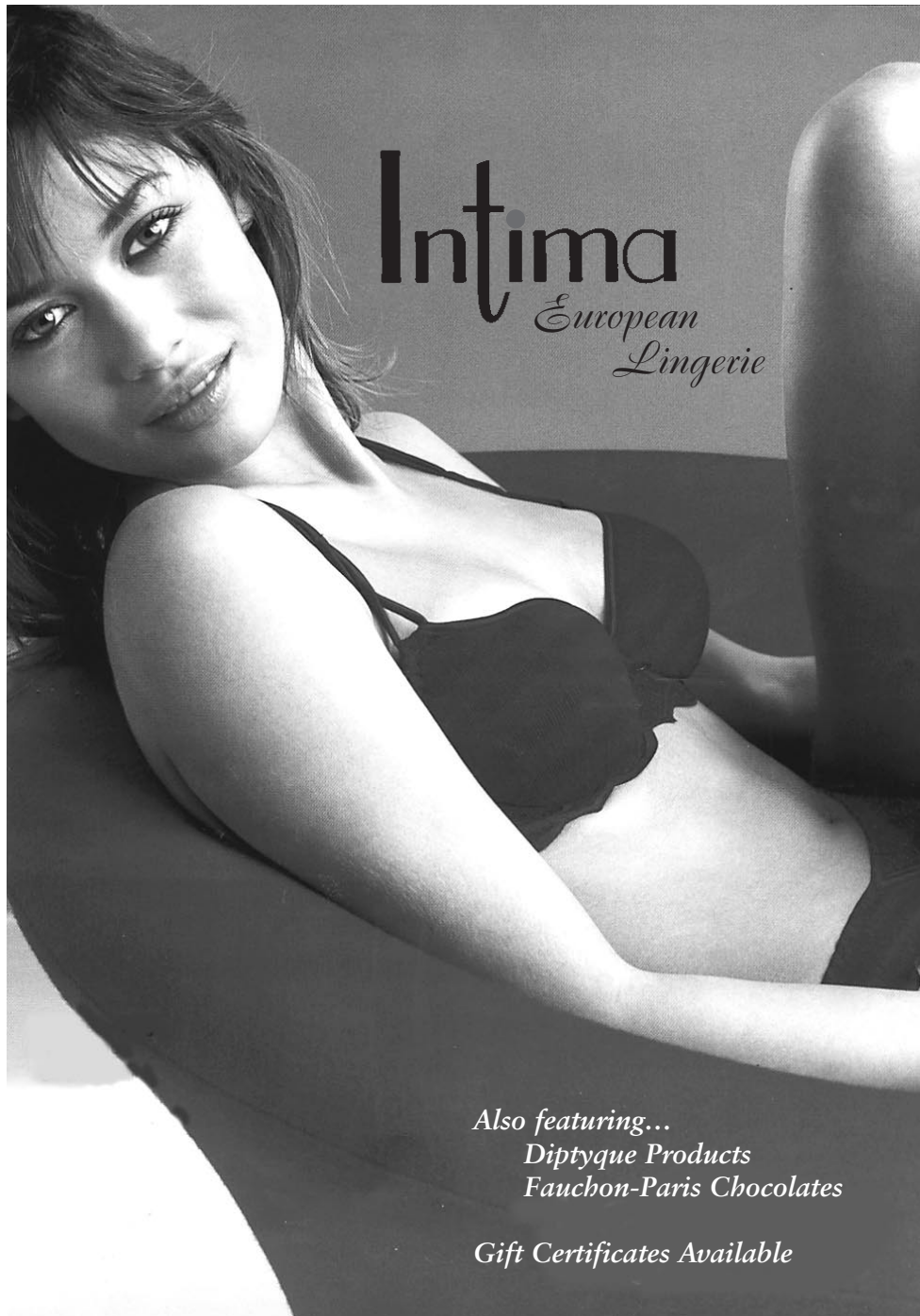
The popular shuttle is free to riders and offers visitors and locals an easy way to get around the waterfront and downtown Monterey during the busy holiday season. The WAVE route runs from historic downtown Monterey, Fisherman's Wharf and Cannery Row to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, with many stops between. The service runs every 10-12 minutes and stops at the Monterey Transit Plaza, offering a connection to all of MST's other lines.

