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## GAS CANS GRABBED IN NICK OF TIME

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHEN CARMEL landscaper Fernando Sanchez and his coworker stopped for sodas at Bruno's Market Wednesday afternoon, everything in his 1988 Toyota truck seemed fine.

Moments later it was engulfed in flames.

"I had turned it off; everything was off," Sanchez said as he pondered the remains of the truck he bought a year ago.

Sanchez and the other man rushed to remove gas cans from the bed of the truck as it burned. Much of his other gardening equipment was damaged or destroyed.

Carmel Public Works employee Jim Pingree noticed the smoking truck and used his scanner to notify fire and police.

The truck was completely ablaze by the time firefighters arrived from Carmel Mission, where they had been testing



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Carmel Public Works employee Jim Pingree alerted police and fire to this 1988 Toyota truck burning in Bruno's Market parking lot Wednesday afternoon. The cars parked on either side sustained minor damage.

See **FIRE** page 7A

## City hones anti-tax hike argument

By MARY BROWNFIELD

ARGUMENTS FOR and against a citizen-led effort to increase the Carmel hotel tax arrived at city hall Tuesday afternoon and will appear in the sample ballot mailed to voters before the April 5 election.

The city council met Jan. 18 to unanimously approve the anti-tax-hike language drafted by Mayor Sue McCloud and Mayor Pro-Tem Gerard Rose.

The council's argument highlights three points: "TOT is neither predictable nor dependable," because it relies on the cyclical and fickle tourist trade; "The proposed increase is not flexible," because it stipulates the money must be spent on parks, forest, beach, public buildings, capital improvements and tourism; and, "The initiative has no end date." If approved by the voters, it would require another vote of the people to rescind it.

"Please join your elected city representatives in opposing a well-intentioned, but misguided attempt to increase city revenues," the council's argument concludes.

"The ballot statement does clearly, concisely and convincingly cover the issues of why people shouldn't vote for this," said city councilman Mike Cunningham.

Rose said proponents Mike Biele, Patricia Fairbank and Jim Brun had their "hearts in the right place" when they conceived the hotel tax hike, but "they have created something more damaging than good. Sometimes that happens when

See **TOT** page 7A

## Liars funnel millions of stolen dollars to Canada

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN 88-YEAR-OLD Carmel Valley resident was bilked out of almost \$3,000 by scam artists last week who continued telephoning him to demand more money this week despite the sheriff's investigation, according to the man's daughter-in-law, Annette Martini.

"It all started on Wednesday, when someone contacted my father-in-law and told him he had won \$300,000, but to obtain the money, he would have to go to the Walmart in Salinas and wire them \$2,999," she said.

The elderly man, whose identity she wanted to protect to shelter him from further embarrassment, is only supposed to drive to and from the closest grocery store,

See **BILKED** page 11A

## Photographer uses modern technology to capture ancient Big Sur cave art

By CHRIS COUNTS

AT FIRST glance, the cave paintings appear to be just impressions of hands dipped in white paint and pressed upon dark rock. But closer investigation reveals a series of almost elegant brush strokes. Each long, thin finger is carefully outlined in white paint, creating an image that is at once graceful and haunting.

Under an overhanging rock formation deep in the Big Sur back country, photographer Daniel Bianchetta captured this image and others now featured in an exhibition of his Native American rock art photography opening at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History Jan. 21.

Bianchetta's fascination with cave paintings began when

See **ROCK ART** page 10A



PHOTO/DANIEL BIANCHETTA

The Esselen Indians, inhabitants of Big Sur and Upper Carmel Valley, used limestone and bear fat to create rock art. The Pacific Grove Natural History Museum will present a photographic exhibition of the ancient paintings starting Jan. 21.

## CARMEL VALLEY INCORPORATION BOOSTERS PLEAD FOR \$25,000 BREAK

By CHRIS COUNTS

PROponents OF the drive to incorporate Carmel Valley will find out at a public hearing Jan. 24 if they must pay for a \$25,000 initial environmental study.

At a public hearing last month, Carmel Valley resident John Dalessio urged Local Agency Formation Commission members to grant an exemption for the study, which he said is unnecessary. Two LAFCO members expressed sympathy for Dalessio's view.

Proponents will make their case for the exemption at the Jan. 24 hearing, but LAFCO's executive officer, Kate McKenna, said she will recommend at the hearing that LAFCO require the study.

"I don't believe granting an exemption is the proper action based on research of what other LAFCOs have done," McKenna said. "I will ask the commission to proceed with the initial study."

McKenna said in cases where an exemption from the initial study has been granted, there has been little or no controversy surrounding incorporation, which isn't the case in Carmel Valley. An exemption could also expose the commission to legal challenges, she said.

And the initial study could be just the beginning. It could find that incorporation has little or no environmental impact, or it could trigger a full-fledged environmental impact report, which could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and sig-

See **INCORPORATE** page 13A

# Carmelo Bay Garden club solicits gifts for soldiers

By MARY BROWNFIELD

MEMBERS OF the Carmelo Bay Garden Club stayed out of the flowerbeds Friday, instead dedicating their time to packaging Valentine's Day gifts for Marines in Iraq.

Using club funds and donations from its members, 14 women gathered in the Carmel home of Lori Addisson to fill 125 ziploc bags with candy, gum, tee, coffee, lotion, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, playing cards and other items much appreciated in the dusty desert environs, according to club member Jo Irmas.

The group could have sent cash but instead chose a more personal expression of support for soldiers overseas.

"We decorated the bags and wrote per-

sonal messages to them, and signed them from the garden club," she said. "We're trying to make them understand there are people who think about them."

The Jan. 14 effort was just the beginning. The club is also setting out Support Our Troops mailboxes in Peninsula stores, including Hacienda Hay & Feed on Carmel Valley Road, according to Elinor Snortum, a member for 21 years.

People can drop off letters, cards, pictures drawn by children, photos of pets or other images of home, gum, jerky, ground coffee, individually packaged wet wipes, hard candy and other nonperishable items in the large decorated boxes.

Valentine's Day care packages will be

See *CARE* page 9 of the *Real Estate* section



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Fourteen ladies of the Carmelo Bay Garden Club and a dog packed plastic bags full of Valentine's Day goodies for soldiers in Iraq Friday.

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## York fundraiser Jan. 30 at aquarium

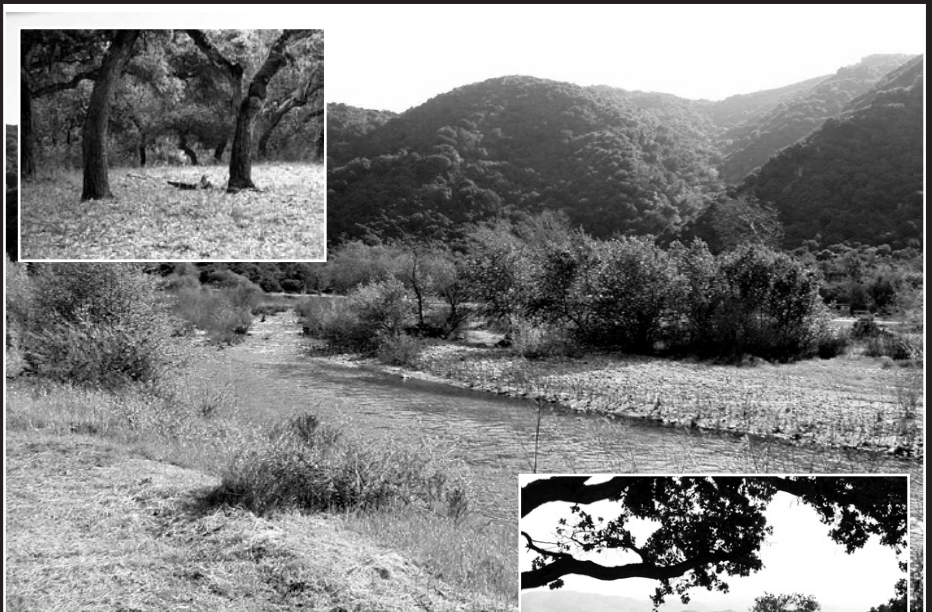
YORK SCHOOL, one of Monterey County's top high schools, will hold its 2nd annual World Event at the Monterey Bay Aquarium on Sunday, January 30 at 6:45 p.m. The event will help support York School's many educational programs including financial aid for students throughout its community. Dan Green of KSBW will host a live auction and reverse draw with a \$10,000 grand prize. This year's theme Fruta di Mare — "gifts of the sea" — showcases a strolling dinner of fresh local seafood and fine wine with live music from the York School Jazz Ensemble.

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calling York School at 372-7338, ext. 0. Reverse draw tickets are also available at \$100 each with a 1 in 350 chance of winning a \$10,000 cash prize or numerous other prizes. Auction items include vacation packages to Belgium, Mexico, Hawaii and Lake Tahoe.

"The World Event will benefit York's fund to help bridge the gap between tuition fees and the actual cost to educate each student," said Chuck Harmon, Head of York School. "The event specifically targets the financial aid program that allows York to enroll deserving students from a variety of backgrounds."

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# Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

## Poor insulation caused disturbance of the peace

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7105 responded to a report of wires down at Casanova and 10th. Crews

secured the area and waited the arrival of PG&E for downed primary arcing electrical wires.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Engine 7111 responded to a tree into a vehicle at Mission and Eighth. At the request of police units on scene, fire crews cut and removed a broken pine tree limb that had fallen onto two parked vehicles, causing considerable damage.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** On-duty crews received a walk-in medical at the station.

Firefighters assisted ambulance crew with vitals, EKG, I.V., patient report information and loading for a middle-aged female complaining of difficulty breathing. Patient transported to CHOMP via ambulance.

**Carmel Valley:** An anonymous person reported by e-mail that there were people living in vehicles and sheds on the property on Aliso Road as well as numerous abandoned vehicles. Property owner is a 56-year-old male.

**Carmel Valley:** Female Country Club Drive resident reported her 16-year-old niece received a tattoo from the father of one of the girl's friends.

**Carmel Valley:** A 29-year-old female Valle Vista Drive resident reported receiving annoying telephone calls from her ex-husband.

**Carmel area:** An anonymous person reported three juvenile males attempted to steal a street sign in front of Clocktower Place on Via Nona Marie, but the juveniles fled without the sign when they realized law enforcement was being called. Juveniles were counseled.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male Junipero Street

resident reported his fence on the south side of his property had been taken down. He said his neighbor, who owns the property just to the south, had a land survey done about 18 months ago. At that time, the neighbor placed property stakes around the caller's land, just north of the fence line. He said the last time he saw the fence intact was on 12-15-04. When he arrived at his house on 01-08-05, he noticed his fence was down and the stakes were gone. Advised him he was involved in a civil problem and that he needed to get in contact with his neighbor to solve the problem. If that didn't work, his other option is to go to small claims court.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** At approximately 1254 hours, observed an unsecured trash violation. Business on San Carlos Street responsible for the trash was contacted and a warning was given.

See **POLICE LOG** page 8B

The Crossword Puzzle is on page 23A

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## TOT

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people don't have the legal and factual background to propose a successful initiative."

The council, minus Erik Bethel, who was out of town, voted to approve the argument. Bethel pledged his support for the statement before the meeting, though he had not seen the draft.

