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FOUR MONTHS LATER, KIDS FIND OUT THEIR DAD WAS KILLED IN HURRICANE KATRINA

■ Storm's devastation continues to hurt and inspire

By MARY BROWNFIELD

MONTHS AFTER Hurricane Katrina hit, two Carmel High School students learned their dad — 1960s musician Barry Cowsill — was killed by the storm. Family friend Jennifer Field has launched a fundraising effort to help them fly to the East Coast for his funeral.

Field contacted the Red Cross and the Lions Club, and she established trust accounts at Comerica Bank this week, hoping to raise donations to help cover the costs of the trip and provide for the kids' futures.

"They're struggling financially," Field explained. At the request of their family, The Pine Cone is not printing the students' names.

On Dec. 27, a body found near the Charles Street Wharf in New Orleans was identified as Cowsill, 51, according to news reports. Entertainment Tonight online reported, "The last the family had heard of Barry was from a message left on his sister's answering machine asking for help: 'I don't know how to get out of town except wait for a bus. I've been so lonely . . . I hope I get in touch with you.'"

Cowsill was best known for the family band he performed in with his mother, brothers and sister.

"The Partridge Family" was based on their family band," Field said. "That was the highlight of his life."

The group had two hits that reached No. 2 on the Billboard charts: "The Rain, the Park and Other Things," in 1967, and "Hair," the title track of the musical, in 1969.

His wife and children, who moved to Cachagua years ago and then relocated to Carmel, are not inclined to ask for help, according to Field, and she worries the family doesn't have enough cash to make it to the funeral in Newport, R.I., or provide for the kids' future.

And they suffered another blow this week, Field said, when their mother's live-in boyfriend of the past several years, John Tolan, crashed his truck into a tree on Highway 1 Wednesday afternoon and was airlifted to San Jose Medical Center with major injuries to his head and stomach.

"It is a sad story, and I feel for the kids," Field said.

Contributions may be made at Comerica Bank on Dolores Street between Seventh and Eighth avenues in

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Planning department OKs pilot desal plant

■ Lengthy delay was caused by a clerical error

By KELLY NIX

AFTER A delay of more than six months, the Monterey County planning department approved a plan late Thursday that will allow California American Water Co. to install a desal pilot plant at the Duke Energy power station.

County officials previously maintained Duke Energy had not met the requirements of a wetlands restoration plan, which was required before the county would give Cal Am its desal permit.

But after Cal Am last week provided the planning department with newly discovered documents showing the county had, in fact, approved Duke's mitigation plan in 2002, the county agency removed the desal roadblock on condition that Duke put up a \$250,000 bond. A clerical error by the planning department apparently was the reason the agency didn't realize it had signed off on Duke's plan four years ago.

Planning department officials couldn't be reached late



PHOTO/KELLY NIX

Because of a bureaucratic snafu at the county planning department, permits for a pilot desal plant at the Moss Landing power station (above) were delayed six months. But the county announced Thursday that, pending a \$250,000 bond, the roadblock has been removed.

Thursday.

Duke still must agree to post the \$250,000 bond, which would ensure the company carries out its mitigation plan. Cal Am officials would only say they were "hopeful" after Thursday's announcement.

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Another Hart sculpture stolen from Hanson Gallery

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A MAN and his female accomplice apparently conspired outside the Hanson Gallery on Ocean Avenue Jan. 13 before walking out with a \$10,500 sculpture by Frederick Hart.

A gallery employee reported the burglary to the Carmel Police Department just before 6 p.m. Friday, and a review of the store's surveillance video showed the crime in progress.

"They are walking together, they stop and then go to the front display window just east of the doorway. And then they come in," Carmel Police Sgt. Mel Mukai said. The woman walks over and stands in front of a cubicle on one side of the gallery.

"She was blocking the view of the clerk who was sitting at the desk," Mukai said. "And you can see the male suspect lifting the statue, and then he walks out with it," using his

clothing to cover it.

They took "Appassionata," one of a limited edition of 395 which stood 16-and-a-half inches tall. It was named for the Beethoven piano sonata and crafted from clear acrylic resin by Hart, whose works have increased in value since he died in 1999.

The gallery has been repeatedly victimized by thieves. During an Oct. 29, 2005, special event, a suspect stole Hart's "Born of Light," a limited-edition piece valued at \$12,500. And on July 31, 2005, a short, heavyset man in his 30s reportedly stole a \$22,500 Hart sculpture entitled "Mother and Child," covering it with a sweater and carrying it up the street. Like-minded criminals stole "Illuminata 1," valued at \$6,000, in November 2000, and "Illuminata 1" and "Illuminata 2," worth a combined \$11,450, in July 2000. A

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Working in tandem, thieves took Frederick Hart's 'Appassionata,' valued at \$10,500, from a Carmel gallery Friday.

Reward offered for bow-and-arrow killer of goose at CMS

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE SPCA is offering a \$1,000 reward for a tip leading to the arrest and conviction of an archer who shot a federally protected Canada goose at Carmel Middle School Jan. 7.

"The poor bird suffered, and we had to euthanize him on the scene," explained Beth Brookhouser, SPCA director of community outreach. "The reason we are taking it to this level is because of the cruelty and the fact it happened at Carmel Middle School."

Brookhouser said the arrow used to gravely injure the bird was intended for hunting, not target practice.

According to Section 597 of the California Penal Code, "Every person who maliciously and intentionally maims, tortures, or wounds a living animal" can be held guilty of a mis-

demeanor or felony.

Canada geese mate for life and are one of the most common water birds of North America, said Brookhouser. The birds are well known for their V-shaped flight pattern. At sunset, flocks are often seen flying over the Crossroads and Barnyard shopping centers.

Despite their status as a protected species, Canada geese also have a reputation as pests. They can be particularly troublesome in parks, where they graze, leave copious droppings, and can disrupt wildlife habitats.

The SPCA typically treats fewer than 20 Canada geese each year, usually as a result of injuries incurred from encounters with automobiles.

If you have information regarding this case, please call (831) 373-2631, ext. 214.

With land added to balance sheet, city's assets climb \$27 million

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN AUDIT of Carmel-by-the-Sea's finances for the 2004/2005 fiscal year "shows moderate signs of growth," Ralph Marcello of Nicholson & Olson Certified Public Accountants told the city council last week. "Compared with other cities your size, Carmel is in very good economic health."

The report shows a \$28,576,885 increase in net value, but only because the city finally met federal requirements to

include capital assets in its audit. Digging back through decades' worth of city documents, the firm and city staff set the value of the city's properties at \$27,393,232 — a figure far below what the land and buildings would fetch on today's market.

"We took the most conservative approach," city administrator Rich Guillen said after the meeting. "It's a very logical way to do it."

The federal Governmental Accounting Standards Board began requiring municipalities to list their capital assets on their audits to present a fuller financial picture to the public.

While the figure, partly based on the city's acquiring the properties when their values averaged about \$10,000 a lot, is ridiculously low, Guillen said it serves the city's purposes for the audit. The bulk of the asset value is derived from the \$21.2 million in construction and other costs the city paid to renovate Sunset Center.

"Current market value would be substantially higher," Marcello admitted.

Sunset Center debt.

Licenses, fees and permits generated \$123,099 more than the expected \$406,700. Fines and penalties, anticipated at just \$2,500 for the year, totaled \$190,900 from vehicle impounds, false alarms and vehicle abatements. Anticipating the state would withhold its vehicle license fees, the council estimated it would receive \$35,121 from other government agencies but in fact took in \$295,265. Finally, revenues in the "use of money and property" category hit \$358,508 — \$115,603 more than expected — mostly through charging for parking in the north lot at Sunset Center and for tour buses along Junipero Street.

Meanwhile, expenses came in at \$11,741,118, or \$771,371 higher than expected, including the \$700,000 to pay off some Sunset debt. "Non-departmental" costs, including capital projects, benefit liability and property assessments, were \$356,407 over budget, and the city also spent more than planned on administration, the fire department and the library. Every other category showed savings, including the police department, administration and building maintenance.

According to the audit, Carmel finished the year with \$8,790,759 in cash and investments.

"Everyone knows how prudent you are in setting aside money for future expenditures," Marcello commented.

This year's numbers also strong

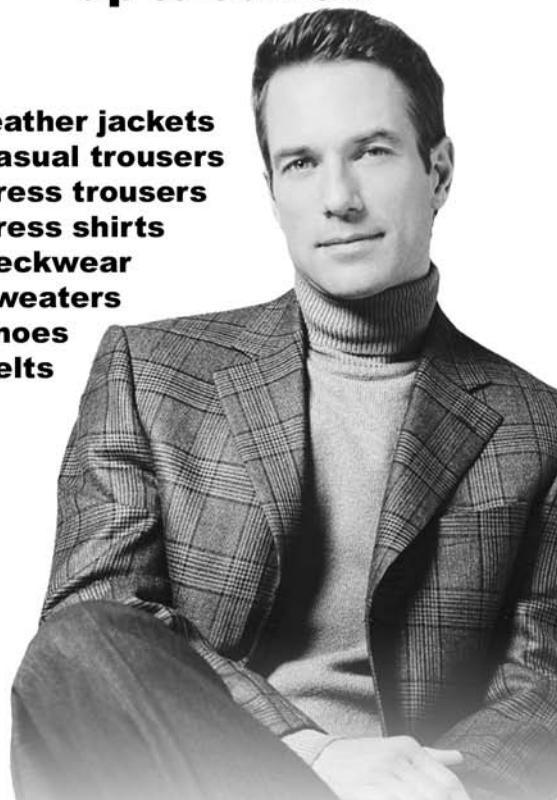
Even as the auditors were reporting last year's results, city finance manager Joyce Giuffre reported the city is \$516,738 in the black so far this year, with revenues tracking higher than expected and expenses coming in below target.

Property and hotel taxes exceeded midyear estimates, but Giuffre told the council sales tax slowed again, missing its \$864,818 six-month target. "It appears that the local economy has once again shifted downward, with the second quar-

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Revenue higher

During the last fiscal year, the city took in \$11,827,530, mostly from the "big three" taxes — property, hotel and sales — coming in \$1,440,093 over budget. That figure also included \$700,000 in contributions to help pay off some



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Tree giveaway to help 'urban forest'

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THANKS TO the enthusiasm of River School's budding horticulturists, the Friends of Carmel Forest will offer 150 oak seedlings, along with 200 Monterey pines sprouted by the Pebble Beach Company, at its annual tree giveaway Saturday. From 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 21 in the post office parking lot, forest friends, school kids and parents will hand out free seedlings and planting information to Carmel area residents interested in replenishing their urban forest.

"River School has a neat little greenhouse that tremendously helps the propagation of the oak seedlings," said Gene McFarland, who organizes the annual affair.

Keeping everybody young

McFarland said he's thrilled about the forest group's growing involvement with kids at the River and middle schools, which have student-run gardens and burgeoning life science programs.

"The fact that these young people are learning hands-on horticulture, or botany, or whatever you want to call it, is so great in an age where mom brings something home in a plastic tray and wrapped in cellophane. They call it 'produce' and don't have a clue where it came from," he said.

And working with kids keeps everybody young, added McFarland, who described himself as "an old coot" who spent several years volunteering at River School.

"We're so excited to see the way the kids at the River School as well as the middle school are being introduced to things of this kind," he said. "And there's so much parental support." He also applauded River School teacher Laurie Fannin for her tireless efforts on behalf of the student garden there.

Last year's giveaway was the first to feature oaks sprouted by school kids, — though

not nearly so many — to complement 300 pines nurtured by the Pebble Beach Company's forestry/ecology department but originally destined for the City of Monterey.

"They didn't have the staff to plant the trees they had ordered from Pebble Beach, so they loaned us 300 trees," McFarland said. "But in the next year, I had to replace those, so I was scrabbling around out there looking for pine cones. What I really need is a trained squirrel."

Even without the squirrel, McFarland found seven prime pine cones and turned them over to the Eric Love, head of forestry and ecology for PBC. There, a botanist warmed them in a microwave for 20 seconds or so, freeing hundreds of seeds to sprout into disease-resistant trees, McFarland said, and under the TLC of company gardener Julie Long, the sprouts have grown.

McFarland hopes 200 of them, as well as the kids' 150 oak seedlings, will end up in the yards of Carmel area residents like Olof Dahlstrand.

"He's got a pine in his back yard — a magnificent specimen — and he pointed out it was a seedling that had been given to him by the City of Carmel years ago," McFarland said. "It's now 40 or 50 feet tall."

During the Jan. 21 giveaway, people will sign up to take custody of the baby pines and infant oaks. The nonprofit used to give the seedlings to anyone who asked, but McFarland hopes more trees will land in yards closer to home this year.

"We had people coming from Salinas and Pacific Grove, but we want to focus on Carmel, and our resources are limited," McFarland said. "So we will be a little fussy about who gets the trees."

For more information about the giveaway, which will be held in the parking lot of the Carmel post office on Fifth Avenue from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 21, call (831) 624-1781.



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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Firefighters confirm fire actually in fireplace

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.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject cited on Sixth Avenue for an open container violation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine was dispatched to a reported structure fire on Rio Vista Drive. Moderate smoke found throughout single-story residential structure. Hose line deployed and thermal imaging camera used to check for potential source. Burnt food eventually found in microwave determined to be source of smoke.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer dispatched to a barking dog complaint on Seventh Avenue. Located a dog in a parked vehicle who was

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female suspect, age 22, stopped on Sixth Avenue at 0110 hours for a vehicle code violation and found to be under the influence of alcohol. She was subsequently arrested for DUI and provided a blood test. Her vehicle was towed and stored by Carmel Chevron. She was lodged at Monterey P.D. until sober.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported finding a dog at large on Lincoln Street. Dog owner subsequently contacted, warned, kennel fees paid and dog was returned to owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver cited on Carpenter Street for a vehicle code violation.