Detailed route information for MST Trolleys or any of MST's other services is available at MST Online at www.mst.org or by calling (831) 899-2555.

Wreathmaking workshop at Earthbound Farm

Learn the basic techniques of twisting grapevines into wreaths. Or start with a pre-made wreath form, decorate and *voilà* — a beautiful wreath you can take home for the holidays. Both techniques will be covered in a wreath-making workshop at Earthbound Farm's farm stand, 7250 Carmel Valley Road, on Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pre-made wreath forms are available for an additional cost. You may want to bring gardening gloves. There is a fee. Call (888) EAT-ORGANIC or go to www.ebfarm.com.

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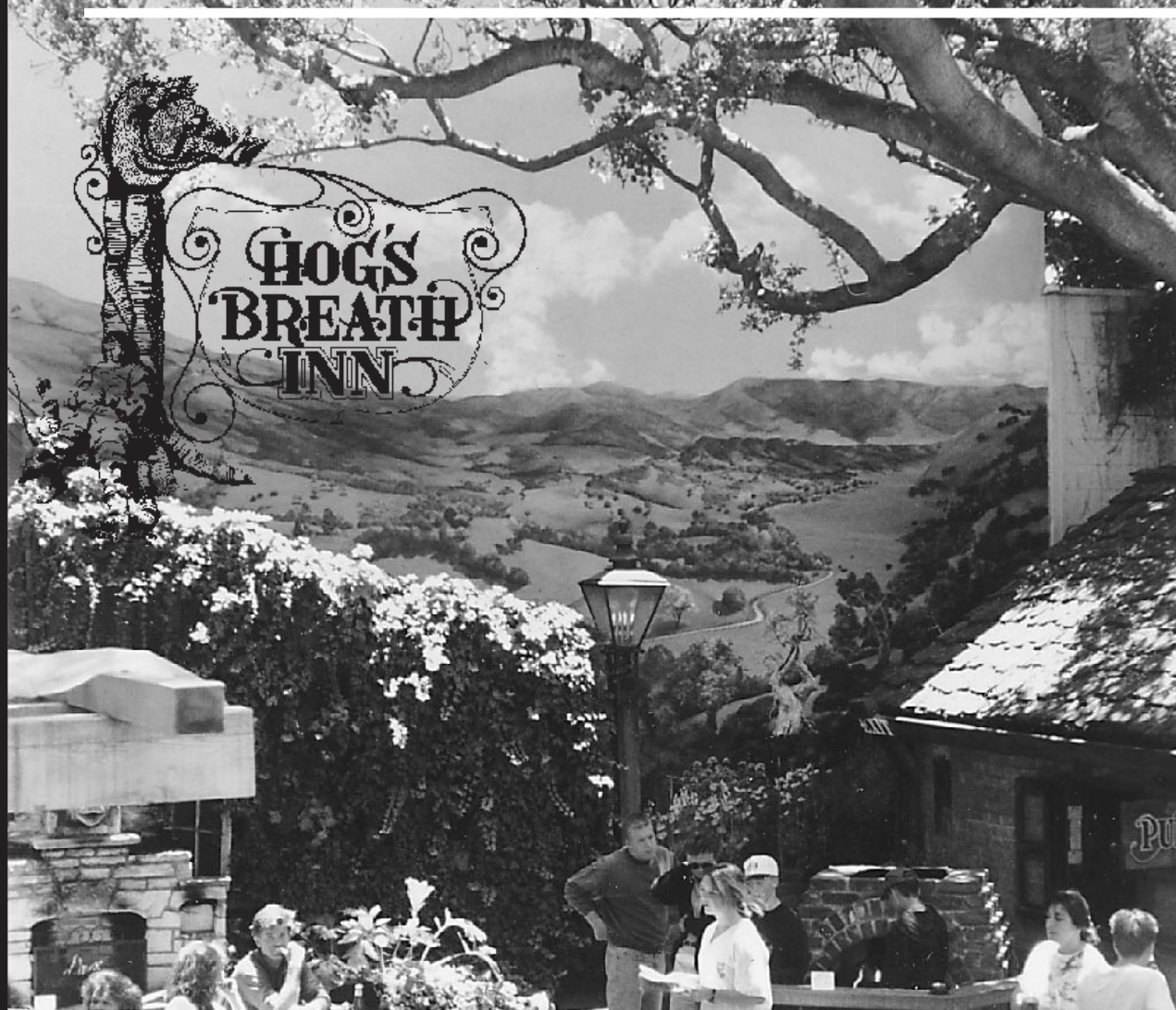
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Carmel Plaza's Christmas tree provided a glorious backdrop for its holiday open house last week. Santa's cottage, where he'll be hearing holiday wishes, is nearby.