### The pro side

Written and signed by Biele, Fairbank and Brun, the statement in favor argues the proposed tax increase is fair because it would be charged to visitors "to ensure they pay their fair share" for city services and infrastructure. They said Carmel maintains services comparable to a city five times its size in order to accommodate tourists.

"This tax is paid entirely by visitors," it reads. "It doesn't cost residents one dime."

## Jack London's hosts Bruceski

HE MAY be gone, but caddie Bruce Edwards left a mark deep enough on the owners of Jack London's in Carmel that they continue hosting the semiannual fundraiser in his honor. The money raised in the silent auction and reception will support research for the terminal illness he had — ALS, or

Proponents also said the state takes a large share of property and sales taxes but can not touch the transient occupancy tax, which would increase an estimated \$700,000 a year if the increase is passed. The money would "help pay for vital services that we and visitors need in our town!" they wrote.

"The proposed 2 percent hotel tax increase for Carmel represents \$2 on a \$100 hotel room, less than the price of a cafe latte," they concluded.

According to the schedule drawn up by Monterey County Registrar of Voters Tony Anchundo, rebuttals to those arguments are due Jan. 25. Sample ballots containing the statements, an impartial analysis by city attorney Don Freeman and other information will be mailed to voters beginning March 11, and the vote will take place April 5 at Sunset Center. The tax increase would require approval of two-thirds of the voters in order to pass.

Lou Gehrig's Disease — and help victims and their families. A week-long silent auction runs Feb. 6-12, and the reception for caddies, golfers and guests will be 5:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 8. To donate items, RSVP for the reception — tickets to which are \$50 — or inquire about the event, call (831) 624-2336.

## FIRE

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hoses. They quickly doused most of the flames before struggling to force open the hood to extinguish the fire in the engine compartment.

Carmel Police Officer Chris Johnson moved cars parked on either side, though the door handle on one of them was so hot that he asked a firefighter with heavy gloves to open it. He said the vehicles' paint surfaces sustained some damage from the heat.

Pingree and other witnesses said the fire ignited in the passenger compartment, which Carmel Fire Shift Commander Bruce Meyer confirmed.

"It most definitely started in the cab," he

said, pointing to the burn patterns on the doors and the complete destruction of the interior. "It was probably caused by an electrical short, but I can't say for sure because there's too much damage."

Minutes before the fire, Sanchez had been pulled over and cited for not wearing a seat belt, but Johnson took the ticket back afterward. A sympathetic Bruno's worker gave him a sandwich.

Sanchez, whose father came to the scene to pick him up, said he had another truck at home and that the Toyota was insured. He was grateful no one was hurt — and that nothing exploded — and said he had been set to pick up an expensive table which he was relieved was not in the truck when it caught fire. The Toyota was towed to the lot at Carmel Chevron.

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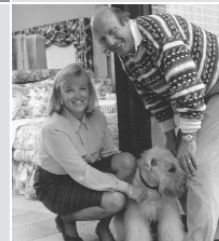


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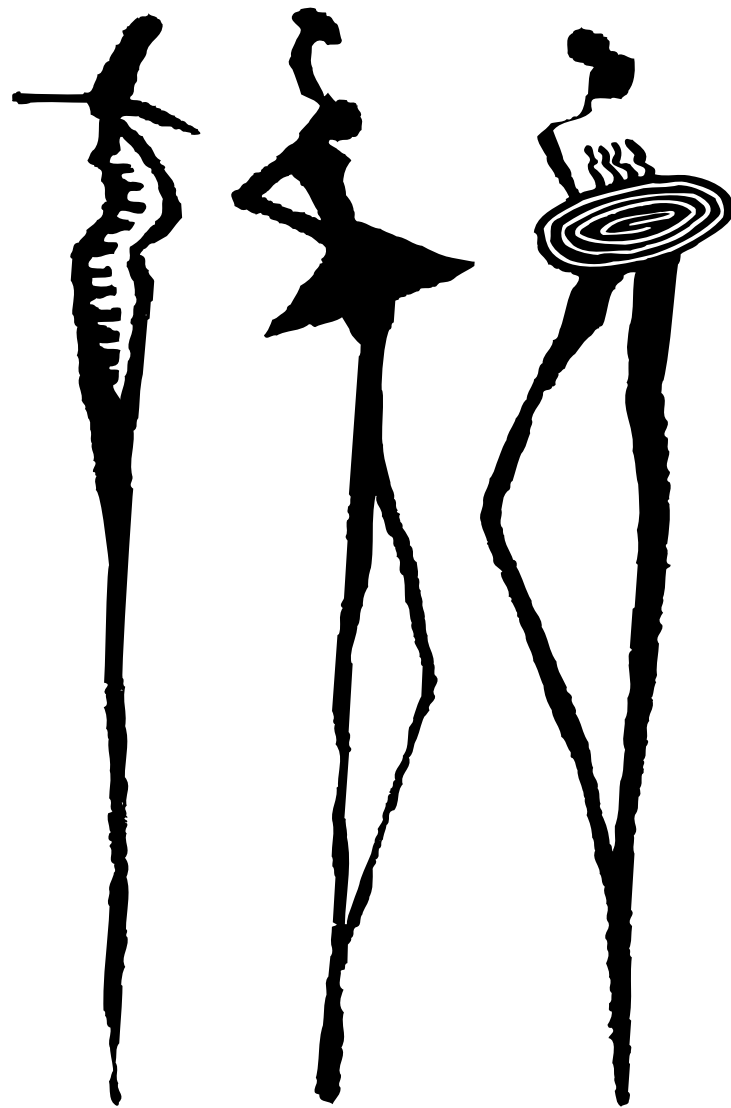
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# Smoky, dark Carmel Plaza tests firefighters' mettle

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A WOMAN in hysterics and billowing clouds of smoke greeted firefighters and an ambulance crew at Carmel Plaza last Thursday night.

They and the fire in the downtown shopping center reported just before 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 were part of an elaborate drill to test the skills of 10 emergency workers.

"We were trying to develop some form of drill that would cover the basics we normally do, as well as provide a more enhanced, realistic environment," said firefighter and paramedic David Jedinak, who organized the exercise.

It all came together in a mere five hours Thursday, after Jedinak approached Dawson at the Plaza to see if some vacant store space might be used for practice, Manager Tod Strain said it was.

Considering that complaints about noise and disruptions have made finding Thursday night training locations difficult — forcing firefighters to drill at the public works yard and Vista Lobos — the Plaza was a jackpot.

Jedinak filled the 1,000 square-foot store, which contains cubicles and a back room, roof access and a closet, with furniture and pallets to help stymie rescue efforts. He borrowed a space heater that would be picked up by the thermal imager and reserved the smoke machine that's shared by several fire departments. He also asked a friend to play the role of a panic-stricken woman whose friend is lost in the fire. And he had videographer Paul Franklin record the drill so it could be critiqued afterward.

Jedinak was thrilled with the prospect of practicing at the Plaza, which covers a city block and has three levels.

"It has a lot of characteristics that need more involved firefighting tactics than you get with a standard residential building," he said. Its multiple levels demand different strategies for attacking a fire, evacuating and rescuing victims.

### No clues given

When the firefighters and ambulance crew arrived for the drill that evening, "they were completely left in the dark with regard to what was going to take place," Jedinak said.

The call of a possible fire at Carmel Plaza came at 7:24 p.m. En route, the engine received a dispatcher's update that a woman had been working in her shop, which filled with smoke, and that someone might still be inside.

"They were greeted by this frantic, hysterical woman screaming about her friend," Jedinak said.

To throw off the crew, she had been told to lead them to the wrong location, so firefighters had to adjust their strategy after they entered the shopping center and realized the smoke was coming from a third-floor store.

The second engine and the battalion chief arrived minutes later, and firefighters connected a hose to a hydrant — but only simulated letting the water flow — and ran it up the stairs.

Entering "a completely smoke-filled environment with zero visibility" that would have otherwise disoriented them in seconds, firefighters used their thermal imager to search

for the "victim," (a dummy).

"Then we extended the circumstances to include a firefighter lost in the fire," Jedinak said. "The standard backup crew immediately entered to perform the secondary search for the missing firefighter."

All told, the drill took about 35 or 40 minutes and generated little response from onlookers, except the diners in the Flying Fish Grill who came upstairs to see what the fuss and smoke were about.

"Our hysterical woman became our spokesperson," Jedinak said, as she stopped screaming and told everyone it was just a drill.

"It was really an excellent learning experience," he said.

Operationally, he found few flaws, though the first arriving officer admitted the hysterical woman threw him for a loop.

Jedinak reviewed the video, which will also be shown to other firefighters. "The perception when you're watching it is things take forever," he said. "But in reality, it's well within the timeframe."

"When you set up an event like this with such detail, you only have the opportunity to do it once," he said. "And then everyone gets to see it."

He thanked the Plaza for its support of Carmel Fire training.

"When we do have these opportunities, we hope to make the best of them, and I would look forward to future training at Carmel Plaza," he said. "I think you can never have enough, when it comes to large structures like that."



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# Unconventional school thrives in an unconventional place

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHEN TONYA Creamer talks about her job description at the Big Sur Charter School, it is clear she's working with a small staff.

"I'm the teacher of record," explains Creamer, director of the school. "I'm also the librarian, the technology coordinator, the independent study teacher and the janitor."

The director and the janitor? Even in an age where understaffed schools are commonplace, Creamer's list of duties is above and beyond. Thankfully, she is working for a school with an enrollment of just 25 home-schooled students spread from one end of Monterey County (Gorda) to the other (Prunedale).

The school's small enrollment is not reflective of its lack of success, but rather its remote location. Big Sur's two "traditional" public schools, Captain Cooper School and Pacific Valley School, have a combined enrollment of fewer than 100 students. Some older students make the long drive every day to the Monterey Peninsula for middle and high school.

The role of charter schools within the public education system has been controversial. Experts have criticized charter schools for lack of accountability, but supporters point to the demand for them as proof they work.

Operating an unconventional school in an unconventional place can be an uphill battle. Creamer wants to get the word out that the Big Sur Charter School provides quality education.

"We have a strong academic program," said Creamer, who works out of a small office near the Big Sur River Inn. "We have a lot of great resource materials."

While the school primarily oversees course work taught at home, it also offers enrichment classes and field trips.

The school operates on a budget of about \$100,000 a year. Curiously, it is administered through the San Lorenzo Valley School District in the Santa Cruz mountains. Creamer said that's because nobody closer wanted the job.

She points to the survival of her school as evidence that

charter schools have a place in Big Sur. The independent nature of charter schools seems to appeal to the independent nature of Big Sur's residents.

"There is more freedom of choice for curriculum and materials," said the 31-year-old educator. "In traditional public schools, books are required to have an official stamp of approval. We can use any books we choose."

The lack of bureaucracy in charter schools is refreshing.

"I get to write policies instead of saying, 'I don't like these policies,'" she said. "I don't have to fill out so many forms."

Traditional public schools are also required to hire teachers with teaching credentials, but at Big Sur Charter School, only Creamer must have that.

"It allows us to put an emphasis on other credentials, such as desire and passion."

If passion and desire are what the school was seeking, it hit the jackpot when Creamer came on board.

"When I got here, we had two book shelves and no computer," she said. "I thrive in a situation where I feel I can make a difference."

Before taking over the Big Sur Charter School five years ago, Creamer taught middle school in San Lucas, a small town seven miles south of King City. Creamer commuted two hours and 40 minutes round trip from her home in Big Sur during that time. When the house she was living in burned down, she moved into a teepee for the summer and continued her lengthy commute.