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GOOD REASON NOT TO RETIRE

It is so often cited as life goal that one might think that retiring early may be a part of American Dream. However, research points to the notion that it may be preferable to continue to work or at least stay busy. The face is that a recent study shows that people who retire between ages 60 and 65 lived longer than those who stopped working at age 55 (some for health reasons). As this study shows, work may be good for a person. It gives life a purpose and a routine, and engages the mind and body in ways that keep them functioning. It may be that the key to living a long life is remaining active.

Delaying retirement also allows your nest egg to continue growing, and insurance benefits, such as health coverage, can pick up expenses that Medicare won't. This column has been brought to you by VICTORIAN HOME CARE/RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES. We respond to the complex physical and emotional issues faced by those we serve with open hearts and minds, with no preconceived notion other than to provide care in the most compassionate way possible.

P.S. There is already research to show that keeping the mind active is one of the best ways to preserve memory and cognitive ability.

Meg Parker Connors is an RN and owner of Victorian Health Care Services, Victorian Residential Care Homes and Help-at-Home, a domestic referral service here in Monterey. For assistance, call 655-1935.

Pacific Grove contractor gets firehouse retrofit job

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WITH FIREFIGHTERS in their temporary home since mid-December the Carmel City Council voted 4-1 Jan. 10 to hire DMC Construction to undertake seismic and modernization work at the 70-year-old Sixth Avenue firehouse.

Council members will have to come up with more money for DMC's work, however, which is going to cost at least \$429,484. The next highest bid, from Roebbelen Construction, was \$729,000. Just \$380,000 is in this year's budget for the job.

The firehouse retrofit will include installing new support columns, pinning the stone facade to the front of the building and removing the roof to tie the building lengthwise and crosswise.

"When I was assigned this project, we also discussed some of the deferred maintenance items from the last 20 years," building official Tim Meroney added. "We've been waiting for this project to come to fruition so we could take care of those issues."

The roof leaks, electrical systems are old, lighting is poor, bathrooms and showers are inadequate, carpet and floors are worn, and the "dirty, dark and dingy" interior needs a new coat of paint.

"Some of those things are to improve our quality of life in the fire station," Meroney said.

But councilman Mike Cunningham said aesthetic issues stray from the

goal of making the building earthquake safe and wondered if they could be put off to cut costs now, especially considering the costs of relocating the department to the Vista Lobos buildings and parking lot, and John Thodos' architectural services. "We have \$380,000 set aside to do this project," he said. "We've got a problem."

But DMC's president, Dan McAweeney, said waiting on that work would end up costing the city.

"Whatever number I gave you now, double it," he said. "And that's for within a year."

"This is a pretty darn good price for the work we've proposed," Meroney said.

Councilman Erik Bethel said it might be too good, especially with Roebbelen bidding so much higher, and he worried about cost overruns.

But Meroney said the bid, based on the city's specification, came after McAweeney and his subcontractors spent hours surveying the firehouse. Meroney asked the council to approve a 15 percent contingency in case more problems

appear during construction.

Bethel and Cunningham asked to delay the vote for 30 days to see if their concerns could be met.

Councilman Gerard Rose expressed faith in DMC to do the work as promised. and councilwoman Paula Hazdovac expressed horror at further delays.

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Costs are high — but waiting will just make them higher, the city is warned

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26 Personal points of view
28 Pouchlike part
29 "House of Incest" author
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31 Breathing space?
32 Cooped (up)
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34 Where the smoke rises in a sty's chimney?
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76 Hard to believe
78 Get moving
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87 Produce plays, say
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91 Corrosive chemical, to a chemist
92 Protractor measurements
94 A choice between cinnabar and galena?
96 Rush
97 One and only
98 Fraternal letters
99 School since 1440
100 Puerto Rico hrs.
101 Mexican Mrs.
102 Baltimore's Enoch ___ Free Library
104 Command to a gardener?
108 Maximilian, for one
110 Handle an F-15, e.g.
112 It may zip out
113 Chefs, at times
114 Gave birth on a farm
115 Sound setup
116 Underhanded, to put it nicely
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118 It may be rolled up in a bun
7 Green subj.
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9 She rescued Odysseus
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35 Last word of Missouri's motto
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47 Oil worker
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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-118 indicating starting points for clues.

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54 Firmly secured
56 Kind of star
57 Song of joy
58 Miler's mistake?
60 Latin 101 word
64 Union members
65 Chalk or marble
67 Needs a doctor
69 Land's end?
71 Uproar
74 Word of honor
75 Leaves home?
77 Weapons collections
79 ___ bonding
81 Stepped lively
83 Cheese type
84 Some solvents
85 Letters after a barrister's name
87 Shed tears
88 Referring to the unruly
90 Lined up
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96 One of the original Not Ready for Prime Time Players
98 Components of some codes
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103 Calhoun of TV's "The Texan"
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Answer to puzzle on page 9A



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Carmel reads the Pine Cone

DUI van driver arrested for nearly running down deputy

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A DRUNKEN driver almost ran over Monterey County Sheriff's Deputy Nicole Davis — three times — while maneuvering through a darkened Pebble Beach Parking lot Monday night, according to the sheriff's office.

While on routine patrol shortly after 10 p.m. Jan. 16, Davis noticed a silver Chrysler van parked near the golf driving range at 17 Mile Drive and Portola Road, so she pulled in to investigate. According to her report, she pointed her spotlight at the van and noticed two people in the rear seat, though one jumped into the driver's seat as she approached.

Gordon Rush III of Baton Rouge, La., 37, "put the vehicle in reverse and almost collided with the front of the patrol vehicle," she reported.

Davis banged on the rear window, identified herself as a sheriff's deputy and yelled at him to stop, but he continued to

back up, and she had to move to avoid him.

Rush then put the silver Chrysler in drive and made a three-point turn, Davis reported, and as he moved forward, she jumped out of the way. Davis said she had to take the same evasive action again when Rush made a second three-point turn. All the while, she continued telling him she was a deputy and yelling at him to stop, according to her report.

But he kept driving and pulled out onto 17 Mile Drive, so she jumped in her patrol car, activated the lights and siren and pursued him. Rush drove two-tenths of a mile before pulling over near Peter Hay golf course.

Davis reported smelling alcohol on Rush's breath as she questioned him, and the California Highway Patrol arrived to arrest him for driving under the influence.

Monterey County Sheriff's Sgt. John DiCarlo said his office has charged Rush with assault with a weapon. "The car's a deadly weapon," he explained.

DiCarlo also said Davis sustained no injuries while dodging the van. Rush's female passenger was detained but later released, and no charges were filed against her, DiCarlo said.

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Electrical fire chars hotel laundry room

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN ELECTRICAL short likely started the fire inside a hotel laundry room Monday afternoon, but Carmel Fire Shift Commander Bruce Meyer said the quick-thinking person who immediately closed the door after discovering the blaze helped keep it from spreading.

"The room was tight, so the fire was starving a little bit," he said.

Arriving at Hofsas House on San Carlos Street just after 3:30 p.m. Jan. 16, firefighters spotted smoke near the driveway and ran a hose from the engine down into the laundry room. A few guests and hotel employees stood outside watching.

"We had it out within five minutes," Meyer said, adding that the building's sturdy construction also helped keep the fire con-

"There was just some minor heat migration up into the second floor and some areas of the wall, but no extension beyond the ceiling of the laundry room," Meyer said.

An investigator from P.G. Fire is researching the cause, but Meyer suspected an electrical short in one of the appliances was to blame. The fire originated in an area where a dishwasher, a microwave oven and a small refrigerator were plugged into an outlet.

He estimated the blaze caused \$25,000 in damage — \$10,000 to the structure and \$15,000 to its contents, which included appliances, linens and housewares.

Hofsas House also suffered a small fire in August 2003, when a guest noticed flames on the roof of one of its cottages. Only \$3,500 in damage resulted from that incident.



The charred area above a dishwasher in a hotel laundry room shows the origin of Monday's fire.

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fined. "No doubt the damage was kept to a lot lesser extent because of the block masonry."

In addition to Carmel's engine and ambulance crews and chief Andrew Miller, firefighters from Cypress Fire Protection District's Carmel Hill Station responded.

Firefighters outfitted in breathing apparatuses checked the charred room and other parts of the building to ensure the fire was fully extinguished. They also used a thermal imaging camera to ensure it was not smoldering inside the walls.

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School district presents more challenging high school curriculum

COME FALL, Carmel High School students will face a more rigorous course load designed to help them get admitted to four-year colleges or find better jobs, and the Carmel Unified School District will hold meetings for parents and students this week and next on the new requirements.

Compared with the current curriculum, the new plan calls for an additional year of foreign language and an elective. Current requirements also allow students to choose one year of foreign language or one year of visual/performing arts, while the new guidelines require both. The total number of units required to graduate will remain

240, though some courses will change, according to Mary Bull, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

"Over the years, nearly 60 percent of our students have met these requirements," Bull reported.

Detailed information will be presented during four meetings: Friday, Jan. 20, at 9 a.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. in the Carmel Middle School library, and Thursday, Feb. 2, at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Carmel High School. For more information, call Bull at (831) 624-1546 or CHS Principal Karl Pallastrini at (831) 624-1821.

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Gallery will let artist's latest work be cut into small pieces

By CHRIS COUNTS

LIKE A Buddhist sand painter, Beryl Miller is content to watch her painstakingly created artwork destroyed.

But unlike the sand painter — whose work is a philosophical statement about the impermanence of things — Miller is engaged in a remarkably interactive artistic collaboration and a clever marketing ploy.

There is nothing particularly groundbreaking about the abstract, 20-foot-long, acrylic-on-paper piece Miller is contributing to an exhibit, "Abstract Improvisation II," at the Lauryn Taylor Gallery in Carmel. But at the show's opening reception Saturday, Jan. 21, from 6 to 9 p.m., local art lovers will have an opportunity to take home any section of the painting — on a first-come, first-served basis — for \$1 an inch.

While most artists would cringe at the sight of their work literally being hacked to shreds, Miller just shrugs. As a former car-

pen-ter, she's used to clients having the final say over creative matters.

"I quit because the sheetrock got so heavy," said Miller, providing an unusual response to why she became an artist.

Perhaps due to her background in carpentry, Miller likes to create large works.

"I buy 10-foot rolls of printmaker's paper," explained Miller, who lives in Novato. "I started to work this way because it's less confining. I get to move around and I don't have to worry about the edges."

Amazingly, Miller has created nearly 200 oversized paintings — one 60 feet long — that have been lovingly deconstructed by admirers of her artwork.

"The viewer gets to be a part of the process," she said. "They get to pick out their own piece and crop it. It's an affordable way for people to acquire an original piece of art. It's a win-win for everybody."

Miller doesn't even mind the strangely shaped scraps she is often left with.

"I take the little bits that are left over and I sell them," she explained. "Sometimes people like the funny shapes."

Gallery owner Lauryn Taylor said paintings "extracted" from the 20-foot piece must be at least 10 inches by 10 inches. Pre-cut mattes will be available, and the artist will be on hand for a consultation.

The exhibit at the Lauryn Taylor Gallery — which will be on display until March 12 — will also feature abstract works by Taylor, Kristy Tonti, Fred Carvell and Dennis Peak. Tonti is a resident of Monterey, while Taylor, Carvell and Peak live in Carmel Valley.

"What all of these artists have in common is that they are all intuitive painters," said Taylor. "They are drawing from within as they are creating their abstract work."

The gallery is located next to the Wells Fargo Bank, on San Carlos between Ocean and Seventh. For more information, call (831) 624-1161.



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Beryl Miller poses with her latest work, which will be featured at the Lauryn Taylor Gallery.

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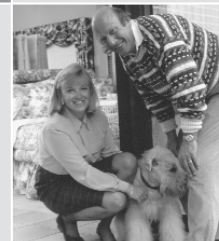


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Carmel Valley

Local investors to revive Gamboa senior housing project

By CHRIS COUNTS

A LONG-DELAYED senior housing facility at the mouth of Carmel Valley — which last encountered opposition in 2003 over a plan to use recycled graywater for landscaping — is back.

In November, a group of local investors purchased a 4.5-acre parcel at Carmel Valley Road and Val Verde Drive for \$2.1 million from Elvira Gamboa. Robert Houpt, the project's general partner, said the facility could potentially provide assisted living for up to 78 elderly residents.

"The goal is to get it going in 2006," said Houpt, a Carmel

resident.

The Gamboa family tried for a decade to develop the property, which is located just east of the Carmel Rancho Shopping Center.

In 1993, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors granted the Sunrise Assisted Living project an allocation of 4.8 acre-feet of water, not enough to operate the facility without using graywater on the grounds.

In 1997, the California Department of Water Resources issued detailed regulations on the installation of graywater systems, which are designed to maximize conservation while protecting public health. While making liberal use of gray-

water, the systems refrain from using any "blackwater," a term used to describe water from toilets and kitchens. The rest of the water — more than half of all the water used in a typical residential situation — flows from showers, bath tubs and washing machines into underground tanks. It is filtered twice before being pumped through a drip irrigation system.

Concerns about the presence of viruses and bacteria in graywater led the Monterey County Health Department in 2003 to recommend use of such water be prohibited in commercial and industrial developments. A year later, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted to allow graywater for landscaping purposes at commercial and industrial sites in unincorporated areas of the county. Permits for such systems, though, are be subject to a full environmental review.