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State Parks offers 'Christmas in the Adobes'

A favorite holiday event in downtown Monterey is "Christmas in the Adobes," which draws nearly 2,500 people to California's first capital every year. The event, which includes visits to 19 historic buildings, will be held from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, providing a rare opportunity to see these 19th century buildings.

Most of the 19 historic buildings on this year's tour are in proximity to each other in the downtown Monterey area. Docents and staff will be in each, telling visitors about the unique aspects of the building and sharing stories of the former occupants.

The Stevenson House, home to Robert Louis Stevenson in 1879, will be featured this year, having just undergone extensive restoration. Like all the historic buildings, the Stevenson House walkway will be lit by luminarios so visitors will know they are on the right path while using their self-guided maps.

The Custom House, California's oldest public building, will be the site of a fandango because these lively Spanish dances were held in this same building as far back as 1827, when it was built.

Casa Soberanes, a home that typifies the Mexican era, will offer musical entertainment from the

1840s as well as Mexican hot chocolate.

For those wanting to know more about the life of John Steinbeck, the Lara-Soto Adobe is the place to see.

Other historic buildings include: the Larkin House with musician Robert McNamara; the Monterey Museum of Art, one of Monterey County's premier cultural centers; Old Whaling Station; Casa Serrano; Casa Amesti; Cooper-Molera Adobe and Diaz Adobe; Casa Gutierrez with the Thomas Kinkadee Museum and Cultural Center; Monterey Hotel; Colton Hall; California's First Theater; Mayo Hayes O'Donnell Library, and the Pacific House Museum. Holiday shopping will be available at the Cooper Museum Store, J. Boston Store and Maritime Museum Ship's Store. And for those seeking Santa, you'll find him and Mrs. Claus at the House of the Four Winds.

Christmas in the Adobes is sponsored by California State Parks in association with the Old Monterey Preservation Society. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults (18 years and older) and \$2 for children, ages 6-17. Limited tickets are available at Bay Books and the Cooper Museum Store in downtown Monterey, or by mail order. Information: call (831) 647-6226.

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Holiday stress relief at P.G. Sally Griffin Center

Do the holidays and/or life in general have you all stressed out? Educator Robert Janssen will offer a mini workshop on special relaxation techniques at the Sally Griffin Center, 700 Jewell Avenue, Pacific Grove, Monday, Dec. 13, at 3:15 p.m. The event is free; donations benefit senior services.

Hospice fundraiser lights 'Trees of Life'

The warmth and spirit of the holiday season is ushered in each year on the Central Coast with the annual Hospice Foundation Trees of Life holiday celebrations.

Each December, 30- to 40-foot "trees" made of hundreds of white lights — each dedicated in someone's name — are placed on the rooftops of the Monterey Marriott, San Benito Bank in Hollister and the National Steinbeck Center in downtown Salinas. In 2004, for the first time, Hospice Foundation will



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The Carmel Middle School Chorus wowed the crowd at the Carmel tree lighting Friday — with their talent, and their sheer numbers.

light a Tree of Life in King City, atop Community Bank of Central California, 532 Broadway.

This year's ceremonies kick off in King City on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. inside the bank, with participants moving outside to watch the tree lighting atop the building.

Then on Tuesday, Dec. 14, Monterey takes center stage for the second tree lighting ceremony at the Monterey Conference Center at 6

p.m. The tree will be lit atop the Monterey Marriott across the street.

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. the ceremony will be held at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas.

And on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 5:30 p.m. a tree will be lit at San Benito Bank in Hollister.