Clearly, resilience is one of Creamer's assets.

"If I weren't resilient, Mother Big Sur would have run me out of here long ago," she said.



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## ROCK ART

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he accompanied his wife, Cynthia, to a photography workshop at China Lake 15 years ago. Already an accomplished fine art photographer, she bought him a new camera just before the trip.

At the China Lake rock art site, near a U.S. Naval weapons test facility on the western edge of the Mojave desert, Bianchetta discovered images that fired his imagination.

"I fell in love with the rock art at China

Lake," recalled Bianchetta, who has lived in Big Sur and worked at the Esalen Institute for over 31 years. "China Lake has the highest density of rock art in North America."

Inspired by that trip, Bianchetta and his wife began a series of annual pilgrimages to rock art sites located throughout the Western United States. Typically, they spend a month on the road, usually in July.

Along the way, the Bianchettas (and their pet wolf, Kashi) have encountered countless clear, starry nights, almost unbearable summer heat, and quite a few memorable adventures in their search for rock art. Sites are

often located in remote, obscure and generally hard-to-find places.

"I came up with a term I call 'EPG,'" said Bianchetta. "It stands for 'effort per glyph.' Sometimes it's a five-minute walk and sometimes it's a five-mile hike."

Bianchetta said he often relies on his intuition to find rock art, but "good directions help."

After traveling the west in search of rock art, it was inevitable that Bianchetta would cast his photographic gaze to the mountains that lie just east of his longtime Big Sur home. Since his first trip into the Big Sur backcountry, he has been captivated by the Esselen Indians, one of North America's most obscure and least-documented tribes.

"Archaeologists have called the Esselen primitive," said Bianchetta, who served in the U.S. Navy on board a nuclear submarine during the Vietnam War. "But we've also never found any evidence that they engaged in major warfare. If that's primitive, we could use some of that."

To create the images of hands that decorate a few local archeological sites, the Esselen Indians created paint made from limestone and bear fat.

While Bianchetta maintains a deep appreciation for the simplicity of the rock art technique, he prefers to utilize modern technology for his craft. He shoots with a digital camera, and his studio is filled with computers, scanners and printers.

So thanks to the wonders of modern technology, Bianchetta is able to provide a fascinating glimpse into an ancient and seemingly lost world.

"When people see rock art, it wakes up an old place in them," he said.



PHOTO/DANIEL BIANCHETTA

Bianchetta has traveled annually for 15 years to China Lake at the western edge of the Mojave Desert to capture rock art images like this one.

The exhibit features 60 photographs, some of which depict creations over 10,000 years old.

"We call it rock art," said Bianchetta. "Most California tribes didn't have a word for it. Like religion, they didn't identify it as something that was separate from themselves."

The public is invited to an artist's reception at the gallery on Jan. 21 from 7-9 p.m. For more information, call (831) 648-5716 or visit [www.pgmuseum.org](http://www.pgmuseum.org).



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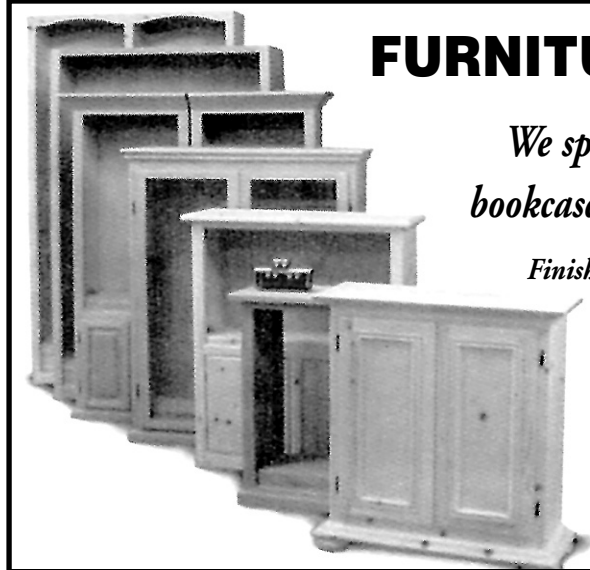
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## BILKED

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but he drove to Salinas and sent the money.

At first, he didn't tell anyone about the phone call or his trip to Salinas, but he finally told Martini's husband about the call.

"My husband explained that it was a con — a scam — and if they called back, to call the sheriff," she said.

Her father-in-law then telephoned her Friday morning and said his winnings were on their way to him in an armored truck.

Martini called the sheriff.

"When I arrived at his house, the scammers were still on the phone with him," she said. "They said the truck, a Brinks truck, was in Monterey and ready to come, but he needed to pay another \$2,999 fee first."

She tried to get him to string the scammers along so they might still be on the line when the sheriff's deputy arrived, but a scribbled note to that effect led her father-in-law to tell the suspects police were on the way.

"They said they would call back in 30 minutes," she said. They didn't, but this week the scammers continued calling their target, attempting to get more money out of him.

### Cash to Canada

Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Denine Guy, who works in the consumer and environmental protection unit, said the scenario is not uncommon.

"We have had a half dozen folks report this victimization after the fact," she said. "We were only able to intercept one senior from wiring more money."

That victim, who lives in Monterey, had already sent \$12,000 to the thieves when she contacted law enforcement with questions about wiring funds to a location that didn't have a street address.

"We found out she'd already given them thousands, and they wanted more," she said.

Claiming the victim has won a foreign lottery or sweepstakes, the scam artists often have the money wired out of the country.

"Canada seems to be the most frequent recipient of this kind of fraud," Guy said.

Victims send the money via Western Union, and a person bearing an alias and wearing a disguise retrieves it on the other end before disappearing without a trace. Amounts of just under \$3,000 are often requested to avoid security triggers pulled when wires from Western Union hit that amount.

Many victims don't realize they've been defrauded until much later, leaving an already thin trail even colder.

"The trail is so dead end that it doesn't give law enforcement here much to work with," Guy said. "It's usually a cold call, and there's no way to trace who the call comes from."

Suspects sometimes establish a relationship with their victims before convincing them to wire money to someone, Guy said. "And of course, that person doesn't exist."

Further complicating the issue, many victims remain convinced they will still receive a substantial amount of money, even if they acknowledge losing thousands of dollars in "fees."

"Even when you tell them they've been defrauded and those thousands went nowhere, they still think they've won," Guy said. "They don't understand there are no winnings."

The prospect of riches also dissuades them from telling friends, family and neighbors for fear those people might try to take the money.

American law enforcement agencies such as Guy's work with a Western Union and a Canadian consortium called PhoneBusters to try to track down the thieves.

"PhoneBusters includes the Royal Canadian Police, the Canadian Better Business Bureau, Ontario Police Department — a lot of different Canadian law enforcement all together," Guy said. "They coordinate with our FBI and law enforcement agencies."

PhoneBusters is gathering information to help break the scammers' rings, but Guy said the cases are so difficult to crack that prevention is key.

The Federal Trade Commission website at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) offers several write-ups on recognizing, fighting and reporting fraud of various types.

"Hang Up On Cross-Border Phone Fraud" advises consumers never to pay money to receive a prize ("Free is free," it reminds readers), and never share bank account or credit card

information with an unsolicited caller. It also advises anyone who receives a suspected bogus call to contact the Federal Trade Commission toll-free at (877) FTC-HELP (382-4357).

Martini also approached the FBI, which told her it would need at least \$100,000 in losses before an investigation could be opened. She asked anyone who has been a victim of this particular scam to contact the sheriff's department at (831) 647-7702. She also identified the names of the suspects who continue to telephone her father-in-law: Scott Rowland, Thomas Spurling, Robert Kuly and Dwayne Anderson.

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# Scouts repair biker damage in Mission Trail Park

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL VALLEY resident Chase Howe should soon obtain the esteemed rank of Eagle Scout, and the City of Carmel can scratch an item off its to-do list.

Howe, a 17-year-old Robert Louis Stevenson senior who has been involved in Boy Scouts since the second grade, spent his weekend in Mission Trail Nature Preserve with 13 Scouts and other helpers repairing hillsides scarred by off-trail mountain bikers and erecting barricades to keep cyclists on the right paths.

City forester Mike Branson, whose son is also a Boy Scout, offered the work to Howe, who had been asking him for potential projects.

Fewer than 2 percent of all Boy Scouts make it through the six ranks to become Eagles, and before age 18, they must obtain 21 merit badges in everything from archery to wilderness survival, serve as a troop youth leader for at least 16 months, spend 13 hours on service projects, and plan, lead and complete an Eagle Project. Hank Aaron, Gerald Ford, Steven Spielberg, Neil Armstrong, H. Ross Perot and Donald Rumsfeld are among the 1.2 million boys to become Eagle Scouts since Boy Scouts of America formed in 1910.

Howe met Branson more than a year ago in the Boy Scouts' White Stag Leadership Program, where he was a youth leader and Branson was a volunteer.

Months later, Branson suggested he take on the needed trail restoration work, which had been called to the city's attention by resident Sarah Berling.

"We use low wooden barricades that don't make it as easy [to ride off-trail] and direct people to keep them on the trails," Branson said. "It's managed as a nature preserve, so we want people to stay on the trails as much as possible."

In addition to the barricades, the ruts would have to be filled and spread with native seeds. The city had been poised to do the work in-house when Branson asked city administrator Rich Guillen if it could serve as an Eagle Scout project, which would take longer to complete, but the labor would be free and the Scouts would benefit.



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Eagle Scout candidate Chase Howe (right) and fellow Scouts installed barriers to convince mountain bikers to stay on trails in Mission Trails Park.

Howe developed his strategy and presented it to Scouting officials for approval.

With their go-ahead, he drummed up support from his

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# Carmel Valley

## INCORPORATION

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nificantly delay the drive to incorporate.

The hearing will also offer LAFCO staff an opportunity to present status reports on two other key incorporation issues — the fiscal analysis of incorporation and a service plan for the proposed town of Carmel Valley.

LAFCO released a draft fiscal analysis on Jan. 3. It is unclear from the report whether the proposed town will be able to pay its bills, a requirement for incorporation.

“Carmel Valley may be financially feasible as a city, depending on the mitigation payment negotiated between the proponents and the County of Monterey,” the report states.

While the amount of the mitigation payment is subject to negotiations between proponents and the county that will begin in mid-February, the report indicates incorporation would deprive the county of \$2.5 million annually. So if the county refuses to budge on the amount of the mitigation payment, there is question whether the proposed town would be able to operate.

The report also states the proposed town “is highly dependent on sales tax and transient occupancy tax revenue for financial viability,” adding that “an economic downturn

## EAGLES

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With their go-ahead, he drummed up support from his Scoutmasters and others in Troop 127, met with Branson in the park to lay out the plans, and accompanied a public works employee to Hayward Lumber to buy materials. Howe met with a few Scouts who would be team leaders and painted X's where the post holes would be dug.

Following days of rain, the sun shone brightly Jan. 15, when the Scouts got to work. Howe assigned tasks to three teams: One assembled the barriers; a second dug holes and prepared each of the three sites; and the third undertook trail restoration and beautification.

At lunchtime, they refreshed themselves with sandwiches, drinks and snacks donated by Bruno's Market. So efficient was the group that most of the labor was finished on Saturday, though Sunday also had been set aside.