Valley fire administrator applauded by county chiefs

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL VALLEY Fire administrative assistant Susan Croswell, who joined the district as a volunteer firefighter/emergency medical technician a quarter-century ago, was named the 2006 Departmental Support Person of the Year by the Monterey County Fire Chiefs Association Jan. 13.

C.V. Fire Chief Sidney Reade, with unanimous support from the board of directors, paid staff and volunteer firefighters, nominated Croswell, describing her as "an outstanding, humble and loyal person who makes Carmel Valley Fire Protection District and the community a safer and brighter place to live and work."

Over the years, Croswell's job has evolved to include clerk to an 11-member board of directors, accounts payable and ambulance billing coordinator, newsletter editor, public education coordinator and information officer, according to Reade. She also uses her lifesaving skills to teach CPR, first-aid and fire safety.

"There is not a person in our organization who does not count on Susan Croswell," Reade wrote in her Dec. 15, 2005, letter to chief Sam Mazza, chair of the awards committee.

As administrative assistant, Croswell comes in constant contact not only with the district's firefighters, but with the public.

"The compassion in her voice when talking to a patient about an ambulance bill is genuine, and her ability to explain with clarity to patients in their time of crisis is an invaluable trait that Susan provides to our citizens," Reade wrote.

Reade said Croswell embodies the district's mission: "Together we will meet the ongoing challenges of protecting life, property and the environment with pride, honor, respect and tenacity."

The county fire chiefs also named Norm Cotton of Mid-Coast Volunteer Fire Brigade as Volunteer Firefighter of the Year and Pacific Grove Fire Department's Jeff Field as Career Firefighter of the Year. Cotton, a firefighter, engineer and medic, joined Mid-Coast Fire at its inception in 1978. Field, who has worked with PGFD since 1998, was also named Lifeguard of the Year in 2000 by the local state parks district and received P.G.'s Medal of Valor for three unassisted rescues in rough seas in January 2002.

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Christiane Bultinck

Christiane Bultinck, a resident of the Monterey Peninsula for over twenty five years, died at Carmel Hills Care Home on Monday, January 2. Christiane came to the United States in the late 50's and married Pierre Bultinck in 1960 in Connecticut. Christiane and her husband spent many years in the hospitality industry where Pierre managed the St. Regis, NY, opened the Regency Hotel, NY, managed the Mark Hopkins in San Francisco, and traveled to Beirut to manage the St. Georges. She was called upon to entertain many personalities known the world over, including the King and Queen of Belgium, Grace and Prince Ranier of Monaco, artist Salvador Dali, and many theater and stage personalities. After Pierre's death in 1984 Christiane continued to serve in the hospitality field. She was employed by Quail Lodge, Highlands Inn and other location here on the Peninsula.

Through her years of residency on the Peninsula Christiane developed a large number of friends. As an avid bridge player she spent many hours in Pebble Beach homes bringing stories of her travels and the many celebrity and royal contacts she and Pierre had made. These stories and her willingness to assist the ladies in learning the French language made her a popular partner in the bridge group. She enjoyed golf and tennis and found time to share her life experience with a special friend Stacy Little whom she watched over from infancy and for whom she developed a deep affection. Stacy (Poupee - French for doll) was introduced to many opportunities in golf, horse back riding, art and ballet by Christiane. As the years passed many workers in the restaurant business became aware of Christiane and her little protege. Owners of many of the fine restaurants here would make a point of coming to Christiane's table to greet her when she visited. Her persona was that of a well traveled and knowledgeable lady and she will be sorely missed. Those wishing to contribute in her memory may send to Deacons, First Presbyterian Church, 501 El Dorado Street, Monterey 93904, memo Christiane Bultinck memorial.

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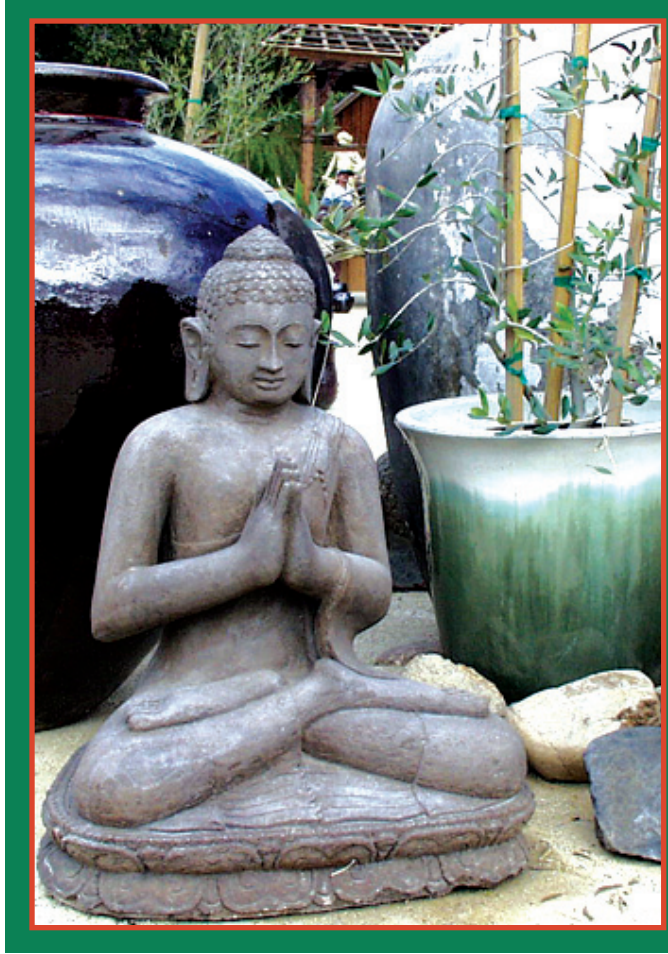
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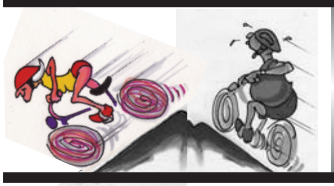


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Palo Corona Ranch may soon open to hikers with permits

■ Carmel River bridge might be needed to make broader access possible

BY CHRIS COUNTS

WITH ITS verdant slopes towering high above The Crossroads shopping center, the former Fish Ranch has long been a tantalizing yet elusive destination for local hikers.

That could change as early as this spring — at least for a limited number of hikers who get daily permits. The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District moved one step closer to opening the new 4,300-acre Palo Corona Regional Park when the Carmel Area Land Use Advisory Committee voted 4-1 to give its OK to an interim access plan. The endorsement by the LUAC sets the stage for a Monterey County Planning Commission hearing on the plan later this year.

At the LUAC meeting Tuesday night, park district general manager Joe Donofrio urged the committee to support the trails proposal.

“Our job would be much easier if we took five years to decide what to do with the property,” Donofrio explained. “But we’re trying to get people in there on an interim basis.”

The California Coastal Conservancy, which supported acquisition of a 680-acre section of the ranch with a \$9 million grant and a \$3.2 million loan, asked that the property be made accessible to the public as soon as possible.

Under the terms of the regional park district’s proposal, hikers would be able to access the park, but by permit only. The number of daily hikers would be restricted due to limited parking.

A permit-only plan is already in effect at two other park district holdings, the Kahn Ranch and the Bloomquist Open Space Preserve, both located in Carmel Valley.

Donofrio said his agency has had success with permit-only access of parklands.

“It works very well,” he said. “We haven’t had any problems. From our experience, it drastically reduces the number of people who use the park.”

He estimated about 20 permits a day would be issued when the interim access plan goes into effect. Each permit will be for one car and its passengers, which should encourage carpooling.

“We’re trying to limit parking along Highway 1,” he said. “We don’t want to have a situation like Point Lobos where there are 60 or 70 cars parked out there.”

The only parking currently available is adjacent to the park’s front gate, which is located about 500 feet south of the Carmel River. According to Donofrio, the shoulder is limited to about 13 vehicles. He said Caltrans told his agency another

four or five spaces could be created between the shoulder and the gate.

Donofrio said the limited access will prevent hikers from parking in the nearby Carmel Meadows residential neighborhood.

“We want to be good neighbors,” explained Donofrio.

In an effort to protect the privacy of the park’s nearest neighbor, he said the park district plans to post “no trespassing” signs around a 90-acre inholding retained by the Fish family.

Looking forward

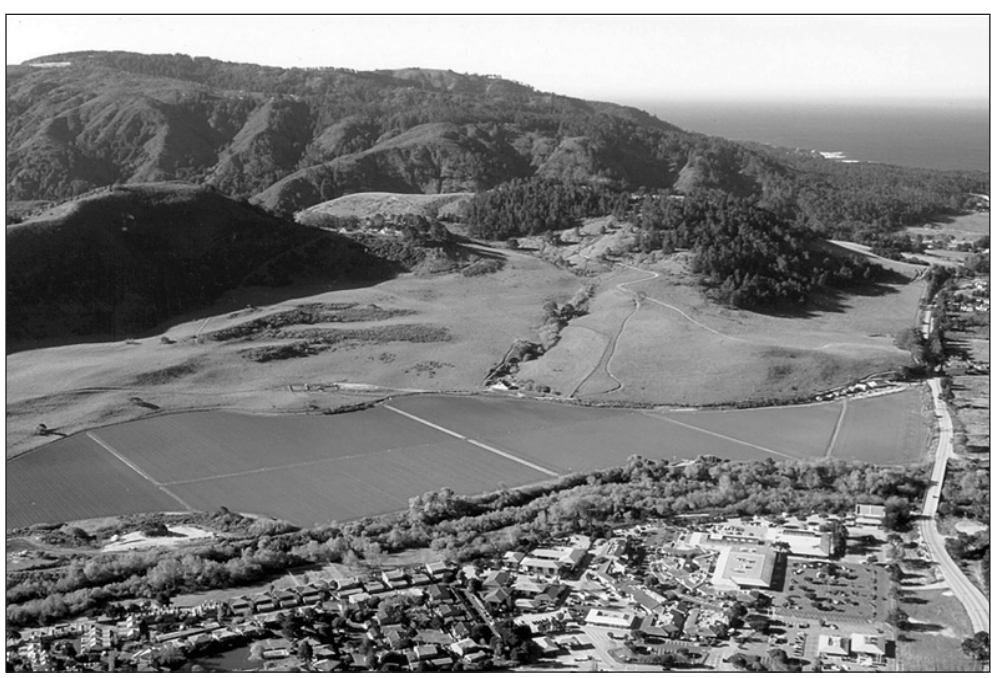
To expand access to the new park in the future, park district official Tim Jensen said his agency hopes to develop a better access plan that could include parking on the north side of the Carmel River, with a pedestrian bridge providing direct access to Palo Corona Ranch on the other side.

“We’ve had early discussions with Caltrans, and they’re willing to work with us,” said Jensen, special projects and planning manager for the park district.

According to Jensen, the discussions involved the construction of a walking bridge that would be attached to the existing Carmel River highway bridge. Hikers would park their cars at a yet-to-be-determined location north of the Carmel River and east of Highway 1. But Jensen emphasized the talks were only preliminary. “Nothing’s been finalized,” he said. “We’re just exploring all the alternatives.”

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Hearst Corp. sued over access to historic South County property

By KELLY NIX

A LAWSUIT has been filed against The Hearst Corporation — a media conglomerate and one of California's biggest landowners — over access to 160 acres of south Monterey County property.

In a suit filed Jan. 6, Betty Jo Pimental, owner of the acreage north of Cholame, seeks a right of way over an access road which leads to her landlocked parcel.

"If you were to do a title search at the recorder's office, you would not find any evidence that anyone had a legal right to pass over that roadway, and that's what we want to change," said Pimental's Capitola-based attorney, David Parker. "We want to get a judgment that establishes that right, and record it so it would become part of that chain of title."

Pimental's large parcel, on the west side of Cholame Road, 5 miles south of Parkfield and 3 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line, is surrounded by Jack Ranch, leased by The Hearst Corporation from Dorothy R. Harlan since 1972. Harlan is also listed on the lawsuit.

Although Pimental's land was acquired by her great-grandfather's brother, J. William Packard, by means of a federal land patent issued by President Grover Cleveland on 1894, the language in the deed wasn't exactly clear about how the land would be accessed.

"Unfortunately in those days, they were generally very sloppy about describing easements and rights of way and things like that," Parker said. "That's just the way they did it then."

Pimental's property is accessible by a 1-and-a-quarter-mile unpaved road connecting to Cholame Road.

Several months ago, someone placed a padlock on a gate, cutting off access to the property. Though the padlock was eventually removed, Parker said it's time to legally establish the right of way.

"She decided that this right of way issue had been allowed to float un-tethered for enough generations," Parker said. "She feels that before she passes this property on to her son, she wants this nailed down."

The Homestead Act

Included in the lawsuit is a copy of the original homestead certificate, dated June 26, 1894, complete with signatures by President Cleveland. The suit also contains old county maps of the property and U.S. Geological Survey aerial maps showing the access road.

The Homestead Act was passed by Congress and signed

into law in 1862 by President Abraham Lincoln after the secession of southern states. The act turned over vast amounts of public domain to private citizens.

The only requirement for a homesteader to acquire a 160-acre parcel of land was to be the head of a household and at least 21 years old. The homesteader had to pay a nominal fee after five years of residency on the property, or pay \$1.25 per acre after six months, to own the land.

Parker said he's never run across a case such as Pimental's.

"This is the first time I've been involved in something like this," he said.

His research for the lawsuit includes checking with the National Archives in Washington D.C., to hunt for the original land patent application files.

"I've already dealt with the Bureau of Land Management in Sacramento," he said.

Myron Etienne, a Salinas-based attorney for The Hearst

Corp., couldn't comment on the case because he hadn't reviewed the lawsuit as of Tuesday.

