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Guardsman: New Orleans duty worse than Iraq

By MARY BROWNFIELD

‘IT WAS a difficult deployment, because a lot of the guys had just come back from Iraq,’ said John Hanson, a U.S. Army National Guardsman and building maintenance specialist for the City of Carmel. ‘And what we found in New Orleans made it worse.’

It wasn’t the hurricane-destroyed homes or the emptiness of the city that made the mission a challenge, but the state of the high school he and his platoon were ordered to get ready to reopen. Hurricane Katrina left 119 schools closed, according to Hanson, but O. Perry Walker High School in one of the city’s poorer neighborhoods was one of those that suffered relatively little structural damage.

‘The only part that had been damaged was the auditorium. The roof had blown off,’ he said of the school, which is Mayor Ray Nagin’s alma mater. ‘When we started to assess the rest of the school we were very surprised to find it was just disgustingly filthy and unkempt’ — not from storm damage or use as an evacuation center, according to Hanson, but simply from years of abuse and neglect as a school.

‘The exterior doors on the ground floor were bolted shut, the door handles were missing, and they had replaced the glass in the windows with cheap Plexiglas,’ he said. A theater-turned-classroom contained 5-foot-deep piles of student records. He found whiskey bottles and condoms in the custodian’s office. Hardly any drinking fountains worked. All the lockers were bolted shut, reportedly to curb the pervasive problems of drug abuse and violence.

The bathrooms, with broken fixtures and inoperable lights, were covered in graffiti and so disgusting that Hanson said he heard stories of students asking their parents to take them to restrooms outside the school.

The classrooms’ contents indicated which teachers were devoted to students’ success and which apparently couldn’t care less, according to Hanson. A wood shop teacher seemed to be using the school’s equipment and materials to make furnishings for his own home.

‘It was very difficult to justify the mission to a lot of the men,’ Hanson said.

During their month at the school, the guardsmen saw no parents and only two students, as well as a few administrators and teachers. Some thanked them for their work as they loaded numerous gigantic dumpsters with broken

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When Carmel city worker John Hanson’s National Guard unit arrived in New Orleans, the soldiers discovered the flood waters had left cars piled on top of each other — and on top of houses. But what they found at one high school was even worse.

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LandWatch general plan sponsor has new doubts

■ Salinas councilwoman says Peninsula should build its ‘fair share’ of affordable housing

By KELLY NIX

SALINAS CITY councilwoman Jyl Lutes, one of five signatories of the Community General Plan proposed for the June ballot by LandWatch Monterey County, said she believes key points of the initiative are flawed.

‘There are things I’m not comfortable with,’ Lutes told The Pine Cone.

The LandWatch plan prohibits new subdivisions in Carmel Valley, which would make the valley off-limits to affordable housing, such as the project proposed for Rancho Cañada.

‘That’s one of the things I disagree with,’ Lutes said. ‘I do think the whole county, and especially the Peninsula, has to look at affordable housing and do its fair share.’

Rancho Cañada Village would provide 280 homes, half of them priced from \$150,000 to \$370,000.

She also said she dislikes a requirement in the initiative that would require significant general plan amendments — typically handled by county supervisors — to be approved by voters, a costly and time-consuming process.

‘We elect county supervisors to make those decisions,’

The president of an affordable housing group calls a LandWatch mailer “misleading” — see page 26A

she said. ‘We should be able to trust our elected officials to do that.’

The initiative would essentially stop new development, except on existing parcels, in the unincorporated areas of the county and instead would limit new subdivisions to five ‘community areas.’

But Lutes said she’s concerned about the plan’s call for growth in one of those areas — Boronda, the small unincorporated community just west of the Salinas city limits.

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The city’s past on display



PHOTO/COURTESY CALIFORNIA VIEWS

A new photo exhibit shows Carmel-by-the-Sea when it wasn’t even knee high to a grasshopper — such as this 1850 view down Ocean Avenue from Junipero Street. See page 18A.

Mountain lion back on the hunt in P.G.

By KELLY NIX

TWO RAVAGED deer found in Pacific Grove this week were probably killed by a mountain lion — the first known attacks in the city for months, police said.

Dec. 3, a golf course worker discovered the carcass of a deer on the 18th Green of the city’s golf course while the second carcass was found Tuesday near the beach at Ocean View and Asilomar boulevards, said Carl Miller, the city’s police chief.

‘There were signs it was a mountain lion kill,’ Miller said, including large bite marks.

Mountain lions aren’t new to Pacific Grove. There were several sightings of a lion, and 10 deer were killed in the city between March 2004 and December 2005, police said.

The animals are highly territorial, and the latest attacks are believed to have been committed by the same mountain lion responsible for previous deer kills in the city.

Pacific Grove has an abundant population of deer, a mountain lion’s meal of choice. It appeared that scavenger animals, such as raccoons, fox and birds, fed on the deer after the mountain lion killed them, Miller said.

Usually the large predatory cats revisit the location of a kill and continue to feed on their prey, but police don’t believe the animal did that in the two recent attacks, he added.

Although police said they would keep a close eye on the areas where the dead deer were found, Miller said there was not much they could do except warn people to be on the lookout for the lion.

‘The good thing is this mountain lion has not been stalking people,’ he said.

State law prohibits mountain lions from being displaced or harmed unless the cat is deemed a public safety hazard, but

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Longtime All Saints Church rector leaves to feed new flock

■ Congregation to honor him at Dickensian Dinner Sunday

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE REV. Dr. Carl Hansen ended his role as rector of All Saints Church last week, but that hardly means his ministering days are over. After 18 years leading his Carmel congregation, Hansen started his new job Dec. 5 as executive

director of the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County in Paso Robles.

There, he will oversee efforts to distribute food to 200 agencies that serve the needy. "I really see it as a ministry," he said.

It's familiar territory for Hansen, who in the 1990s introduced a collaborative church program that provides food and shelter for homeless men. He also helped establish many of

the annual fundraisers that help people in need outside the parish.

"Outreach generally is the lifeblood of any congregation," he said. "The church is called to be servants for all, and when we've been at our best, we've done that."

Service helps participants remember the church's purpose, he said.

"Our goal isn't to be a private club but to create a means of showing God's compassion in the world," he said.

Wanting to move to Paso Robles to be closer to his grandchildren, Hansen said he was thrilled to accept the new job at the food bank coalition.

"It worked out very well, but I'm also very sad to leave All Saints," he said. "It's a position I've loved."

That was the case even as his church congregation struggled with social, political and theological conflicts.

"We have social issues that have been divisive in the Episcopal Church, as have all the mainline denominations," he said. Homosexuality, particularly the ordination of gay priests, has sparked conflict in



The Rev. Carl Hansen

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Street will close for art fest

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A DOWNTOWN block will be closed for two days next spring to accommodate the Carmel Art Festival, which organizers say has outgrown the city's indoor venues. The council approved the nonprofit's request to take over Mission Street between Ocean and Sixth avenues from 3 p.m. May 19 though 10 p.m. May 20 to sell participants' paintings.

Presented by the Carmel Gallery Alliance for the past 12 years, the volunteer-run festival has grown to attract plein air painters from all over the nation as well as abroad, according to event president Tammi Tharp.

Each year, artists set up outdoors throughout town Thursday and Friday to create the pieces auctioned Saturday. Sculptures are displayed in Devendorf Park, which also hosts live music. The festival ends Sunday.

Of the 300 painters who apply for inclusion, organizers accept fewer than 70, who compete for \$20,000 in prize money, according to Tharp. The artists donate half their sales proceeds to the event, which benefits the Youth Art Collective, the Carmel Youth Center's art program and the Monterey County Cultural Center's Professional Artists in the Schools Program.

"We've outgrown literally every venue that's a building with a roof on it that we've been able to search out," Tharp told the council Dec. 6. The Carmel Art Association hosted the sale for years.

Tharp thought closing Mission Street adjacent to Devendorf Park, where much of the festival's action occurs, would be ideal. Police and fire officials said it would work as long as a 20-foot-wide corridor would be available for emergency vehicles to pass through if needed, she reported.

In October, Tharp asked the Carmel Community Activities & Cultural Commission if the street could be closed for four days, but members wanted fewer, according to the staff report by community

services manager Christie Miller.

The council makes the final decision on street-closure requests, and the festival's application marked the first time it has been asked to OK shutting down a block for more than a day.

"I walked a flier up and down Ocean, and the Carmel Plaza knows of our plan," Tharp said, and no one objected.

Councilman Erik Bethel praised her and the alliance for hosting the popular festival. "You're providing a public service," he said.

And councilman Gerard Rose, a longtime associate of the gallery group, said he has relished watching it progress from a small, regional festival to a national event.

"I hope people who come in to see the festival will take the time to go up to the Carmel Youth Center to look at the art produced by the students," he added. "It's wonderful and gives reason to be very optimistic about what's happening in this area."

Standards needed?

Councilman Mike Cunningham had no objections to the nonprofit festival's proposal but said the city should develop criteria for approving such requests and should not allow the use of city property for commercial purposes.

"I would like to see us be more consistent and rigorous about how we evaluate what's good for the community," he said. "What's redeeming about this proposal is not always true about every one."

Cunningham expressed similar concerns in April, when the council considered Tiffany & Company's request to close part of Ocean Avenue for a private block party celebrating the store's grand opening in June. At the time, he asked what policies and criteria determined the merit, and city administrator Rich Guillen said the council could do what it pleased. The council unanimously approved the closure for the Tiffany party, which benefited several Peninsula charities.

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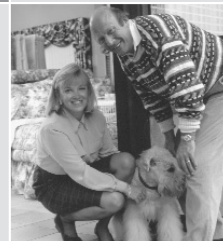


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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Freeloading couple harasses church clergy

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Six citations issued to drivers for violations of the California Vehicle

Code on Highway 1 in Marina, Scenic Road and 13th Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: On Nov. 21, a trap was given to a Flanders Way resident to capture a cat. The owner of the cat was located and decided to relinquish the cat to the SPCA. The cat was transported for the owner on Nov. 25. Fees were paid to the police department.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle was found parked on Ocean Avenue displaying expired registration. The vehicle was towed per authority of the CVC.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A loose dog in the residential area of Casanova menaced two dogs.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported a dog barking for approximately 45 minutes on San Carlos Street. An occasional bark was heard while observing the residence. The owner was contacted and advised of the complaint.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine, ambulance and battalion chief responded to report of unknown vehicle injury accident near San Carlos and Sixth. Found a vehicle into a tree in a bank parking lot. The two people from the vehicle denied injury and refused any further assistance. Engine remained to monitor the scene during the towing operation.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fuji camera found in the business district on San Carlos Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported parking his vehicle on Mission Street on this date and

time. He later found his vehicle damaged by unknown. Report for insurance documentation purposes.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Monte Verde. Crew assisted an elderly female complaining of general weakness. Engine crew assisted with vital signs and loading the patient for transport. Ambulance crew administered oxygen and started an I.V. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

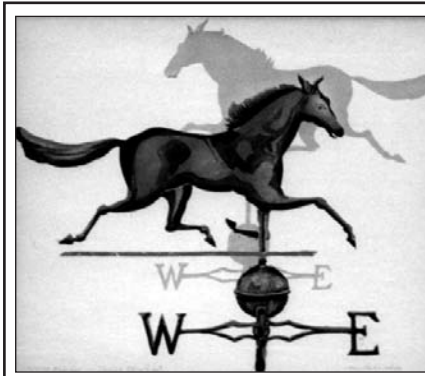
Pebble Beach: A 77-year-old male Sand Dunes Road resident reported that sometime between Tuesday, Nov. 22, and Saturday, Nov. 26, unknown suspect(s) shot an unknown projectile at the residence, breaking one of the front windows. No projectile found.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Six citations issued to drivers on Second Avenue, Santa Lucia, Carpenter Street and Junipero for violations of the California Vehicle Code.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle was parked on

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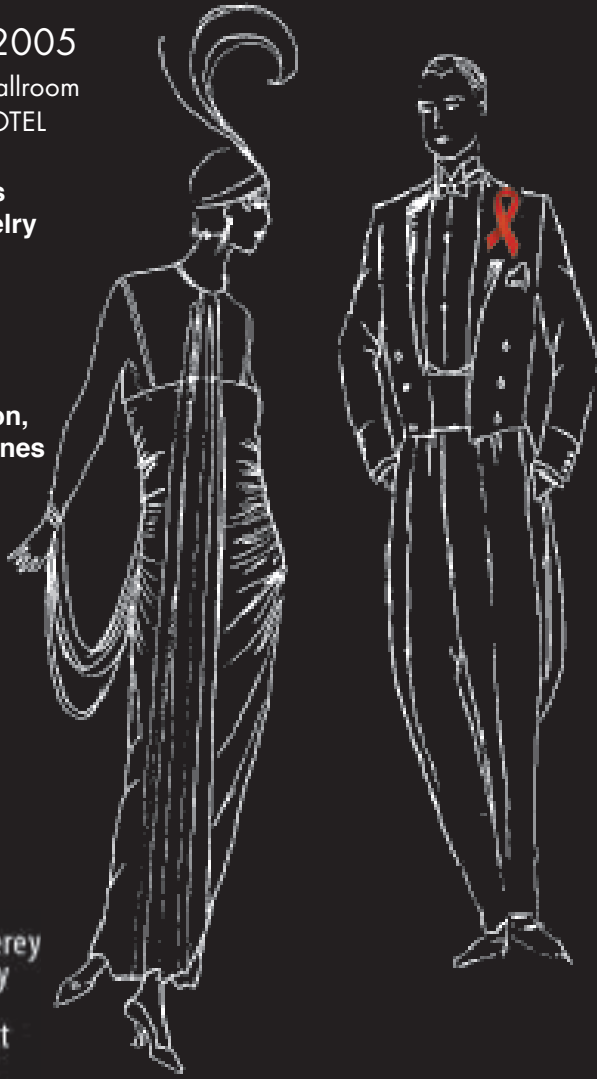
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Transformation of parking lot to interim fire station begins

By MARY BROWNFIELD

TRACTOR TRAILERS bearing "wide load" banners hauled two mobile homes and a temporary restroom unit into the city-owned parking lot at Torres and Third Monday morning, marking a major step toward getting the Carmel Fire Department moved out of its station on Sixth Avenue. Workers are transforming the lot and adjacent buildings into the temporary station where firefighters, paramedics and EMTs will live and work while the firehouse undergoes a seismic retrofit and basic sprucing up.

Operations at Vista Lobos will begin Dec. 16, though construction at the old fire station is unlikely to get under way before February. The plans call for shoring up the building's un-reinforced masonry and improving living conditions, including revamping the restrooms, as well as addressing some "long-standing maintenance problems," according to city building official Tim Meroney, who is overseeing the retrofit. The work will probably run well into the summer.

Meroney said he plans to advertise for bids soon, and the city should begin receiving them Jan. 5, with the Carmel City Council set to award a contract Jan. 10.

"I hope that whoever the contractor

is will gear up and get going within a few weeks," said Meroney. "My goal is to push for completion within five months."

For years, the city council has considered the firehouse's vulnerability to earthquakes a top concern. Since voting last spring to hire Carmel architect John Thodos to oversee the design work on the existing station, rather than deciding to build a new one, the council has seen several iterations of the project.

In April, it voted not to remodel the station as Thodos proposed, but to do the bare minimum seismic work, though later adjustments allowed for upgraded restrooms and showers. After debating whether the building, which is closed to the public, should contain an elevator to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the council also decided against including the lift.



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Police arrest alleged drunken drivers for hitting truck, stop sign

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WITH THE Christmas party season in full swing, officers arrested two suspected drunken drivers who crashed their cars last week. Carmel Police Cpl. Steve Rana said one was found passed out behind the wheel of her car after she sideswiped a truck at Carpenter and Ocean, and the other mowed down a stop sign but fled the scene, only to be found blocks away.

A witness called police around 11:10 p.m. Dec. 3 to report Serena Lindsey, a 65-year-old Carmel Valley resident, had run most of the stop signs while driving eastbound on Ocean Avenue and was on the wrong side of the road as she headed up the hill toward Carpenter Street, according to Rana.

"A second witness was traveling westbound on Ocean and noticed headlights coming directly at her," Rana said. "She swerved off the road into some bushes, and the other car continued on."

But at the four-way stop at Carpenter Street, Lindsey allegedly sideswiped a truck. After her car came to a stop, the driver she hit got out to talk to Lindsey but found her unresponsive, according to Rana, and a Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance crew arrived to take her to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Police suspected she was under the influence, but "they weren't sure what she might have been on, so officers erred on side of safety," by having her taken to the hospital, Rana said. She regained consciousness, and police determined she was intoxicated, so after Lindsey submitted to a blood test at CHOMP, they took her to Monterey County Jail. She was also charged with driving on a suspended license for a prior DUI, according to Rana.

"If she had gotten on the highway, she would have killed somebody," he said, praising the witnesses for reporting an erratic driver. "If you see something you feel is strange, by all means dial 911 and let the police know about it."

Two days earlier, officers arrested a 53-year-old Nevada resident, Steven Huish, on suspicion that he drove drunk, ran over the stop sign at San Carlos and Seventh, and then left. Officer Jason Rogers found Huish sitting in his Volkswagen Touareg at San Antonio and Eighth, with the engine running and the car still in gear, about 45 minutes after the 4:15 p.m. collision, according to Rana.

"He had damaged the front suspension so badly that that's as far as it would go," he said. Huish had hit the sign's metal post hard enough to flatten it.

"A sobriety test revealed he was definitely under the influence," Rana said. "He was telling the officer, 'I don't know why my car won't move.'"

Huish was arrested but paid his bond and was released.

Sober drivers wreck, too

Rudolph Lovio, 62, of Southern California, ran into a tree near Great Western Bank Nov. 27.

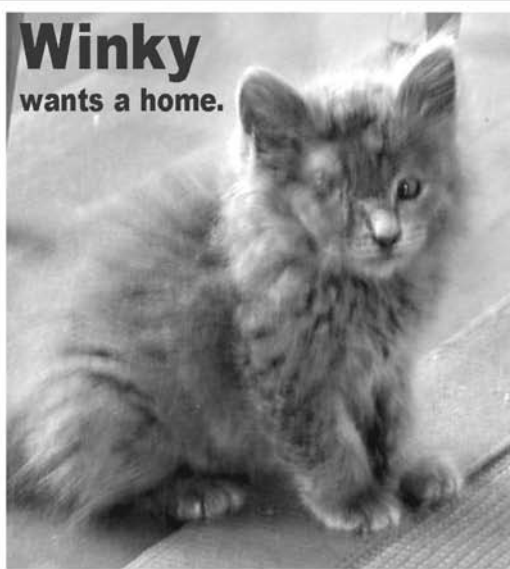
"He pulled away from a parking stall on the west side of San Carlos just north of Sixth, and as he pulled into traffic, his foot got stuck between the accelerator and the brake," Rana said.

Unable to free his foot, Lovio panicked and couldn't stop the car, which sped through an empty parking spot on the other side of the street and into the tree in the bank's parking lot.

"Both airbags deployed, and there was pretty good damage to the radiator," Rana said, so Lovio's vehicle had to be towed. The driver and his wife were uninjured.

And on Nov. 22, Carmel resident Lindsey Hong, 23,

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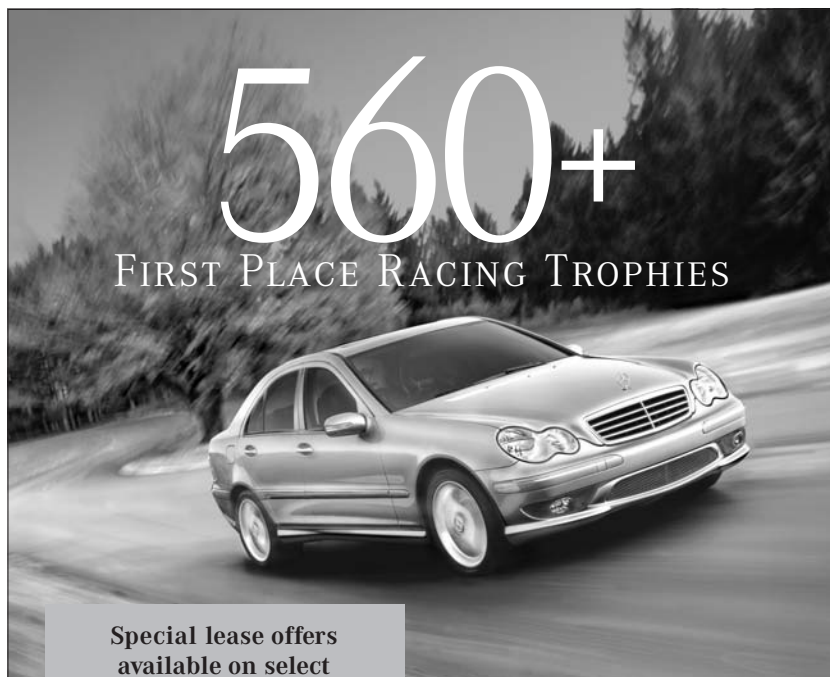
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High-tech gadget to record digits' prints digitally

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL P.D. can abandon the fingerprint cards and ink of old — which the California Department of Justice stopped accepting July 1 — and install an electronic Livescan system to digitally record people's whorls, arches and loops, the city council decided Dec. 6. State tax dollars will pay for the \$42,820 system, as well as its installation and operation.

City councilman Mike Cunningham asked if Carmel P.D. could instead share electronic fingerprinting services with departments in Monterey or Pacific Grove, "potentially eliminating, or at least postponing acquisition of this equipment," freeing up the grant money for other law enforcement projects.