“I was really surprised how well it went,” he said, because many Eagle Scout projects seem to involve a certain amount of standing around. “Everyone showed up to work and was really gung ho.”

He credited some of the success to Scoutmaster Mike Hatfield, who set aside his weekend to work in the park.

Branson still needs to sign off on the project, and Howe must present it to the board before he turns 18 on Feb. 25.

While the city paid for the materials and provided the tools, “it saved two or three of our guys a day of work,” Branson said. “It's a good way to facilitate these types of projects, and it's helping youth out. All the Scouts who participated get credit for community service hours.”

Branson tries to keep potential projects in mind, though much of the city's work is not suitable.

“If you call and the time is right, you can get lucky,” he

could adversely affect the new city.”

Aside from the yet-to-be-determined mitigation payment to the county, the study projects the town's budget to have an annual surplus of about \$2.2 million in its second year of operation. By its seventh year, the surplus is estimated to increase to \$2.8 million annually.

Another factor in the financial feasibility equation is the town's road fund. A change in the way gas tax revenues are calculated will result in annual road fund budget deficits of more than \$100,000 annually beginning in the town's eighth year of operation. The reports suggests “it may be necessary to transfer funds from the general fund to cover deficits in the road fund.”

The second status report will discuss the town's ability to provide services to its residents. McKenna said the plan essentially details “how the city will function,” by measuring the impact of incorporation on the road system, law enforcement, sewers, schools and other aspects of the town's infrastructure.

“We have contracted with a consultant to prepare the plan and have a draft ready for review in February,” McKenna said.

Studies on the feasibility of incorporating Carmel Valley were first conducted in 1964, according to the Carmel Valley Forum, a local nonprofit group supporting incorporation. Several subsequent efforts to incorporate stalled, but a petition drive in the spring of 2003 that gathered 2,500 signatures led LAFCO to formally begin the lengthy incorporation process.

If incorporation is determined to have no environmental impact, if the proposed town is determined to be financially

feasible, and if a service plan for the town's infrastructure is approved, Carmel Valley residents could have an opportunity to vote on incorporation by late 2005 or early 2006.

The public will also have an opportunity to speak at the hearing on Monday, which will begin at 4 p.m. in the board of supervisors chambers, which is located in Room 225 on the second floor of the East Wing of the Monterey County Courthouse at 240 Church St. in Salinas.



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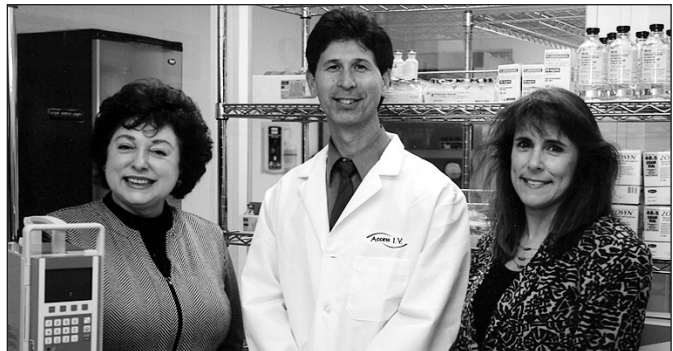


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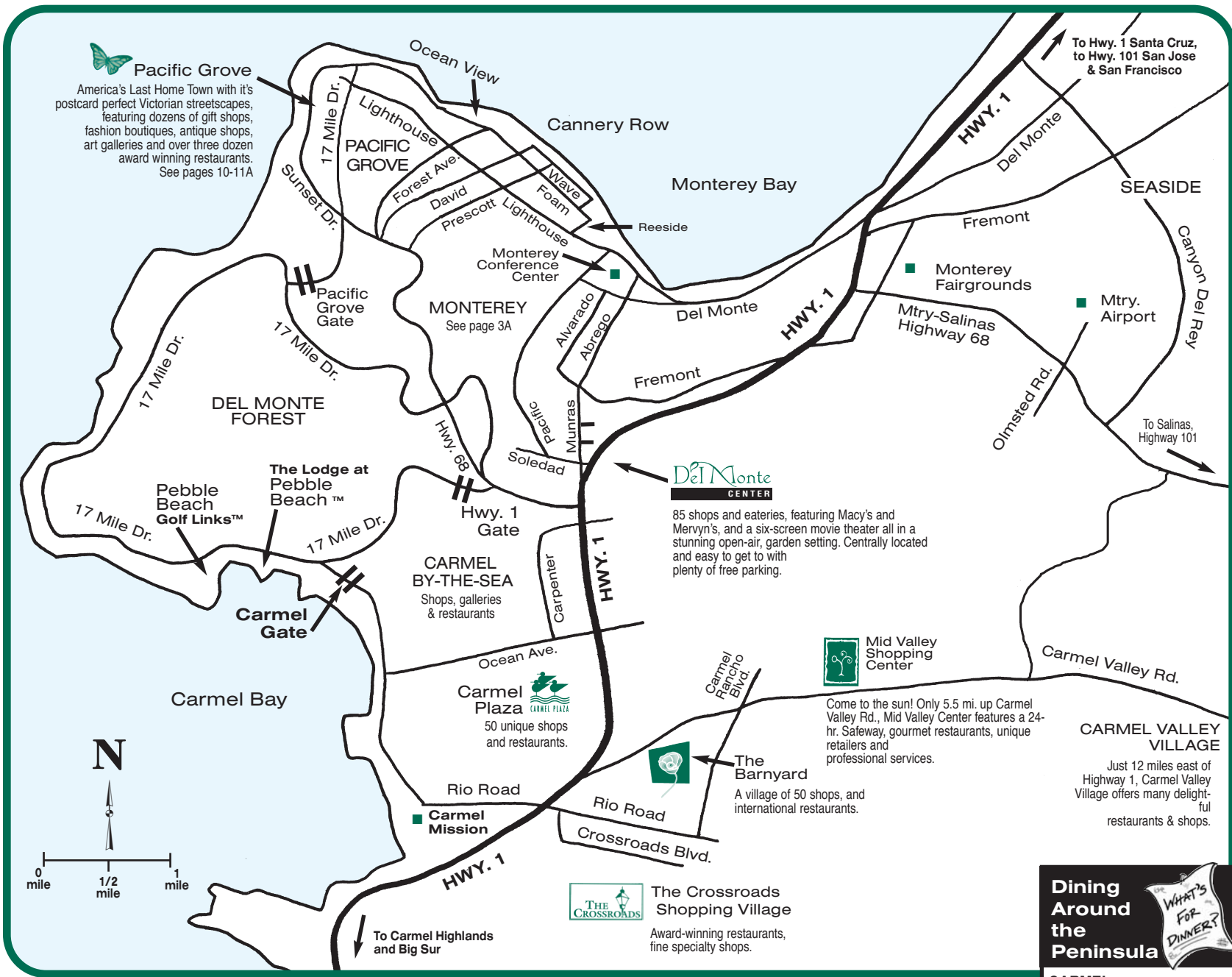


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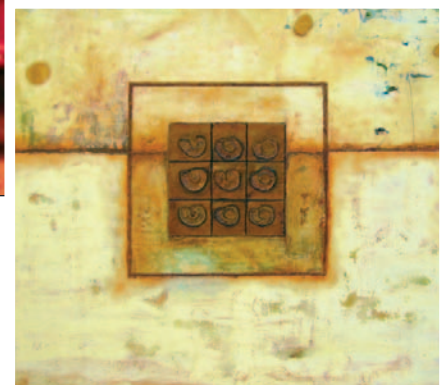
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CARMEL	
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**WHAT:** Performance Carmel presents the National Acrobats of Taiwan, composed of more than 40 skilled specialists who work with plates, chairs, tables, poles and ladders.  
**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27  
**WHERE:** Sunset Theater, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea  
**INFO:** (831) 620-2040



## New view of symmetry

**WHAT:** "9 Ammonites," a 2004 encaustic (dry pigment and molten wax) and oil on panel, part of "The Symmetry of Assymetry," a collection of new works by Tracey Adams  
**WHEN:** Jan. 22 through April 24; reception for the artist 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17  
**WHERE:** Monterey Museum of Art, 559 Pacific St., Monterey  
**INFO:** (831) 372-5477



Oscar-winning actor Emil Jannings gets a cosmetic touchup for his role as Mephisto in the 1926 "Faust."

### Silent film masterpiece accompanied live


THE ONLY 35mm print extant in North America of the 1926 film classic, "Faust," will be screened with live musical accompaniment by the Gotte Marte quartet from Italy this Saturday. In the "Faust" tale, a scholar makes a pact to sell his soul to the devil in

exchange for a return to his youth. The Golden State Theater on Alvarado Street in Monterey provides the setting for this cinematic event, which begins 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22. For tickets or further information, call the theater at (831) 372-4555.

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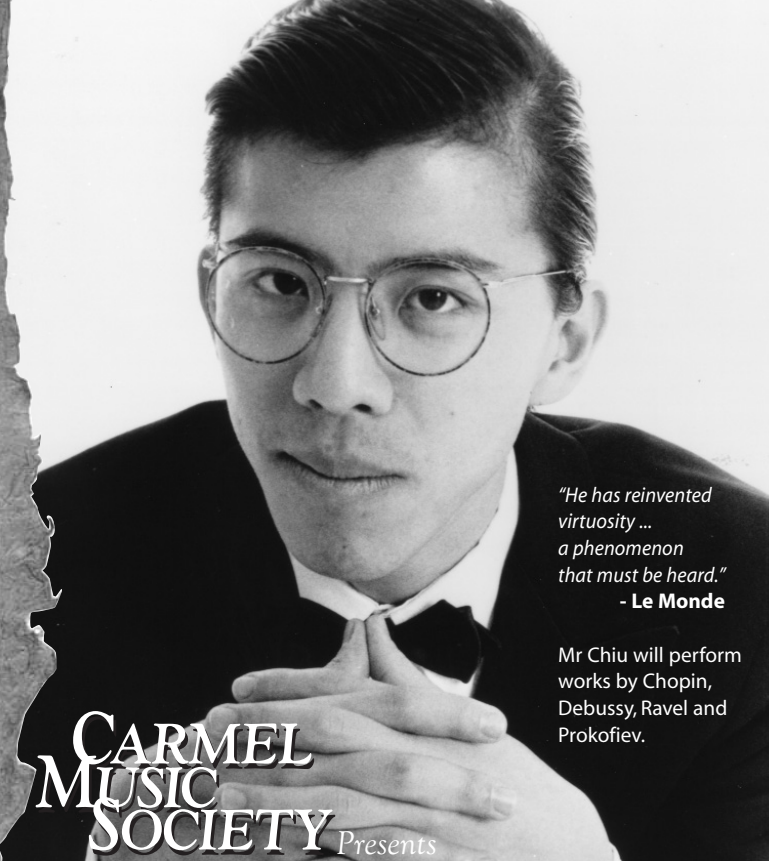
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# AN ADVENTURE STREWN TALE OF INTERNATIONAL LOVE

**“THE PILOT and the Kurdish Bride,”** a novel by Peninsula resident **Sven Christensen** — whose previous book, “Escape from Siberia,” was reviewed earlier in this column — is a love story set in a Kurdish U.N. protectorate, a semiautonomous province of Iraq.