"There is no accusation Hearst has done anything wrong," Parker said. "Hearst in a sense shares the burden in clearing up these little messes because of the imprecise way these things were handled."



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Today's Real Estate

by MAUREEN MASON
Certified Residential Specialist

RENTING VS. BUYING

Occasionally, articles about why we should consider renting instead of buying our homes start to pop up in the popular, and even in the financial, press. There are two circumstances in which such articles are valid.

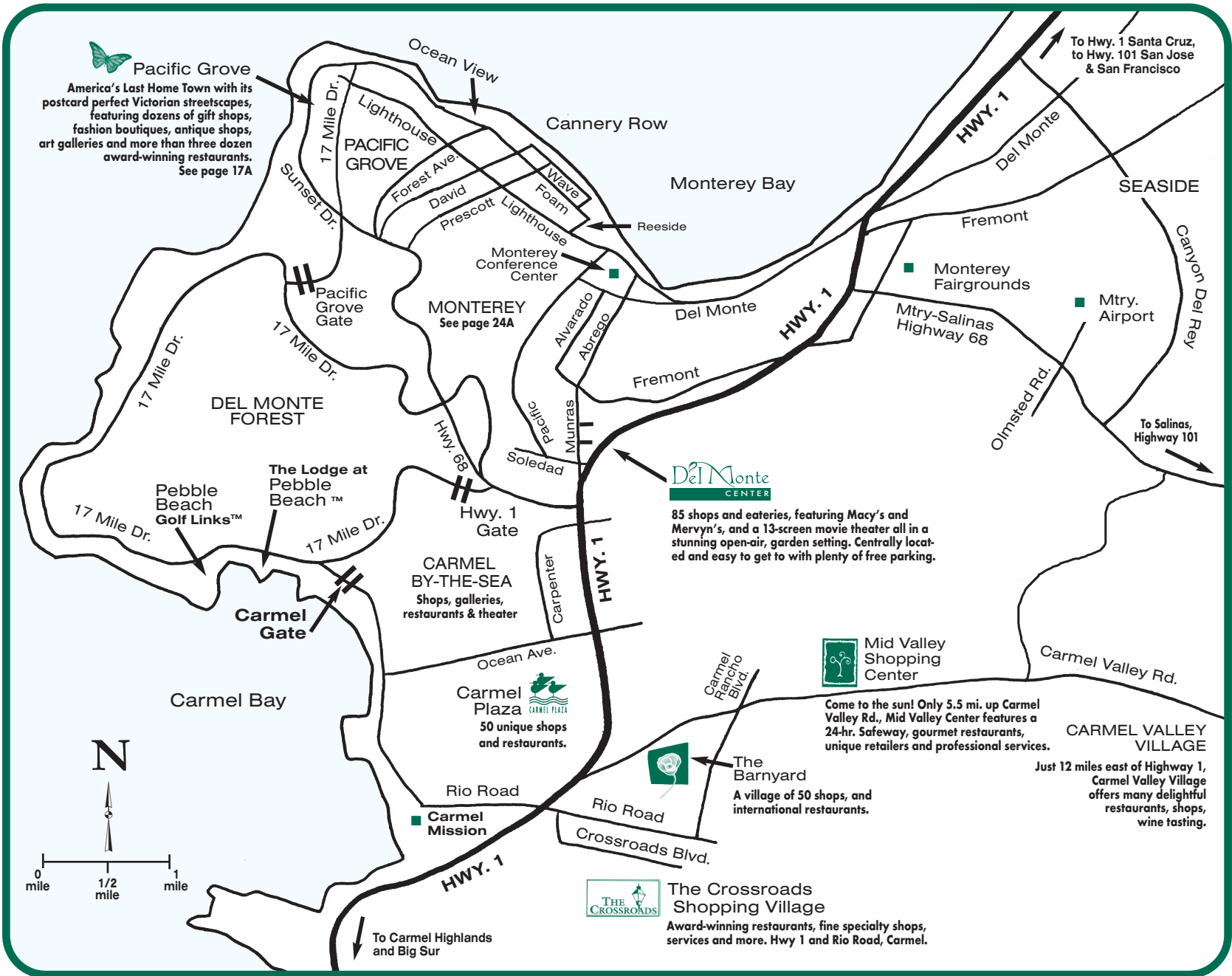
First, if real estate values are falling, it may be better to be renting than owning an asset that is losing some of its value—just as it is generally better not to own shares of stock when they are on a losing streak. The problems with this point, however, are that real estate very rarely loses value and, even when it does, it regains its losses over time and continues to gain in value. It is rarely a great idea to move out of the home you own and into a rental because you think that property values may fall, both because it is a tremendous hassle and because it is very difficult to time such maneuvers accurately.

Second, if you clearly cannot handle the monthly expenses of home ownership, then you should build up your financial strength until you can. The main problem with this point, though, is that there is generally a great reward for stretching slightly beyond your comfort zone to purchase a home, as it is likely to appreciate in the future and become even more expensive to purchase.

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SambaDá, Ten Foot Tone, Fish Ranch Road and kudos for MJF

APPEARING FRIDAY night, Jan. 20, at the recently remodeled **Sly McFly's** on Cannery Row, **SambaDá**, the popular Santa-Cruz based dance band, was formed in 1997 by native Brazilian Papiba Godinho. SambaDá, a party waiting to happen, plays original and popular dance music, drawing upon a myriad of styles within the Brazilian genre as well as incorporating reggae, funk, rock, rap and hip-hop with a Brazilian twist. The group has been busy lately working on a new album, collaborating with two-time Grammy nominated producer Greg Landau. The new CD, the first with vocalist Dandha da Hora, will feature the high-energy original sound that SambaDá is known for, as well as exploring exciting new musical territory for the band. SambaDá performs regularly at venues throughout the West Coast, and will perform at this year's San Diego Brazil Carnival.

Plugged In

By Stephen L. Vagnini

Performing Saturday night at Sly's, **Anthony Young and the Masters of Old School** are a San Francisco Bay Area band that plays a wide variety of old school music, including r&b favorites and Motown classics. Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call, (831) 655-8070.

At **Monterey Live** on Alvarado Street, former members of popular '90s rock 'n' roll band, **The Uninvited**, perform Friday evening under the moniker of **Fish Ranch Road**. The Uninvited, regulars at Doc Rickett's Lab when the club was still located on Cannery Row, disbanded in 2003 after a 14-year run that almost saw them find their way to the "big

time." During this span, the group released seven albums and developed a large fan base with their unique mix of power-pop guitars, soaring harmonies, sardonic lyrics and energetic stage presence.

Other shows at Monterey Live this week include another rock 'n' roll band, **Ten Foot Tone**, Saturday, Jan. 21; bluegrass string band the **Hackensaw Boys**, Sunday, Jan. 22; and barb-witted social commentary folk singer **Chuck Brodsky** performing Tuesday, Jan. 22. For tickets and more information call, (831) 646-1415.

Located in the Barnyard Shopping Village, Carmel's newest music venue, **Bixby Bistro**, features a troika of pianists this week, beginning tonight with **Bob Phillips** performing from 7:30 to 10:30. Also this week, pianists **Weber Iago** and **Mark Allen Jones** appear on Saturday and Sunday evenings, respectively. Jan. 23, beginning at 6:30 p.m., local jazz singer Lori Hauffer performs. For more information call (831) 626-1814.

Friends and family of Bill Ray will gather at the Hidden Valley Theater in Carmel Valley Saturday, Jan. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. to celebrate his life. A local Carmel Valley music promoter who brought a wide variety of music to a number venues in Carmel Valley, Ray passed away Jan. 9 in Southern California after a brief illness. Those who would like to remember Billy with a contribution may do so by donating to Nicholas and Anthony's college fund in care of Leann Ray, 268 West Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, CA., 93924.

The readers of JazzTimes Magazine declared the Monterey Jazz Festival "2005 Festival of the Year" in a new poll. Also in the JazzTimes January 2006 issue, esteemed jazz critic Nat Hentoff praises the Monterey Jazz Festival's entrepreneurial efforts. In his "Final Chorus" article, Nat Hentoff writes, "What impresses me most about the Monterey Jazz Festival now is how accomplished it has

become at promoting itself. Jazz is an art and all that, but for its musicians to survive requires business 'chops' on the part of its entrepreneurs."

The **Monterey Jazz Festival** also recently announced vocalist **Kurl Elling** as the 2006 Artist-in-Residence. Elling will visit Monterey throughout the year to teach and inspire some of the world's greatest emerging jazz talent through the festival's acclaimed youth education programs. Elling's residency will commence April 21-23 at the 2nd Annual Next Generation Festival, a celebration of youth in jazz. The Next Generation Festival includes the Monterey Jazz Festival's 36th Annual National High School Competition for big bands, combos and vocal ensembles, with top musicians competing to win a spot on the stages of the 49th Annual Monterey Jazz Festival presented by Verizon. For more information visit www.montereyjazzfestival.org.

Monterey Symphony plays Beethoven at Sunset Center

THE MONTEREY Symphony will perform at Sunset Center Sunday, Jan. 22, at 3 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. In the third installment of the symphony's 2005-2006 concert series, music director and conductor Max Bragado-Darman presents Beethoven's powerful Consecration of the House Overture, Dvorak's folk-inspired Eighth Symphony, and Beethoven's immortal Fourth Piano Concerto featuring young Spanish pianist Iván Martín.

For tickets call (831) 620-2048 or go to www.sunsetcenter.org.

Sandy Claws

By Margot Petit Nichols

SUZIE LEE, 6, lives part of the year in Big Sur and the rest of the year in Carmel. She is a tricolor with appealing freckles sprinkled across her nose and has the softest, shiniest coat imaginable.

Born in Santa Cruz, Suzie was given to a friend of Mom who later asked her to baby-sit Suzie "for a few days." We all know how that goes, and six years later, Suzie is still with Mom Jane, who adores her. "Her only job is to be cute," Mom said, a job description she fits to a "t."

A miniature Australian shepherd, Suzie will run after anything that moves, according to Mom, and frequently takes off after cattle on a neighboring ranch in Big Sur. She'll intercept balls and toys thrown for other dogs — not for the theft of the object, but for the chase that inevitably follows by the disencumbered dog.

Mom says Suzie is her "emissary of friendship," in that she makes friends with everyone she encounters, dogs and people alike, then introduces Mom to her new buddies.

She knows all the morning dogs at Carmel Beach, which she visits daily, and is universally loved. She is also known at many shops and stores in Carmel. "Everyone at Albertsons and at Cornucopia knows her," Mom said. She can leave Suzie outside without tethering her and will find her waiting patiently when she comes out. In the meantime, Suzie has made good use of her waiting time by begging treats from passersby.

A photographer, Mom Jane has photographed and written captions for a book of dogs she would like to have published, entitled "Friends of Carmel Beach."

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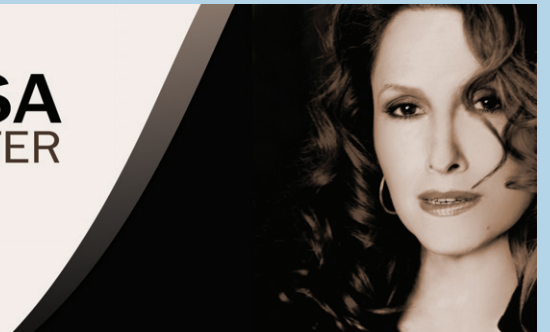
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Food & Fine

Chef Hernandez brings dedication and creativity to Bistro Giovanni

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

IT WAS no surprise to learn Chef de Cuisine Gabriel Hernandez of Carmel's Bistro Giovanni hails from Oaxaca, Mexico. Monterey Peninsula has a preponderance of chefs and cooks from the Mexican state that seems to grow exceptional culinarians and export them to the United States.

Chef Hernandez hasn't been back for a visit in the 14 years he's lived here, but then a wife and two children and responsible restaurant jobs have kept him busy. He thinks he can get away in December to visit

"I like to stay in the same job for a long time," Hernandez said. "But then a new job was offered to me."

He came over the hill to Carmel-by-the-Sea to work as a line chef at the original Carmel Bistro on San Carlos and Fifth, and he stayed there until they closed three years later.

At that point, Firok Shields, who owns Ristorante Giovanni in Cortile San Remo on Lincoln Street between Fifth and Sixth, stepped in, snagged Hernandez before he could be offered another job, and opened Carmel's Bistro Giovanni — Ristorante Mediterraneo in July last year. He named Hernandez chef de cuisine.

Open six months now and doing well, the new Bistro Giovanni offers lunch and dinner on one of Carmel-by-the-Sea's busiest streets. It's across San Carlos from The Hog's Breath and Radio Station KRML, and half a block from the Fifth Avenue post office.

Expressions tell the story

Shields, a maestro at running restaurants — this is the fourth he has owned — calls Chef Hernandez "Mr. Talent" because he's always trying new recipes, and because he also draws well. "He's creative and innovative," Shields said appreciatively.

Asked what dish he considers to be his signature dish, Chef Hernandez answered without hesitation. "Every dish is my best dish. I concentrate on the dish I am making. There is a good atmosphere for working here."

Hernandez's cousin, Juan Carlos Hernandez, works the the line and takes over when Chef is not there. His pantry cooks are Modesto Morales and Antonio Reyes.

Looking out the kitchen window into the main dining room, Chef Hernandez can see patrons as they eat. Their expressions tell him how much they are enjoying his cooking.

The restaurant is open at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Asked to recommend a complete luncheon menu, Chef Hernandez was hard pressed, because he likes all his dishes, but finally said, "Maybe you could start with an appetizer of dolmas (\$8.95). We stuff grape leaves with seasoned ground lamb with mint, served with a Tzatziki yogurt cream sauce."