Shared fingerprinting arrangements already exist, Carmel Police Chief George Rawson responded, but they mean officers must leave the city to fingerprint and identify suspects. "This machine would make for much more efficient use

of our time," he told the council. "It would keep officers in the city."

Installing Livescan would also benefit city employees and other civilians who need to be fingerprinted for their jobs and routinely have to travel as far as the Monterey County Sheriff's Office in Salinas to do so.

According to Rawson, state vehicle registration fees allocated to Monterey County for fingerprinting technology will pay for the bulk of the system, with the balance coming from the city's share of California Law Enforcement Equipment Program funds. In addition to the \$42,820 cost of Livescan, which includes a one-year maintenance agreement, \$5,000 in tax dollars will be used to interface it with the police department's TracNet records system. The dedicated telephone line used to keep Livescan connected to the DOJ will cost \$100 per month, and Rawson said the department's grant money will cover operating costs for more than two years. After those funds run out, CPD might apply for more.

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During WWII she moved with her son to Carmel, California while her husband served overseas in the Army Corps of Engineers. During the war years she worked for the American Red Cross at Fort Ord, helping GIs with their personal and travel needs. After the war she continued her Red Cross service through volunteer work for over thirty years. She also volunteered as a Pink Lady at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Lois was an active member of the Carmel Foundation. She was an enthusiastic participant in their musical comedy productions from many years. She and her husband were members of the Del Monte Kennel Club, owning and showing Pembroke Welsh Corgis. She loved Carmel and participated in its activities, making innumerable friends. She was known for her love of fashion and what was in vogue. She was a member of the Jesters Club and the Abalone Club. She was a frequent winner on Thursday Bingo afternoons at the Foundation. Probably her favorite game was Contract Bridge.

Lois leaves her son, Bruce, a daughter-in-law, Diane, and a large extended family — formally, her step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, but they cherished her simply as a loving and delightful part of their families.

No formal services will be held. A celebration of her life will take place on Saturday, December 10 at her home on the southwest corner of 8th and Dolores from 2pm to 4pm.

Donations can be made in her memory to:

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Carmel Valley

Park district celebrates with big new acquisition

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

MONDAY, THE Monterey Regional Park District will quietly celebrate the 30th anniversary of its first land acquisition, the original 541 acres of Garland Ranch Regional Park. If you're thinking of contributing a gift to the birthday celebration, you might consider a calculator — it will come in handy the next time staff tallies up all the real estate that's been added to the district over the past three decades.

According to its website, the district has "preserved and protected over 20,000 acres of parkland and open space." Garland Ranch Regional Park — until recently the agency's undisputed prize possession — has expanded to about 3,500 acres. "It's really contributed to the quality of life for a lot of people in this community," said park district general manager Joseph Donofrio. "We're really proud of that."

But Donofrio can't afford to spend too much time looking back. That's because he's busy at work trying to get the OK on a short-term public access plan for the new Palo Corona Ranch Regional Park. Last week marked the first anniversary of the district's acquisition of the 4,800 acres that comprise the park.

The tentative plan, which Donofrio hopes to have in place by spring, would allow hikers to use the park by reservation only in much the same way hikers currently access the Bloomquist Ranch and the Kahn Ranch. "We're trying to finalize things with the county," explained Donofrio.

Due to parking constraints, the park will initially be restricted to about 15 hikers a day. Currently, access is limited to guided hikes sponsored by the district.

Showdown on incorporation EIR

THE LOCAL Agency Formation Commission is scheduled to decide next week if the drive to incorporate Carmel Valley requires a costly environmental impact report. A special meeting will be held in the board of supervisors chambers in the Salinas courthouse at 5 p.m. Dec. 14.

Unless the incorporation effort encounters a significant obstacle — such as the requirement of an EIR — voters could have an opportunity to weigh in on incorporation as early as November 2006.

For more information about the proposed incorporation of Carmel Valley, visit: www.townofcarmelvalley.org, www.savecarmelvalley.org or www.co.monterey.ca.us/lafo.



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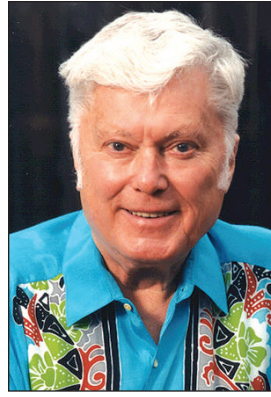
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Shugart honored by computer museum

By KELLY NIX

TO SAY Alan Shugart of Pebble Beach is a computer pioneer is an understatement. Sure, he helped develop the world's first disk drive. But he's also an author, restaurateur and entrepreneur.



Alan Shugart

"To me, curiosity is one of humanity's greatest attributes," Shugart said. "Without it, we'd probably still be shivering in caves, watching the fires set by lightning magically devour the trees."

And it's that inquisitiveness that's led Shugart, 75, to try so many different things. Besides being a technology maverick, he co-owns Fandango Restaurant in Pacific Grove and has written three books, including, "Al: The Wit & Wisdom of Al Shugart."

In late October, Shugart was inducted into the Computer History Museum, which recognizes those who have made contributions to the computing world.

"I've never done anything I wasn't proud of," he said.

Shugart began his professional foray into technology at IBM in 1951 by repairing machines that counted punch cards, which were used in those days to store data. He was hired the day after graduating from the University of Redlands.

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Businessman pumps gas, remodels gallery and creates a landmark

By CHRIS COUNTS

RARELY ARE the words "service station" and "fine art" mentioned in the same sentence. But then there's nothing quite like the Carmel Highlands Service Station and its adjacent sculpture gallery.

Located just south of the Point Lobos State Reserve at Highway 1 and Fern Canyon Road, the station is possibly the most photographed business of its kind anywhere. Part adobe and part whimsical Carmel cottage, the station is also perhaps the most recognizable landmark in the Carmel Highlands.

Next to the station is a sculpture and art gallery that has been in operation for more than 30 years. But after former gallery owner



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Dan Keig hopes the remodel of his Carmel Highlands sculpture gallery will be completed in six months.

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Skilled oil painter hailed as chamber's Business of the Year

By MARY BROWNFIELD

HUNDREDS OF Carmel Chamber of Commerce members voted Lynn Lupetti Gallery the Business of the Year for 2005. The artist received the award at the chamber's 8th Annual Green Ribbon of Excellence Awards Dinner at Quail Lodge Dec. 7. Lupetti, whose technically elaborate and fantastical works hang in the Vatican, the White House and the Smithsonian, has owned her Carmel-by-the-Sea art gallery for 20 years.

"She's been here quite a while and is well respected," said chamber executive director Monta Potter.

In addition to giving Lupetti's gallery top honors, more than 200 of the chamber's 520 member businesses voted for Green Ribbon winners who "excel in quality service and/or products, practice the highest business ethics, foster a beautiful environment and exemplify enlightened customer service and staff relations," in 10 categories.

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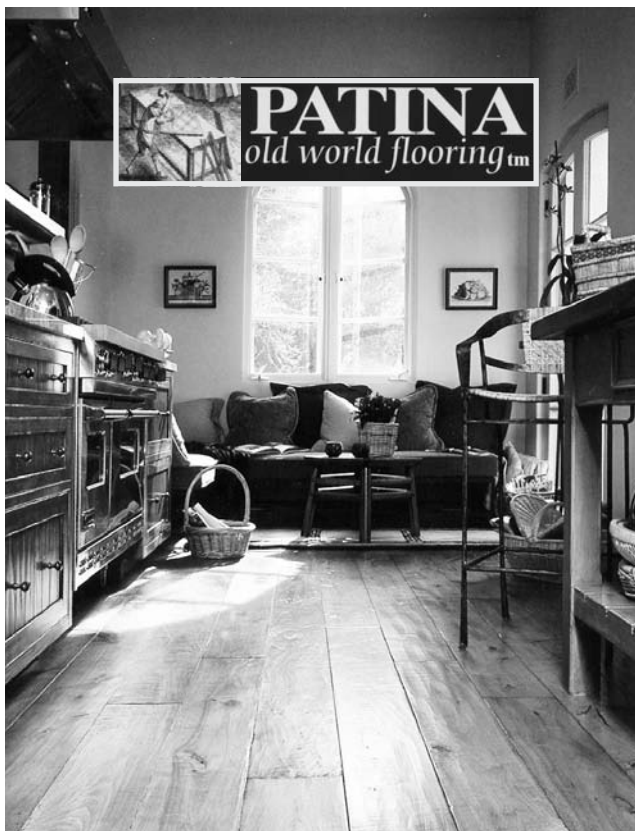
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Chamber members selected the winners from nominations submitted by residents, visitors and businesses. They also named Michael Adamson, senior vice president of Monterey County Bank, Volunteer of the Year. He is vice chair of the chamber's board of directors and heads its economic development committee.

For the first time this year, the previous year's winners were ineligible for an award.

"We had lots of people vote, and we had lots of new people getting awards, which is great," Potter said. "There are so many wonderful businesses, and it's nice to have the awards passed around."



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LION

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that hasn't happened since there's never been an incident of a mountain lion attacking people or pets in Pacific Grove.

"It's only attacking deer," Miller said.

The city has an automated telephone message system it uses to warn Pacific Grove residents if a mountain lion is spotted. But since the lion hadn't been sighted, the police department opted not to use the system because of the deer attacks, he said.

The police are working with the state's

department of fish and game and rangers at Asilomar State Beach to monitor mountain lion activity, Miller said.

"We still view it as a potential public safety hazard," he said.

Pacific Grove residents have had mixed reaction to the mountain lion. During its earlier forays through the city — especially in the Asilomar neighborhood — some residents were adamant the lion should be hunted down and killed before it injured somebody. Others insisted it should be left alone until it harmed people.

Anyone who sees a mountain lion is asked to call the Pacific Grove Police Department at (831) 648-3143.

Christmas Eve Prix fixe Menu

Soup and Appetizer

Butternut squash soup

Sea Scallops

Served over Salinas Valley mix greens with cucumber relish, finished with champagne vinaigrette.

Choice of the following entrees

16 oz Prime Rib

Served with horseradish, au jus, roasted red potatoes & seasonal vegetables

Pan Seared Sea Bass

Served over vegetable risotto with roasted bell pepper-cumin sauce.

Braised Veal Osso Bucco

Served with red wine reduction, parsley mash potatoes, seasonal vegetables & topped with homemade crispy onion rings.

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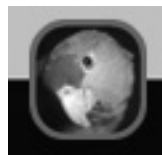
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Caisey has been a Wahl since she was 6 months old and is well trained in many ways: She is so well yard-trained, "cats live forever in our neighborhood," according to Mom Celeste, who says Caisey rarely (except for that one time last week), ventures unattended beyond their property line. Cats streak across Wahl territory, knowing they are safe once they hit the sidewalk.

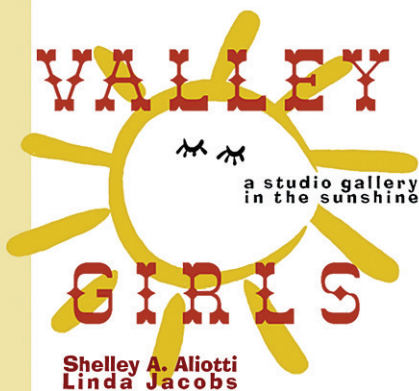
Caisey has done field work in retrieving and is agility and obedience trained, too. She has been a therapy dog at a care facility in Salinas, her friendly and happy temperament lending itself to bedside visits and her handsome head to petting.

Rarely one to get into trouble, Caisey plays with little brother Ogham, a 7-month-old British shorthaired kitten who is "the Ferdinand of the cat kingdom," in Mom's estimation.

Caisey enjoys visits from her sister Rachel, who is a counselor in San Francisco, and rarer ones from brother David, who lives in far-off Boston.

When we ran into Caisey at Carmel Beach Tuesday morning, she was enjoying a stroll on the walking path. She told us of her astonishing encounter with a seal about a month ago as she was swimming in the surf off the beach. When she's wet, Caisey's black fur is flat and sleek, and she wonders if the seal mistook her for another seal. Mom was amazed to see the second smooth black head pop up near Caisey as she was enjoying her swim, but after checking out Caisey for a few minutes, the seal disappeared, much to Caisey's disappointment. Those four legs must have been a dead giveaway.

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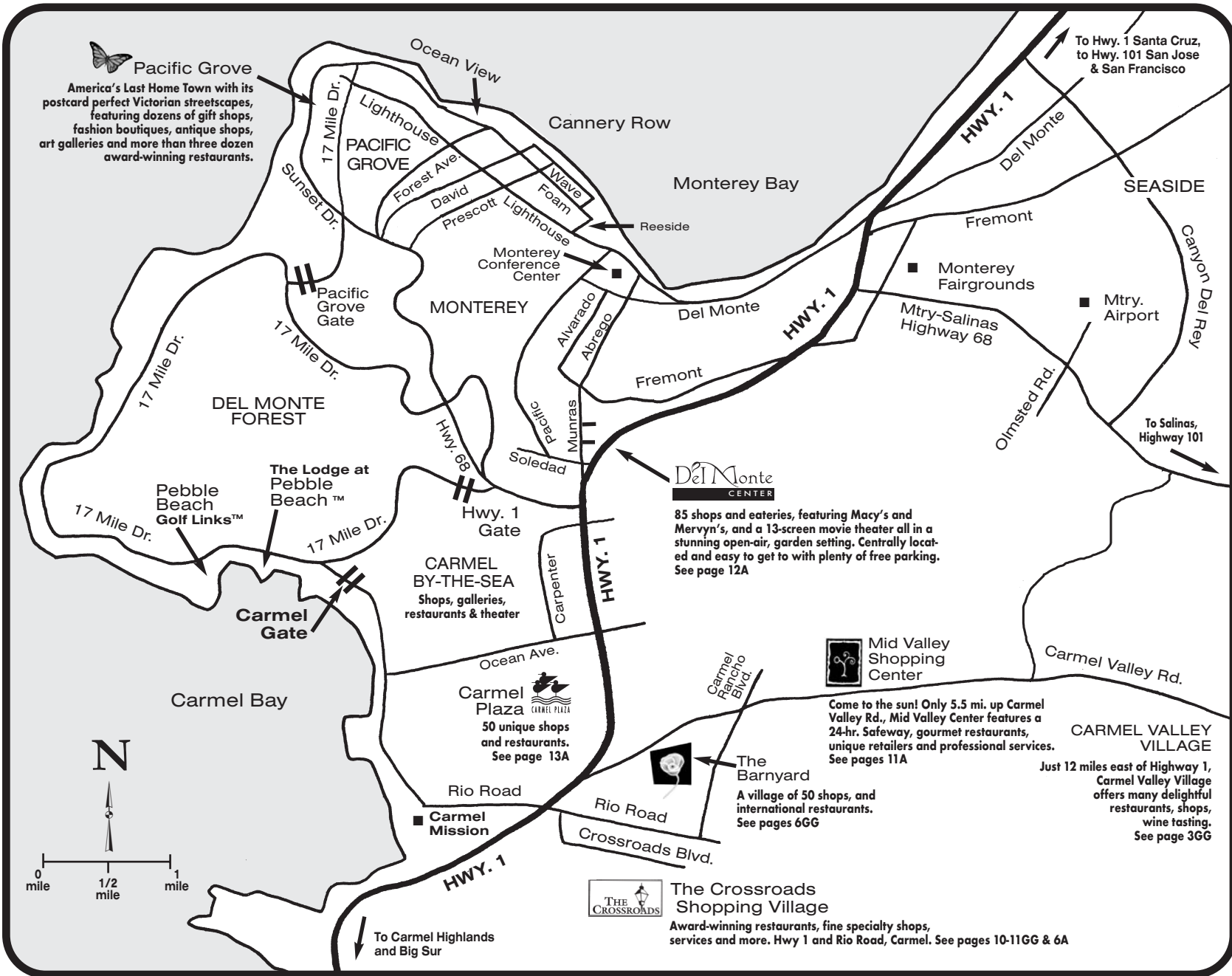
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Lettermen deliver big hits to Sunset Center

The Lettermen, who perform this Saturday, Dec. 10, at Sunset Center, made their debut with a record-shattering revue, "Newcomers of 1928," at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas.

Tony Butala, Mike Barnett and Talmadge Russell were the original trio, blending the rich sounds of the early big band vocal ensembles with the spirit of early r & b groups such as the Platters and the Flamingos. They became an instant national hit, scored more than 25 hit singles during the '60s and early '70s, including "Goin' Out of My Head/Can't Take My Eyes Off You" and "Hurt So Bad." During this period, the group charted 32 consecutive albums in the Top 100 and toured with George Burns, Jack Benny, Bob Hope and Bill Cosby. Although there have been numerous personnel changes over the years, original founding member Butala still anchors the group today and provides a vital connection to the past. The other current members of the group are Donovan Tea, who jumped aboard in 1984, and Darren Dowler. Music starts at 8 pm. For reservations, call (831) 620-2048.

Plugged In
 By Stephen L. Vagnini

Alvarado Street this Saturday, vocalist Nina Storey's latest CD, "24 off the Board," showcases her raw, intimate and explosive voice, as well as her catchy melodic yet thought-provoking lyrics and music.

Storey, a native of Colorado, has written, recorded and released five CDs and has received extensive radio airplay throughout the country on mainstream, Triple A, independent and college radio stations. Blending blues, rock, funk and pop, Storey is a dynamic performer who has drawn comparisons to a wide variety of vocalists, including Janis Joplin and Tori Amos. Music starts at 7:30 pm.

Tuesday, Dec. 13, acoustic Celtic rock pop duo Gypsy Soul performs at a special Holiday Concert at Monterey Live. Touring in support of their eighth CD release, "Beneath the Covers," Gypsy Soul has sold more than 75,000 copies of eight CDs and earned nearly 1.5 million downloads on MP3.com.



Multi-instrumentalist Roman Morykit and his partner singer lyricist Cilette Swann create an ethereal mix of music that combines folk, jazz and even a touch of bluegrass.

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Friday, Dec. 9, Shane Dwight returns to Sly McFly's on Cannery Row for an evening of blistering rock 'n' roll-tinged blues. Shane Dwight, charismatic and talented guitarist, is one of the brightest young up-and-coming stars on the West Coast rock/blues scene today.

Though Dwight's band is blues based, the group's ability to cross over to a variety of different audiences is evidenced in their current concert schedule, which has them working at venues as diverse as county fairs, Disneyland and as the house band on Microsoft's nationally broadcast television show, "Microsoft Insider Live." Music starts at 9 p.m. Call (831) 649-8050 for more information.

Cherry Center's show is just dandy

By K. K. ROBINSON

A "PERIOD PIECE" in the best sense of the words, Arthur Wing Pinero's 19th-century comedy, "Dandy Dick," is introduced by music from Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. Even before the curtain opens, the audience is taken back to an era when women were not allowed to make their own decisions about dating, husbands or charge accounts.

The two motherless daughters of The Very Reverend Augustine Jedd take the stage and give a thorough exposition of their plight. Salome Jedd (Kristi Reimers) hits exactly the right notes as a Victorian young lady who recognizes that her chances for a good match are slim, and for happiness in marriage even slimmer. Her sister Sheba (Dania King) is younger and flightier, and she doesn't understand that her marital prospects are limited by her

Georgiana Tidman (Susan Keenan), estranged from her brother and nieces for 20 years because of her marriage to a "horseman." Now widowed and half-owner of her remaining horse (Dandy Dick), she exudes confidence and injects wholesome energy into the proceedings. Her business partner, Sir Tristram Mardon (Jody Gilmore), soon arrives along with Dandy Dick, who is set to race in a town nearby. Together they are a ray of sunny confidence in the struggling household.

As the convoluted plot and multiple sub-plots develop, six additional characters join the action. Major Tarver (Mark Shuler) and Mr. Darby (Seth Wetmore) are the military men and would-be suitors to the sisters. Hanna Topping (Rebel Herrell) is the Jedd's former cook. She is now married to Constable Noah Topping (J. Peter Bober), whose excellent diction and accent make memorable his part. Hatcham (young Stefan Robles) is Dandy Dick's groom, and Blore the Butler (Stephen R. Harris) completes the Jedd domestic staff. It is a credit to Carey Crockett, who also directed, that they all find their way around the modest stage with ease and grace.

Like the works of G. B. Shaw, there is an enormous amount of verbiage in this play, and the rhythm of the language is somewhat foreign to our ears. However, the actors knew their lines and managed to be easily understood.

The set and costume designs are not credited in the program, which is a shame since they are excellent. The creative set takes advantage of every inch of available space, enabling the actors to move

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The annual **DICKENSIAN DINNER AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"** will be presented Dec. 11 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 9th and Dolores, Carmel. The evening will honor the Rev. Dr. Carl Hansen, retiring after 18 years as rector. The "Messiah" concert, conductor Jean Widaman, will be at 4 p.m. Featured are soloists Nancy Williams, Cathy Findley, Johnnie Senna and David Hopper; organist Richard Wilson and Monterey String Quartet. (Suggested donation

\$15). The Dickensian Dinner is at 6 p.m., \$15 per person. Call (831) 624-3883 to reserve.

"**A CHRISTMAS STORY**," presented by Artie Early at the Carmel Woman's Club. Join the Carmel Woman's Club at 9th and San Carlos in Carmel for this holiday presentation Monday, Dec. 19, at 2:00 pm. A holiday story written by Truman Capote and presented by well-known local Artie Early. Tea and sandwiches will be served following the meeting. The public is invited to attend; admission is \$3. Contact (831) 622-7412 for additional information.