Each light represents a minimum \$20 donation to the Hospice Foundation. When lit at night, the trees are beacons of strong commu-

nity support for hospice and other compassionate care and services for those at the end-of-life and their families.

After a gift is received, a card is sent to the person being remembered or honored with a light, or to his or her family. Donors, names and the persons for whom they have dedicated a light are entered in a beautiful, leather-bound Memory

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Book. The Memory Books will remain on display during the ceremonies and throughout the holidays in the foyers of Community Bank, the Marriott, National Steinbeck Center and San Benito Bank.

To honor or remember a loved one or friend this holiday season by dedicating a light on the Hospice Trees of Life and support comfort and care for someone at the end of life, please fill in the on-line form (http://www.hffcc.org/form_tree.html) or call (831) 333-9023.

Trees of Life raises approximately \$90,000 each year. Every dollar becomes part of the grants the Hospice Foundation gives each year to nonprofit organizations in Monterey and San Benito counties (Central Coast area of California) that provide these specialized services. No portion of the funds are retained to operate the foundation. In 2004, the Hospice Foundation gave grants to nine organizations totaling \$1.5 million.

The recipients were: CHOMP, \$1,000,000, to support in-home hospice care in Monterey and San Benito Counties, as well as inpatient care at Hospice House; Central Coast Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, \$195,000, to help VNA develop its south Monterey County end-of-life care and hospice program; John XXIII AIDS Ministry, \$70,000, to fund volunteer support services; Catholic

Charities, Diocese of Monterey, \$15,000, to offer support to families after the loss of a loved one; Hospice Caring Project of Santa Cruz County, \$10,000, to fund hospice and bereavement care for residents in north Monterey County; Compassionate Care Alliance, \$46,000 to raise public awareness and initiate public dialogue about end-of-life care choices and planning; Suicide Prevention Services of the Central Coast, \$10,000, to fund a grief intervention and counseling program that deals with feelings of deep despair and anxiety that often come with diagnosis of a life-threatening illness; Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital, \$20,675, to establish a palliative care program for inpatient and convalescent hospital residents.

Hospice Foundation offers Holiday Collectible

Donors who make gifts of \$125 or more will receive a beautiful crystal ornament etched with the Hospice Foundation's nautilus shell logo and the year 2004. The shape of the ornament changes each year so that families have a memorable holiday collectible.

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VNA card drive brings cheer to the home-bound

Would you like to bring a little cheer to an ill, home-bound child or adult who is being cared for by the non-profit Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice? The VNA staff hopes to bring additional holiday cheer to their patients during the weeks ahead by inviting local residents to provide holiday greeting cards for the patients. The staff will personally deliver the cards to the patients during their home nursing visits.

Just send a holiday card with your greeting to: VNA Patient, PO Box 2480, Monterey, CA 93942.

The VNA clinical staff makes more than 70,000 home health visits each year in Monterey and San Benito counties, including over 3,000 visits to children, and operates three Adult Day Care Centers for the frail elderly and other disabled adults, including stroke and Alzheimer's patients — and all could use a little extra cheer during the holiday season by knowing that someone cares. VNA provides care to all who are in need, within available VNA resources as provided by generous gifts from the community. It is the only nonprofit home health agency Monterey County and the only agency in the region with a specialized cardiac team and with a pediatrics team to provide in-home health care for children. More information regarding VNA programs may be obtained by calling

(831) 372-6668 or on VNA's website: www.ccvna.com.

Boys and Girls Clubs need sponsors, donations

Through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Monterey County, you can "Sponsor a Family for the Holidays" — helping the clubs meet their goals and making yourself feel good about the holidays.

More than 100 local families will be selected for the program based on need. They will be interviewed to find out their children's needs and wishes. Shopping lists will then be created and prioritized, with details such as gender, age, sizes and preferences. Gifts will be carefully matched to the child, wrapped and grouped by family.

There are a variety of ways you can participate in this program:

■ Sponsor a family by sending a donation to: Christmas Support Fund, Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County, Attn: Donna Ferraro, P.O. Box 97, Seaside, CA 93955.

■ Do the shopping yourself by calling Shelly Watson (831) 394-5171 to get a family's list of needs and wishes. After shopping, deliver the gifts (unwrapped) to the Boys & Girls Club in Seaside (1332 La Salle Avenue, Seaside).