For an entrée, consider fresh pasta rigatoni with meatballs. These are very special meatballs made with ground filet mignon in a vine-ripened tomato marinara sauce (\$14.95).

"I make everything fresh every day," Chef Hernandez said. He does not resort to canned or frozen products.

For luncheon dessert, an apple crisp (\$6.95) would go down nicely, he suggested. It's made with sweet, fresh apple and pear sautéed in butter, wrapped in a crisp filo pastry dough, with vanilla bean ice cream.

As well as an assortment of appetizers and entrées, pizzas, salads and panini are also offered at lunchtime.

Dinner begins at Bistro Giovanni at 5 p.m. nightly with a light background of recorded cool jazz.

So many things to choose

Just as a 'for instance,' Chef Hernandez said a diner might start with gamberetti al pomodoro (\$11.95), fresh prawns sautéed in Roma tomatoes, garlic, fresh basil, olive oil, baby artichoke hearts and pancetta.

For the main course, consider the braised veal osso bucco (\$24.95) baked with sweet anise, carrots, onions, celery and tomatoes, served over pasta couscous — small balls of pasta. But if you want real Moroccan couscous, be sure to ask the waiter to specify that to the kitchen.

To round out this sumptuous dinner, you might like to try tiramisu chocolata (\$6.95).

If you prefer steaks (prime certified Angus beef), rack of lamb, chicken, fresh fish, veal or short ribs (marinated overnight, then oven baked slowly for four hours), they appear on the menu also.

Carmel's Bistro Giovanni, San Carlos near Fifth, seats 70 indoors, and 20 on the dog-friendly patio in fine weather.

The restaurant is open Monday through Saturday for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and for dinner nightly from 5 to closing.

Call (831) 626-6003 for reservations.

chef profile

his mother and father in the small Oaxacan town of San Pablo, where he grew up and worked by his father's side in the vegetable fields. He speaks on the telephone with them frequently.

Not speaking English when he came here, Hernandez got a job washing dishes at the Wharfside Restaurant on Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf. Growing tired of this, he began to watch the line chefs and ask questions: "I was asking, always asking ... How do you know when spaghetti is cooked? What herbs do you use in this or that dish?"

Chef Raimondo Perez, who became his compadre, demonstrated what to do at the various line stations, and soon Hernandez was invited to move up in the kitchen and join the line. He did line work for the next nine years, his English improving along the way.



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Chef de Cuisine Gabriel ("Gabby") Hernandez stands before a display of fine wines at Carmel's Bistro Giovanni.

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Food & Fine

Junipero Serra will relocate to school bearing his name

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE MOSAIC of Junipero Serra created by Geza St. Galy 46 years ago and displayed outside the Carmel Plaza for decades will move to the Carmel Mission founder's namesake school, the planning commission decided Jan. 11.

Junipero Serra School Principal Peggy Burger asked the city if the school could take custody of the mosaic after she learned it would be removed from Carmel Plaza. When the commission OK'd the exterior work at the former Saks Fifth Avenue to prepare it for upscale clothier Wilkes Bashford in September, it stipulated the Plaza should find another public location for the mosaic to be displayed.

"When we saw the article in The Pine Cone a couple of months ago, we were very excited at the possibility that we might be able to acquire the mosaic and put it on our school grounds," she wrote in a November letter to Conroy. "What better place for the mosaic than here at a school on the grounds of the Mission?"

Planner Sean Conroy said it sounded like a perfect idea.

"Junipero Serra School appears to be a very good location for the mosaic," he said at last week's hearing. "There are obvious connections there."

School administrators suggested three locations for the artwork: just off Rio Road at the foot of the school's driveway, the entrance to the Murphy Center gymnasium next to Larson Field and the wall of the main building.

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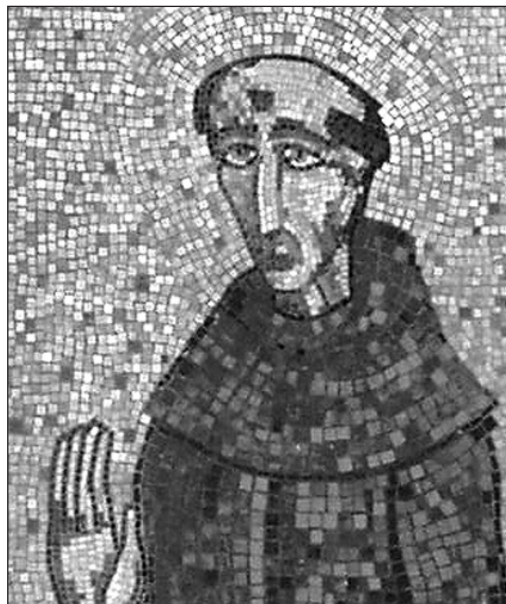
The city's policy on art in public places aims "to enrich the public environment; to nurture, enhance and encourage our artistic community; to enable the city to sustain and enhance its recognition as a center for visual arts; to increase public access to works of art, and to promote diversity through a variety of style, design and

media," according to Conroy's staff report. He initially suggested the bottom of the school's driveway would be ideal, since it is the most publicly visible of the three proposed locations.

"However, on review, I went back to measure the mosaic, and it's 11 feet by 4 feet, so to create a structure to locate it at that hill would be pretty massive," Conroy told commissioners at the hearing. "It might not be the best option."

Burger was unable to attend the Jan. 11 meeting to decide the fate of the 11-foot-tall Junipero Serra.

But she has already said the school would be open to the commission's suggestions for display-



ing the work, Conroy said.

Commissioner Ken Talmage favored attaching the mosaic to an existing wall rather than building a stand-alone backing for it, and he said he had no preference regarding its placement.

"Allow the school to decide with the staff what is the most appropriate location, and go forward with moving the piece of art," Talmage said, making the motion to approve the request.

Members voted 4-0 in favor, with commissioner Bill Strid absent.

Ryan Williams, marketing manager for the Plaza, said it will hold a ceremony, likely involving the school and some of its students, before removing the mosaic and taking it to its new home.

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Forte and her husband, Carlos, “adopted” shrimp fisherman Ray Brandhurst, his wife and their four kids, who lost everything in the storm, and they hosted a Cajun-inspired feast that raised \$2,500 to repair one of the engines on the Brandhursts’ fishing boat.

The fix allowed the family to return to work, she said. “Of course, as you can imagine, they still need plenty of help, including the repair of the boat’s other engine.”

The Fortes will host a Pre-Mardi Gras party at their

Pacific Grove home at 7 p.m. Jan. 27. A passionate and talented chef who hails from Brazil, Forte will fix gumbo, and the event will include wines donated by David Fink from Bouchée and Kent Torrey from The Cheese Shop. The most exciting pour will be a friend’s gift: “the sublime Chateau D’Yquem, the absolute emperor of Sauternes,” Forte said. “There are very few occasions that we will have the opportunity to taste it, as it is a very expensive treat, so don’t miss it!”

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“If you cannot join us that evening, please do consider contributing in any way you can,” Forte urged. “Any help or donation, will be deeply appreciated and is much needed.”

Checks made out to Slow Food can be mailed to Slow Food Carmel Area, P.O. Box 1713, Carmel, CA 93921. For more information, visit www.gabrielasfeast.com.

AUDIT

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ter falling disappointingly short at \$22,568 less than projected,” she said.

With only first-quarter figures for transient occupancy tax, she also said it’s too early to tell how well hotels will do this year.

Traffic safety money, gas taxes and funds from miscellaneous other sources were also down, but fees and permits, business license tax, investment interest and parking fees, and money from other governments — mostly the state’s VLF — were up, putting revenues \$287,948 ahead of the midyear target.

Expenses were \$228,789 under budget as of Dec. 31, 2005, with most of the savings in salaries, wages and contract labor, but Giuffre warned that number will shrink as the city reaches full staffing and outside workers are hired and paid. Materials and supplies were also lower than expected.

“Department managers are watching their budgets very closely,” she said. But workers’ compensation insurance, dues and memberships, and the regional ambulance subsidy all exceeded their estimates.

Budget adjustments needed

Giuffre also summarized the city’s capital costs, including more than \$200,000 worth approved by resolution of the city council since the budget was approved last spring.

According to Giuffre, the council designated \$682,328 for numerous projects, including retrofitting the firehouse, fixing Fourth Avenue’s landscaping and resurfacing the beach bluff pathway.

Giuffre also reported \$208,819 in additional expenses have cropped up, including \$30,740 for a new police car, \$43,406 more for the Flanders Mansion EIR, \$9,922 more to fix Sunset

Center’s leaky roof and \$38,500 for miscellaneous fuel charges in public works.

“Actual [fuel] expenses are averaging \$6,047 a month, compared to \$2,635 a month last fiscal year,” she reported.

Guillen said the council would see proposals for adjusting the budget next month.

Bethel complimented Giuffre, who was hired last summer to fill the newly created finance manager job, on her report.

“It’s a very well-done presentation,” he said. “We’ve seen a tremendous level of new information. It’s very good to get that.”

FIREHOUSE

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“The scope of work for this project was decided several months ago — we all knew what it was going to be,” she said, and the 20-year-overdue firehouse upgrade is more important than any other city project.

“Years ago we approximated it would be \$400,000, so I’d say a bid coming in at \$430,000 is really good,” she said. “The building is empty; we have our fire department in a parking lot. If we delay this any more beyond tonight, I will frankly be embarrassed for this council — and for the city.”

Several members of the public urged the council to OK the contract and get on with the work.

Monta Potter, executive director of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that the fire department’s temporary occupation of Vista Lobos means fewer available parking spots downtown.

“This has been under discussion for many, many months,” said Kathleen Coss. “Trust staff that they’ve been working on it enough months — with your previous input — that they know what they’re doing.”

Mayor Sue McCloud said the council would expect city staff to monitor the firehouse retrofit with the same level of scrutiny afforded the successful Sunset Center renovation.

The council voted 4-1, Cunningham dissenting, to approve DMC’s \$429,484 contract with a 15 percent contingency. Meroney told The Pine Cone work should begin Feb. 1.

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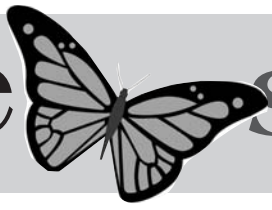
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City may charge nonprofits for parades, festivals and feasts

By KELLY NIX

THE 100-YEAR-OLD Feast of Lanterns and Good Old Days parade in Pacific Grove will come to an end if city council members decide to charge nonprofit events for police and public works services, organizers warned.

City council members are expected to vote Feb. 1 whether to charge for services currently provided at no cost.

"These are events that bring money into the city of Pacific Grove," said Sue Renz, past president of the Feast of Lanterns. "If you start canceling these events, not only do you do away with the event, you do away with the income."

It costs Pacific Grove about \$66,000 a year to provide city services for 10 traditional events. Feast of Lanterns costs the city about \$20,000, while Good Old Days costs nearly \$17,000.

Pacific Grove is in dire financial shape, and charging groups would help bring much-needed revenue to the city.

But Renz and others feel that targeting events which encourage tourists to spend money in the city is misguided.

The Feast of Lanterns puts its profits into a scholarship fund for students residing in Pacific Grove.

"It cost us almost \$25,000 last year to put on the Feast of Lanterns, and we made \$35,000," Renz said. "It doesn't take much to figure that after we paid all of our costs, we only had \$10,000 to put into the scholarship fund."

Renz said the event, which has been held for 100 years, might be able to limp along for another year if organizers had to pay the city.

Monterey's city manager, Fred Meurer, said the city charges First Night Monterey about \$20,000 for costs related to the event but in turn gives the organization \$40,000 in grant money.

"It's always a very tough and very emotional issue, because you have volunteers out there breaking their backs to produce it," Meurer said. "I can certainly understand how folks are concerned about the charges, but at the same time, you have to pay the salaries, you have to pay the overtime. That has to come from someplace, too."

City councilwoman Susan Nilmeier said the council will have a challenging job of weighing the pros and cons of the issue.

"I love participating and I support these fantastic events 100 percent," Nilmeier said. "They are a vital part of the fabric of this community. As a city council, we need to find the best way to support these events given the constraints we have right now."

Steve Gorman, chairman for the Good Old Days parade put on by the Pacific Grove Rotary Club, said the parade would be a no-go next year if the city makes them pay.

"It's kind of absurd to charge a group to put on a parade when that group isn't charging the city for the parade," Gorman said. "We are nonprofit and are doing this for free as a service to the city. It's like a gift to the City of Pacific Grove."

The parade, which draws throngs of people to the city in advance of Good Old Days, an event hosted by the city's chamber of commerce, costs about \$1,500 to \$2,000 to put on every year, Gorman said.

Although Gorman understands the predicament the city is in financially, he said charging nonprofit events would not only hurt Pacific Grove's events but its valuable, tourist-driven image.

"These events are kind of what Pacific Grove is all about," he said. "Good Old Days and the Feast of Lanterns are the heart and soul of Pacific Grove, and it would be foolish to lose them over something like this."

City manager Jim Colangelo said city staff has recommended the city council not impose fees immediately, if it decides to charge events. Instead, fees should be gradually increased over time.

Other events in jeopardy include the Butterfly Parade, which costs the city about \$5,000; the Marching Band Festival, which costs the city more than \$7,000; and the Parade of Lights, which costs Pacific Grove nearly \$9,000.



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"The Diocese of Monterey called our office, because they discovered the problem," Sgt. John DiCarlo said. "They did all their bookkeeping work to find the discrepancies, and our sheriff's deputy got involved with verifying the information that the diocese had and doing followup."