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By CHARYN PFEUFFER

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time to grocery shop, let alone cook. The services of a personal chef can make life easier for these time-crunched individuals — as well as the culinary challenged — by offering homemade meals tailored to specific tastes. Karen Anne Murray, owner/chef of Eddison & Melrose (a catering company that offers personal cheffing services), also cooks for health-conscious people with weight concerns or dietary constraints who “know what needs to be done but sometimes need help managing their menus.”

Finding the right personal chef to match your lifestyle doesn't have to be daunting. Many think such services are prohibitively expensive, and hiring a celebrity chef for a private dinner party carries a hefty price. But if you're willing to forego having Thomas Keller in your kitchen (wishful thinking, I know), hiring a personal chef doesn't have to be a one-time luxury.

The British-born Murray is part of a growing trend. According to the United States Personal Chef Association, there are about 20,000 personal chefs nationwide.

After considering a career in medicine, Murray ended up in chef's school and first visited Monterey after completing her training. After working in Vancouver, B.C., she moved to Pacific Grove in 1999, got married and became a personal chef, but her business soon expanded to include catering. She and her staff of eight now work in a 4,000-square-foot commercial kitchen and warehouse in Sand City.

“This is a highly personal business,” said Murray. “I get to know all of my clients, what they like to eat, what they dislike.” The ever-changing guidelines challenge her, allowing her to hone her craft.

Murray initially meets with prospective clients in their homes. After she determines a customer's likes, dislikes, allergies and dietary needs, she creates a customized menu from a myriad of food choices or re-creates family favorites. Murray takes what she calls a “commonsense approach” to cooking, emphasizing fresh, healthy food with lots of flavor. “I try to determine how much food a client realistically requires, so we don't overwhelm them with too much food, and so the food can stay as fresh as possible,” she said.

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Community general plan touts more affordable housing but actually offers less

By KELLY NIX

THE HEAD of CHISPA — Monterey County's nonprofit, low-income housing developer — has sharply criticized the campaign for the LandWatch general plan, saying mailers sent this week promoting increased affordable housing are deceptive.

The glossy fliers sent to county registered voters contend the measure would "allow more working families to purchase their own homes."

"Overall you would get fewer affordable units" in the LandWatch general plan than in the plan being considered by the county board of supervisors, said Alfred Diaz-Infante, president of Community Housing Improvement Systems and Planning Association, Inc. "It's called smoke and mirrors. It's very deceptive."

The mailer, distributed by the

Community General Plan Campaign, which is sponsored by LandWatch, also says the initiative "will increase from 20 percent to 30 percent the amount of below-market rate housing required in new subdivisions on county land."

What's not revealed, however, is the measure would reduce from 10,070 to 4,240 the number of buildable lots in the five community areas the plan sets aside for new development. That means the LandWatch general plan would create a maximum of 1,272 affordable units, compared to a maximum of 2,014 affordable units in the supervisors' plan. Page 46 of the LandWatch general plan outlines the reduction. It can be downloaded at www.montereycountyfarmbureau.org/community_group_initiative.htm.

While the plan would require a greater percentage of affordable housing in new subdivisions, it would allow much fewer subdivisions.

"It's not going to provide more affordable housing," Diaz-Infante said. "They have basically eliminated more than 50 percent of units that could be built in the next 25 years."

Petitioners throughout the county are trying to get the roughly 9,000 signatures they need so the initiative can be placed on the June ballot.

Chris Fitz, executive director of LandWatch Monterey County, the plan's primary backer, disagreed the flier was misleading.

But Diaz-Infante is not the only one who believes the plan's promoters are being deceptive.

County supervisor Fernando Armenta, who opposes the community general plan, said a petitioner in Salinas told him farmworker organizations had endorsed the plan. When Armenta asked to see the list of farm-

worker groups, there were none listed. Armenta said people not familiar with the plan are likely to sign the petition because petitioners use catch phrases like affordable housing as a selling point.

"A lot of those people don't understand the complexities," he said.

Diaz-Infante, whose organization provides about 130 affordable homes a year, also has concerns with other parts of the initiative.

Specifically, the plan would only allow development in primarily Latino communities, something he believes is unbalanced and unfair.

"Why not spread out some housing responsibility to other parts of Monterey County?" Diaz-Infante said.

The plan would require a costly public vote in order for the organization to develop housing in other areas of the county, costs CHISPA can't bear, he said.

"The little guy, the small property owner, the small business and the small affordable housing developer like CHISPA would not be able to afford that," Diaz-Infante said.

The head of CHISPA points out that 30 percent of 4,240 is less than 20 percent of 10,070

GUARD

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furniture and trash, cleaned every surface inside and out, and even painted murals on some interior walls.

"By the time we were done, we owned that school," Hanson said. But he worries the 35-year-old school will revert to the neglected state perpetuated by the state and local governments that failed the students. Prior to the storm, the school district was found to have mislaid \$74 million, and a private auditing firm was hired to take over, according to Hanson. The Guard's work was arranged by the auditor.

"I was trying to tell as many people as I could, 'This has to change,'" he said. He invited a Times-Picayune reporter to tour the buildings, and the resulting story, entitled "School in shambles," prompted a vigorous

defense. Ronald Ayler, principal there from July 21 to Aug. 26, said the school had been in fine, clean shape before the hurricane hit and that police, firefighters and evacuees occupied it after the storm and prior to the Guard's arrival.

"Judgments such as those rendered in the article only serve to anger community supporters and diminish the image of school personnel," he wrote. "Solutions that bolster student achievement and morale, as well as active community support, are our core priorities."

Racism, malaise

The entire New Orleans deployment — which ran from early October to Thanksgiving week — was difficult, Hanson said, but "I'm not in the I-Get-to-Choose-Army, I'm just in the Army."

The streets of the city were mostly empty, and buildings showed the obvious aftermath

of inundation by water and mud, including piles of sodden insulation and moldy sheet rock. Refrigerators, cars and boats were piled on top of homes or on each other.

"It was really pretty shocking," he said.

The soldiers spent several days working traffic control alongside New Orleans police officers, many of whom were disillusioned and suffered from fatigue and malaise. Some cops slept in their cars, Hanson said, as the guardsmen helped secure the streets at night.

They handed out food and water to people in St. Bernard Parish.

"We saw people who had already started to clean out their houses," he said. "They swore they were going to come back and rebuild."

Despite the grim surroundings, he felt more comfortable on that part of his mission.

"The humanitarian stuff — those are the reasons I joined the Guard," said Hanson, who signed up in 1998 and spent more than a year in southern Iraq, returning in March. "I saw every emotion, from one end of scale to the other. Some were shocked and asked, 'What do we do now?' All I could do was give them food and water, and say they were going to be OK."

But even as they helped, they encountered the racism prevalent in the South. Locals freely used "the n-word" and addressed the African Americans in Hanson's platoon as "Boy."

And while they were working near St. Rita's Nursing Home, where 35 people died during the hurricane, three badly decomposed bodies were found.

"The mission affected me more, emotionally, than my whole trip to Iraq — as a parent, as a citizen of the United States, as a taxpayer, and as a soldier and a guardsman," he said. "I'll never go back to New Orleans, or Louisiana. Not unless I have to."

DOUBTS

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The others areas slated for development under the community general plan are Fort Ord, Castroville, Chualar and Pajaro.

Ideally, Lutes said, she would like to see a marriage between the community general plan and a plan proposed by the opposing Refinement Group, a coalition of community, business and industry organizations.

"I would love to see LandWatch sit down with the Refinement Group," she said.

Despite reservations about the community general plan, Lutes said she became a signatory because she was frustrated with the time it has taken county supervisors to come up with a new plan.

"Supervisors have had six years to come up with something, and they have come up with nothing," she said.

LandWatch executive director Chris Fitz said he was unaware of Lutes' dissension from the LandWatch plan. "She has endorsed the initiative and hasn't wavered as far as I know," Fitz said. "It sounds like she may misunderstand something."

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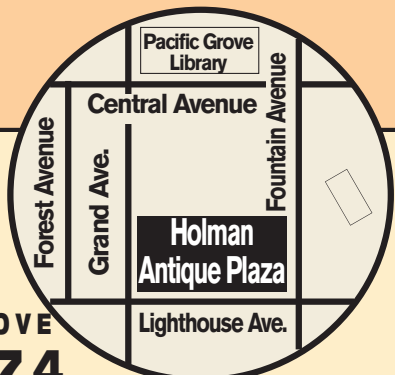
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EXHIBIT

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Hathaway recently collaborated with Berkeley author Burl Willes on a book, "The Monterey Peninsula — A Postcard Journey." Now he's working on a second book with a "Then and Now" theme.

"I've tried to find images taken from the same spot but during different centuries," he explained.

Clearly, Hathaway has succeeded in finding something nobody else was and carving out his own niche. He's been helped by a customer base that seems endlessly fascinated with the past.

"People like to see things the way they were," he said.

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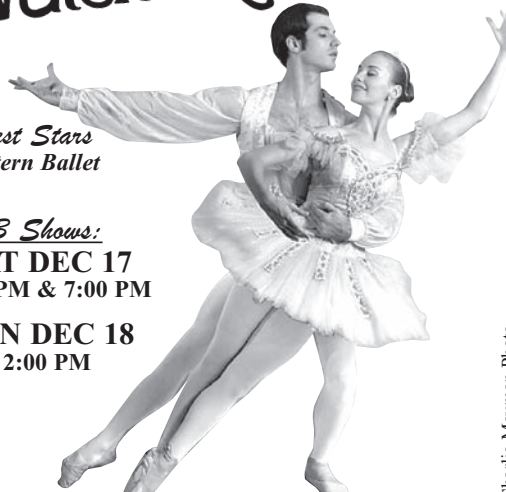
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Editorial

A fatally flawed document

WE CERTAINLY sympathize with LandWatch Monterey County and the other people behind what they call the “Community General Plan.”

Particularly for Dave Potter, the Monterey Peninsula’s representative on the Board of Supervisors, the last six years must have been excruciating, as a well intentioned effort to protect the county’s scenery and open spaces by updating its 20-year-old general plan devolved into a never-ending series of public hearings, updates and rewrites with little progress being made.

But no matter how meritorious LandWatch’s goal may be, the effort it launched in front of the new county building two months ago is fatally flawed. Even now, some of its original backers and the public are beginning to get an idea how bad the LandWatch general plan is. By election day next June, so much attention will be focussed on its failings, the LandWatch plan will go down to a defeat that will make Measure W look like a triumph.

In particular, we believe a large majority of the county’s voters will take issue with three aspects of the LandWatch general plan:

■ **No new subdivisions in the unincorporated part of the Monterey Peninsula** — a very surprising provision that would force the rest of the county to bear the brunt of essentially all new development. Even if a majority of Peninsula voters embrace this very selfish idea, they’ll be swamped by voters in the rest of the county who don’t see why their already-privileged neighbors along the coast deserve more protection than they do.

■ **No affordable housing in the unincorporated part of the Monterey Peninsula.** This inevitably follows from the subdivision ban. Without the creation of at least a few new lots, there would be no way to add even one unit of workforce housing to Carmel Valley, for example, much less the 100-plus units proposed at Rancho Cañada. Of course Carmel Valley’s scenery should be preserved. But not at the expense of every other consideration, including offering a chance to young families to own a home in their own neighborhood.

■ **No general plan amendments without a vote of the people.** Even the worst student in a 9th grade civics class would understand that not every political issue is suitable for a public vote. Some things are too technical, too complicated or too emotional to be decided via an all-or-nothing ballot initiative. General plans, and amendments thereto during the several decades they’re in effect, are perfect examples. Furthermore, limiting future general plan amendments to ones approved by the people would mean that only landowners with very deep pockets would even consider going that route. The little guy should have a cheaper way to make his case for a change in the land use designation for his property. And that means retaining for the board of supervisors the power to do so.

We assume that, with a bankroll of “several hundred thousand dollars” to get its plan on the June 2006 ballot, there is no way LandWatch will back down now. But sooner or later the group will have to face the fact that, no matter how arduous the process, the board of supervisors is the place where a new general plan should be adopted.

BATES



“Just keep backing up ’til you hear glass.”

Letters to the Editor

Rancho Cañada = city hall?

Dear Editor,

The Carmel Valley Association has a grand opportunity to put its enthusiasm for citihood into practical terms. A little money would be needed. It is rumored that Rancho Cañada has not been making money for some time and the club itself could be for sale. Most of the land on which the courses sit is not owned by the Lombardo heirs but is leased from local property owners. If some kind of financial angel — or even a group — could purchase the golf operation and all the land, think of what it would mean to a future City of Carmel Valley.

1. If all the land was covered by an irrevocable deed restriction so that a future city council could not sell off part of it for housing or other commercial activities, the area would be spared 281 housing units which will be hard to sell at best, will create massive traffic jams and generate future complaints when the residents — assuming there are any — wake up and realize they live next

to the school bus garage and can’t conveniently walk to anything but the nearby shopping area.

2. Purchase of the land in its entirety would assure voters that no future use of the land would be made other than for golf, park or civic purposes. Voters might find this appealing when and if incorporation reaches the ballot box.

3. Besides keeping open land for public use, the new city would have the current club house which would make a ready-made city hall with offices and meeting rooms appropriate for city needs. In addition, there would be an instant city yard for equipment storage and an operations center. No usage of trailers would be required while a civic center was built, assuming the voters would subscribe sufficient funds for that purpose for the new city.

Buy the golf course at bargain rates, keep housing out, establish open spaces either for golf or a park, and get all the civic buildings needed for years to come. What could be easier — it only takes a few million to buy out the whole place or at least the Lombardo heirs at bargain prices and use eminent domain for the rest if such were required. Sounds ideal to me.

Kenneth Bullock,
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SHUGART

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punch card tabulators, he got bored and decided to quit. But IBM wouldn't let him go and assigned him to the company's research lab in San Jose, where Shugart concentrated on finding better ways to store data than punch cards.

With his help, IBM researchers in 1956 founded the company's first magnetic hard disk drive, the RAMAC 305, a bulk storage unit which replaced tens of thousands of punch cards.

The crucial technology allowed computers to be used in airline reservations, banking and space flights.

Shugart was eventually promoted to manager of all random access memory products and then director of engineering for the sys-

tems development division.

"I think I'm a good people manager," Shugart said.

And that's because people, more than technology, have always fascinated Shugart. His connection to his employees garnered respect and devotion.

After resigning from IBM in 1969, Shugart was hired by rival Memorex as vice president of product development. Three years later, he quit.

"One of the things my mother told me was, 'Everything in moderation,'" Shugart said. "The second thing I got from the Boy Scouts was, 'Be prepared.'" The third piece of advice I got from the IBM company was, 'Think.'"

So, Shugart took a break from the corporate world, and from 1975 to 1979 he worked as a private consultant. In 1973, he co-founded Shugart Associates but left the company at the end of 1974.

"If you don't enjoy your job, quit it," he said.

Shugart, with urging from investors, started Seagate Technology in 1979 with co-founder Finis Conner. Under Shugart's management, the company became the world's largest independent manufacturer of disk drives and a leading developer of software tools and applications for data management.

Seagate, which began with \$1.5 million in funding, pulled in \$300 million in revenue within five years.

"I think the biggest accomplishment was I employed 125,000 people in the world," he said of his time at Seagate. "I felt really good about that."

But in 1998, Shugart left the company. He has since joined the boards of seven companies, including Cypress Semiconductor, Fidelica Microsystems and Blue Sky Research.

Shugart now owns Al Shugart International, a Santa Cruz-based resource center focused on helping entrepreneurs launch new enterprises and growing small companies into big businesses.

"We started out to do a little venture capital and public relations," he said. "And the dot-com bust hit and our venture capital went in the pot."

But the company still exists with a few employees, and Shugart, at 75, still runs it.

"Age has its disadvantages, but there are advantages too," he said. "As you get older, you become more contemplative. In the past, I enjoyed going to a bar after work and mingling with crowds of people. Now I prefer sitting on the porch, relaxing with my dogs, talking with them, or just enjoying their company and letting my thoughts wander."

REVEREND

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Christian churches.

"More conservative theology and politics seem to have been on the upswing, and All Saints — and a lot of people have come to All Saints because of me — is seen as a more liberal parish," he said. "My platform has always been inclusive theology."

Members of Hansen's congregation and the public will have the opportunity to bid him farewell at a special holiday performance of "Messiah" and the church's annual Dickensian Dinner Sunday.

The concert, which precedes the dinner at 4 p.m. Dec. 11, will feature the All Saints Choir, Evensong Choir, the Monterey String Quartet and organist Richard Wilson. Suggested donation is \$15. Reservations to partake in the "sumptuous holiday fare, champagne punch and dessert" at the Dickensian Dinner are also \$15 per person, and both events will be held at the church on Dolores Street at Ninth Avenue. For more information or to make reservations, call (831) 624-3883.

DUI

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was driving northbound on Junipero Street just north of 10th Avenue when she reached down to grab a ringing cellphone and crashed her new Kia.

"She took her eyes off the road and drifted off the roadway," Rana said, "and smacked into a tree."

Her airbag deployed, and Hong, who was wearing her seat belt, was not hurt.

Shortly after, Rana investigated a collision on Lobos Street, though in this case, no one was driving. A black BMW had rolled almost 500 feet from its parking space in front of owner Carol Crandall's home, coming to rest against a Datsun.

"The car took off southbound, missed two parked cars, veered into the middle of Lobos through the intersection of Lobos and Second Avenue, and then started to slowly veer to the right and smacked into the 280Z," Rana said. The car's path "was all because of the terrain of the roadway — the subtle rises and falls — because the wheels were perfectly straight," he added.