■ Participate in the Santa's Workshop to wrap all the gifts.

For more information, call Shelly Watson at (831) 394-5171 ext. 207.

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La Posada in Seaside

fit the Boys & Girls Clubs, sponsored by KB Home, Bakewell Homes, KION, KCBA and ClearChannel Radio.

"This toy drive is a great way to make a difference in the life of a child," said Donna Ferraro, President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County.

Through Dec. 17, unwrapped gifts for boys and girls ages six through 18 can be dropped off at the Boys & Girls Clubs in Seaside (1332 La Salle Avenue) and Salinas (85 Maryal Drive). Also at the Seaside Highlands sales office (4750 Sea Ridge Court, Seaside), the Seaside Fire Department (1635 Broadway), the Seaside Police Department (440 Harcourt Avenue) and the Sand City city hall, (1 Sylvan Park, Sand City).

Deadlines for holiday mail

According to the U.S. Postal Service, the deadline for sending Holiday packages to overseas military destinations is Dec. 11. The same deadline applies to all international addresses.

For domestic letters and packages, the deadline is Dec. 21. You get an extra day if the letters are to an in-state address. Express mail may still work after these dates.

For more information, go to www.usps.com.

The City of Seaside and St. Francis Xavier Church will host La Posada on Saturday, Dec. 11, with a procession beginning at Seaside City Hall, 440 Harcourt Street, at 6:30 p.m. A family celebration in the Oldemeyer Center, 968 Hilby Street, will immediately follow the procession, featuring the Juan Sanchez Band plus dancing, *piñatas* and refreshments.

For further information, call (831) 899-6805.

LED lights save energy

According to PG&E, LED (light emitting diode) holiday light strings and signs save as much as 90 percent of the electricity used by traditional filament light bulbs.

The LED lights were first available last year, and the selection wasn't much. But this year, according to the utility, there is a much better selection of colors and styles. Strings are available in 25, 35, 50, 60, 70 and 100 bulbs and come in red, green, white, blue, yellow and amber.

Standard incandescent lights use a significant amount of energy and regularly involve costly (and irritating) bulb replacements. LED lights are more durable — they're shatterproof and shock resistant — and have a life span of more than

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Stephen Moorer, founder of Pacific Repertory Theater (left) and Myles Williams, renowned singer and successful businessman, performed at Devendorf Park during Carmel's holiday festivities last week. Mayor Sue McCloud lit the city's Christmas tree.