## The Bookshelf



Its protagonist is U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Art Johnson, who is ejected from his F16 fighter plane over Iraq after a rocket hits the tail section. Although unconscious, his parachute brings him safely to earth where a beautiful Kurdish university student, Leann, finds him, takes him to her family

home, and nurses him back to health. When he is well enough to flee across the Syrian border, he finds his way to a U.S. Air Force base in Turkey.

The pair, very much in love, manage to see one another several times before Johnson returns to his homeland. Their rendezvous in various countries, his desertion from the military and smuggling a large sum of money into Nova Scotia are but a few of Johnson's adventures. His reunion with Leann is to be expected and provides a satisfying denouement to the story.

“The Pilot and the Kurdish Bride,” a 376-page softcover, is available for \$19.95 in local bookstores and through [www.Xlibris.com](http://www.Xlibris.com).



**CHRISTOPHER CAEN**, columnist for The San Francisco Examiner and The Independent, will talk about following in his father's footsteps and share his observations on life in The City at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23, in Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center, Carmel.

The son of legendary San Francisco columnist Herb Caen, Christopher Caen's Thursday column addresses everything from politics to the perfect Vitamin V.

Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased by calling the Carmel Public Library Foundation, sponsors of these Arts and Literary Series fundraisers, at (831) 624-2811.



The foundation raises funds for books, equipment and special programs to help Harrison Memorial Library maintain free service to all members of the community.

Carpenter Hall is located on Mission Street between Eighth and 10th avenues.



“**BUILD IT BIG**” is the title of a new book launched by **Jane Deuber**, president and co-founder of the international trade organization, Direct Selling Women's Alliance, and a resident of Pacific Grove.

The book's subtitle is “**101 Insider Secrets From Top Direct Selling Experts**,” which is directed at home-based business owners. Experts, trainers and leaders of the direct selling profession are featured in the book which makes it a sort of one-stop resource for strategies, insights and practical skills required to build a home-based

business.

The 313-page softcover retails for \$17.95 at most local bookstores.



**MARA FREEMAN** will discuss the Celt's view of life as a continuous cycle at a free 6:30 p.m. gathering Thursday, Jan. 27, at The Pilgrim's Way Bookstore at Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Freeman is the author of “**Kindling the Celtic Spirit: Ancient Traditions to Illumine Your Life Throughout the Seasons**.” Call (831) 624-4955 for information.



**AUTHOR/ARTIST Belle Yang** believes the “Chinese language is very visual — I never really separated words from pictures.” Authoring and illustrating a book is an unusual combination of talents, but for Belle Yang it's a natural gift. Her paintings perceptively capture the traditions of both worlds she has inhabited: China and America.

At 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, Yang will show the stages and formats used to create her latest illustrated book, “**Hannah is My Name**,” and will give a talk on the processes involved.

Following the talk



“Hannah is My Name” is Belle Yang's latest book which she wrote and illustrated.



Belle Yang

there will be a reception and booksigning showcasing her original sketches and paintings from her growing collection of published books, including “**Baba: A Return to China upon My Father's Shoulders**,” and “**The Odyssey of a Manchurian**.”

The lecture is free and will be presented at the Park Branch of Harrison Memorial Library, Sixth and Mission. No reservations are taken, and seating is limited. Early arrival is advised.

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**MON – FEB 7**

Author **Robert Michael Fried** will be discussing his new book “**A Marketing Plan for Life**.” In his book, he defines a twelve-point system that will help you achieve a fuller, more balanced life/work plan. Books will be available for purchase that evening.  
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# 'Blue Keys' artist performs a wealth of piano styles

PIANIST **MICHAEL Kaeshammer**, who performs this Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Jazz and Blues Company, plays a myriad of traditional piano styles including ragtime, boogie-woogie, stride and modern jazz. Classically trained in Germany, at the age of 13 the young musician fell in love with boogie-woogie piano and his family moved to Canada shortly thereafter.

Kaeshammer released his debut recording, "Blue Keys," in 1966 and was recognized by critics for his prodigious technique and thunderous left hand bass lines on a repertoire of brilliantly reshaped traditional jazz and blues classics. The young Canadian pianist, still in his mid-20s, recently released his fourth CD, "Strut." He has received numerous awards and accolades including the prestigious Canadian Juno and West Coast Music Awards for Performer of the Year and Musician of the Year.

His current tour features selections from his latest CD plus reinventions of tunes from his previous recordings. Music starts at 7:30 p.m.

On the following Saturday at the intimate Carmel jazz venue, the **Kim Edmunson Quintet** will perform a benefit concert for the Carmel Youth Center. Edmunson, a studio musician from Los Angeles, will showcase his latest recording, "Kim Edmunson/Alan Oldfield Project." Edmunson, who has ties to the Monterey Peninsula, was recently appointed director for the Carmel Youth Center music program. The center is a non-profit organization formed in 1949 to be used by young people between the ages of

## Cherry Center shows abstract paintings by Tim Rice

ABSTRACT-DERIVED images with often startling color combinations distinguish the new exhibit at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts. Tim Rice will be present during the reception for his artwork, from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21. Admission is free.

To create luminosity, Rice applies thin, translucent glazes over each painting. His work serves as a metaphor "to transform forces around us into symbols of meaning."

The collection can be viewed 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until Feb. 18. The Carl Cherry Center is at Fourth and Guadalupe, Carmel-by-the-Sea. For details, call (831) 624-7491.



**Plugged In**

By **Stephen L. Vagnini**

12-20 who reside within the Carmel Unified School District. Next Saturday's concert at the Jazz and Blues Store will feature composer and percussionist Edmunson; **Med Flory** and **Lanny Morgan** of the Grammy Award winning **Supersax** on alto saxophones; **Paul Morin** on bass; and **Tom Ranier** on piano. The evening will feature Charlie Parker bebop tunes interspersed with stories as told by Flory, a Hollywood studio musician who worked with Woody Herman and Stan Kenton. Music starts at 7:30 p.m. For reservations for both concerts call (831) 624-6431.

At the Monterey Hyatt Regency pianist **Bob Phillips** performs with the **Phillips Family Band**, a delightful family project that features the Carmel keyboardist extraordinare accompanied by his son **Dave** on bass and his daughter-in-law **Nancy** on vocals. The group plays jazz standards plus some original tunes penned by Phillips.

Bob Phillips, the patriarch, moved to Carmel from the East Coast in 1973 and he has become a beloved member of the local music scene. In addition to regularly performing benefit concerts, Phillips has appeared at the Monterey Jazz Festival on at least five occasions and in 2001 he was named Musician of the Year by the Monterey Dixieland Festival.

Saturday night at the Hyatt another musician who recently moved back to the Monterey Peninsula, **Hart Smith**, performs along with drummer **Dave Morwood**, bassist **Dan Robbins** and pianist **Eddie Mendenhall**. Hart, a member for many years of the Thoshiko Akiyoshi Big Band in New York City, plays bebop and beyond n trumpet and flugelhorn . . . expect to hear some Bird. Music starts at 7 p.m. Call (831) 372-1234 for information.

Santa Cruz folksinger **Keith Greeninger** performs with **Choco Jacques** Friday, Jan. 21 at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 490 Aquajito Road in Carmel. Greeninger, a former member of the popular Santa Cruz group City Folk, has recently released his second CD, "Back to You," a collection of original compositions that deal with love, nature, family, friends and community. Selections from his previous recording Wind River Crossing earned him recognition and a first place award the 1997 Kerrville Folk Songwriter. Jacques, a talented mandolin and fiddle player, was one of the founding

member of the Waybacks. Concert begins at 7 p.m. For information call (831) 624-7404.

At Sly McFly's on Cannery Row this weekend former TYT vocalist **Carla Blackwell** performs old school favorites on Friday night with her new group and on

Saturday the J.C. Smith Blues band plays the blues and Motown favorites. Music starts at 9 p.m. Call (831) 649-8050. At Cibo's on Alvarado Street jazz vocalist **Neal Banks** mixes it up with Soul on funk on Friday and Saturday night beginning at 10 pm. Call 649-8151.

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## Gardner Chase Schetter



Gardner Chase Schetter, age 88, a 50-year resident of Carmel and retired general contractor, passed away January 11, 2005 from natural causes. He was born in Marshfield, Oregon in 1916.

Gardner's grandfather, Frederick Schetter of San Francisco, owned telegraph companies that merged into Western Union, and his father, Otto Schetter, was manager of the first Coos Bay, Oregon Western Union office. While a young man, Gardner delivered many telegrams.

After completing his schooling, he worked in a lumber mill near Coos Bay and developed a keen eye for recognizing quality lumber. In 1942 he married Lucille Schetter who, during their 26-year marriage, gave him two sons, David and Charles. Lucille passed away in 2001. Gardner served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. His second wife, Diane Schetter, preceded him in death in 1988.

In his career as a home builder, Gardner designed, remodeled and built many homes in Carmel, in the Monterey Bay area, and in other west coast cities. As a true craftsman he was able to carry out all phases of construction, from foundation to high quality finish work. One of his larger projects was the completion of the massive home overlooking the Pacific Ocean south of Big Sur called Hill of the Hawk.

He is survived by his two sons, David Gardner Schetter of Irvine, California and Charles Otto Schetter of Malibu, California, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren, as well as former companion, Alice Parcel of Carmel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Carmel Foundation, Lincoln and 8th Avenue, Carmel 93921.

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For questions, please call Karen Crouch at 620-2000.

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# What's Happening

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**AUTHENTIC AFGHANI FOOD.** Sunday, Jan. 23 and 30, 6 to 9 p.m. **Where:** Plaza Linda in Carmel Valley Village. (831) 659-4229. Reservations required. **What:** All you can eat plus belly dancers! \$49/per person.

**WARRIORS CALVARY CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISING SPAGHETTI DINNER** - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, in the Multi-Purpose Room. To-go boxes will be available at 3:30 p.m. Calvary Chapel High School, 1002 David Ave., Pacific Grove. Menu: spaghetti (meat or vegetarian), salad, garlic bread and

dessert. Price: \$7 per meal or \$24 for four meals. Please call and reserve your dinner today at (831) 656-0696 or email at: [ad@calvaryhs.com](mailto:ad@calvaryhs.com)

**GALLERY ROW ART NIGHT!** A classy evening of art openings located at 700 Cannery Row, Monterey, second floor (above Sly McFly's) 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21. Opening with exciting new art, innovative vision, sculptures, and beautiful jewelry will be: Brent Overby Studios, JKLM Studios, MoreLess Projects, LeStudio, Steven Whyte Sculpture Studio, The Artist's Loft

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**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CARMEL BAY** invites you to lunch, noon to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 26. **Illia Thompson of "Beyond Journaling,"** a gently guided journey into wholeness, will speak on the healing process of journaling. Her topic: "Becoming Your Own Good Friend." Location: Rancho Cañada Golf Club, Carmel Valley Road, Carmel. Cost: \$25, includes lunch. RSVP (831) 642-4747.

**GUITARIST-SINGER-COMPOSER LEO KOTKE** will perform a solo concert at the Sunset Center in Carmel on Saturday evening, March 26. This concert, which marks Mr. Kottke's first visit to Carmel in more than a decade, is presented by UpWest Arts. Leo Kottke will perform

one show only at 8 p.m. Tickets are available from the Sunset Center Box Office at (831) 620-2040. For more information about this event, e-mail: [upwest@olympus.net](mailto:upwest@olympus.net)

**CARMEL DOLLHOUSE AND MINIATURES "SWEET TREATS" WORKSHOP,** Saturday, Feb. 12, 8:30 to 10 a.m. \$25 includes supplies. For friends and fun, join us to make mini Valentine's cookies, candies and cakes for your dollhouse that look good enough to eat! Call (831) 622-7171 or e-mail [Carmeldollhouse@aol.com](mailto:Carmeldollhouse@aol.com) to reserve a space. All workshops are held at the shop, 306 Mid Valley Center in Carmel Valley. February is SWEET TREATS SALE month. 10 percent off all miniature cookies, candies and cakes.