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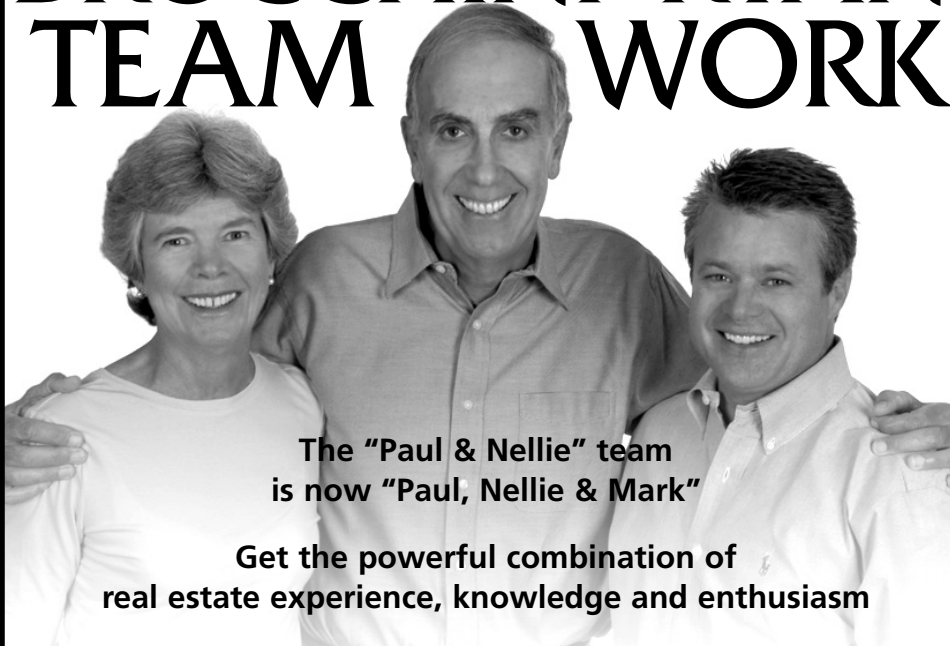
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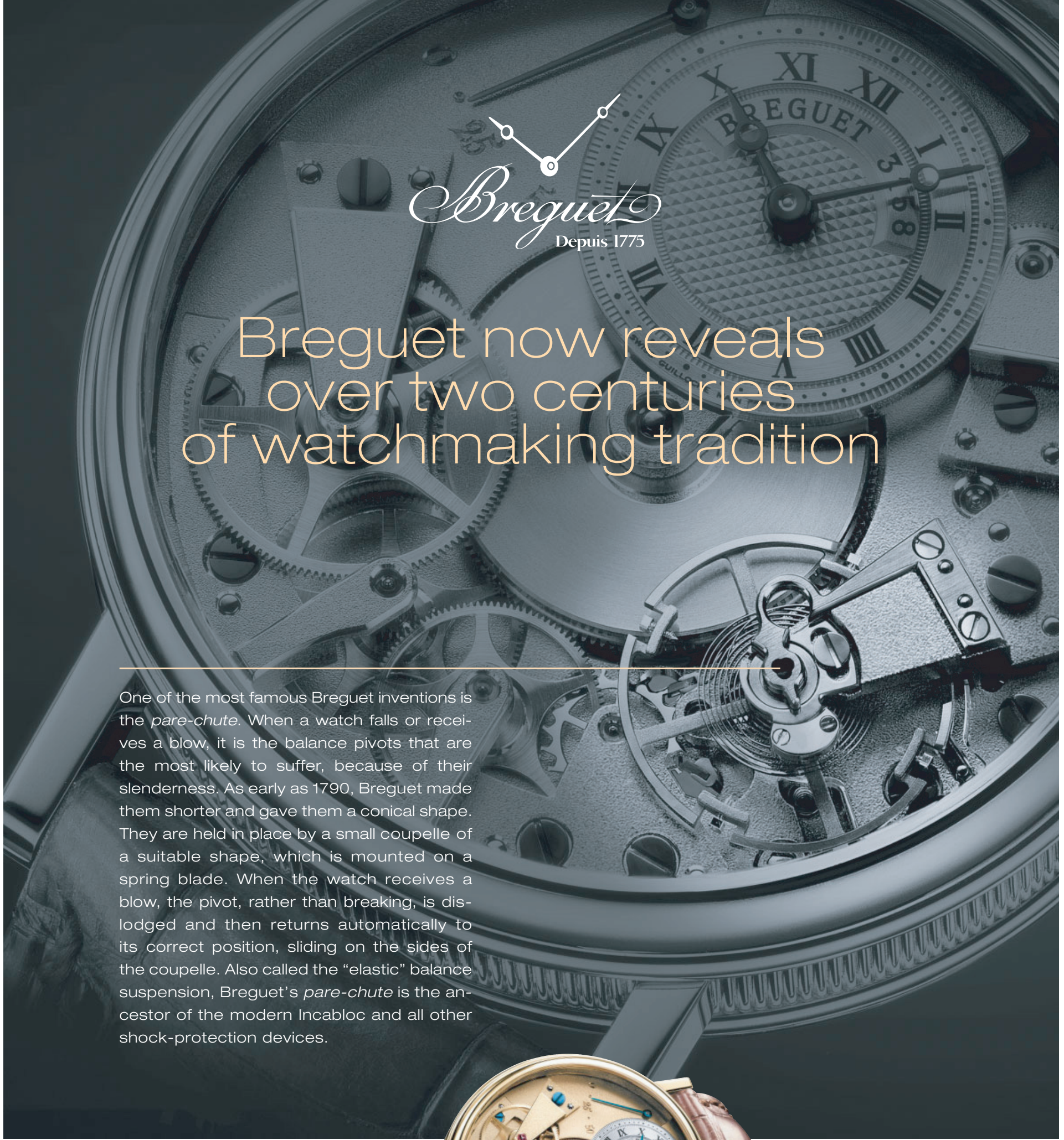
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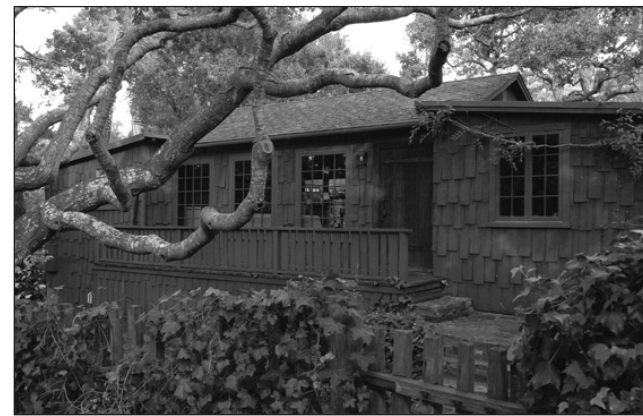
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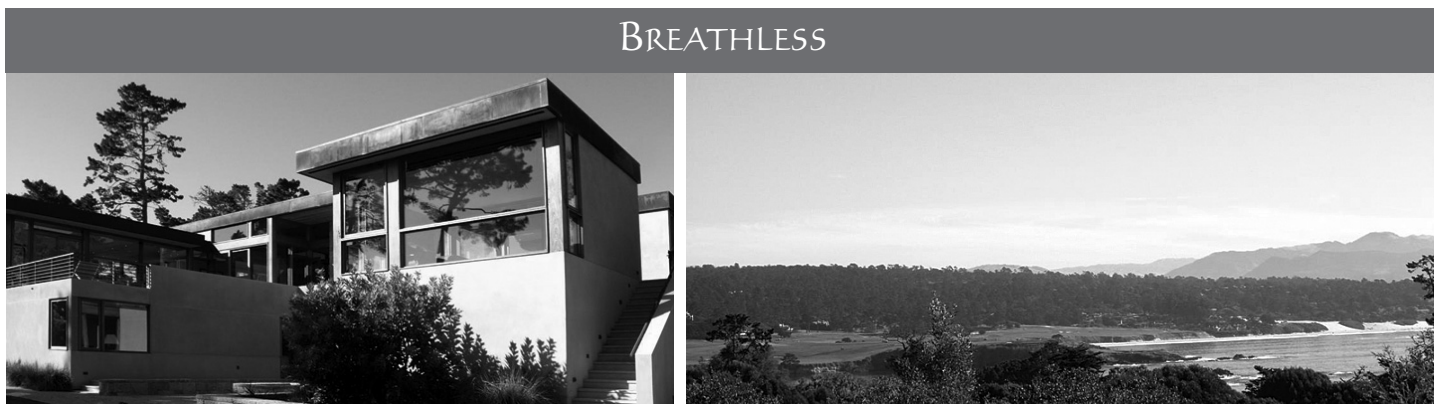
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Commission: Use water for affordable housing, not vacant lots

By MARY BROWNFIELD

NO MEMBERS of the public weighed in Dec. 7 on how the City of Carmel should allocate the .897 acre-feet of water it reacquired when developer John Mandurrigo abandoned his plans for a senior housing complex. Without any debate, the planning commission unanimously voted to recommend the city council dedicate all the water to housing for people with low and very low incomes.

"The city has not had water to allocate for several years," planner Sean Conroy said. But when Mandurrigo decided not to build his 13-unit senior residential care facility downtown, the water committed to the project returned to the city's coffers. According to the Carmel Municipal Code, unused water should return to the allocation category it came from — commercial, in this case — unless the planning commission believes it

should go toward another use. In his report, Conroy said commissioners should recommend the city council set aside the water for affordable housing, as encouraged by the general plan. In the past, the city has not had a specific water-use category for low-income housing.

Conroy also said there are simply too many vacant and underutilized lots in the city — 69, according to the general plan — to justify allocating the water to regular residential projects. "While there is a clear need for water on vacant sites, staff does not recommend that water be placed in the residential allocation until there is a more substantial water supply to distribute," he said.

Commissioner Robin Wilson said he was proud of the planning department for recommending the water be used for affordable housing, and chairman Bill Strid agreed.

If the council agrees with the planning commission's breakdown of water uses, the

city's total supply of 3.271 acre-feet would include the following allocations:

■ .897 acre-feet for affordable housing, of which .109 will probably be used for two

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■ .224 acre-feet for municipal projects, and

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Council uncomfortable approving historic preservation contracts

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WANTING TO be better informed before they set a precedent, Carmel City Council members delayed a Dec. 6 vote on

two Mills Act contracts that would give the property owners tax breaks for preserving their historic homes.

Included in the Local Coastal Program that became law last fall, Mills Act contracts

can cut property taxes by 40 percent or more to help offset the costs of maintaining historic buildings and compensate owners for loss in property value resulting from historic designation.

To qualify, a home must be listed on the city's historic register, and the owner's maintenance plan must be "appropriate in scope and sufficient in detail." Alterations are limited to interior work and exterior changes that do not affect the building's basic form and design, comply with federal preservation standards, do not "alter, damage or diminish any character-defining feature," do not increase floor area by more than 15 percent of the original, do not add a second story and meet all zoning standards. The contract must also represent a balance of public and private interests and "not result in substantial

place Roy and Kim Scheingart's Cape Cod house and David and Debbie Hutchings' English Arts and Crafts residence on the city's register, and they recommended the council approve the contracts and accompanying maintenance plans.

But the mayor and council said they first want a briefing on the Mills Act contracts, including criteria for approval, to make sure they are handling the agreements properly.

The council supported the concept of the agreements when it adopted the LCP, Mayor Sue McCloud said. "The LCP is words, and those need to be interpreted and applied. The applications raised a lot of questions."

Councilman Mike Cunningham said it would be in everyone's best interest to be well versed in the Mills Act rules before voting on the contracts.

David Hutchings, who said he cleared his calendar, traveled from out of town to attend the hearing and only learned Monday his application would not be considered, was unhappy with the delay.

"The city approved the Mills Act in 2004. I would hope the homework was done then," he said. "I've done my homework on this."

Hutchings said he has already performed work on his home.

"I've come here in good faith and with good intentions," he said.

Councilman Gerard Rose suggested the council take action on Hutchings' application, but his motion died for lack of a second. The council ultimately voted to delay the hearings until it holds a workshop to better understand Mills Act provisions and the criteria that should be used in approving or denying the contracts.



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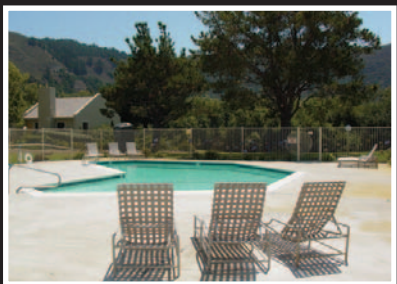
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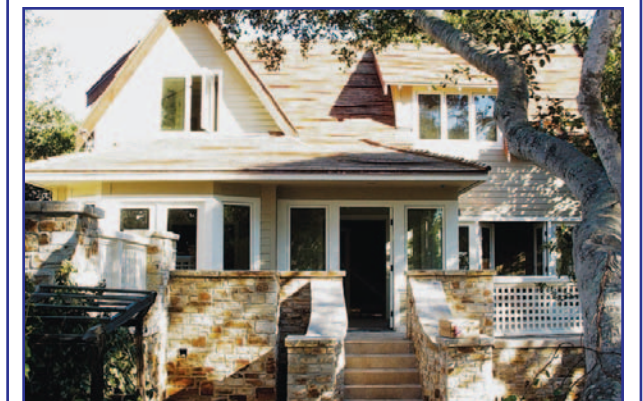
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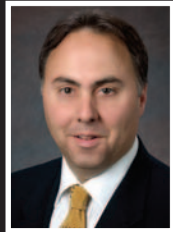
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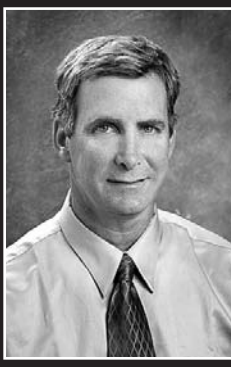
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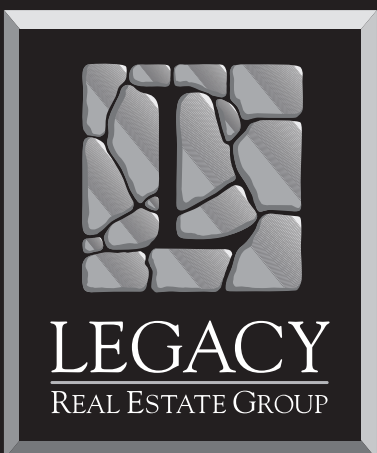
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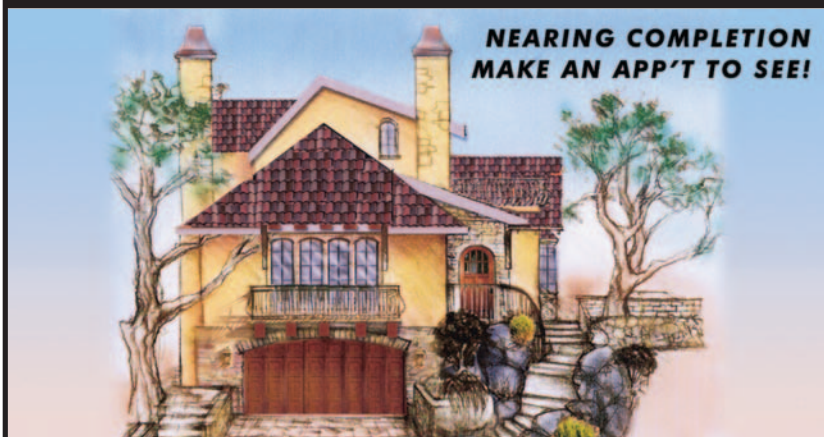


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Robert Patterson was badly injured in a motorcycle accident, the gallery closed just over a year ago, and property owner Dan Keig decided to renovate the building.

Before embarking on the remodel, Keig said he consulted with Rose Ulman, a 97-year-old Carmel Highlands resident who, along her husband, operated a real estate office in the building as far back as the late 1940s.

"I talked with her to see if she had any objections to the project," Keig said. "I thought she might have a sentimental attachment to it. But she said, 'Go ahead with the changes.'"

Keig said he has received inquiries from several possible gallery operators, but he is in no hurry to commit to a tenant. He said he hopes to complete the project in about six months, but he's making no promises.

"With remodels, you keep going until you're done," he said. "I like to add things along the way."

If his past renovations are any indication, the gallery will

be as interesting as it is functional. Even when repaving the gas station's driveway, he couldn't help but take a few creative liberties.

"This might be the only one in the world with a stamped concrete driveway," he said. "It's expensive, but it's much more appealing than black top."

A neighborhood landmark

When completed, the gallery will feature an 800-square-foot first floor and a 400-square-foot second floor. In the old gallery, visitors had to go outside the building to move from one floor to the other, but the new gallery will have a staircase built inside it. Keig co-designed the building with Monterey architect Paul Davis, Sr.

Regardless of how long it will take him to finish the project, Keig seems to enjoy what he's doing. Part businessman and part artist, he is also aware of his station's status as a local landmark.

"I've been out here [in front of the station] when there are three different groups of people taking pictures of it," Keig said. "It's the face of our neighborhood. The only image we have of our neighborhood is a gas station."

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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the offices for which candidates are to be nominated or elected at the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Election to be held on the 11th day of April, 2006, are as follows:

MAYOR (2 YEAR TERM)

COUNCIL (2 SEATS - 4 YEAR TERMS)

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that candidates declare candidacy, obtain and circulate nomination petitions in the office of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea City Clerk's office between the dates of December 19, 2005 and January 13, 2006.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the statutory deadline to submit a measure to be voted on at the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Election is December 20, 2005.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the last day to submit arguments for or against a measure to be voted on at the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Election is January 10, 2006.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the last day to submit rebuttal arguments for or against a measure to be voted on at the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Election is January 20, 2006.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Election the polls will remain open from the hour of 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on the day thereof.

TONY ANCHUNDO

Registrar of Voters

Date of Notice: December 6, 2005

"Si Ud. quiere obtener una traducción al español de este aviso legal, favor de comunicarse con el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de Monterey para que se ponga a la misma a su disposición."

Publication date: December 9, 2005 (PC1219)

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\$985,000 3bd 2.5ba 25215 Steward Place Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1-3 Carmel 626-2226
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\$1,095,000 3bd 3ba 24610 Lower Trail Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 12-3 Carmel 626-2222
\$1,100,000 1bd 1ba 25950 Junipero Avenue Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 2-4 Carmel 626-2222
\$1,195,000 3bd 1.5ba 24681 Guadalupe Street Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1-3 Carmel 626-2221
\$1,239,000 1bd 1ba+office San Carlos 5 SW of 10th Ave. Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 2:30-4:30 Carmel 626-2222
\$1,249,000 3bd 3ba Junipero 5th NW of 10th Ave. Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1-3 Carmel 626-2223
\$1,250,000 5bd 2ba 3434 Ocean Avenue John Saar Properties	Sa 11-5 Su 1-3 Carmel 625-0500
\$1,375,000 2bd 2.5ba Junipero & 4th Ave. SW Crrn. #D Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 2:30-4:30 Carmel 626-2222
\$1,525,000 3bd 2.5ba SW Corner Monterey & 1st Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 1:30-3:30 Carmel 624-0136
\$1,585,000 3bd 2ba Junipero 8 NW of 10th Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 12-2 Carmel 622-1040
\$1,595,000 3bd 2ba Santa Rita 2 SE of 3rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1-3 Carmel 626-2222
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\$1,597,000 2bd 2ba Torres 4 NE of 3rd Sotheby's Int'l RE	Su 12-2 Carmel 624-0136
\$1,650,000 4bd 2.5ba 3609 Eastfield Road Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 12-2 Su 1-3 Carmel 624-0136
\$1,745,000 2bd 2ba SWC Junipero & 5th Unit C Alain Pinel Realtors	Su 1-4 Carmel 622-1040
\$1,775,000 3bd 2ba 24665 Lower Trail Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 2-4 Carmel 626-2222
\$1,775,000 3bd 2ba 24665 Lower Trail Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 2-4 Carmel 626-2222
\$1,775,000 3bd 2ba 8th Avenue, 3 NE of Santa Fe St. Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1-3 Carmel 626-2223
\$1,795,000 3bd 2ba 26317 Camino Real Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1-3 Carmel 626-2222
\$1,975,000 3bd 2ba San Carlos 2SW of 13th Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa Su 1-3 Carmel 622-1040
\$1,995,000 3bd 2.5ba O NE Corner Dolores & 3rd Street John Saar Properties	Sa 12-2 Su 12-4 Carmel 625-0500
\$2,150,000 3bd 3.5ba 3495 Edgefield Place Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 2-4 Carmel 626-2222
\$2,195,000 2bd 2ba SE Corner Torres & 6th Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa Su 1-4 Carmel 622-1040
\$2,295,000 2bd 2ba Lincoln 3SE of 10th Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa Su 2-4 Carmel 622-1040
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\$2,398,000 3bd 2.5ba NW Corner 12th & Mission Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 2-4 Su 1-3 Carmel 622-1040
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\$2,550,000 3bd 2ba 2752 16th Avenue Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa Su 2-4:30 Carmel 622-1040
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\$2,795,000 3bd 3.5ba Monte Verde 3 SW 13th Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 2-4 Su 2:30-4:30 Carmel 624-0136
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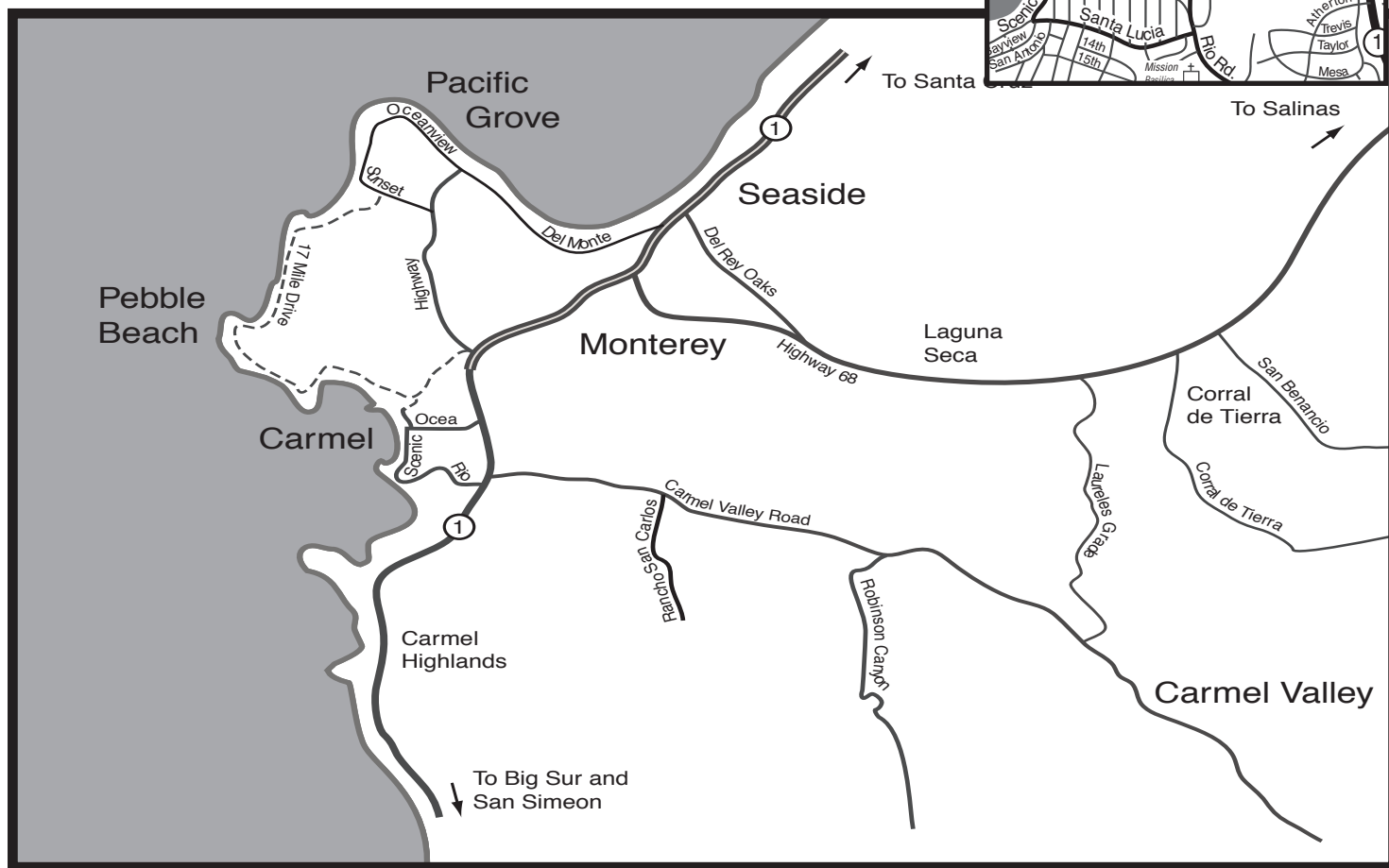
CARMEL HIGHLANDS

\$1,850,000 4bd 3ba 137 Carmel Riviera Alain Pinel Realtors	Su 2-4 Crmel Highlands 622-1040
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\$2,990,000 4bd 4+ba 21 Mentone Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 2:30-4:30 Crmel Highlands 624-0136
\$4,295,000 4bd 3.5ba 204 Upper Walden Road Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1-3 Crmel Highlands 626-2222
\$4,690,000 5bd 5ba+2gst.hse. 225 Lower Walden Mid Coast Investments	Sa Su 12-2 Crmel Highlands 626-0145
\$15,900,000 3bd 2.5ba 182 Van Ess Way Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1-4 Crmel Highlands 626-2223