Nelda Marie Getz, 48, reported to the sheriff's Coastal Station in Monterey Jan. 9. "She came in for questioning, and then she was arrested afterward," DiCarlo said.

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THE UNITED States surgeon general, Vice Admiral Richard Carmona, M.D., is coming to Monterey to discuss obesity at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula's Monterey Bay Obesity Symposium, Thursday, Jan. 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Monterey Conference Center, Steinbeck Forum, in downtown Monterey. Dr. Carmona's lecture, "Obesity in the United States Today: Communities Called to Action," at 8 a.m., is open to the public for a registration fee of \$25. To register and obtain a complete list of the program and faculty, visit www.montereyhealth.org or call (831) 625-4511.

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Editorial

What public interest?

READERS OF this newspaper could be excused for laughing out loud as they read Susan Brandt-Hawley's disingenuous explanation why the Flanders Foundation's lawsuit against the City of Carmel shouldn't be tossed out on a technicality.

The city, you may recall, filed a motion in Monterey County Superior Court last month, objecting to the fact that the foundation's lawsuit was served on the city by none other than Flanders Foundation President Melanie Billig. State law requires that a suit be served on the defendant by a disinterested party; therefore, because Billig is not only involved in the suit but is actually the main person behind it, the Flanders Foundation's suit should be dismissed, the city maintains.

We agree with Brandt-Hawley that the purpose of the statute barring service by a party to a lawsuit wasn't violated when Billig delivered the foundation's legal papers to city hall herself. Service by a third party is required so that someone filing a suit can't pretend to notify the person he's suing while actually keeping them in the dark hoping to get a default judgment. Since there was no possibility city officials wouldn't find out about the Flanders Foundation suit somehow — and probably were expecting it all along — it is true, as Brandt-Hawley said, that the city suffered no "irreparable harm" when Billig served her own lawsuit.

But Brandt-Hawley departed from the world of logical argument when she offered a reason why the judge shouldn't dismiss the foundation's suit even if he finds that it was served illegally.

The court should not dismiss the Flanders lawsuit on a technicality, she claimed in legal papers filed Jan. 6, because the suit is "in the public interest," and was filed to "enforce mandatory environmental laws."

In other words, the suit is too important not to have its day in court. We couldn't disagree more.

First of all, it should be patently obvious to any objective person that selling Flanders Mansion will not have any harmful effects on the natural environment. The building will have the same use — single-family home — it has always had. Nothing will be built or torn down. The only change will be who owns it. Selling it, therefore, could not be in violation of any federal, state or local environmental laws.

It should also be obvious that a majority of the citizens of Carmel support selling it. Want proof? The Flanders Foundation didn't offer a single candidate for the upcoming municipal elections who doesn't want the mansion sold.

Since the public, which owns the house, wants to sell it, there can be no "public interest" in trying to stop the sale with a lawsuit.

The truth is this: A small group of people are against selling Flanders Mansion and, having failed repeatedly to sway their neighbors through an endless series of public meetings and elections, are simply unwilling to accept defeat.

It seems likely the judge will decline to dismiss the Flanders Foundation suit because it was served on the city by someone who's involved. But it sure would save everybody a lot of trouble if he did.

BATES



"I can't dance . . . I've got two left feet."

Letters to the Editor

Why run stop signs?

Dear Editor,

As a frequent pedestrian and driver in Carmel, I'm constantly astounded by the number of drivers who blow through stop signs with essentially no hesitation.

I measured the time saved stopping vs. not stopping at a stop sign and it averaged under 10 seconds. Let's do the math: What if a driver makes 300 trips through Carmel in a year and blows through an average of 6 stop signs per trip? Over the course of a year such a driver would save approximately five hours.

It seems likely to me that at least once in all those 1,800 non-stops, the driver would encounter another vehicle; a hapless pedestrian, animal, skateboarder, bicycle rider or child; or a police officer with a ticket book handy. Wouldn't most, if not all, the five hours saved be consumed by paperwork, car repair costs, trips to court, worry, consternation, cost of antacids, guilt, etc.?

So, if obeying the law doesn't do it for

you, try doing the math!

William Englander
Carmel-by-the-Sea

Pro-life march

Dear Editor,

January 21 will be another historic day in the defense of the rights of unborn children and the dignity of their mothers. At 7:45 a.m., busloads of enthusiastic marchers will depart from the parking lot adjoining Madonna del Sasso Catholic Church in Salinas to participate in the 2nd annual "Walk for Life" in San Francisco.

This event will once again peacefully proclaim that life is the best choice. It will also challenge the myth the abortion is a good choice for women. If you feel curiosity or a stirring within to join 7,000 positively pro-life women, men and children, please check out the website at www.walkforlifewc.com or phone (831) 758-4997, 655-5100 or 442-1134. Please join us on this exciting journey of faith hope and love.

Joseph Vierra,
Salinas

Don't name airport for Voris

Dear Editor,

Having worked for the Airport District for ten (10) years as the recording secretary and

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bookkeeper, 1962-1972. The then-manager, Fred Kane, had me read all the past minutes of the airport district to become familiar with its history.

During that reading, I did not come across the name of "Butch Voris," nor did Col. Kane or any of his flying friends mention that name. And they often discussed different pilot friends that were "history making," all too many to mention here.

Knowing the past board members, as I did, at that time, I do not believe they would approve of such a name change, and I hope that the present board would not consider it.

I am sure that Voris was of some importance to the flying community in general, but not so for the Monterey Peninsula Airport. I have been told that he lived on the Peninsula for a time, but then so have other famous people, including Col. Jimmy Doolittle, to mention one of many.

Gerald B. Allen,
Carmel

Thank you, May
Dear Editor,

Sometimes things work out just right. In 1971 I applied to work at the Thunderbird Bookshop and was accepted. And so began 14 years of so much more than just a job. A was surrounded by art, history, music, literature and all the elements to make a world and to understand it. The look, feel, the smell of a book, the knowledge that someone dared to show his heart between the covers; all this made it a joy to go to work each day.

May Waldroup was a tough boss, but she had an image and a goal for the Thunderbird, and she achieved it. I am grateful to have been a part of this. Thank you, May.

Karen Williams Lyon,
Carmel

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similar piece was reported stolen in July 1998.

Hart is best known for the "Three Soldiers" of the Vietnam War Memorial and the "Creation" sculptures that adorn the Washington National Cathedral, and his sculptures are apparently hot on the underground market.

"There are no leads, and it doesn't look like anybody we know," Mukai said of Friday's burglars. "It's still an open case."

But the gallery recently updated its surveillance system, according to Mukai, and the digital images might be enhanced well enough to help police identify the suspects.

DESAL

From page 1A

The county planning department has given Cal Am false hope in the past. In early November, the county agency's former director, Scott Hennessy, told The Pine Cone the department was days away from issuing the pilot plant permit to Cal Am. But it never happened.

"We wish to emphasize that Cal Am remains committed to pushing this permit through the process should the county place additional hurdles in the future," Cal Am Community Relations Manager Catherine Bowie said.

Too much turnover?

Before the planning department's decision Thursday afternoon, Wayne Tanda, director of the county's resource management agency, which oversees the planning department, briefly explained the paperwork in question.

"The documents [submitted by Cal Am] suggested that everything had been done, but nobody could recall if the mitigation provision had been cleared," Tanda said.

The planning department's snafu came less than three weeks after it received a scathing report from the county's civil grand jury which said the agency was dysfunctional and took too long issuing permits. The report also outlined a high employee

turnover at the planning department, but it's not clear if that contributed to the agency's Cal Am mix up.

The water company applied for the pilot plant permit in April 2005 but the county turned down the application in July, complaining that Duke hadn't lived up to requirements to restore nearly 13 acres of wetlands after removal of fuel oil tanks from its property.

Water shortage an 'emergency'

The six-month delay has been a major headache for Cal Am, which needs the pilot plant before it can design and build a much larger, permanent desalination plant on Duke's Moss Landing property. The \$1.5 million pilot plant will produce about 90,000 gallons of potable water a day.

"We are ready to go and we are very eager to get the project moving," Bowie said. "We have the first major piece of the pilot plant waiting in Morgan Hill, and we have other pieces waiting to be shipped. Our setup phase could be completed tomorrow afternoon if we just had clearance from the coun-

ty."

The state has ordered Cal Am to drastically reduce pumping from the Carmel River or face heavy fines from the State Water Resources Control Board and federal and state wildlife agencies if it fails to do so.


Cal Am's solution is the Coastal Water Project, a desalination plant at Duke that would provide a drought-free water supply to the Peninsula. It also calls for increased underground storage in Seaside.

In an Oct. 28 letter to the planning department, Cal Am's Monterey director Steve Leonard called the Peninsula's water shortage an "emergency."

This week, in a lawsuit brought by Cal Am over rights to the Seaside aquifer, visiting judge Roger Randall ruled that pumping from the aquifer could only continue at current levels for three more years. After that, the decision calls for a 10 percent reduction every third year to reduce and ultimately eliminate overdraft.

The ruling was seen as a victory by Cal Am, which believes Randall's decision adds impetus to the Coastal Water Project.

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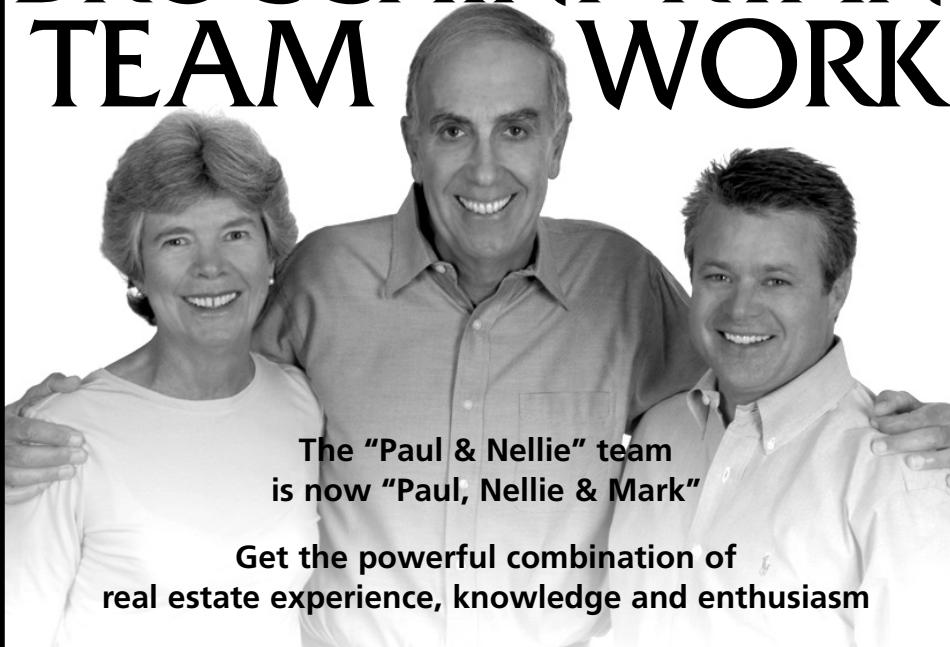
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But we are concerned with Carmel itself and the unincorporated satellites which cluster closely about it. Surprisingly, the official population of the village is only about 5,000. If you'll forgive a phrase like "Greater Carmel" (you shouldn't), the surrounding fringe adds about 3,000. Then the hovering horde of visitors — Carmel has more than 60 motels and lodges — Swells the daily complement to 20,000 or more. There are about 3,500 dwelling units (we prefer to call them cottages, castles and Comstocks) in the area. And buying and selling them occupies the time and attention of 32 real estate firm, each with 3 to 15 associates.

If you're any good at mathematics, That figures out a pretty active market. And it reinforces our thesis that you'd better have a good guide to steer you through the traffic.

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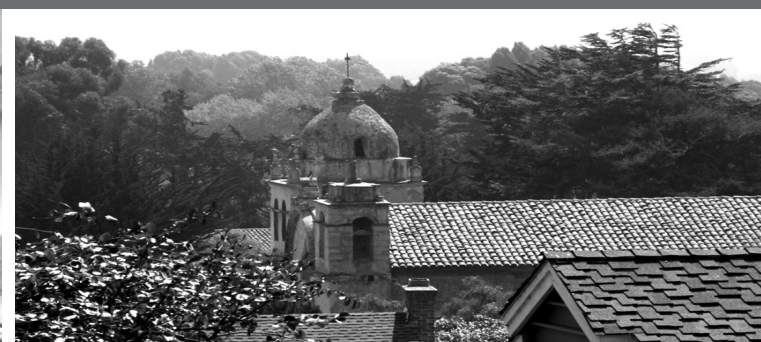
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Real estate market ends record-breaking year on down note

■ Fourth Quarter & Year End Report

By PAUL & NELLIE BROCCCHINI and MARK RYAN

THE HOT local real estate market has just completed a ten-year run with 2001 the only blemish on otherwise-relentless increases in prices and dollar volume.

It all began in the fourth quarter of 1995 when the market suddenly picked up for no apparent reason. That year, which had seen a dismal market over the first nine months, finished with a flourish that rolled into 1996 and has just kept going.

Despite a bit of a downturn in the fourth quarter, prices reached new peaks last year, and gross dollar volume was the highest ever, with \$1,793,979,000 changing hands in local real estate last year — an increase of 12 percent over 2004's record number.

Prices

During the year, median sales prices were up in all ten markets. In Carmel, the median for the year was \$1,575,000 — up 21 percent over last year and an amazing 75 percent above the \$900,000 median sales price registered in 2000. Other markets with million-dollar-plus median sales prices for 2005 were Carmel Valley, \$1,162,000; Pebble Beach, \$1,660,000; Salinas/Monterey Highway, \$1,002,000, and South Coast, \$2,400,000.