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# Food & Wine

## Amuse bouche

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

**CHEF MATT** Farmer and wife **Tawny** served generous portions of three chicken dishes created at **The Running Iron Restaurant & Saloon** at "A Village Affair" this week. His chicken *piccata* was memorable, and we proved it by going back for seconds. **Sylvia Medina** of **Café Rustica** praised her husband, **Chef Paulo Kautz**, for his preparation of chicken *paprikás* over mashed potatoes served at the Monday night event at Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley. And well she might.

See **AFFAIR** next page



PHOTOS/JOANN KIEHN

Tawny Farmer offers a helping hand of chicken piccata made by her husband, Chef Matt Farmer of The Running Iron Restaurant and Saloon.



Bernardus Lodge, which hosted "A Village Affair," put on this lavish display of assorted desserts, topping it off with a bower of roses.



Chicken paprikás, a Hungarian specialty, proved to be a favorite among "A Village Affair" patrons. Sylvia Medina helped serve her husband Paulo Kautz's excellent fare They own Café Rustica.

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# Food & Wine

## AFFAIR

From page 15A

The chicken was moist, tender and tasty, the sauce perfection, and the mashed potatoes over which it was served were what mashed potatoes are supposed to be: flavorful, creamy and comforting. Sixteen Carmel Valley restaurants and delicatessens were represented, and 18 wineries poured their best.

**Jim Vanderzwaan**, meteorologist of KSBW-TV, acted as master of ceremonies and **Peter De Vries** was auctioneer for the most remarkable collection of gifts and prizes ever, including baskets of wine and food, 20 pounds of fresh crab, restaurant dinners, a full side of beef cut up and packaged, and dinner for eight in a private home prepared by a San Francisco chef. This last auction item was donated by **Joan Vandervort**, who chaired the fundraiser to improve village pathways and other beautification projects.



THEY HAD a soft opening at Abalone Cove restaurant two weeks ago, and on their second Saturday, pulled in quite a crowd. Chef Jerome Fressinier, formerly of Club XIX, Anton & Michel, Quail Lodge and Grasing's Coastal Cuisine is excited about Abalone Cove, his first restaurant.

Located on the west side of Dolores Street, near the corner of Fifth Avenue, the restaurant is downstairs (in the original

Akaoni Japanese Restaurant location). Chef Jerome told us this week he rethought the Abalone Cove image, deciding to morph into a sort of Martinique, French West Indies, Caribbean theme and menu, renaming the restaurant "Sugar Reef." Sugar cane, bananas and rum are Martinique's main exports, so look for this influence in the new menu.

Right now, he said the salmon and filet mignon are proving popular, but plans to add sand dabs, sardines and calamari to the menu as local favorites. For the nonce, he's handling the kitchen by himself while looking for a sous chef. Jill Fressinier, his artist wife, is acting as hostess and server. Open for dinner Monday through Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m., Abalone Cove will be open for lunch, too — perhaps as early as March — Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Telephone number is (831) 620-0700.



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**CYPRESS INN**, Seventh and Lincoln, is planning a renovation of its beautiful Moroccan style bar, and has set up a temporary satellite bar in the foyer. The bar and back bar are beautifully designed, and a favorite with locals, so let's hope the original design will be maintained in the renovation. By the way, if you call the Cypress and are put on hold, you'll get to hear Doris Day singing such perennial favorites as "Sentimental Journey."



**THE MASTERS of Food & Wine** extravaganza at Highlands Inn Park Hyatt Carmel, which will run Feb. 17 - 20, is already 14 percent ahead of last year's ticket sales at this time. General Manager **Andrew Davidson** said the **Rarities Dinner** (that spectacular \$3,000, eight-course repast with rare, rare wines), with seating limited to 24, was sold out immediately, and the **Château Lafite-Rothschild** wine tasting on Feb. 18 is sold out, too. The cooking demonstrations plus luncheon by **Chef Rick Bayless** of Topolobampo, Chicago, and **Chef Charlie Palmer** of Aureole, New York, scheduled for Feb. 18 and 19 respectively, have only 10 places left for their showcase events. Saturday, Feb. 19 is the grand finale dinner (\$350 per person) and had only 28 seats remaining at press time. If you haven't reserved places for the demos, luncheons, dinners, wine tastings or for the **Chefs' Tables** luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 20, (always a great favorite of locals), be advised you should do so as soon as possible in order not to be disappointed. For information and tickets, call (800) 401-1009, or go online at [www.mfandw.com](http://www.mfandw.com).



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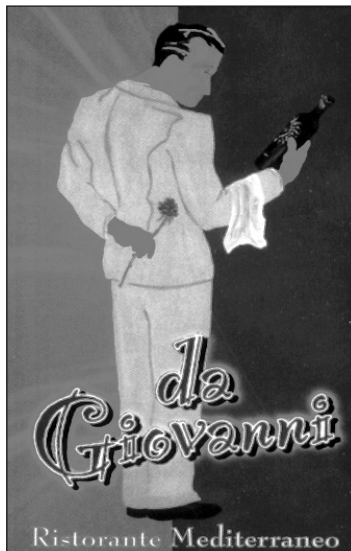
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# Food & Fine

## Sandy Claws

By Margot Petit Nichols

**M**OLLY & JUST-ASK-RORY, cousins, go walking together every day of their lives, thanks to their moms, who are sisters. Molly is a Tarantino, as well as being an apricot standard

## QUESADILLAS

From previous page

1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and chopped  
Salt and freshly ground pepper  
1/2 cup California cream cheese, softened  
2 Tbsps. butter or vegetable oil

Arrange four tortillas on a flat working surface and evenly divide the Pepper Jack, mushrooms and garlic, beef and peppers on each tortilla, taking care to leave a 1-inch border around the edge. Season to taste with S & P. On remaining four tortillas, spread cream cheese. Set them, cheese side down, on top of remaining four tortillas. Press gently to secure.

In a 9-inch skillet, heat 1 Tbsp. of the butter or oil over medium heat. Place one quesadilla in the pan and cook until cheese begins to melt and tortilla crisps to a golden brown (about five minutes). Carefully flip the quesadilla and repeat on the other side. Transfer from pan to cutting board and cover with foil. Let rest two minutes before cutting into wedges. Repeat with remaining quesadillas. Serve immediately.



poodle, and is 10 years old. She has a sister, Marlie, a white standard poodle who was absent, because of surgery, the day we encountered Molly at Carmel Beach.

Molly and Marlie get to sleep in Mom Karen and Dad Sal's bedroom, but in their own beds. Molly's favorite toy, a stuffed bear, has a voice inside that is particularly suited to bedtime: When squeezed, it says, "Now I lay me down to sleep" that comes out in a little girl's voice. This comforting prayer allows Molly to sleep through the night. When Dad gets up in the morning, Molly jumps into his warm place for a little extra comfort and shuteye.

Just-Ask-Rory Simmons, Rory for short, is an 8-year-old cuddly pug who loves to go on outings. On the way to the beach, he becomes very talkative in the car with Mom Liz, probably asking, "Are we almost there? Are we almost there?"

Rory's favorite toy is a black and white stuffed cow, "the size of a hamster," according to Mom. He particularly likes to suck on its head. Rory likes a little order in his life, and has reserved the hour of 4 to 5 p.m. as his daily barking hour. From his front yard, he barks at every passerby and car that comes into view. But his very favorite time of the day is the hour when Dad Jack comes home; Rory can always count on Dad for satisfying back rub.

Just Ask Rory.

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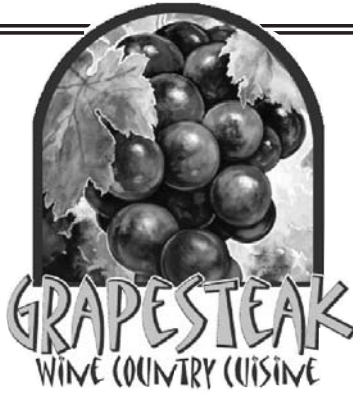
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## Diner's worth of customers keeps 'Bus Stop' interesting

By K. K. ROBINSON

THE TITLE "Bus Stop" evokes immediate images of Marilyn Monroe as Cherie — beautiful, breathless and vul-

nerable. But the Unicorn Theatre's production of William Inge's 50-year-old classic play shifts the focus away from Cherie with a stronger emphasis on the other characters in the ensemble.

Holly Henson sets the tone of the play as Grace, the proprietor of Grace's Diner where the action takes place. She fully understands the content of her life and the loneliness of her apartment upstairs. And her decision to share both with the bus driver Carl (her real-life husband Zan), albeit only for the 20-minute stopover he makes during his three-times-a-week run through town, is a deliberate one. The interaction between them is relaxed and comfortable as two folks who know their own needs and how to meet them.

the most believable in her role as the teenage waitress, Elma. Her naturalness on stage is impressive and her portrayal of the relationship with Dr. Lyman (Peter Eberhardt) is devoid of any of the sleazy overtones one might have expected as a result of the age difference. Eberhardt is articulate, erudite and polished, giving just the right amount of smoothness to his alcoholic Ph.D. in pursuit of the young Elma.

What should have been the main study of love and longing between the sexes turned out to be less compelling. Clint Ward, as the young cowboy Bo, commands the stage with his strong vocal and physical presence while Deborah Curtis plays Cherie, his love interest, with a thin voice that turns her into a whiny complainer instead of a wannabe woman of the world reviewing her options. While Ms. Curtis has a lovely singing voice, their scenes together are oddly out-of-balance. This leaves the audience unconvinced of the reality of Cherie's psychological journey as Curtis vacillates between withholding her emotions and flinging them all over the stage.

Seth Wetmore, as Sheriff Will Masters, needs to employ larger movements and a louder voice. It is hard to believe that he could physically intimidate, let alone beat-up, the larger Bo. Thomas Burks, as Bo's older buddy, Virgil, brought a sweet resignation to his self-awareness and familiarity with the realities of his life. Both actors underscored the loneliness of silent men who perform their work without complaint or the warmth of female companionship.

### Excellent set

Carey Crockett directed in a great set of his own design. It uses the entire depth of the stage and enables the actors to carry on their "private" conversations in a convincing way. Holly Hansen and Adrianna Wellisch designed the costumes, Greg Johnson did the lights, and David Meyer provided the mood-enhancing sound.

Set in Kansas in the midst of a blizzard, Inge's classic is a study of our urge to "connect" with others in some sort of meaningful relationship. Surprisingly, none of the actors seemed in much of a hurry to come into the diner and get warm, and some left it without putting on their coats!

**WHAT:** "Bus Stop" by William Inge

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday until Feb. 6

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# P.G.-Carmel soccer rivalry defined by Golden Ball

By KIRSTIE WILDE

FOR MORE than half a century, Carmel and Pacific Grove high schools have enjoyed a friendly rivalry — the culmination being the notorious annual “Shoe Game” where the two football teams clash for the bragging rights of “Best by-the-Sea.”