CARMEL VALLEY

\$759,000 2bd 1ba 65 Paso Hondo Sotheby's Int'l RE	Su 2-4 Carmel Valley 659-2267
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THIS WEEKEND'S OPEN HOUSES December 10-11



\$909,000 3bd 3.5ba 24 De El Rio Road Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 2-4 Carmel Valley 626-2226
\$995,000 4bd 2ba 30 Camino De Travesia John Saar Properties	Sa 1-4 Carmel Valley 625-0500
\$1,025,000 2bd 2.5ba 7020 Valley Greens Dr #19 Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 2-4 Carmel Valley 659-2267
\$1,029,000 2bd 2ba 45 Laurel Drive Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 2-4 Su 1-3 Carmel Valley 622-1040
\$1,175,000 3bd 3.5ba 28017 Quail Court Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 2-4 Carmel Valley 659-2267
\$1,249,000 3bd 2.5ba 238 El Caminito Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa Su 1-3 Carmel Valley 659-2267
\$1,394,000 5bd 4.5ba 45 West Garzas Road Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 11:30-1:30 Carmel Valley 626-2226
\$1,495,000 4bd 4ba 13370 Middle Canyon Rd Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 2-4 Carmel Valley 659-2267
\$1,495,000 3bd 2.5ba 25295 Tierra Grande Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 1-4 Carmel Valley 622-1040
\$1,650,000 3bd 2.5ba+2bd 1ba 26175 Rinconada Alain Pinel Realtors	Su 1-4 Carmel Valley 622-1040
\$1,699,000 4bd 2ba 35 Toyon Way Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1-3 Carmel Valley 626-2223
\$1,900,000 5bd 3ba 625 Via La Estrella Alain Pinel Realtors	Su 1-3 Carmel Valley 622-1040
\$985,000 3bd 2ba 120 Via Milpitas Sotheby's Int'l RE	Su 2-4 Carmel Valley 659-2267

DEL REY OAKS

\$576,000 2bd 2ba 540 Pheasant Ridge Alain Pinel Realtors	Su 2-5 Del Rey Oaks 622-1040
\$585,000 2bd 2ba 820 Pheasant Ridge Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa Su 1-3 Del Rey Oaks 622-1040
\$605,000 2bd 2ba 130 Quail Run Court Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa Su 1-3 Del Rey Oaks 646-2120
\$709,000 3bd 1.5ba 1078 Rosita Road Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 12-2 Del Rey Oaks 626-2222
\$709,000 3bd 1.5ba 1078 Rosita Road Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 12-1:30 Del Rey Oaks 626-2222

MARINA

\$689,000 3bd 2ba 3045 Redwood Drive Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1-3 Marina 626-2222
\$750,000 3bd 2ba 333 Parson Circle Legacy Real Estate	Su 1-4 Marina 624-3747
\$769,000 4bd 2ba 3135 Lelia Place Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 12-2 Marina 626-2222

MONTEREY

\$1,250,000 4bd 2.5ba 1629 Josselyn Canyon Road John Saar Properties	Sa 2-4 Su 1-4 Monterey 625-0500
\$1,279,000 3bd 2.5ba 538 Grove Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 11-1 Monterey 646-2120
\$1,395,000 2bd 2.5ba 471 Belden Street Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 2:30-4:30 Monterey 626-2226
\$1,548,000 3bd 4.5ba 39 Linda Vista Drive J.R. Rouse Real Estate	Sa Su 2-4 Monterey 277-3464
\$1,695,000 5bd 2.5ba 954 Mesa Road Sotheby's Int'l RE	Su 1-4 Monterey 646-2120

MONTEREY SALINAS HWY.

\$699,500 3bd 2.5ba 21850 Stonegate Drive Alain Pinel Realtors	Su 1-4 Mtry/Sins Hwy 622-1040
\$1,099,000 4bd 2ba 22699 Picador Drive Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 12-2 Mtry/Sins Hwy 626-2222
\$1,195,000 3bd 3ba 441 Corral de Tierra John Saar Properties	Sa 1-3 Mtry/Sins Hwy 625-0500
\$1,295,000 3bd 2.5ba 439 Corral de Tierra Alain Pinel Realtors	Su 12-2 Mtry/Sins Hwy 622-1040
\$1,365,000 3bd 3ba 431 Corral de Tierra Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1:30-4 Mtry/Sins Hwy 622-2221
\$1,365,000 3bd 3ba 431 Corral de Tierra Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1:30-4 Mtry/Sins Hwy 626-2221
\$2,745,000 4bd 4ba 13206 Corte de Chamisal Sotheby's Int'l RE	Su 1-3 Mtry/Sins Hwy 659-2267

NORTH SALINAS

\$679,888 4bd 2.5 ba 1025 Bison Way Alain Pinel Realtors	Su 3-5 North Salinas 622-1040
\$725,000 3bd 2.5ba 1239 De Cunha Court Sotheby's Int'l RE	Su 1-3 North Salinas 659-2267

PACIFIC GROVE

\$755,000 2bd 1ba 1113 Presidio Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa Su 1-3 Pacific Grove 622-1040
\$795,000 2bd 1ba 507 19th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 1-3 Pacific Grove 646-2120
\$819,000 2bd 1ba 651 Spruce Ave Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 11:30-1:30 Pacific Grove 646-2120
\$850,000 3bd 2ba 415 12th Street Fouratt-Simmons Real Estate	Sa 2-4 Pacific Grove 624-3829
\$945,000 2bd 2.5ba 381 Junipero Avenue Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1-3 Pacific Grove 626-2221
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\$975,000 3bd 2ba 904 Beauford Place Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1-3 Pacific Grove 626-2226
\$990,000 3bd 4ba 714 19th Street John Saar Properties	Sa Su 1-4 Pacific Grove 625-0500
\$990,000 3bd 2.5ba 891 Spruce Avenue Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1-3 Pacific Grove 626-2226
\$1,099,000 2bd 1ba 634 Grove Street Becky Jones	Sa 1-3 Pacific Grove 646-1401
\$1,195,000 3bd 2.5ba 1116 Austin Ave Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa Su 1-4 Pacific Grove 646-2120
\$1,295,000 3bd 2ba 515 Cypress Avenue Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1-3 Pacific Grove 626-2222
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\$1,425,000 3bd 2ba 405 Monterey Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 1-3 Su 1-4 Pacific Grove 646-2120
\$1,475,000 2bd 3ba + den 138 18th Street Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1-3 Pacific Grove 626-2226
\$1,495,000 5bd 3.5ba 217 & 219 2nd Street Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1-3 Pacific Grove 626-2226
\$1,495,000 3bd 2ba 627 Spazier Avenue Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 12-2 Pacific Grove 626-2226

\$1,495,000 3bd 2ba 627 Spazier Avenue (R/C) Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1-3 Pacific Grove 626-2226
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PEBBLE BEACH

\$1,325,000 3bd 2.5ba 2877 Coyote Road Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1-3 Pebble Beach 626-2226
\$1,375,000 3bd 2.5ba 4086 Pine Meadows Way John Saar Properties	Sa 11-4 Su 12-3 Pebble Beach 625-0500
\$1,599,000 3bd 2.5ba 1139 Mestres Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 1-3 Su 1:30-3:30 Pebble Beach 622-1040
\$1,770,000 3bd 2.5ba 4147 Sunset Lane Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 2-4 Pebble Beach 626-2222
\$1,770,000 3bd 2.5ba 4147 Sunset Place Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 2-4 Pebble Beach 626-2222
\$2,150,000 3bd 3ba 3153 Hacienda Sotheby's Int'l RE	Su 2-4 Pebble Beach 646-2120
\$2,150,000 3bd 3ba 4034 Mora Lane Sotheby's Int'l RE	Su 2-4 Pebble Beach 646-2120
\$2,483,000 3bd 2.5ba 3138 Hermitage Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 2-4 Pebble Beach 646-2120
\$2,485,000 4bd 3ba 4054 El Bosque Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 10-1 Pebble Beach 622-1040
\$2,495,000 3bd 2.5ba 3079 Sloat Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 2-4 Su 1-3 Pebble Beach 646-2120
\$2,650,000 4bd 3.5ba 1056 Sawmill Gulch Road Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 2-4 Su 1:30-3:30 Pebble Beach 646-2120
\$2,950,000 3bd 3ba 1408 Oleada Road Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa 1-3 Pebble Beach 626-2222
\$3,195,000 3bd 2.5ba 1269 Lisbon Lane Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 1-3 Pebble Beach 626-2222
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\$6,250,000 4bd 4.5ba 1207 Benbow Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 12-3 Su 11-3 Pebble Beach 622-1040
\$10,000,000 4bd 5.5ba 3351 17 Mile Drive John Saar Properties	Sa 1-3 Pebble Beach 625-0500

SALINAS

\$846,000 3bd 2ba 41 Santa Lucia Avenue J.R. Rouse Real Estate	Su Su 2-4 Salinas 277-3464
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SEASIDE

\$599,000 2bd 1ba 1244 Harding Street Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 2-3:30 Seaside 626-2222
\$895,000 4bd 2.5ba 1667 Mescal Legacy Real Estate	Sa 1-4 Seaside 624-3747

SOUTH COAST

\$4,000,000 5bd 4.5ba 36296 Garrapata Ridge John Saar Properties	Su 1-3 South Coast 625-0500
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SOUTH SALINAS

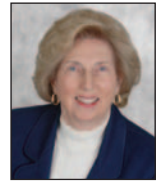
\$369,000 2bd 1.5ba 100 W. Rossi #1 So
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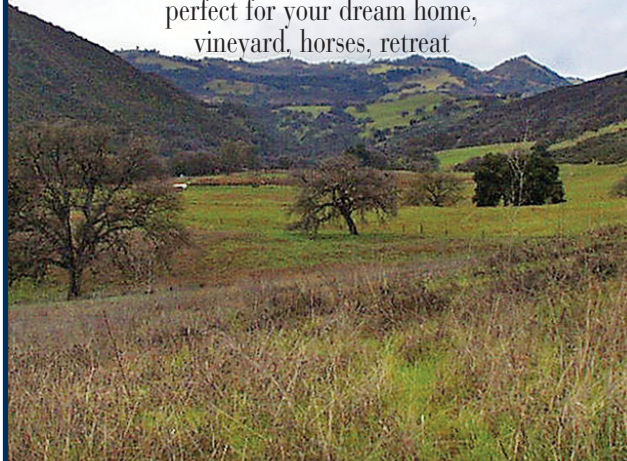
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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

Lincoln Street displaying expired registration. The vehicle was towed per authority of the

California Vehicle Code. **Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a disturbance at a church on Ocean Avenue. Upon arrival, saw two subjects arguing with a third subject. The male said he and his wife were

looking to be put up by the church for the night. They then started arguing with the other subject about how the church conducts its business. The subject affiliated with the church asked the husband and wife to leave due to their actions and attitude. The male and female left the area. They then went to another church on Lincoln Street where they questioned the pastor on his church practices. The police were

again summoned. The officer advised the husband and wife to change their approach to the church employees and not be so antagonistic. They said they would try. They then left the area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine, battalion chief and ambulance responded to a fire alarm activation at the hotel at Camino Real and Eighth. On scene, engine crew investigated and



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ness is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 4, 2005. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)(s) Arthur Nathan, Assistant Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 4, 2005. NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) 11/04/2010 11/25/2005, 12/02/2005, 12/09/2005, 12/16/2005 **CNS-894293# CARMEL PINE CONE** Publication dates: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 2005. (PC1112)

ness is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 28, 2005. (s) R. Tanguay, Wine Maker. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 23, 2005. Publication dates: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2005. (PC1203)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052620. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BETTS SALES**, 324 Prescott Ln., Apt. 3, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. JUSTIN BETTS, 324 Prescott Ln., Apt. 3, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 3, 2005. (s) Justin Betts. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2005. Publication dates: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2005. (PC1205)

CA 93955. VENTURA PEREZ, 300 Herrmann Drive, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. (s) DeAnna Crannell. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 23, 2005. Publication dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2005. (PC1210)

93953. STEPHANIE ANN AMES, 1601 Sonado Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. STEVEN J. AMES, 1601 Sonado Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 1, 2005. (s) Stephanie Ann Ames, CEO; Steven J. Ames. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 18, 2005. Publication dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2005. (PC1213)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. M77027.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, BRIAN TED WILLEY, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A.Present name: BRIAN TED WILLEY
Proposed name: BRIAN TED CORRELL

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: January 20, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Agujaito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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

(s) Robert O'Farrell
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Date filed: Dec. 5, 2005.
 Clerk: Lisa M. Galdos
 Deputy: Regina Pak

Publication dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2005. (PC1216)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE

In re the Estate of **MARTHA VENEGAS MENDOZA, Deceased**
Case No. MP 17696

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. M76801.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, JOSEPH S. YOON/ANNA S. YOON, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A.Present name: SUNG WON YUIN
Proposed name: JOYCE SUNGWON YOON
A.Present name: HAE WON YUIN
Proposed name: CAROLINE HAEWON YOON

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: Jan. 6, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Agujaito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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

(s) Robert O'Farrell
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Date filed: Nov. 18, 2005.
 Clerk: Lisa M. Galdos

Publication dates: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 2005. (PC1113)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052772. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **THE FLOWERING POINSETTIA**, 3855 Via Nona Marie, Ste 204A, Carmel, CA 93923. TONYIA DEE SAMPONGNARO, 3271 Sycamore Place, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 16, 2005. (s) Tonyia Sampognaro. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 18, 2005. Publication dates: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2005. (PC1206)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052830. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **GOLD COAST ELECTRIC**, 22483 Estoque Pl., Salinas, CA 93908. JOHN R. BATTAGLIA, 22483 Estoque Pl., Salinas, CA 93908. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 7, 2005. (s) John Battaglia. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 29, 2005. Publication dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2005. (PC1211)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052790. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **KEEP IT SIMPLE STUDIO**, 1324 Luxton St., Seaside, CA 93955. MELISSA PEDRAZA, 1324 Luxton St., Seaside, CA 93955. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 12, 2005. (s) Melissa Pedraza. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 21, 2005. Publication dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2005. (PC1214)

T.S. No. 2005-26905125 Loan No. 0026905125 Title Order No. 2730426 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/31/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JUDY ANN MURPHY, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: GOLDEN WEST SAVINGS ASSOCIATION SERVICE CO., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION Recorded 9/9/2004 as Instrument No. 2004095359 in book , pageof Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MONTEREY COUNTY, California, Date of Sale: 12/30/2005 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: AT THE MAIN (SOUTH) ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (FACING THE COURTYARD OFF CHURCH ST.), 240 CHURCH STREET, SALINAS, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$161,965.14 Street Address or other common designation of real property is purported to be.: 3460 EDGEFIELD PLACE CARMEL, CA 93923 A.P.N.: 015-451-019 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: November 15, 2005 AGENCY SALES AND POSTING As agent for GOLDEN WEST SAVINGS ASSOCIATION SERVICE CO., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION 8801 FOLSOM BLVD, SUITE 230 SACRAMENTO, CA 95826 Telephone Number: (800) 840-8547 Sale Status Line: (916) 387-7728 WHYTNIE CURLESS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY 12/9, 12/16, 12/23/05 Publication dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 2005. (PC1212)

T.S. No. 05-2403-CA Loan No. 71911439 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/8/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum, of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest thereon and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of the sale. Trustor: MEHDI SHAHBAZIA MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Duly Appointed Trustee: ALLIANCE DEFAULT SERVICES, A DIVISION OF ALLIANCE TITLE COMPANY Recorded 10/25/2004 as Instrument No. 2004113402 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, CALIFORNIA Date of Sale: 12/30/2005 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: ON THE MAIN STEPS (AT THE DOUBLE-DOOR ENTRANCE, INSIDE THE COURTYARD) OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 240 CHURCH STREET, SALINAS, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$309,125.06 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9603 Buckeye Ct., Carmel, CA 93923 Legal Description: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST A.P.N.: 416-531-049 FOR INFORMATION : www.ascntext.com/websales/ OR 714-480-5690 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of the first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: December 01, 2005 Alliance Default Services, Inc. 1201 DOVE STREET, SUITE 400, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 949-252-2800 Roy Hussing, Alliance Default Services TAC: 734345B PUB: 12-9, 12-16, 12-23 Publication dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 2005. (PC1215)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052730. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **THE PRODUCE BARN**, 13750 A Center St., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. DROBNICK DISTRIBUTING, INC., California, 13532 Paseo Terrano, Salinas, CA 93908. FRESH DISTRIBUTING, INC., California, 5 Via Las Encinas, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 1, 2005. (s) Edward Drobnick, President, Don Beucke, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 16, 2005. Publication dates: Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 2005. (PC1109).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052712. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CHARLIE'S SHOES**, 463 Alvarado St., Monterey, CA 93940. SHARLA FISHER, 463 Alvarado St., Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 29, 2005. (s) Sharla Fisher. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 14, 2005. Publication dates: Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 2005. (PC1116)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. M77006.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, ROBERT MARION WEBSTER, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A.Present name: ROBERT MARION WEBSTER
Proposed name: ROBERT CHRISTOPHER MASTERS

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: January 20, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Agujaito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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

(s) Hon. Michael S. Fields
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Date filed: Nov. 28, 2005.
 Clerk: Lisa M. Galdos

Publication dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2005. (PC1209)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052776. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **THE PRODUCE BARN**, 13750 A Center St., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. DROBNICK DISTRIBUTING, INC., California, 13532 Paseo Terrano, Salinas, CA 93908. FRESH DISTRIBUTING, INC., California, 5 Via Las Encinas, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 1, 2005. (s) Edward Drobnick, President, Don Beucke, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 16, 2005. Publication dates: Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 2005. (PC1109).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052805. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CP TRIPLE A**, 1242 Sylvan Road, Monterey, CA 93940. ROBERT AND DEANNA CRANNELL, 1242 Sylvan Road, Monterey, CA 93940. WILLIAM AND GLORIA AVILA AND AL A. AVILA, 580 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey, CA 93940. RICHARD L. AND PHYLLIS D. AVILA, 3125 Mescal Street, Seaside,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052644. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **THOMSON MECHANICAL CORPORATION**, 2150 East 37th Street, Vernon, CA 90058. WOOD GROUP FIELD SERVICES, INC., 2150 East 37th Street, Vernon, CA 90058. This busi-

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052818. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **HELLER ESTATE ORGANIC VINEYARDS**, 69 West Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. HELLER ESTATE, INC., 69 West Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This busi-

ness is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 21, 2005. (s) Kimberley H. Donlon. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 21, 2005. Publication dates: Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 2005. (PC1117)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052771. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **AMES DESIGN GROUP**, 1601 Sonado Road, Pebble Beach, CA

SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW
 CASE NUMBER: DR 42173
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If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately.

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

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

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
SANTANA F. RODRIGUEZ
603 St. Augustine Drive
Salinas, CA 93950
(831) 261-9379
RONALD D. LANCE
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Salinas, CA 93906
(831) 443-6509
Reg: #LDA5
County: Monterey

Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.

Date: July 29, 2004
 (s) Lisa M. Galdos, Clerk
 by L. Brown, Deputy
 Publication Dates: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2005. (PC1217)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
 Date of Filing Application:
 December 5, 2005.

To Whom It May Concern:
 The Name of the Applicant is:
VASTARELLA PATRICK GAETANO
 The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:

217 Crossroads Blvd.
Carmel, CA 93923
 Type of license:
47 - On-General Eating Place

Publication dates: Dec. 9, 2005. (PC1218).