The number of transactions in 2005 was the fourth highest on record, with 1,411 properties sold during the year, down from the record high 1,530 in 2004. Even with this substantial drop in total transactions, higher selling prices translated into record gross dollar volume for the year.

The first crack in this incredible upward push occurred in the fourth quarter of 2005.

The number of sales decreased 24 percent, to 268, from the fourth quarter of 2004, when 352 properties sold.

Dollar volume in the fourth quarter also slipped in comparison with the fourth quarter last year. Carmel was down 15 percent: Sales were \$76,123,000 last year and \$64,697,000 this year. The total for all ten markets dropped from \$392,755,000 in the fourth quarter of 2004 to \$355,432,000 in the final three months of 2005, a decrease of 10 percent.

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APN: 187-591-040

67 Del Mesa Carmel — \$850,000

Peggy Sweek to Robert & Peggy Noel
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Rancho San Carlos lot 191 — \$1,600,000

Michael & Denise Malcolm to Rancho San Carlos LP
APN: 239-111-005

Rancho San Carlos lot 11 — \$1,650,000

Rancho San Carlos LP to Michael & Denise Malcolm
APN: 239-102-014

370 El Caminito Road — \$1,895,000

Andrea Wirum, Trustee for Moses & Cathleen Joseph
to Andrew & Murial Lin
APN: 187-601-022

Gonzales

Catherine Street — \$5,905,500

Estate of Edie Herold to American Cooling Inc.
APN: 223-081-005/006

Highway 68

22699 Picador Drive — \$1,099,000

James & Kathryn Russo to Mirjana Vustar
APN: 161-301-002

8701 Woodland Heights — \$1,150,000

Paul & Michelle Solomon to Agnes Lalata and Brian Nieto
APN: 125-611-017

Mirador Court — \$1,910,000

Los Castillos Associates LLC, a Delaware Corp,
to David & Cheryl Jensen
APN: 173-073-019

2 Estate Drive — \$2,303,000

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quarter, 18 percent of the total. With so many sales now over one million dollars, we added three new ranges: \$1,000,000 to \$1,299,000, \$1,300,000 to \$1,699,999 and \$1,700,000 to \$1,999,999.

The number of sales in these categories was 43, 29 and 18 respectively, or 34 percent of total sales. We hope you will find this new breakdown helpful in understanding the market in each town.

Barometer

The clearest indicator of the weakening market is our Market Barometer. The Barometer measures the percentage of listings in escrow. We consider a reading of 20 percent or better to signal a good market. During the last few years we have seen many

readings of over 30% and some even in the 40% to 50% level.

The January 1 readings were the lowest we have seen in years. Only Del Rey Oaks and Seaside topped 20%. Marina, which has often recorded the highest reading on the Peninsula, was at an anemic 13 percent, plunging from the 39 percent reading logged on October 1, 2005.

Carmel was already weak on October 1, with a reading of 14 percent, and dropped just one percent to 13 percent on January 1. South Coast once again was at the back of the pack with a reading of only 7 percent. Of the 44 active listings there on January 1 only three were in escrow.

Looking more closely at the Barometer we find that on January 1, 2006, there were 593 properties listed on the Peninsula that were not under contract. This figure for January 1, 2005 was only 340. The 2006 fig-

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POLICE LOG

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barking whenever a pedestrian would pass by. An area check was made, and the owner of the dog was located in a nearby business. A warning was given and a possible solution to the barking problem was discussed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigation of an alleged sexual assault.

Carmel area: A 23-year-old female reported seeing a male subject being very aggressive with a young female in The Crossroads shopping center at 1653 hours.

Big Sur: An unknown suspect broke into four mailboxes at Highway 1 and Pfeiffer Ridge in Big Sur and took mail, reported by a 67-year-old male resident.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party stated that a suspicious subject entered a Dolores Street store this past Thursday, Jan. 5, during the early afternoon hours. The RP stated that the subject was making bizarre statements. She felt uncomfortable, but the subject soon left. The RP was counseled. No further action at this time.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle was parked on a city street on Dolores displaying expired registration. The vehicle was towed and stored

per authority of the California Vehicle Code.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to reported wires down near Ninth and Junipero. Prior to arrival, both units canceled by Carmel P.D. at scene. Both units available returned to training detail.

Carmel Valley: A 48-year-old female suspect was arrested for embezzlement. Investigations by the Diocese of Monterey and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office revealed embezzlement of parish funds in excess of \$20,000. She was employed as parish secretary at a church in Carmel Valley where the embezzlement occurred over a period of two years.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle was parked on Torres Street in a driveway when it was vandalized with spray paint. A juvenile suspect, age 17, was contacted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two loose dogs in the business district were found on Lincoln Street. The dogs were held, and then transported and secured in the Carmel P.D. kennel. Later, the dogs were returned to the owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party called stating that she lost one earring sometime between 0745 hours and 0900 hours while visiting Carmel Beach on Wednesday, Jan. 4. She also visited the beach in Marina. A check of the

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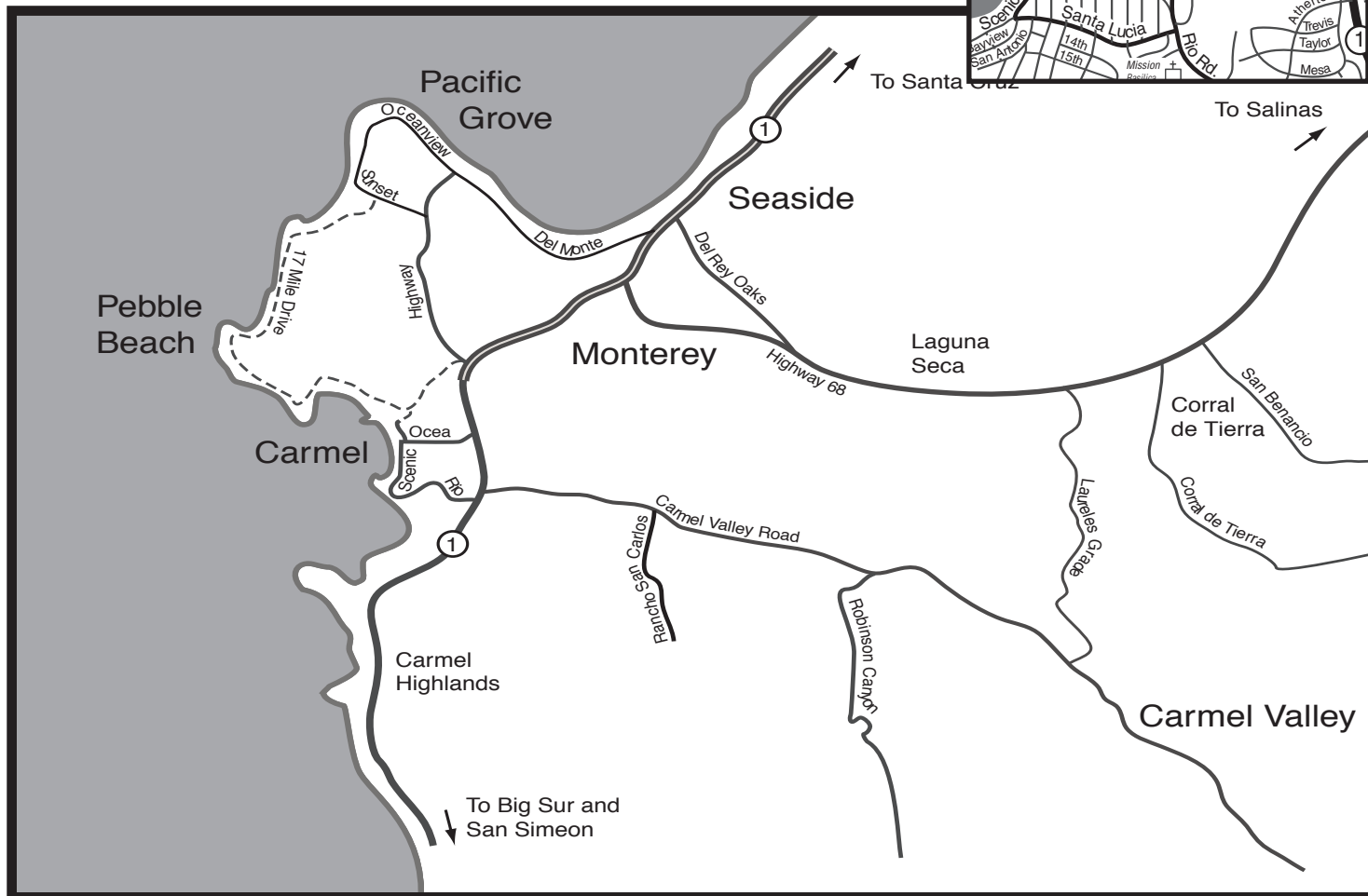
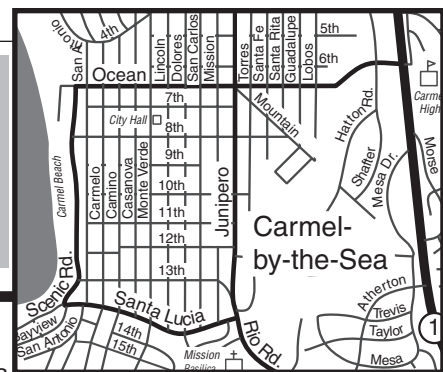


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Table listing real estate properties in Carmel Valley with columns for price, address, and contact info.

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police department's log indicated no earring was found and forwarded to the P.D.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Followup information obtained on a barking dog violation on Carpenter Street in reference to an earlier case.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two drivers were cited for violations of the California Vehicle Code on Rio Road and Junipero Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1228 hours, fire engine and ambulance were dispatched to a reported baby not breathing at a Junipero Street location. Upon arrival, found an female infant who was lethargic and ashen. Blow by oxygen given and conditioned improved. Baby and mother transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Followup information obtained on a barking dog complaint in reference to a prior call. The owner on Lobos Street will take care of the problem. The dogs are new to the neighborhood, and the dog license will be obtained from Monterey County Animal Services.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Five citations issued to drivers for violations of the California Vehicle Code on Monte Verde Street, Rio Road, San Antonio Avenue and Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim left her purse in a business. When she returned to the location at Junipero and Sixth, her purse was gone.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male driver, age 20, was cited on Carpenter Street for driving without a license. Vehicle was towed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire

engine and ambulance responded to a report of wires down on Santa Rita between Third and Fourth avenues. At scene, found wires on the ground, with a large section of a tree knocked down. A delivery truck struck the tree, which fell onto the wires. The wires were cable and phone to one residence. Firefighters cut the wire to open the roadway and secured the wires to the side of the road. Carmel P.D. and public works remained on scene to control traffic and remove the downed tree.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

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

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Paintings were taken from a van in front of a gallery on San Carlos Street. Grand theft reported at 1929 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision on public property on San Carlos Street resulted in injury.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Detectives from the Seaside, Monterey, Marina and Carmel police departments served a narcotics search warrant at a residence on Third Avenue at Santa Fe

Street at 1215 hours. The subject of the search, a 32-year-old male, was not home but was seen driving in the area in a newer model black Mercedes sedan with Florida plates, moments prior to service of the search warrant on his residence. He sped away and managed to elude further police detection and remains at large. He is wanted for possession of meth for sale and for personal possession of more than an ounce of marijuana. Detectives discovered the packaged methamphetamine and marijuana inside his residence and equipment used for growing marijuana indoors at a rented storage unit in Sand City. Also discovered was an empty rifle case, empty handgun holster and a crossbow inside the residence. Furthermore, Seaside police has information that the suspect arms himself with a handgun while in his car.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Forest. At scene, firefighters helped the ambulance crew with an elderly male who had difficulty breathing.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a vehicle rollover at San Carlos and Ninth at 2146 hours. At scene, found a Ford Mustang on its top in the street. Pulled a one-and-three-quarter-inch hose line,

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Big Sur: Esalen Institute personnel reported that a car drove past the entrance kiosk without stopping and then continued until it eventually went over a cliff, about 150 feet to the beach below. Sheriff's search and rescue team, along with the Big Sur Fire Brigade, California Highway Patrol, Westmed Ambulance and CDF/Carmel Highlands, responded to the scene. The elderly driver was still inside of the car and was pronounced dead at the scene. There were no other occupants of the car. Coroner investigators then responded. The man was extricated from the car and taken to the county morgue. The name of the deceased is pending notification of next of kin by the sheriff's coroner division. The investigation is continuing.