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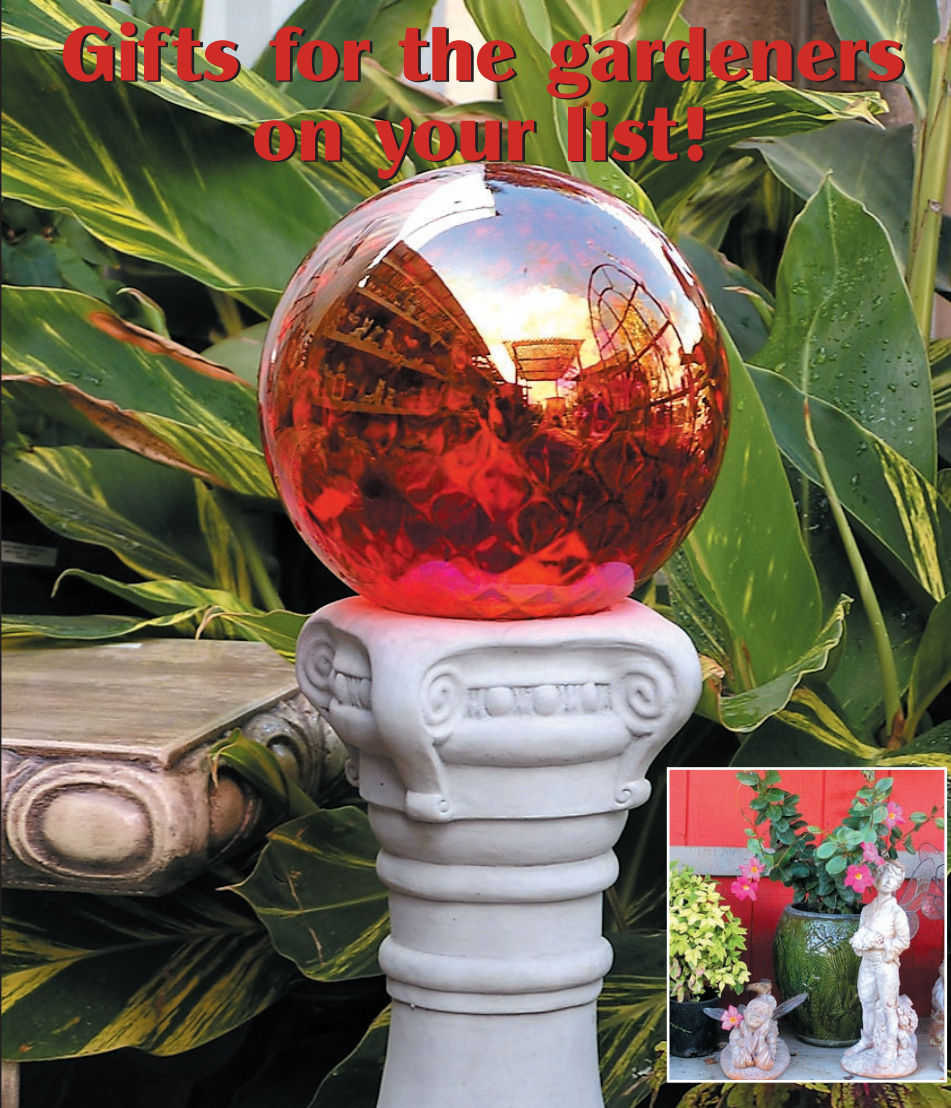


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100,000 hours, meaning that if you have them on eight hours a day for two weeks every Christmas, they should last 892 years! LED lights may initially cost more than conventional lights but they more than pay for themselves within a season or two, depending on how much they are used. Mini incandescent lights, in strings of 300, cost \$3.83 to burn for 225 hours; the same number of LED lights use just 37 cents of electricity to stay lit for 225 hours. These savings are made possible because they produce light in a completely different way.

While incandescent bulbs emit light by overloading a filament wire — which wastes a lot of

the electricity in the form of heat — LED lights are illuminated by the movement of electrons in a semiconductor material. Because they produce almost no heat, LED lights use much less electricity, present a greatly reduced fire hazard, and can be touched without burning your hands.

Traveling tips from Monterey Peninsula Airport

Even at quiet, user-friendly Monterey Airport, things can get hectic during the holidays. The airport district issued an advisory with tips to make traveling at Christmas less stressful:

■ Think about what you are wearing before going to the airport. Metal clothing and metal jewelry are likely to require extra screening.



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Even Carmel Plaza's doggie drinking fountain — The Fountain of Woof — got into the holiday spirit.

Double check your pockets and bags to make sure no prohibited items were inadvertently packed. Make sure you bags have ID tags on the outside, and your name and phone number inside as well. Pack undeveloped film in carry-on bags.

■ Arrive at least 90 minutes prior to your flight.

■ Do not leave unattended vehicles at the curb. (Also, do not leave valuables in your car while it's parked at the lot.)

■ Have a valid, government-issued photo ID, such as a drivers license or passport, for everyone over 18.

■ Have your suitcases unlocked when approaching the check-in counter.

■ Expect to have carry-on items scrutinized. At the security checkpoint, remove all metal items from your pockets and laptops from their cases.

■ Brings gifts to the security checkpoint unwrapped.

■ Carry medicine, cash, jewelry and other important valuables with you on the plane.

More information is available by calling the Transportation Security Administration at (866) 289-9673, or at www.TSATravelTips.us.

First Night Monterey volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for this year's First Night Monterey celebration — an alcohol-free and family-friendly way to ring in the New Year in downtown Monterey.

For a three-hour volunteer commitment, you will receive a special "staff" button that will get you into all First Night performances and venues, plus a free ticket to the First Night hospitality area where you will enjoy food and beverages generously donated by Peninsula restaurants and stores.