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determined the cause to be burned toast in the kitchen. Desk clerk notified the alarm company and reset the alarm. Ambulance released and battalion chief canceled en route.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine, battalion chief and ambulance responded to reported fire alarm activation at a hotel at Monte Verde and Seventh. Investigation showed construction workers sanding in the area near a detector. Battalion chief canceled, all units at scene available. Explained to the manager they should not silence the system prior to Carmel Fire Department arrival. Alarm company was contacted to confirm a reset.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a subject for sleeping in public on Mission Street. The subject is from Italy. Identification from a passport.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Ocean Avenue for showing registration expired as of January 2005.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Three citations were issued to drivers on San Carlos Street, Junipero Street and Fourth Avenue for violations of the

California Vehicle Code.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a report by a citizen of a female who had fallen across the street from the fire station. On scene, found an elderly female who had possibly been drinking had suffered a fall in the roadway, sustaining a laceration to the back of her head. Firefighters assisted ambulance crew with bleeding control, bandaging, patient report information and cervical spine immobilization. Ambulance transported the patient to CHOMP. Crew from engine disinfected blood in the roadway with bleach and then washed the area down. Carmel police officers responded to take a report of a fall on city property.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim reported money missing from a room at an inn at Mission and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision on Seventh Avenue required a vehicle to be towed away. Driver, a 53-year-old male, was arrested for driving under the influence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party came to the station to turn in a cellphone she found on the street at San Carlos and Seventh. The phone was entered into APS and placed in the temporary locker.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported the

loss of her gold and silver colored ring while walking in the area of Lincoln Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party, owner of a Dolores Street property, was contacted by a soon-to-be-tenant stating the residence's doors and windows were open. The RP requested police to secure the scene and perform a walkthrough with him. The door on the south side of the building was found to be

unlocked. Officers were able to gain entry and check the interior for any intruders. The residence was deemed empty, and the RP secured the residence. This is an information report only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to wires down in the area of Torres and 10th. Both units at scene. Found a

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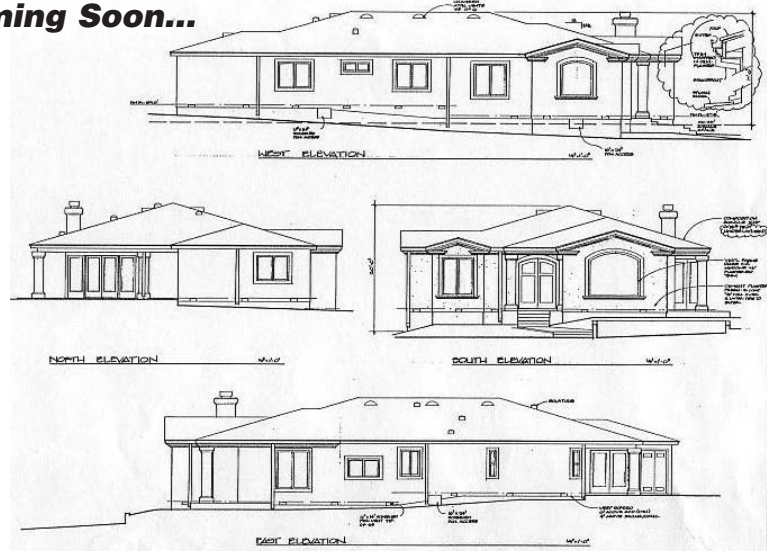
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large fallen tree lying on the phone and cable wires. The primary power wires were severed, live, arcing and in the roadway. Torres Command was established, silver for tactical. Had duty chief paged. Checked all the residences in the area and found no damage. Also advised all occupants to remain in their homes until the area was secure. Battalion chief soon arrived at scene and took over command. PG&E arrived to assess the situation. They de-energized the lines. Torres Command was terminated.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to reported wires down in the area of San Antonio and 10th. Canceled by P.D. upon arrival; they were cable TV lines.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision, hit-and-run on public property on Sixth Avenue. Vehicle was drivable.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Past-tense hit-and-run accident reported on Lincoln Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 35 mm camera and three rolls of film were found in the area of

Ocean and San Carlos.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citation issued to a driver on Ocean Avenue for violating the vehicle code.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to reported medical emergency on Monte Verde. Both units at scene. Found a female who was complaining of hip pain. Assisted with the assessment and loading of patient for transport to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a reported hazardous condition at Camino Real and Third. The homeowner reported some electrical problems in his house. Building official was on scene and shut off the power going into the house. Investigation showed that the neutral wire between the pole and the house was severed. FireComm reported the problem to PG&E. Engine and ambulance finished and returned to quarters.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Lincoln and Sixth. They arrived on scene and located an elderly female who had fallen on the sidewalk. Patient had abrasions to both knees but had no other complaints. Crews bandaged her knees and obtained vital signs. Patient refused further medical treatment and signed a medical release form. Carmel police were on scene to take a report. Engine and ambulance finished and returned to quarters. Carmel police officers responded to take a report of a fall on city property.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officers responded to an alarm activation at a Torres Street location at 0049 hours. Two subjects were found in the room located to the rear of the building. The subjects stated they were given permission to be there to set up for a meeting in the morning. The responsible of the building was contacted, and he said it was fine for the subjects to be there. No other problems noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported loud music coming from the theater near Casanova Street and Eighth. The theater was having "The Roots of Rock 'n' Roll" performance. The doors were shut, and the music was not unreasonable based on the time of day (1430 hours) and was not audible from the street. Information forwarded to code enforcement.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported holding onto two dogs found outside of her yard at her Casanova Street residence. The animal control officer and a police officer responded to take custody of the dogs. The owner of the dogs was located and contacted in the field. The owner of the dogs was visiting the area and was warned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citation issued to a driver for a vehicle code violation on Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine responded to automatic aid request to Cypress Fire for a reported structure fire on Carmel Rancho Lane. Engine canceled en route and returned to quarters.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency at Carmel Mission. Engine and ambulance crews located an older woman complaining of difficulty breathing. The patient was from Germany and spoke limited English. Crew assisted ambulance with patient care, vital signs and loading. Ambulance transported the patient to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Lincoln at a doctor's office. On scene, crews located an elderly



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male who had arrived at the doctor's office with weakness in his left arm and unable to speak. Crew assisted ambulance with patient vital signs, oxygen administration and loading. Ambulance transported the patient to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Police officers, fire engine and ambulance responded to a vehicle accident in the intersection of Carpenter and Ocean at 2313 hours involving a DUI driver.

Firefighters provided scene lighting and assisted ambulance personnel with packaging and gathering information on an older female. The patient did not complain of any injury but was experiencing altered levels of consciousness, possibly due to intoxication. Twice she said she had been drinking, once to police on scene, and once while in the ambulance. Patient transported to CHOMP. The driver of the other vehicle

was not injured and refused any treatment or examination. She was allowed by police to drive away. Tow truck crew secured the other vehicle. There was no debris in the street.

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Military offers several ways to send gifts to troops overseas

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

SOMETIMES THE best holiday gift is being with family. And for troops overseas, hearing loved ones' voices can be the next best thing. And there's an easy way to help them do that — by sending Global Prepaid Phone Cards, part of the military's "Help Our Troops Call Home," promotion.

"Nothing is better than hearing a voice from a loved one," one troop wrote on an Internet posting. "This is the one thing you can give that will allow them to have a sense of home."

The phone cards, which range from \$14.99 to \$39, can be sent to individual service members or to "any service member" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society, Fisher House or USO.

"The shipping charge for one of these phone cards, regardless of denomination, is only 37 cents," said the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's spokeswoman, Lt. Col. Debra Pressley. "Once the card is delivered, it offers the best value for calls from any of 69 phone centers in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan."

The cards, which allow up to two hours calling time, can be purchased for a specific recipient or by those who don't know an individual service member but want to give a holiday gift.

"Help Our Troops Call Home" phone cards are available at www.aafes.org or (800)527-2345.

Gift certificates and packages from home

AAFES "Gifts from the Homefront" is another affordable and practical way to support troops during the holidays by sending gift certificates which troops can redeem at more than 55 military stores in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The certificates, available from \$5 to \$5,000, cost

only an additional \$4.95 for shipping.

Of course, friends and family members can always send personalized packages to loved ones overseas.

"The best packages to mail are smaller ones, the size of a large shoebox, that weigh one to 20 pounds," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Brian Lomax, chief of plans and policy with the Military Postal Service Agency.

Some countries have restrictions on all mail including that sent to military personnel.

For example, troops serving in operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom cannot receive pork products, alcohol beverages, pornographic material or religious items against the Islamic faith, the military said.

And some military units may have additional restrictions, such as size and weight restrictions.

Deadlines for sending mail from the United States to all overseas military mailing addresses for the holi-



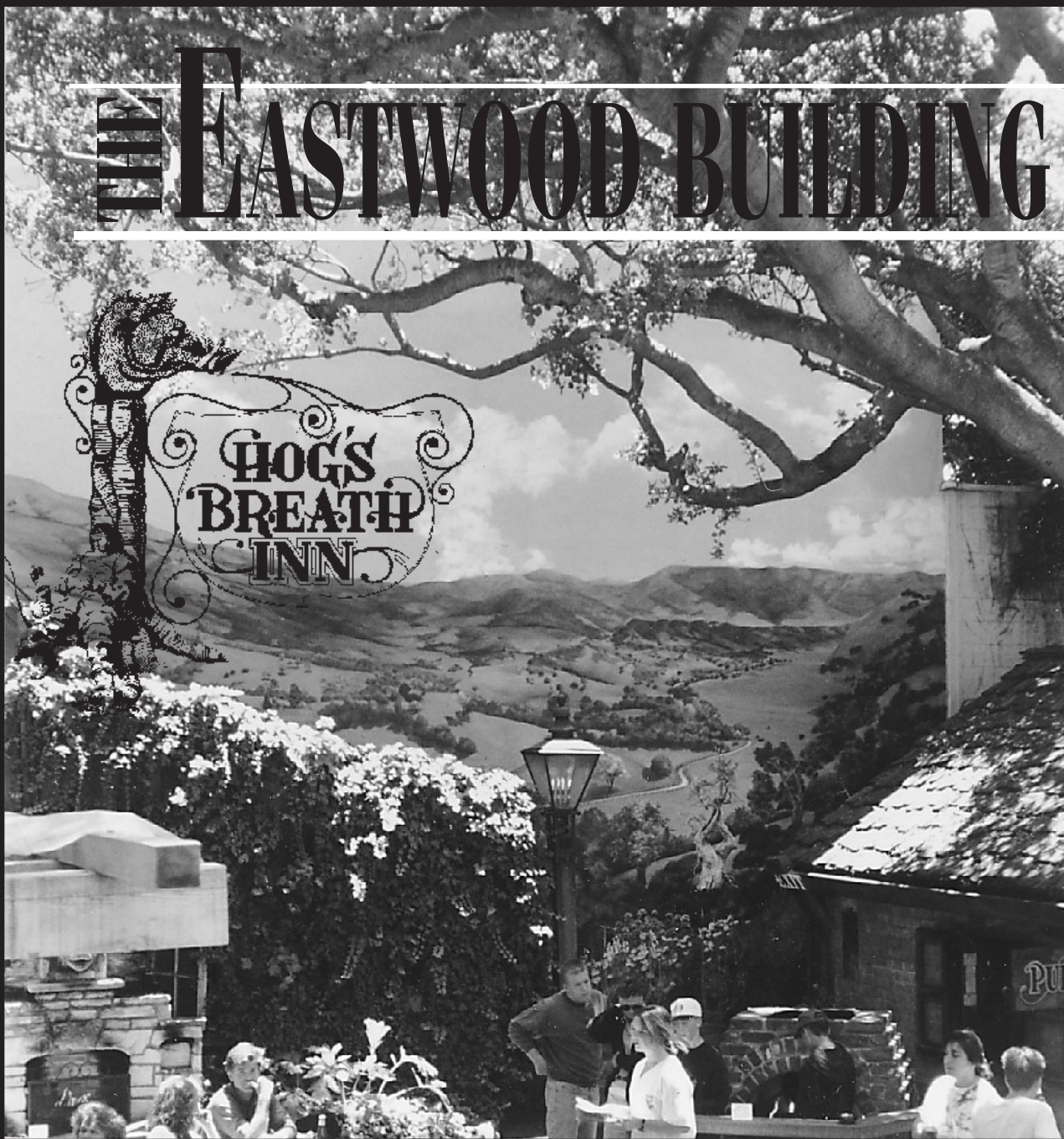
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The way they did in Europe, S.E. Asia, Bosnia and other areas of conflict in the last 100 years, U.S. servicemen in Iraq build goodwill with local people by distributing small gifts. At Christmastime, the soldiers also greatly appreciate gifts for them from home.

days are Dec. 11 for priority and first-class letters and cards, and Dec. 20 for express mail military service.

Visit the Military Postal Service Agency's website, <http://hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/main.htm> for more information on how to ship packages to troops overseas.

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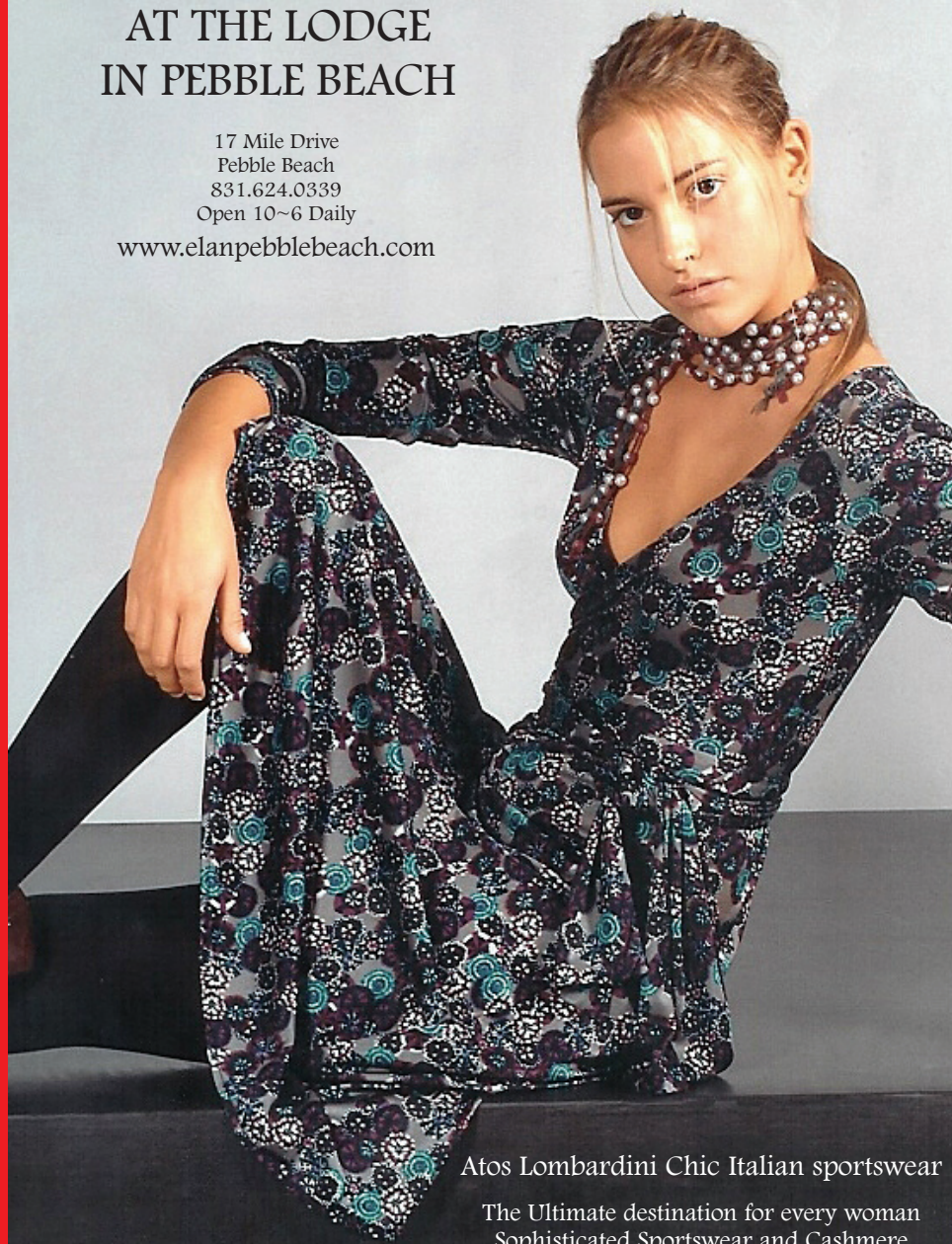
PHOTO/COURTESY DEL MONTE CENTER

Winter is here, and even in an area with a mild climate such as the Monterey Peninsula, no one should go without such a basic necessity as a coat. Del Monte Center is hosting the Girl Scouts of Monterey Bay's "One Warm Coat" community service project this holiday season. Gently used coats will be collected in front of Macy's every Saturday through January 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All coats will be cleaned and repaired by Country Club Cleaners at Del Monte Center before being given to a local child or adult in need. Coats of all sizes are welcome, but children's sizes are most needed. In 2004, the community gave almost 2,000 coats to the "One Warm Coat" project at Del Monte Center. For more information visit their website at www.onewarmcoat.org.

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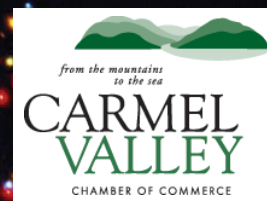
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Salvation Army luncheon sets a record — \$122,000 donated in seven minutes

By DODIE BARKLEY

Well, it happened again. For the sixth time, actually. What happened? The Salvation Army, Monterey Peninsula Corps, held its Sixth Annual Red Kettle Kickoff Luncheon at the Inn at Spanish Bay.

Army musicians, their brasses playing old-time hymns like Onward Christian Soldiers loud and clear, led a bevy of guests into the huge banquet room. On hand to greet them were officers of the corps, including the commander of the Monterey Corps, Major Tedd Lowcock.

The uniquely wonderful aspect of the lunch is that people from all walks of life attend — bankers, doctors, nurses, realtors, gallery and shop owners, secretaries and retirees, among others. The tickets are a mere \$20 each, a price most of us can afford to pay. However, if all the 29 hosts there who each sponsored a ten-person table collected just \$20 from each person, the total would have come to only \$5,800. And that, dear readers, is where the incredibly beautiful and steadfast heart underlying the corps suddenly starts beating, as if touched by a magic wand. It was immediately after lunch that the magic started to glow, when emcees — the darling, brilliant and wonderfully amusing Dan Green and Dina Eastwood of KSBW TV — called all the celebrity hosts to make a line in front of the audience,

holding all their red kettles in front of them. Green told them they had seven minutes to get their kettles filled. He then started a countdown — 3, 2, 1, Go! The hosts dashed madly among the tables, trying to fill their kettles. As they approached tables, everyone had dollar bills ready to place into the kettles. Oh, it was great fun and so exciting. After a while, Green warned the hosts they had only one minute left, then 45 seconds, then seven seconds, etc. In all of my lifetime, I have never seen people run so fast!

After the seven minutes were up, the kettles were carried into the kitchen where CPAs from different firms dedicated their time counting all the money collected. And as we waited, we made bets on the side. Did we go over \$100,000? Did we get just a few thousand?

Then, about 20 minutes later, Green and Eastwood, after holding a humorous auction using a great many good-natured wisecracks, announced the amount collected: \$122,000. In seven minutes!

Where has anything like this ever happened? And it was also at that time that spontaneous offerings arose for auction. The Bartons offered to match fundings to the tune of \$10,000, and Rich Brinton of Brinton's Hardware suddenly marched over to the stage and

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(Above) Major Joe Posillico gives Hugh Barton, with his wife, Shelia, standing by, one of two medals given worldwide by the Salvation Army for philanthropy. The medal has only been given four times in 50 years. (Right) Morley Brown is handed the Gold Trophy by Dan Green of KSBW-TV for collecting almost \$16,000 in her red kettle in just seven minutes. The 6th Annual Salvation Army, Monterey Peninsula Corps, Kickoff Luncheon was held Nov. 14 at the Inn at Spanish Bay.



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Decorating winners announced by Carmel Chamber of Commerce

At Carmel's tree-lighting ceremony Friday night, Mayor Sue McCloud announced the winners of this year's Carmel Chamber of Commerce decorating contest:

Best theme: Cypress Inn, Lincoln and 7th

Most Creative: Alan Pinel Realtors,
Junipero between 5th and 6th

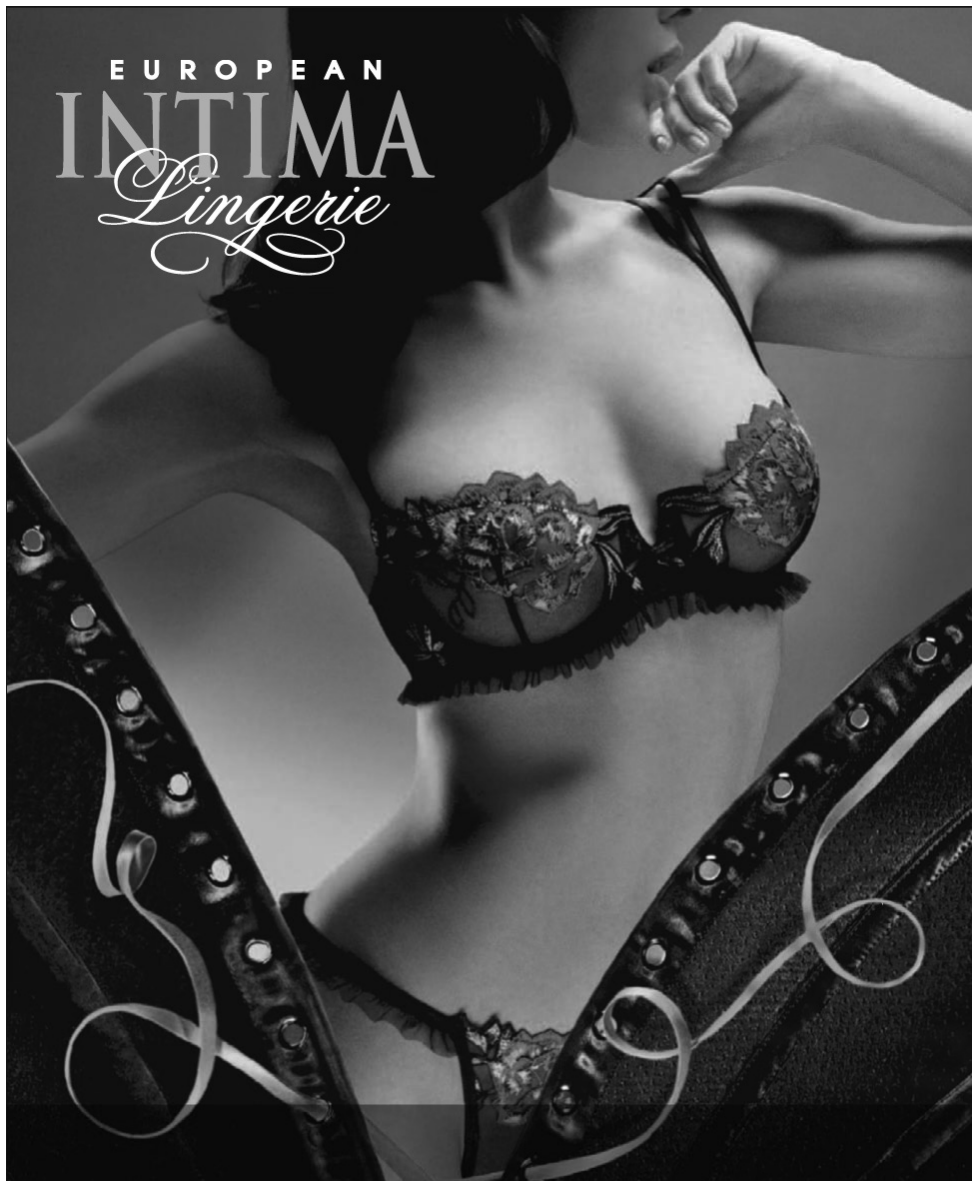
Best Interior: Material Goods, Ocean & Monte Verde

Best window/entrance: Homescapes Carmel, Dolores & 7th

Best Block: The Barnyard Shopping Village,
between Highway 1 and Carmel Rancho Boulevard,
south of Carmel Valley Road.