On Jan. 26, Carmel and P.G. will kick off the inaugural “Golden Ball” game to settle the question: Which varsity boys’ soccer teams can claim the brand new *fútbol* trophy for 2005? The goal of coaches Keith Gaudoin and Armand Zenopian of Carmel and Ronny Haraldsvik and Brad Weber of Pacific Grove, is to create an annual event to energize the young men they work with for years to come. While the coaches are promoting soccer, the boys will be out for some glory after a tough season for both teams. The Carmel Padres (0-7-0) and Pacific Grove Breakers (2-6-0) have struggled against stronger South County teams in the Mission Trail Athletic League during the first half of the season.

“We both have young teams this year, mostly sophomores and juniors,” said Haraldsvik, Breakers varsity coach for the second year. “With the Golden Ball game, we have something to look forward to every year, as we continue to build a foundation for soccer in our respective communities.”

Henceforth, the Golden Ball game will be played on the two schools’ second game in the season. Pacific Grove beat

Carmel 2-1 the first outing this season.

Haraldsvik said Pacific Grove has some outstanding young players who should be watched closely in the next couple years.

“Junior forward J.T. Salazar is fast and has already scored five goals and provided two assists,” said Haraldsvik. J.T. is expected to be a standout this year and next, has a shot at being named to the all-league team and will likely play college soccer, according to his coach. Matt Spade, also a junior, has established himself as a playmaker on P.G.’s midfield. And Axel Araujo, one of two freshmen starters for P.G., “is a strong, tall player with a strong foot who will make a difference for P.G. in the years to come,” Haraldsvik said.

Even though soccer is growing to be one of the most popular sports in elementary, middle and high schools around the country, on the Monterey Peninsula soccer takes a back seat to football and baseball. The coaches say soccer needs help to succeed in Carmel and Pacific Grove.

“We are working with local supporters to help promote soccer among the younger kids, but this will take time,” Gaudin said. Haraldsvik added, “P.G.’s recreation department



has shown great interest in supporting soccer and this bodes well for P.G. High School in the years to come.”

Both coaches agree it takes more than the few months of a high school season to nurture great soccer players. They encourage parents to play a pivotal role by encouraging young players to sign up for year-round traveling teams or in the recreation leagues. “Players can improve and add valuable experience before they come to us for high school soccer,” Haraldsvik said.

“Players in the southern part of the Peninsula play year round and that’s why they continue to place 1, 2 and 3 in MTAL,” said Gaudoin

“We’re about to change that,” Haraldsvik promised. “Next year, both

Carmel and P.G. will come back with the same team of players, with more experience and a strong desire to compete for CCS playoffs.”

The first annual Golden Ball game kicks off at 5:30 p.m. at P.G. High’s Breakers Stadium at the corner of Congress Avenue and Sunset Drive on Wednesday, Jan. 26. In 2006, the game will be played at Carmel.

## Kart-racing superstars to battle during U.S. Grand Prix at Seca

By MARY BROWNFIELD

FOR THE first time since they raced against each other in the world championship in Brazil in 1992, four veteran motorcyclists will compete on the track at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca this July. Former world champions Wayne Rainey, Eddie Lawson and Kevin Schwantz, and former U.S. Superbike champion Doug Chandler, will race souped-up go-karts against each other and competitors from around the world in the Superstars of Super Karts event, which will accompany the much-anticipated return of Grand Prix motorcycle racing to Laguna Seca in July.

The kart race was announced at a track-side press confer-

ence last week.

It followed the December relocation of a pedestrian bridge at Rainey Curve (named after the aforementioned motorcycle racer) that is part of the \$2 million in track improvements mandated by the Federation Internationale de Motorcyclisme before GP racing can be held there.

Yamaha is helping to pay for the work, and Red Bull is sponsoring the U.S. Grand Prix set for July 8-10. The last time Grand Prix motorcycles raced at Laguna was in 1994.

While testing the karts at the track Jan. 12, Lawson, who began racing them in 1990 and got Rainey hooked on the sport after the latter was rendered paraplegic in a motorcycle racing accident, described the sport as “a kick in the butt.” He admitted laughing and smiling at 140 mph.

Super Karts feature semi-enclosed bodywork and wings. Aboard his Yamaha Super Kart, which only weighs about 300 pounds, Lawson has averaged 100.864 mph to turn a 1:23.875 lap — faster than any motorcycle raced at Laguna.

“This track is just awesome,” he said.

The racers admitted being thrown by the newly relocated bridge, which now sits 440 feet closer to the signature Corkscrew at the back of the track. It was moved to make space for more run-off area on the outside of the corner — one of many planned safety improvements.

“It was a reference point in the past,” Chandler said.

“We’ve lost that now that it’s so much higher up the hill.”

Laguna Seca PR coordinator Ed Nicholls said the remainder of the track work will be completed in the 45 days following the U.S. Sports Car Invitational April 29-May 1.

“It will be tough, but we can do it,” Nicholls said.



PHOTO/ALAN MESSICK

Salinas motorcycle racer Doug Chandler has been wooed into racing Super Karts alongside former world champs.

## Tsunami relief pours in to local Red Cross

By MARY BROWNFIELD

SINCE THE devastating earthquake and resulting tsunami struck Asia last month, almost \$140,000 in donations have rolled in to the Carmel chapter of the American Red Cross, according to executive director Donna Duvin. The chapter will host a meeting Friday to tell members of the public how their money is being used.

“We’ve seen a very generous outpouring from the community,” she said.

Companies, schools, churches and individuals deeply moved by the extent of suffering in the disaster, which killed an estimated 160,000 people, have given money to the cause.

And many Peninsula fundraising efforts remain under way, including coin drives at Carmel River and Tularcitos elementary schools. Pacific Repertory Theatre extended its “Buddy — The Tribute Concert,” and will donate all of the proceeds from the 7 p.m. show Jan. 30 to the Red Cross International Response Fund, according to Duvin.

To date, Americans have pledged \$212 million through the American Red Cross alone, according to Duvin. She said the nonprofit expects to spend \$400 million.

“We know there are a great number of immediate needs, but this is expected to go on for years and years,” she said. “We will stay involved all that time. In five or 10 years, we’ll likely still have some personnel on the ground there.”

So far, the American Red Cross has deployed 13 experts to help with sanitation and water systems, medicine and other specialized fields.

The affected countries’ Red Cross and Red Crescent societies are sending local volunteers to help in the recovery, according to Duvin, just as the American Red Cross does when disasters strike in the United States.

In Asia, she said, “Our job is just to send out top consultants.”

The public is invited to the Jan. 21 presentation on how funds are used in the relief effort and the Red Cross’ role there. The talk begins at 7 p.m. at the chapter house, located at Dolores and Eighth in downtown Carmel.

AT&T Pebble Beach Charities, the giving arm of the foundation that hosts the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and The First Tee Open, pledged \$100,000 to the U.S. Golf Tsunami Relief Fund last week.

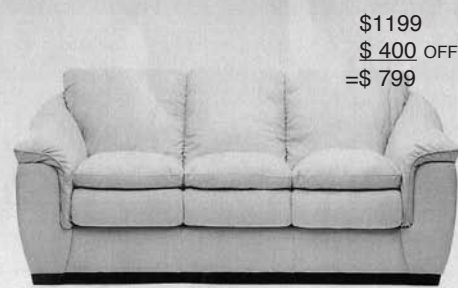
The PGA Tour, PGA of America, USGA, Augusta National and the LPGA have combined efforts to raise \$2 million for the disaster relief effort.

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# SENIOR LIVING



## Carmel realtor is Mrs. Afghanistan in Mrs. World contest

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHEN THE Mrs. World beauty pageant gets under way near Bombay, India, next month, its first ever Mrs. Afghanistan — Carmel realtor Masuda Rahmati Diaz — will be among the 50 contestant. She hopes her story of struggle and success in fleeing her war-torn country for the United States will inspire other women to strive to triumph in the face of adversity.

“Maybe they will know that if I can do it with all these cultural barriers, they can do it too, by believing in themselves, honoring themselves and taking the high road,” she said.

Diaz immigrated to the United States with her family in 1979 during the Russian invasion — an experience she still vividly recalls. Father, mother and six daughters escaped in the dark of night, leaving everything behind — including the family dog — and paying smugglers to get them out of the country.

“We all kissed the ground — kissed our country for the last time,” said Diaz, who was 9 at the time. “My father was very courageous. He took us all and took the risk of us being killed by the mujahidin, the Russians or the Afghani government. It took us a week to get from Kabul to Pakistan.”



Masuda Rahmati Diaz — a.k.a. Mrs. Afghanistan — and her husband, Rene Diaz, will leave in a few weeks for India, where she will compete in the Mrs. World international beauty pageant.

Photo courtesy Rene Diaz

At 35, she said she still awakens in tears in the middle of the night, remembering friends to whom she never had the chance to say goodbye.

Newly arrived in Southern California, the formerly well-to-do family had little.

“Money was always an issue,” she said.

In West Hollywood, they suffered culture shock.

“I spoke no English and didn’t know how to make friends,” Diaz said. She only knew how to say “Hello,” and “Goodbye,” which was more than either of her parents could say. “Every day, going to school for me was humiliating and frustrating, not being able to relate to other kids my age.”

To face the challenges of her new life, she delved into books and studied hard, eventually achieving academic honors and tutoring other students in algebra.

“I didn’t like the way I felt about myself,” she said. “I became a bookworm and was determined to beat this thing.”

Meanwhile, the family moved to Carmel, and she graduated from Carmel High in 1988. She studied sociology at UC

Santa Cruz, where she put herself through school bagging groceries and working as a nanny before graduating in 1995.

She became a realtor and married the former CHS football captain, Rene Diaz, on whom she’d had a crush 16 years earlier.

It was while watching last year’s Mrs. World pageant with him that she became inspired to compete.

“I was disappointed that I didn’t see anybody from my country there,” she said. “Thanks to the USA, freedom and democracy, I was able to change that picture.”

To compete in Mrs. World contestants must be 18 years or older, married and natural born of the country they represent. Diaz was born in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Aug. 3, 1969.

“In this competition, I did not have to be appointed — anybody could have entered,” she said.

The 50 women will be judged on interviews and their appearances in formal gowns and swimsuits, according to Diaz, who said her entering requires courage because extremists will object.

“But I believe in what I’m doing,” she said.

Diaz doesn’t think she will escape criticism in the United States, either, where many Muslim women remain so “terrified of their husbands, fathers and brothers that they can’t even have lunch with a girlfriend.”

Diaz and her husband plan to arrive in India Feb. 12, and she will spend nearly two weeks rehearsing and preparing for the Feb. 25 pageant.

To raise money for the trip, the Diazes are hosting dinners at Plaza Linda Jan. 23 and 30 featuring Afghani fare. Diaz will cook, using recipes taught her by her mother, and her husband will serve as sous chef.

Tickets run \$49 per person, and two previous dinners sold out, she said. Anyone interested in reserving a seat should call her at (831) 521-8897 with credit card information.

The pageant is set to air on Pax TV, and Diaz hopes she won’t be the first, last and only Mrs. Afghanistan.

Salso hopes other women will heed her message: “Always try to do your best, and you will be happy with the result, because it comes from the heart.”