The theme of this year's celebration will be "Midnight Impressions." Performers will include the Chicano All-Stars, MC Lars Horris, Park Avenue Dance Studio, Sandza Marimba & Mibria Band, and well as Will Shephard's one-man show based on the life of Jack London, and many more. There will be activities for kids in the Art Dome, the P&T Puppet Theater, along with clowns and lots of surprises.

Admission buttons cost \$12 and are on sale at Safeway stores, Baybooks in Monterey, Bookworks in Pacific Grove and Borders in Sand City.

Volunteer training takes place at the Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific Street, on Dec. 11 at 2 p.m., and on Dec. 29 at 7 p.m.

Call Debbie Merrilees at (831) 373-4778, or go to www.FirstNightMonterey.org for more information.

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Suddenly, Christmas is upon the village of Carmel

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By PATRICK WHITEHURST

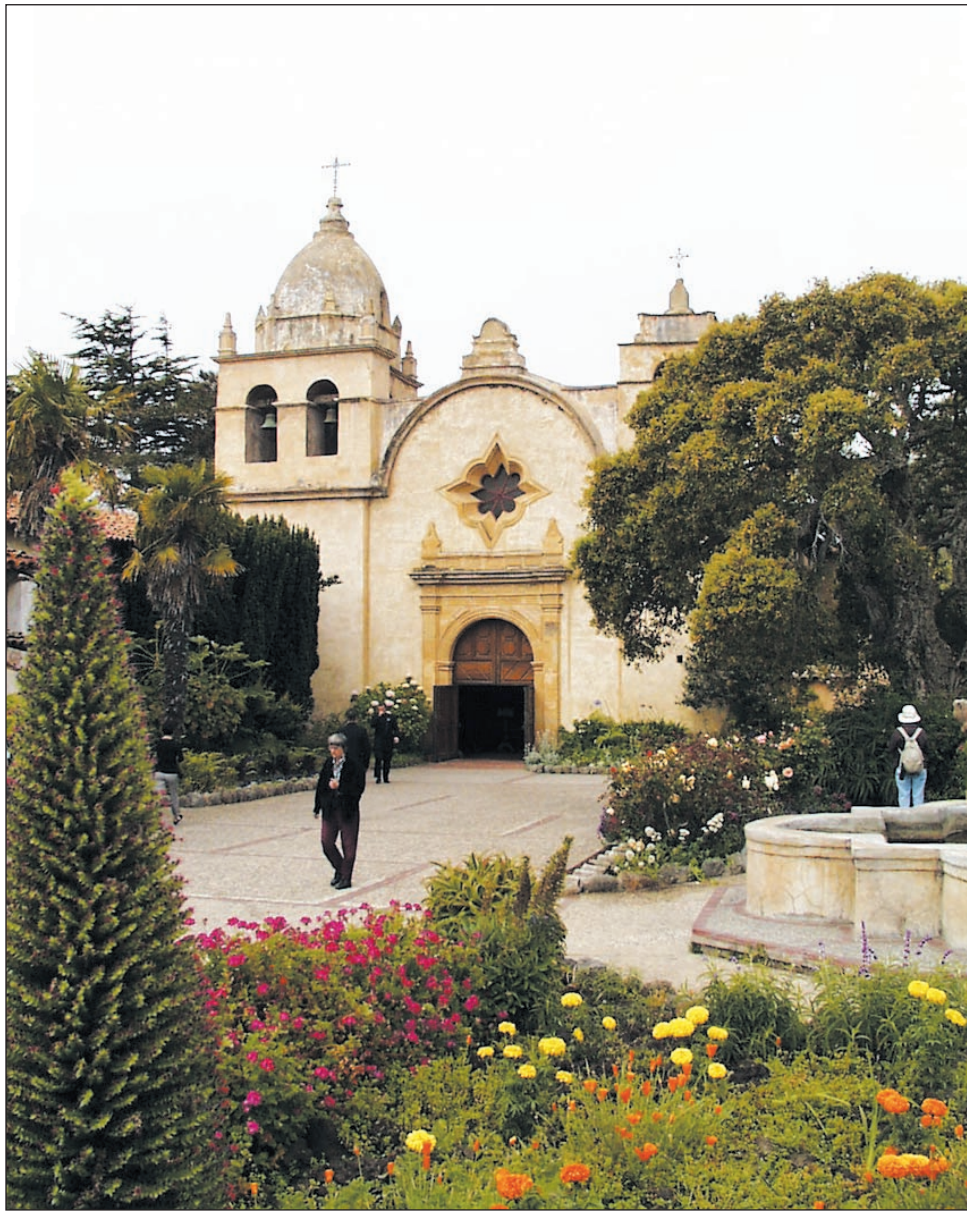
The Christmas season is with us again. We have sped through 12 months of living and working, and perhaps struggling, but now, that special season of our lives, a time unlike any other, is upon us once more — a time of peace and reflection.