These lit reindeer — mysteriously pulling a Mini Cooper — are part of the display at Alain Pinel Realtors on Junipero, one of the winners in this year's decorating contest sponsored by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce.



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■ "Lights are not permitted on trees which have a trunk diameter of less than 3 inches, measured four-and-a-half feet above the ground."

■ "Lights must be hung in a manner that will not damage a tree or other public property. Nothing that will cause holes in trees — such as nails, push-pins or staples — may be used."

■ "Lights shall be removed if, in opinion of the forest, parks and beach director, they are damaging a tree."

(Due to budget cuts, Carmel no longer has a forest, parks and beach director, but city forester Mike Branson has the responsibility of enforcing the Holiday Lights policy.)

■ "Tracer or flashing lights are not permitted."

■ "Only lights may be installed on public trees. No other form of decoration — such as ornaments, ribbons, tinsel, artificial snow or coloring — shall be permitted."

The city code also stipulates that any store seeking permanent changes in exterior lighting must apply for permission through the planning and building department.

The Christmas cheer must come to an end on the second Wednesday in January when, according to the city code, "all holiday lighting must be removed from businesses and from city-owned trees."



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told Dina he was offering a \$1,000 shopping spree for auction. Then, with her usual grace, Jackie Craghead offered dinner for 12 at her D.K. Craghead art gallery in Carmel, which went for more than \$1,000. Of course, during the auction itself, Dina Eastwood offered movie memorabilia from her Academy-Award-winning husband's movie, Million Dollar Baby — signed by Clint Eastwood — which brought in a pretty penny.

Adding to the excitement was the awarding of one of only two medals the Salvation Army gives worldwide. It was given to one of the great philanthropists in our area, Hugh Barton. There was a standing ovation for Mr. Barton. Also, the Haber family received a trophy for their extraordinary philanthropy.

Every year awards are given for three kettles — bronze, silver and gold — that bring in the most money. This year, the gold kettle was none other than that of Morley Brown, which brought in almost \$16,000. Well, we all know that Brown is a little Salvation Army in her own right. But she was flabbergasted upon hearing she had brought in the most money!

I was thankful for being invited and, although thoughts of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma and the earthquake in Pakistan and other calamities were on our minds, we left knowing that, once again, the Salvation Army, Monterey Peninsula Corps, had come through with its usual generosity, giving shelter to 100 families from the hurricanes. As the corps program states — Blessings and Farewell! Come next year!

(Bottom photo) Rich Brinton, who spontaneously offered a \$1,000 shopping spree at his Carmel Rancho hardware store for auction, stands with society maven Jean Hurd as they get ready to collect money in their Red Kettle at the Salvation Army luncheon. (Right photo) Merv Sutton (at right), a staunchly loyal host for six years at the event, chats with Phil Carmichael.



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Saturday, Dec. 10, is the gala benefit, with a party from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and a performance following at 7 p.m. Tickets, including preferred seating, food, drink and a silent auction, are \$50.

The next afternoon, Sunday, Dec. 11, at noon, there will be a Sugar Plum Fairy Party, with a chance to meet the cast of the Nutcracker. There will also be photo opportunities with the cast, children's crafts and activities, hors d'oeuvre and goodie bags. A performance follows at 2 p.m. Tickets for the Sugar Plum Fairy Party are \$15. Tickets for the party and the performance following are \$25 for children 12 and under, \$30 for adults.

The complete performance schedule for The Nutcracker is as follows:

- Friday, Dec. 9 — 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 10 — 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 11 — 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 15 — 7 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 16 — 7 p.m.
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Thinking of giving a pet as a gift? Read these SPCA guidelines first

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PEOPLE IN search of the perfect, incomparable, unique gift may be tempted to tie a pretty red bow around the neck of a kitten, puppy or other pet and bestow it upon a loved one, but the SPCA cautions against such gestures.

"We would certainly encourage people to give a nice stuffed animal, wrapped up in pretty package and placed under the tree," SPCA of Monterey County Executive Director Gary Tiscornia said. "But if you want to bring a live animal into the home, it's best to do it one week before the holidays or one week after, so the animal doesn't get swept up in the confusion, the hustle and bustle of the holiday itself."

New pets need quality time with their owners in their new home to get properly settled, Tiscornia said. The holidays, with all their accompanying activities and visitors, might not present the best environment for the task.

But if adopting a pet is first on your wish list, the SPCA also has some helpful advice:

■ Discuss the prospect of a new pet

with the recipient. "Make sure that person wants a dog and not a cat, a St. Bernard and not a small dog," he said. "There's nothing like a good dialogue."

■ Make sure your pet is comfortable before the house guests arrive, or wait until after they leave to bring the animal home.

■ Watch out for doors and gates left open — the SPCA always sees a rise in the number of stray and lost pets around the holidays, according to SPCA officials. And to make sure a lost pet will get returned, be sure your dog or cat has a collar with I.D., and even better, a microchip.

The SPCA will implant microchips for a minimal fee, and many other shelters and vets offer the service as well.

Seemingly innocent holiday items like chocolate, tinsel and poinsettias can be dangerous, even fatal, to animals, and skittish cats have been known to climb Christmas trees and bring them tumbling down, Tiscornia warned.

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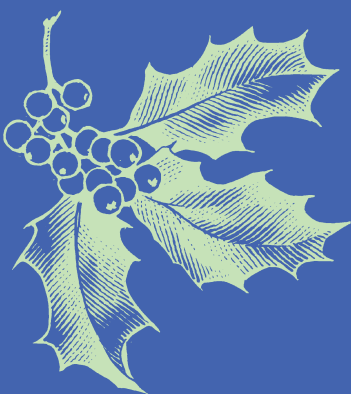
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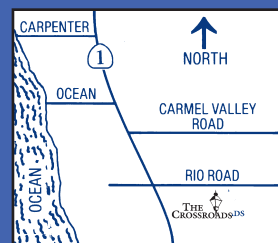
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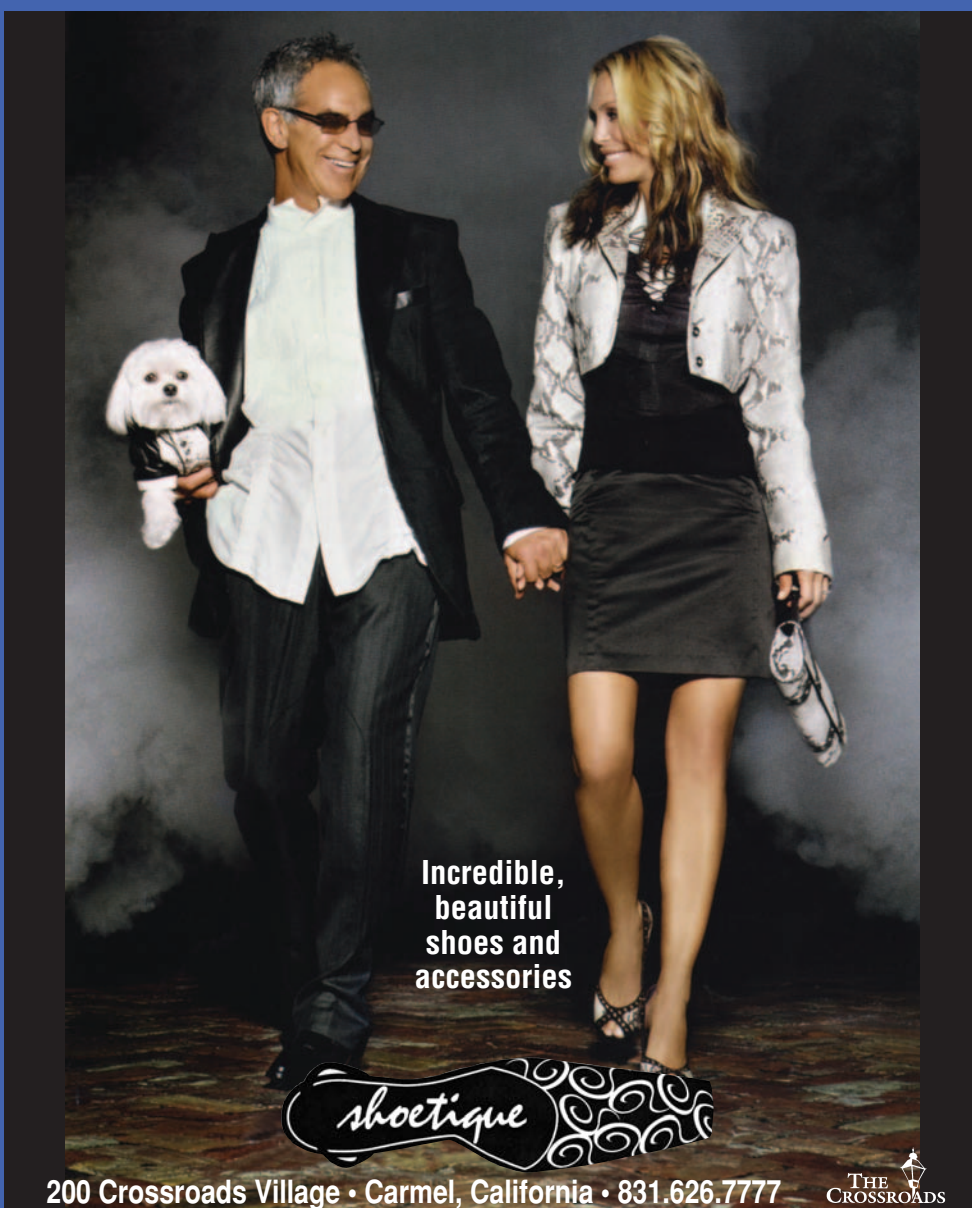
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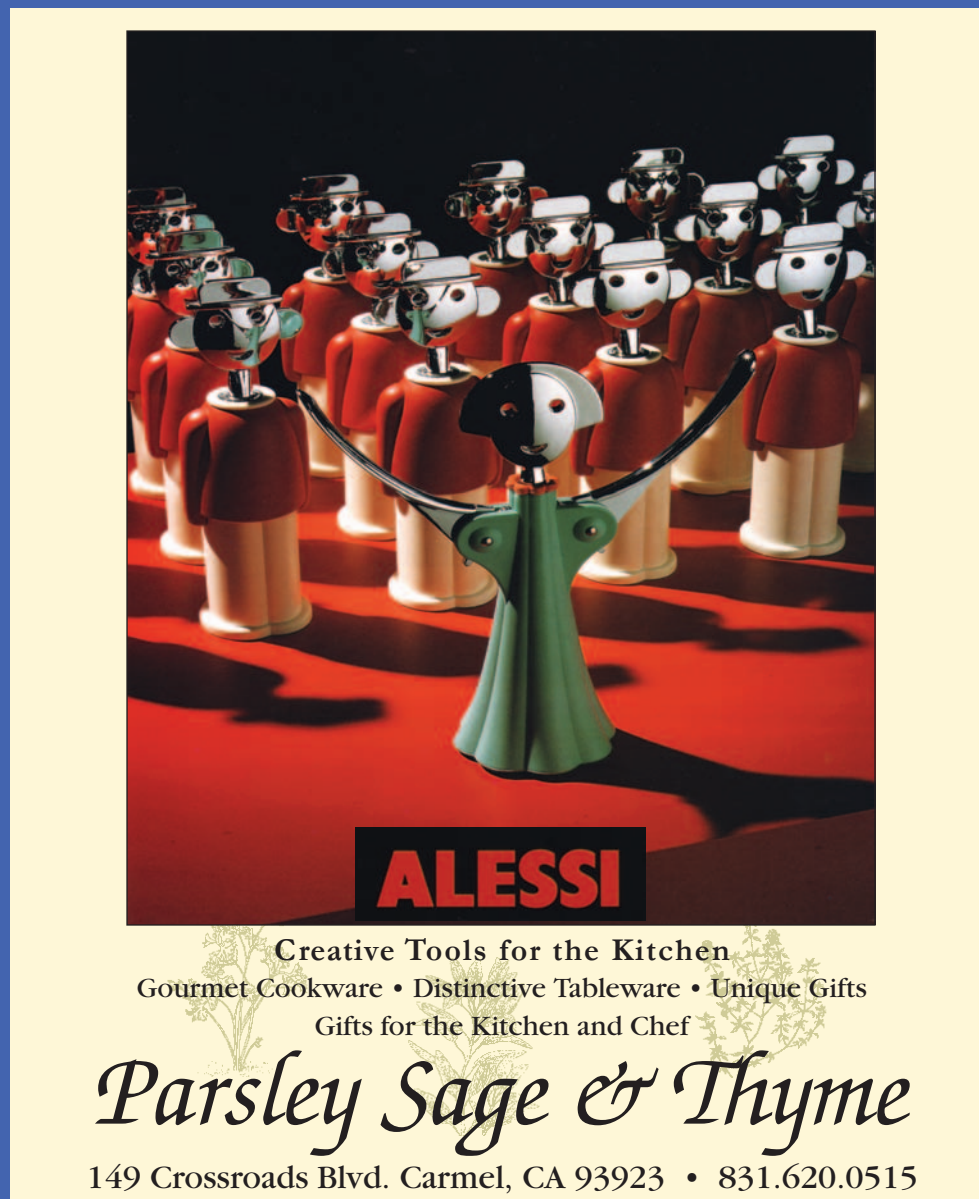
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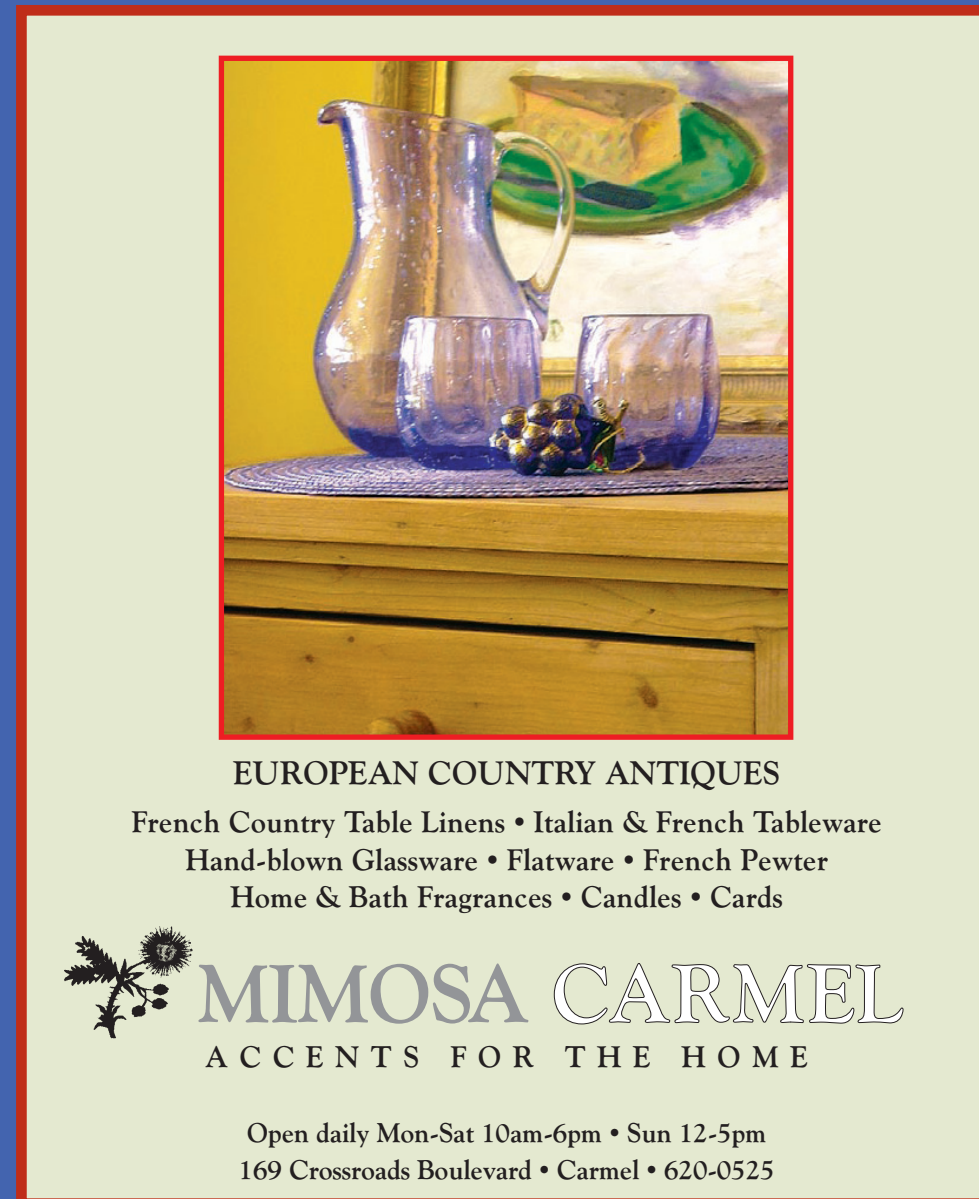
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A big crowd turned out Friday evening for the lighting of Carmel's official Christmas Tree at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Junipero. This year, the stage was set in Devendorf Park, which gave everybody more room to move around as carols were sung, stories were told, and as Mayor Sue McCloud threw the switch that lit not only the tree (right), but festive lights up and down the Ocean Avenue median. Afterward, Carmel Plaza welcomed everybody to an open house and, in the first of what church officials hope will be an annual event, Carmel Presbyterian staged a living nativity across the intersection from the tree lighting. Two 17-year-old Carmel High School students had the principal roles, with Analis Downer as Mary and Darren Russey as Joseph (below). (The baby was a doll.) Other church members portrayed angels and the Wise Men visiting from the East. Live goats on loan from Stonepine Resort in Carmel Valley were also on hand for the occasion.

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Small art makes a big splash this holiday season

By CHRIS COUNTS

THIS HOLIDAY season, small is really big.

From candy canes to iPods, the range of gifts that end up in Christmas stockings, instead of under the tree, seems to grow every year. And now, thanks to an innovative alliance between art and commerce, you can add fine art to that list.

In Big Sur, Carmel and Monterey, holiday art shows are celebrating the popularity of miniatures — paintings on canvases as small as 2 by 3 inches, where artists create what is literally a budget line of their work.

“Original art can be really expensive,” explained Tom Birmingham, a photographer and co-director of the nonprofit Big Sur Arts Initiative. “Miniatures give people a chance to own an original without it costing an arm and a leg.”

There appears to be no shortage of holiday shoppers and art lovers thinking small. “After we hang our miniatures, there is usually a line of people waiting to get in the next morning,” said Susan Klusmire, director of the Carmel Art Association. She described the annual event as “wildly successful.”

Starting small

The CAA had its first miniature art show in 1927, the year the organization

was founded.

More than a quarter century later, an 11-year-old Dick Crispo displayed his first painting in a Carmel art gallery. Before long, he was producing miniatures for what had become an annual CAA holiday exhibit.

“I usually use oils, but sometimes I use watercolors or pastels,” explained Crispo, who lives in Monterey. “I typically will do 12 at a time. I look forward to making a series of paintings with the same idea, but trying it out in different ways. I use miniatures to try out new ideas.”

There is little doubt miniatures create a new dimension to art on a commercial level. But how does the downsizing of a piece affect its creative integrity?

“Whether your painting is 4-by-6 inches or 4-by-6 feet, the problem is still the same,” Crispo insisted. “A painting still needs to strike the soul.”