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# SENIOR LIVING



## Residents group seeks Citizen of the Year nominations

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE CARMEL Residents Association will announce its 16th annual Citizen of the Year at a celebration Feb. 27, but the group needs nominations first.

Nominees must be "somebody who has been very involved in the community and has worked for the overall good of Carmel, for making it a better place to live — a more friendly place, a more beautiful place, a cleaner place — and just working to maintain the character of Carmel," said Linda Anderson, a CRA member and a past recipient of the award.

The award recognizes "people who have really been out front in doing their part and taking responsibility for helping in the community," she said.

Nominations may be submitted by any

individual or group, but nominees must live within Carmel-by-the-Sea or its sphere of influence, which is bound by Pescadero Canyon to the north, Hatton Canyon to the east and Carmel River to the south.

Anderson said she hopes the call for nominees will generate many candidates for the honor.

"That's really important to the selection committee," she said. "And it should be stressed that the Citizen of the Year does not have to be a member of the CRA."

Past honorees include Jim Wright, Joyce Stevens, Enid Sales, Jack Billwiller, Skip Lloyd, Noel Mapstead, Clayton Anderson, Roy Thomas, Jean White, Bob Kohn, Linda Anderson, John Hicks, Noel Van Bibber, Jim Holliday, Frankie Laney, Nancy and Bill Doolittle, and Merv Sutton — the first

downtown Carmel business owner to receive the award in its 16-year history.

The winner will be announced at a celebration set for Feb. 27 at 3:30 p.m. in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center, and all are welcome to attend, according to Anderson.

To nominate a candidate for Carmel

Citizen of the Year, send a letter to the CRA Citizen of the Year Selection Committee, P.O. Box 13, Carmel, CA 93921. For more information, call (831) 624-3208 or visit [www.carmelresidents.org](http://www.carmelresidents.org).

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**Editorial**

# A privileged community and a lucky man

-LAST THURSDAY'S grand opening of the new Century Cinemas at Del Monte Center was truly a grand event for this community, which has had to endure mostly third-world-quality theaters for decades.

It was also an opportunity for people from the Monterey Peninsula to enjoy perhaps the greatest achievement in the remarkable career of their most famous neighbor, Clint Eastwood.

His new movie, "Million Dollar Baby," leaves audiences stunned at the dramatic turns that sweep through the lives of its characters. And it fills them with introspection about the tenuousness of their own personal happiness. Many say it's Eastwood's best movie. Some critics have also called it the best movie of the year, and one of the most exciting, and accurate, sports movies ever.

"But it's not just a boxing movie," Eastwood told The Pine Cone. "It's a love story about people trying to find support and a family."

Sunday, he won a Golden Globe as Best Director. Tuesday, he'll find out if he'll also be nominated for an Oscar in that category — if he is, it would be his second in as many years.

"When I did 'Mystic River,' I thought I would just work behind the camera from now on," Eastwood said. "But when this story ["Million Dollar Baby," a short story by F.X. Toole] came along, the part seemed just perfect for me."

The movie was backed 50-50 by Warner Brothers and a Chicago investment group, Lakeshore Productions. With the movie earning a per-screen average of more than \$17,000 last weekend, and with the movie set to open at almost 2,000 more theaters next week, it seems both companies will profit handsomely.

"I can't think of one I've had that's opened better," Eastwood said. It's a remarkable achievement for the former Carmel mayor, who is now 74 years old.

Thanks to a multi-million dollar investment by the Century Cinemas Corporation, and a permit very wisely issued by the Monterey City Council two years ago, Eastwood's latest movie has a proper venue to play locally. After decades of suffering, Monterey Peninsula moviegoers no longer have to subject themselves to moldy, threadbare carpets, broken seats, lack of heat, ancient restrooms, bad sightlines and sound invasion from the theater next door. Instead, the new cinemas are comfortable, quiet and very high tech — perfect places to let Hollywood take you to another world.

So this community no longer has to consider itself deprived when it comes to movie theaters. And we have to remind ourselves how lucky we are to have a man living in our community whose talents touch people around the globe and who seems never to tire when it comes to local civic mindedness.

"It's good for me to live here, too. Because it gets me away from all the stuff that goes on in Los Angeles," Eastwood said.

Amen.

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## Letters to the Editor

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### Farr on the ADA

Dear Editor,

While I share the outrage over scoundrels who deliberately abuse the tenets of the Americans with Disabilities Act expressed in your Dec. 24 editorial, I was surprised to be targeted by The Pine Cone as "the one local politician" who could help protect local businesses from ADA lawsuit scams. Especially when your paper never attempted to contact me on this issue.

In fact, the federal ADA law does not provide for monetary damages. At the most, a successful federal suit would force a business to become compliant with the law and

possibly pay legal fees. Rather, it is California state law that allows an individual to sue businesses for damages and demand large sums of money.

Furthermore, the ADA is a civil rights statute. Calls for legislative reforms such as a 90-day "fix it" window are opposed by President Bush, a majority of Congress, and the National Council on Disability because such a change does not meet the test of ensuring civil rights. In confronting these nuisance lawsuits, we have to remember that the folks who are bringing these suits are driven by greed, not substance. Their lawsuits are not based on merit, and I doubt if any amount of law will eliminate them. Unfortunately your editorial misleadingly suggests that legislative relief is the best solution.

Instead, I recommend that businesses fight these bogus lawsuits and act proactively to prevent further suits. The ADA web site is very detailed, including pictures ([www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov)), a federal Help Hotline is available to walk business owners through the ADA compliance process (1-800-514-0301), and the federal Access Board has developed a model building code for public facilities, available at: [www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov). Partnering with local disability groups would help businesses clear the air on this issue and devise achievable goals of

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# LETTERS

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serving the disabled community, as well as inoculate businesses against nuisance suits. If local disability groups can be the point of contact in a community to defend local businesses against legitimate complaints, they may be able to prevent lawsuits from ever being filed.

My office is open to all constituent concerns and I will continue my efforts to protect both our local businesses and the civil rights of disabled Americans.

**Sam Farr, Congressman**

*Editor's note: We will examine Congressman Farr's position on the ADA — that he likes it just the way it is — in an editorial next week.*

## All-year Christmas lights?

Dear Editor,

For all of Carmel's history the town (both its government and its citizens) has treasured its uniqueness in the face of never-ending pressures to be like everybody else. This philosophy is deeply-embedded in the General Plan, the zoning ordinances and the souls of a few old-timers who are still around. It has been an attitude that, together with our precious natural beauty of place, has caused Carmel to be world famous, envied by all who have visited here and many who have only heard of us. The town has consistently refused to be tempted into the greater revenue flow generated by chain stores and commercial gimmicks. It has even rejected opportunities for receiving government grants for public works projects, objecting to the strings that are attached, while valuing its independence as being more important than the money. Now, suddenly, we are confronted with all-year Christmas lights.

Central to making this philosophy of uniqueness work has been the dedication of citizens who have served over the years on the planning commission and the city council. Such devoted departed Carmelites as Fred Keeble, George Willox, Dorothy von Meier, Ed Neroda, Florence Josslyn, Francis Whitaker, Gunnar Norberg, Steve Grant, Allen Knight, Keith Evans, Eben Whittlesey, Barney Laiolo, Howard Nieman, Herb Blanks, to name but a few, must be restless in their graves over what is currently transpiring. Having served with almost all of them at one time or another, I know how deeply they all felt on this issue.

The latest inroad on Carmel's special

character, extending the time for Christmas lights on Ocean Avenue, puts us another notch closer to the banality of the typical twenty-first century American community, with cookie-cutter shopping centers and a slavish devotion to every faddish notion coming down the pike. A reluctant concession might be made for installation of lights at Christmas, but ALL YEAR?

Where is the planning commission when we need them? How can the council sit meekly aside?

**Olof Dahlstrand, Carmel**

## Incorporation means 'tighter controls'

Dear Editor,

As the noose a small group of people is trying to put around our lovely valley community grows tighter, it's regrettably necessary to start fighting back. Look for some cold, hard facts before you make a decision.

Most of the residents who live here (and we have data to prove it) enjoy the environment just the way it is. Making Carmel Valley a city serves an ambitious few who are spending large sums of money and an awful lot of their time trying to sell us on what a miserable life we now lead and how absolutely utopian it would be if we would only incorporate. They have a distinct advantage. What they are doing costs a lot of money. They are spending a lot of their own and developers' money just to force this thing on all of us. They project a municipal government with larger expenses and tighter controls on our way of life than we left urban landscapes to escape.

**Don Soule, Carmel Valley**

## 'Citizen GPU'

Dear Editor,

This past week the board of supervisors was given a Community General Plan Update. This citizen plan should be adopted by the board. This plan is what the community wants and it fully incorporates the priorities of the community, including those expressed in our seven community forums, but also in hundreds of public meetings held throughout the county as part of the county's General Plan Update process.

The grand jury investigation exposed how our \$5 million waste occurred and we still have no plan. This community plan makes affordable housing a priority and also makes certain that infrastructure must be provided by the developer at the time construction occurs. We already have a severe

shortage in the sheriff's office undermining our public safety. This plan will make sure those types of service will remain a priority.

In addition, the plan supports agriculture by keeping farmers free of a burdensome permit process by removing controls over routing and ongoing agricultural activities.

Our quality of life over the next 20 years is at stake. Let's hope the board of supervisors can start out the new year by showing leadership for the citizens who elect them.

**Paula Lotz, Carmel**

## Never a CCC

Dear Editor,

Ritchie Dunn's letter to the Monterey County Herald on Dec. 23 was right on target and before Mr. Williams starts denigrating this fine gentleman, he should get his facts straight.

Ritchie was a very successful store owner in the 1950s and has owned property here just as long. Carmel never had a Chamber of Commerce. It was called the Carmel Business Association.

**Glenna Martin, Carmel**

## 'Mighty Dan' still swinging

Dear Editor,

So the CBS report on "Rathergate" has finally been released. It seems myopic zeal, and not a political agenda caused "60 Minutes" Wednesday to broadcast its fraudulent story on President Bush's military service. Four scapegoats have been fired, but good old Dan has been spared. According to the report, "Mr. Rather does not appear to have participated in any of the vetting sessions or to have seen the segment before it

aired." He was in Florida so he's off the hook. You see, poor Dan had no ax to grind, and CBS — of course — had not taken sides in the election.

The Thornburgh/Boccardi report does a pretty good job explaining how this fiasco came into being, but it fails miserably in explaining why it was allowed to happen. No political agenda at CBS? Nothing could be further from the truth. The network vigorously defended Rather's story for 12 full days, circling its wagons ever tighter as evidence mounted that the documents had been forged.

While the bulk of the blame rests with the story's producer, Mary Mapes, a liberal partisan with an obvious agenda, it is ludicrous that the network let Rather slide. Thornburgh and Boccardi speak of "the appearance of political bias," but nowhere do they acknowledge that such bias had anything to do with the story.

In truth, Dan Rather would have done anything to see President Bush defeated. His long-held enmity toward the Bush family and unarguably liberal bent caused him to disregard everything he'd learned during a lifetime of journalism. A chance to bring down the president was simply too great a temptation. So he tossed any pretense of ethics and went for the jugular.

Dan was absent with leave the night the report came out, but he was back in his chair the next evening while four underlings were out looking for new jobs. There must be some joy in Mudville — Mighty Dan has yet to strike out.

**Warren "Pete" Poitras, Carmel Valley**

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