When the quiet of early darkness falls, it is a quiet you can hear and feel. Here, in Carmel, the shrouds of evening mist conspire with tiny lights to create a fairy-tale village. No bright or garish lighting for Carmel; we prefer the subtle magic of understatement.

If there is music in the air it comes from the fog-muted voices of strolling carolers . . . or it comes from within us. Across the street a neighbor's post lamp, bedecked with holly, glows with a soft, gas-lit elusiveness. For a moment it seems we are living in a Currier and Ives Christmas card.

Within our homes, the flickering of hearth fires, the glow of candles, the scent of pine and cinnamon and cloves, retrieve nostalgic memories of times long gone. In this reflective time I remember Christmases past and look forward with childlike expectation toward this Christmas Day.

Though some children may dream



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The Mission Basilica, with its traditional Christmas services, is one of the best places to savor the unique spirit of the holidays in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

of snowflakes on Christmas Day, I do not. When I was a child and many miles from this soft coast, Christmas was a time of tingling cold. I don't miss that cold or the snow, or the people talking behind blankets of pale vapor. Here, in Carmel, I can have the magic and mystery of this Christmas season without the galoshes and gloves, the ear muffs and the yards of muffler wound around my neck.

Christmas, however, isn't just a day or a season: It is a state of mind. It is a time to relive joyous expectations and, if I want, I can have Christmas all year long here in Carmel.

Since I am a child, an older child without doubt, but a child no less, when a time of dreaming is needed I can find the excitement of this season in April or July. I can wander through a maze of Christmas trees and sparkling handmade decorations in "The Holly Berry." I can look at Santa Claus and tree-top angels at "The Holiday Hutch." I can pick a wreath or a candle, a mantle garland or iridescent icicles.

But these things must wait, wrapped and put away until Winters' Solstice tucks us in bed — after the tree on Ocean Avenue is lighted and we sing the songs of Christmas at its lighting.

Suddenly, Christmas Eve is here. For we youngsters, excitement reigns on this day. It is a long day for us until it is time for bed and the dreams of what Santa Claus and the morning



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will bring. There is no room in my life for any Dickens "Bah, Humbug" or for any "Grinch" that wants to steal Christmas.

But before that, on Christmas day, after the presents are opened, after the Champagne and the strawberries, after the toasted, butter-swollen Stollen and the powdered Pfeffernusse are comfortably in their place, I will walk on a beach as white as any snow-covered field . . . barefoot.

On this night there is always an ethereal, far-away sound. It is the sound of this Christmas Eve and of Christmas Eves past. It is the sound of bells and caroling, of rustling paper and of gentle laughter. There is the sound of scraping on my roof as sleigh and reindeer slide to a stop before my chimney top.

I listen for these sounds. Perhaps today they are more distant than before, but I listen for them before sleep comes on this restless Christmas Eve of my older childhood and I drift into happy dreams of Christmas morning and the gifts beneath the tree, now more spiritual than tangible.

Tomorrow, in the early evening, I will sit at Tiny Tim's table and share his turkey and his joy.

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Pfeffernusse are comfortably in their place, I will walk on a beach as white as any snow-covered field . . . barefoot.

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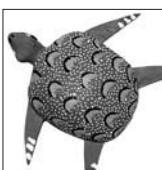

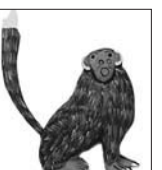



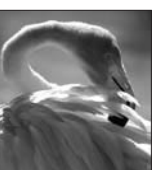









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