The CAA — the second oldest artists’ co-op in the United States — will host its annual miniatures show through Jan. 3. A reception will start things off Friday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The CAA is located on Dolores Street between Fifth and Sixth and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

From trees to walls

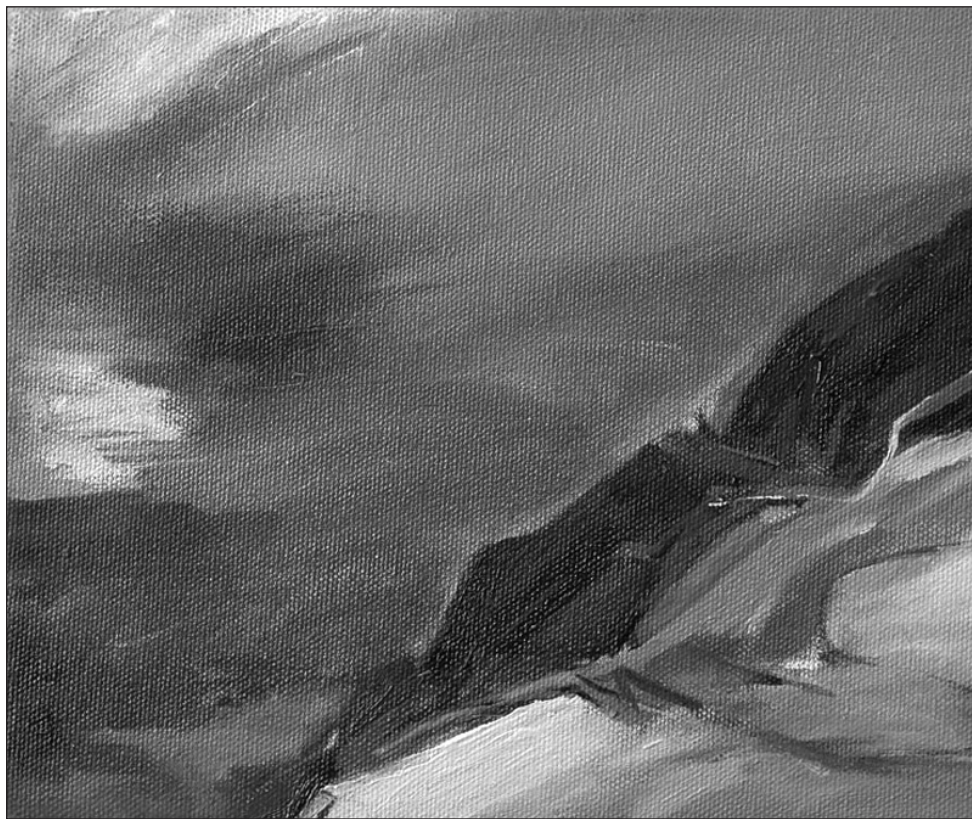
The Monterey Museum of Art’s

annual holiday fundraiser began in 1968 as a Christmas tree sale at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. Local artisans created ornaments to decorate the trees, and before long, small paint-

ings were hung from a tree’s branches before it was auctioned off. By 1994, the tree sale had evolved into an art sale.

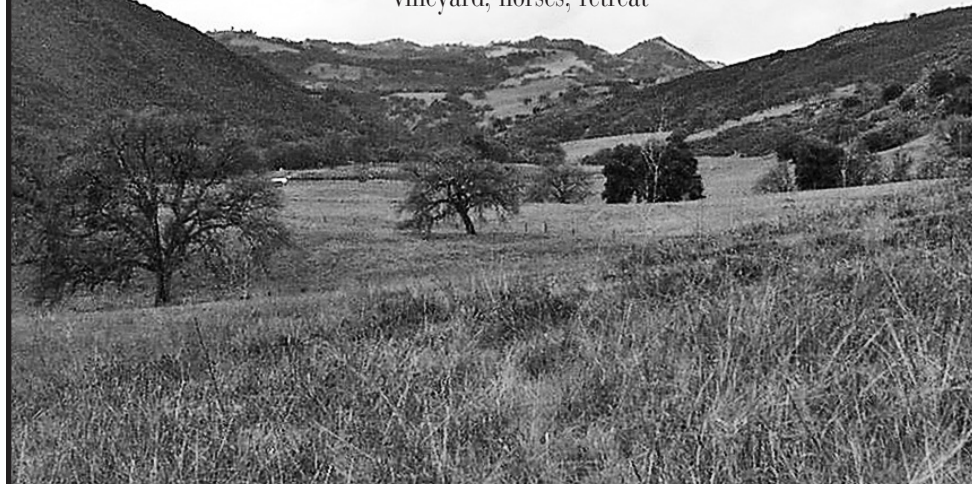
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Both paintings and photographs are popular with collectors of miniature art. “Partington Storm,” a painting by Sarah Healy (below), and “Zion Rock Split,” a photograph by Kodiak Greenwood (right), are featured at a miniatures exhibit at Studio One in Big Sur through Dec. 31.



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A holiday celebration on the valley's wild side

By MARY BROWNFIELD

FOR A limited number of nights each December, Wild Things Animal Rentals in Salinas opens its grounds after dark for flashlight tours that allow up-close encounters with some of its famous stars, unusual occupants and rescued residents — all with a festive flair.

Many inhabitants, from the prowling lionesses to the snow-furred lynx, are nocturnal, so the chance to glimpse them at their most active is a privilege missed during daylight tours.

Santa-capped guides ensure special appearances by Brandi the bear — who demonstrates a frightening roar — and Lisa the African elephant, whose act prompts giggles from all.

After participants gather at the River Road ranch, they are led to the gates of the compound, where the cage-line walks and trees come to life with festive lights.

In groups small enough so that everyone can see and ask questions, the leaders introduce some of Wild Things' most famous residents, as well as newcomers and unusual creatures.

Josef the lion, who at 16 years old weighs 500 pounds and definitely rules at Wild Things, often roars — a sound that can carry for miles and is intended to call his pride of lionesses to the kill. Animators used Josef when drawing for Disney's "The Lion King," and his visage is seen in many a Warner Bros. logo.

Bengal tiger Kolar and his sister, Kali, have starred in television ads — such as Exxon's — and posed for calendars, print ads and magazines. An interesting fact that guides share: No two tigers' stripes are alike, and Kolar can be identified by the star-shaped black spots above his eyes.

Visitors also meet rescued animals who will never be stars but were saved from



One of the treats of the season is the chance to take a nighttime tour of Wild Things Animal Rentals in Salinas, where monkeys, reindeer and even a lion and an elephant can be visited up close and personal.

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abusive, neglectful or ignorant owners.

At one point during the 90-minute tour, Santa Claus appears with a reindeer to shout a heartfelt "Hello!" While he's too busy to stick around, he leaves a bag of candy canes for the kids and one of his reindeer to pose in photographs with guests at the tour's conclusion.

Fortified by cocoa, cider and sweets, guests can mingle with some of Wild Things' smaller residents, such as the lemurs, the monkey and the coatimundi, which "looks like a cross between an anteater and a raccoon."

Participants may take photographs during the tour and should bring flashlights — though anyone who forgets can borrow one from the kennel — and dress warmly. Extra pocket money is advised, too, for the small but well-stocked gift shop.

Tours will be offered Dec. 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23 and 26 and are held rain or shine, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 8, at 400 River Road in Salinas. Reservations are necessary and run \$14 for adults and \$12 for children 14 and under. The tour is not advised for kids age 2 or younger. To reserve a spot, call Wild Things at (831) 455-1901 ext. 3. For more information, visit www.wildthingsinc.com.

Seaside celebrates in lights

RESIDENTS OF Seaside compete each year for accolades and admiration of their creativity, originality and overall presentation in their stunning holiday decorations, and the deadline for entering the Holiday Decoration Contest sponsored by the city's neighborhood improvement program commission is fast approaching.

The contest is open to all residents and costs nothing to enter, but applications are due by noon Dec. 15 and may be picked up at city hall, the Seaside Library, the Boys and Girls Club or Oldemeyer Center. Judges will peruse the city in search of awe-inspiring displays Dec. 16, so organizers urge contestants to flip the switch on their displays early that evening. Awards for first, second and third place will be given.

For more information on the contest or the seven-person neighborhood improvement committee, "which strives to encourage the residents of Seaside to beautify and upgrade their properties through education and enforcement of property maintenance codes," call (831) 899-6732.

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New watch helps you read the fine print

■ Carmel Inventor Adds Magnifying Lens and Light Beam

IN THIS age of increasingly sophisticated micro-gadgets, a new watch may not be the most high-tech Christmas gift around, but it aims to be the most practical. The new iBEAM™ Optical Timepiece is an elegant timepiece with just a few handy secrets. With the touch of a button, a light beam turns on and an outer lens flips up to become a magnifying glass. Used together, the light and lens make reading in low-light situations much easier.

Chris McKay, an Carmel inventor who counts among his inventions the best-selling DoodleTop toy, created the watch when menus, bills, and business cards became difficult to read. He realized that millions of active baby boomers like him had the common eye condition presbyopia, which makes type appear to shrink.

Years of research and four U.S. patents later,

the iBEAM watch was ready to hit the market and now comes in both men's and women's styles, and are available with Swiss movement, genuine Italian leather straps, and a date function on some models. Unlike many gadget-laden watches that are bulky and casual, the iBEAMs are streamlined and attractive, with the extra features subtly integrated.

"Even though I invented the watch primarily to help people read small print, many people think it's just cool," says McKay. "They find all kinds of uses

for it." In addition to reading everything from maps to manuals, customers have reported using their iBEAM to fix flat tires and plug in computer cords. Both the flashlight and magnifier can be used alone.

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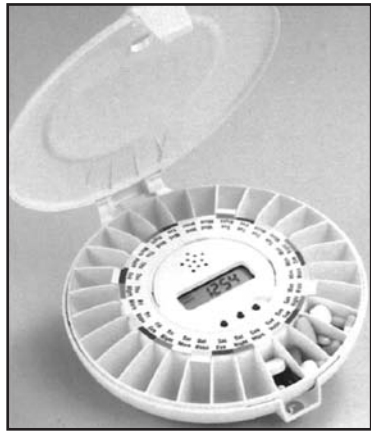
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Hospice Foundation will again light 'Trees of Light'

THE WARMTH and spirit of the holiday season will once again be ushered in this year with the 20th Anniversary Celebrations of Trees of Life, Dec. 11-14, sponsored by the Hospice Foundation, which promotes and supports end-of-life care and services for Monterey and San Benito counties.

Thirty- to 40-foot "trees," formed by hundreds of white lights that are each dedicated in someone's name, will be switched on as the finale of the celebrations, lighting the night sky from the rooftops of Community Bank of Central California in King City, San Benito Bank in Hollister, the Monterey Marriott Hotel, and the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas.

The lighting ceremonies will be as follows:

■ King City - Sunday, Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m., Community Bank, 532 Broadway

■ Hollister - Monday, Dec. 12, 5 p.m., San Benito Bank, 300 Tres Pinos Road

■ Monterey - Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6 p.m., Monterey Conference Center, Ferrante Rooms

■ Salinas - Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6 p.m., National Steinbeck Center, One Main Street

Each light represents a minimum

\$20 donation to Hospice Foundation, and every dollar supports local programs that provide comfort and care for people at the end of life. When lit at night throughout the holidays, the Trees of Life are beacons of strong community support for these vital programs.

After your gift is received, a card will be sent to the person you are remembering or honoring with a light, or to his or her family. Your name and the person(s) for whom you have dedicated a light are entered in a beautiful, leather-bound Memory Book.

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

An Annual Holiday Collectible

Donors who make gifts of \$125 or more will receive a beautiful crystal ornament etched with the Hospice Foundation's nautilus shell logo and the current year. At this level, if you wish, you can also dedicate seven lights!

The shape of the ornament changes each year so that families have a memorable holiday collectible.

For a donation of \$150 you can personalize your ornament with the name of someone etched on it.

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This year's MMA miniatures exhibit will feature the works of 330 different artists. Each piece will be

Photos with Santa and a pet parade

SANTA'S COTTAGE is again open this year in the courtyard at Carmel Plaza. Hours for the jolly gentlemen and Mrs. Claus are noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 17.

And one of the plaza's businesses, Mackie's Parlour, located at Ocean and Mission, is offering two of its signature pet events to mark this holiday season.

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11, the shop will offer photos with Santa for you and your favorite dog or cat (or whatever). Hours will be noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The price is \$15. Call (831) 626-0600 to reserve your time. Walk-ins are also welcome.

And on Sunday, Dec. 11, the shop will sponsor its second annual "Reindoggie Parade," complete with Santa Claus, holiday music, snacks and refreshments, Santa photos, a one-of-a-kind parade and festive giveaways including dog cookies, etc., allowing you to usher in the holiday season by suiting up the entire family including pets in festive attire. Local celebrity judges will award families and their pets with a trophy and an assortment of goodies from Mackie's Parlour for the following categories: Cutest, Most Festive, Most Outrageous, Fastest Wag, Most Look-Alike, Best Dressed and Best of Show

Registration will be from noon to 1 p.m. with the parade from 1:15 to 2 p.m. The \$10 registration fees will go to Carmel Kiwanis Club Children & Monterey County SPCA. The phone number is register in advance is (831) 626-0600.

Mission hosts Christmas concert

FROM TRADITIONAL English carols to classical pieces by Bach and Mozart, the sounds of Christmas will fill the Carmel Mission when I Cantori di Carmel and the Ensemble Monterey Chamber Orchestra perform Dec. 10-11 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Thunderbird Bookstore in Carmel, Bookworks and the Bookmark in Pacific Grove, and Bay Books in Monterey. For more information, call (831) 644-8012.

Winter festival, day camp at YMCA

THE YMCA of the Monterey Peninsula will host a Winter Festival Friday, Dec. 23. Kids and families will enjoy a visit from Santa and his elf, craft booths, caroling and much more. Festivities will be underway from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

The YMCA will also involve youth in two weeks of Winter Day Camp from Dec. 19 to 23 and Dec. 26 to 30. The camp is for youth entering kindergarten to 9th grade.

Y Camp is a fun-filled environment with a variety of arts and crafts, group games and exciting field trips. A diverse staff trained in group work organizes safe, age-appropriate, values-based activities.

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raffled off individually Jan. 2. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25. All proceeds from the raffle benefit the museum. The exhibit will be on display until Dec. 31.

The museum, at 559 Pacific St. in Monterey, is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for students. There is no charge for children under 12.

Big Sur goes small

Studio One in Big Sur will present its own miniatures exhibit through Dec. 31. According to Birmingham, the inspiration for the Big Sur show came from his wife, artist Erin Lee Gafill.

"Erin had submitted pieces to the Monterey show

for years," recalled Birmingham. "Then she got on a roll and made about 50 small paintings. After that, she said, 'Wouldn't it be fun to get other artists to participate?'"

So Gafill and Birmingham chatted up the idea to a group of friends, neighbors and relatives, and the Big Sur miniatures show soon took on a life of its own. Sixteen artists — including photographer Kim Weston and painters Johnny Apodaca and Heidi Hybl — are participating in the inaugural event.

"It's breathtaking to see the wide range of voices in these pictures," said Birmingham. "There's a lot of real strong work here."

Studio One — which doubles as Gafill's open studio — is located in the Village Shops. Just south of the Big Sur River Inn.



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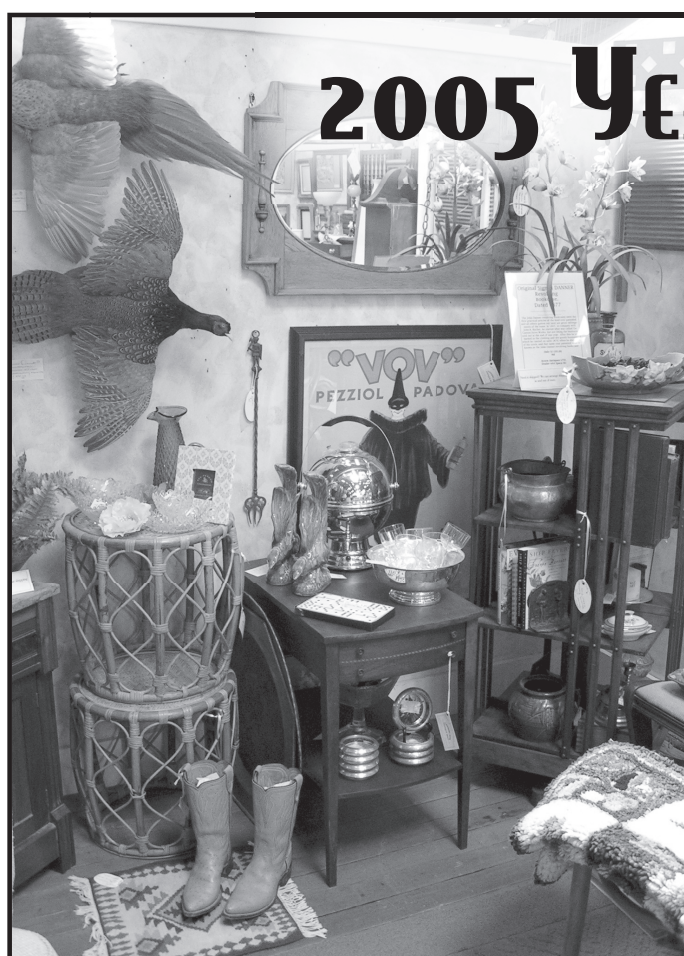


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Regifting: It's not just for fruitcakes any more

By CHARYN PFEUFFER

THE PRICE of gasoline has fallen below its pre-Hurricane Katrina levels, the economy is the best it's been in years, and shoppers seem to be opening their wallets more than anytime since the dot-com stock market bubble burst in 2000.

Here on the Monterey Peninsula, shoppers' optimism has also been fueled by the opening of plenty of interesting new stores.

But it still can be difficult to select the perfect gift for everyone on your list. And after several exhausting

forays to Ocean Avenue or The Crossroads, you may be on the verge of giving up finding something for that last, difficult-to-shop-for person.

But the solution may be right there in your own closet! It's called Regifting.

Since the term's 1995 debut on "Seinfeld," some people have decried regifting as a totally tacky practice. But can you come up with a better way to get rid of that hideous scarf your Aunt Ethel gave you? I didn't think so.

What was once a dirty little secret has become a holiday tradition that plenty of people practice and

pretend they don't. Despite a recent Discover Card survey of 1,000 Americans which found that 57 percent were "horrified" by the idea of giving someone else a gift that they previously received, even Peggy Post, etiquette advice columnist for Good Housekeeping and granddaughter-in-law of manners maven Emily Post, admits to doing it. So there.

At one time or another, we've all fallen victim to a really bad gift whether it was the wrong size, the wrong style, or just plain wrong. "Gee, I know this person's heart was in the right place, but I'm never gonna use this, consume this or enjoy this!" you may have thought. And what are you supposed to do? By taking those well meaning and downright horrible gifts and passing them on to others who will, you hope, appreciate them, you can spread the happiness — a second time.

Even a bad gift can come with strings attached. And hanging on to it, rather than slam-dunking it into the nearest dumpster, can ease your conscience. But remember that presents don't make people happy by gathering dust in your closet.

The only suitable solution is to regift. Before you take this task to heart, you need to decide upon an appropriate strategy for regifting with finesse. You can't carelessly regift and not expect to get caught — a surefire recipe for family, if not public, humiliation.

Do's and Don't of Regifting (or how to get away with it without getting caught):

- Don't regift damaged goods. Nothing says, "I don't give a darn" like damaged goods. Even if a gift looks almost new, remember that it's the "almost" that's a giveaway to the new giftee.
- Do re-wrap the gift and remove the old card.
- Do choose gifts that are appropriate for the recipient. If you wouldn't typically give your Uncle Frank big-ticket items, don't set yourself up for subsequent high gift-giving standards.
- Don't regift to someone who's likely to tell the original gifter about it if they find out.
- Do regift within your family (for laughs of course). Some amusing annual traditions have started this way. Cheesy self-help books and bad board games are my favorite family gag.
- Don't regift hand-me-downs. For novice regifters, a hand-me-down is an item you've already used that you'd like to pass along to someone who will enjoy it and use it more than you will — for example,

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a jacket you've worn just twice. This may seem passable. But it's not.

■ Don't practice inner-office regifting. It may be easy to regift that Pollyanna gift that's been collecting dust in your office drawer all year, but somebody will remember and you will be branded for life.

■ Don't regift partially used gift cards. Seems like an obvious no-no, but it's been done. A \$25 gift card

to Target that only has \$13.23 left on it is a dead giveaway. Duh.

And If You've Been Regifted (and know it)...

■ Do express thanks and appreciate the givers generosity. Gifts are always optional.

■ Don't gossip about it. Even if you despise the gift, the person who gave it to you probably had good intentions.

■ Do remember that you can always find the gift a new home. Sometimes, the third time is a charm!

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Firefighter offers holiday safety tips

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AMID THE cheer and fun of the holidays come safety hazards and fire risks, according to Mitch Kastros of Carmel Fire Department, who offered advice on how to avoid injuries and property damage while making merry.

Strings of lights — especially ones leftover from Grandma's childhood — should be inspected to ensure the cords are intact and there are no breaks or exposed interior wire, according to Kastros. Cords should be pliable. Old, broken and brittle light strings should be tossed out.

Once confirmed to be safe and working, light strings should be used only according to the manufacturer's directions. If the box and those instructions are long gone, don't connect more than three strings to each other, he warned.

And when plugging them in, use heavy extension cords and power strips with built-in circuit breakers.

"Do not use cheap, multi-plug adapters that have no way of shutting themselves off if overloaded," he advised.

To keep a Christmas tree as moist as possible, and therefore less of a fire hazard, cut about two inches off of the trunk before placing the tree in water, which should be replenished regularly. He recommended using ice cubes to refill a tree stand's base without spilling.

Some tree lots will apply fire retardant upon request, and a live, potted tree is another alternative. Avoid placing the tree near a heater or fireplace.

Regarding fireplaces, Kastros recommended keys to gas fireplaces be removed when not in use to avoid the valve being turned on accidentally. Chimneys, which can suffer buildup of flammable creosote, should be cleaned at least once a year, as should furnaces.

"Furnace filters catch dirt and over a period of time clog up, and it don't allow the air to circulate," Kastros said. The furnace then has to work harder trying to heat your house, using more gas and electricity and increasing the risk of fire.

A licensed contractor can handle furnace or chimney cleaning and service.

To ensure residents are alerted quickly to any fire that does occur, Kastros recommended replacing batteries in smoke detectors if they haven't been changed within the past six months.

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