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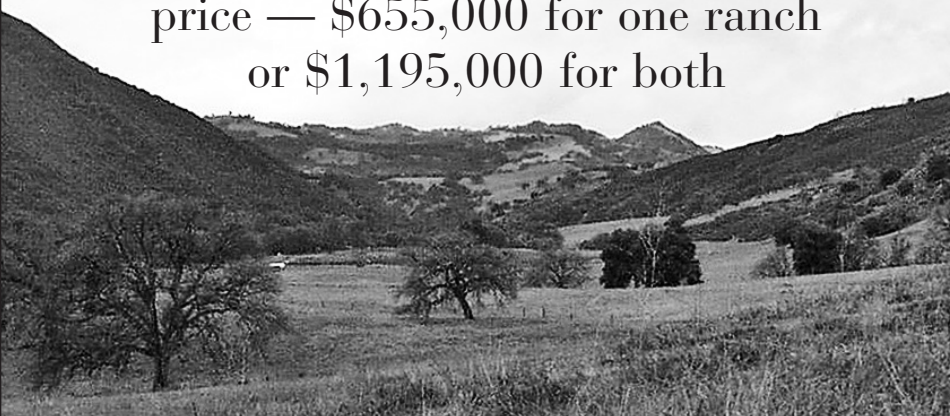
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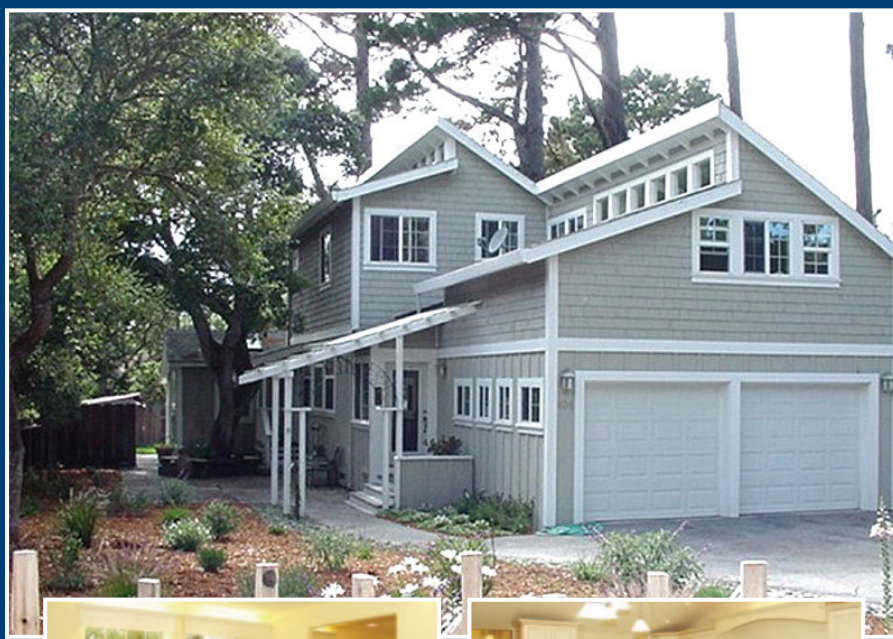


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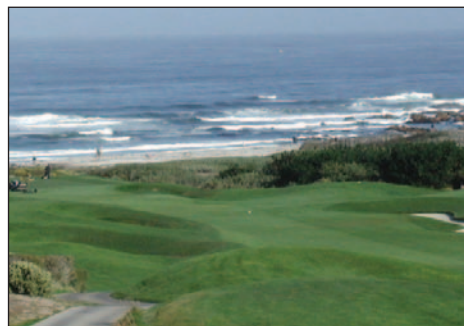
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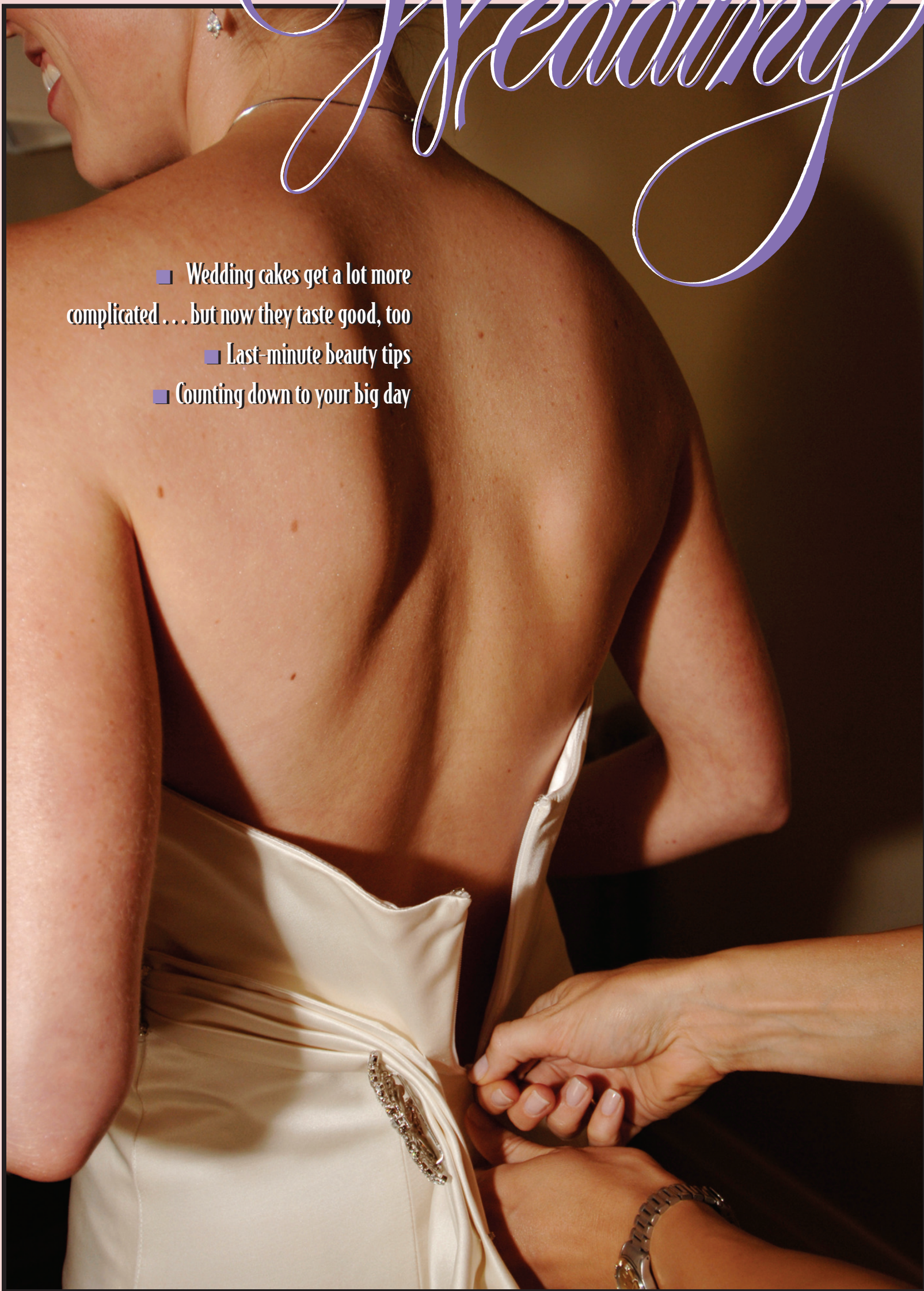
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Wedding

- Wedding cakes get a lot more complicated . . . but now they taste good, too

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Recipe for a wedding cake: Take your time

By **CHARYN PFEUFFER**

OF ALL the things you have to pick for your wedding, the one that shouldn't be rushed is the cake, says a top local pastry chef.

"Most brides are told they need to choose their wedding cake first and foremost. But my advice is for brides-to-be to take their time in making this important decision," says Pastry Chef Abby Brown of Bernardus Lodge.

There are so many choices available these days — with cakes ranging from the unique (think Martha Stewart) to the sleek (think Vera Wang wedding gowns) — you may need lots of time to make up your mind.

First of all, you can choose flavor favorites such as chocolate and vanilla, or delight the palate with pound cake, cheesecake or fruit or mousse fillings.

Your cake can be frosted with basic butter cream or rolled fondant or marzipan.

And you can add ribbons, flowers, bows and swirls created from pulled or blown sugar, icing, or gum paste (called the more palatable *pastillage* in French).

Your imagination is the only limit to the size and appearance of your special cake. According to Brown, "You don't even have to stop at one flavor; each tier can be made of different cakes so you can please everyone."

Your cake can pull together your col-

ors and wedding theme in one beautiful, delicious package. It should, however, be an integral part of the wedding, not a glaring sideshow.

While some delectable edibles holding the place of honor at a wedding reception have become so elaborate and ornate that they can only be described as works of, umm, "art" (like Bachelorette Trista Rehn's televised pink travesty), most brides are looking for something more straightforward. "Simple, elegant, and eye-catching," comments Brown.

In the 1980s, when gowns were fussy and adorned with all sorts of frippery, wedding cakes were dripping with decorations, too. Tiers of white cake were separated by pillars and decorated with lots of sugary rosettes and lacy piping. Some even had elaborate stairways and arbors protecting the plastic bride and groom figurines perched on top.

Today, gowns are sleek, thanks to streamlined couture, and so are the cakes.

Amazing icing

Leading the revolution in wedding cake design is Martha Stewart, whom many brides depend on to provide the inspiration for their dreams. They come to Brown, with pages ripped from Martha's magazines. This, they tell her, is the cake they want. But keep in mind that magazines have food stylists, editors, and assistants working nonstop to

keep the cakes looking perfect. So don't expect your cake designer to be able to replicate exactly what you see in print, advises Brown.

What makes Martha's cakes — and the amazing *trompe l'oeil* style of New York masters Sylvia Weinstock and

Colette Peters, also featured in many magazines and books — is the satin, smooth finish of the icing. That almost surreal look is created by using fondant, a sugary icing that comes in sheets and

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Whether your cake is decorated with handcrafted, edible leaves ...



or smooth-as-satin lemon frosting, you want it to reflect the theme of your wedding — and taste good, too!

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is rolled out like pastry dough, draped over the cake, then molded. The major drawback to fondant is that the chef has one chance to make it work. If the sheet tears or has a stray speck of cake in it, its glasslike finish is ruined. This can add to the expense, with an elaborate Martha-style cake running \$12 to \$16 a slice. That means a cake for 100 can cost \$1,600.

Once you have selected the basic style of your cake, it's time to consider decoration. The most inexpensive option is fresh fruits or flowers. Brown has even used pomegranates and crab apples for fall-themed creations. Not surprisingly, vineyard-themed cakes, decorated with sugared champagne grapes and leaves plucked from the vineyard on the property are popular at Bernardus Lodge. Features that can also drive up the price of a cake include sugar bows, ribbons or flowers made by hand. Architectural flourishes or unusual supportive devices will also increase the cake designer's costs.

Not just vanilla and chocolate

While wedding cake exteriors are becoming more romantic and elegant, the interiors are exploding with flavor.

"Brides want really yummy-tasting cake," says Brown. "The days of dried-out cake are over," she says. "You don't want people to walk away from a wedding saying, 'Hmmm, where did you get that cake? It didn't taste very good.'"

Brown's most popular cake flavor is the traditional chocolate, which she says wins rave reviews. But she has also made lemon chiffon cake layered with

passionfruit mousse inspired by a bride's fond childhood memory.

Not just a cake

In addition to the wedding cake, some couples are opting to serve sorbet or ice cream to their guests. Dessert buffets are becoming prevalent at weddings. The table can be covered with petit fours, truffles, chocolate dipped strawberries, cheesecakes, fruit tarts, cupcakes, cookies and biscotti. And the popularity of the groom's cake, a Southern custom, is on the rise here in California, notes Brown.

The bride's cake (the one cut by the couple at the reception) is traditionally eaten as dessert. The groom's cake is usually darker and richer (often chocolate) and nowadays crafted to show off the groom's passions and obsessions. Many couples give slices to guests as take-home mementos.

One at a time

Brown believes the cake-making process at Bernardus Lodge is what drives her success. Cakes are often finished just 30 minutes before a wedding begins. The lodge also schedules only one wedding per day, so each cake has Brown's undivided attention.

"I am much more patient at work than I am at home," says Brown. One look at her portfolio, and it's easy to see how meticulous she is.

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pen," says Brown.

As for her own wedding next January, the cake hasn't been finalized, but she plans on making it herself. That might be considered bad luck, but Brown is willing to risk it. She wants her wedding cake to be "just perfect."

When you're ready to choose your wedding cake, there are a number of factors to consider.

First, figure out the following:

- How many guests?
- What's your budget?
- How many tiers or what design?

- What colors and decorations should be included?
- What will you be using as a cake top?
- Will the cake be the main dessert or will it be part of a sweet table?

How to find a chef? Here are some tips:

Ask your friends. Try to remember a wedding you attended that had a wonderful cake and find out who did it.

Visit bakeries and pastry chefs and ask to see pictures and models of their work.

Taste, taste, taste.

What do I need to do? Simple steps:

Talk with your pastry chef about how far in advance

you need to place your order.

Take along your sketches, ideas, pictures pulled from magazines.

Take samples of your colors to leave with the pastry chef.

Get it all in writing! Your pastry chef should take care of all details, including getting the cake to the reception hall and setting it up.

Remember, the more elaborate the cake, the higher the cost. Also, the number of guests will affect the price. You'll also have to pay for delivery and set-up and the cost of the cake top, flowers and embellishments.

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Fortunately, there are several easy, last-minute ways to help take years off

The Quick-Fix: Eyebrows

Unless you want to look like Mommie Dearest, well-groomed brows are a must. The key, of course, is to make them look as natural as possible. The wrong shaped brows can add an additional ten pounds and, if that isn't bad enough, ten years to your appearance.

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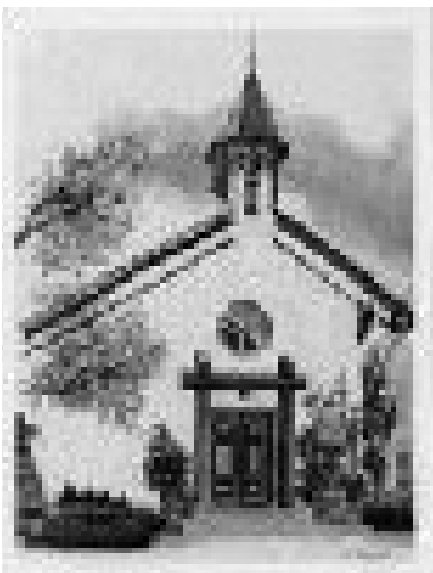
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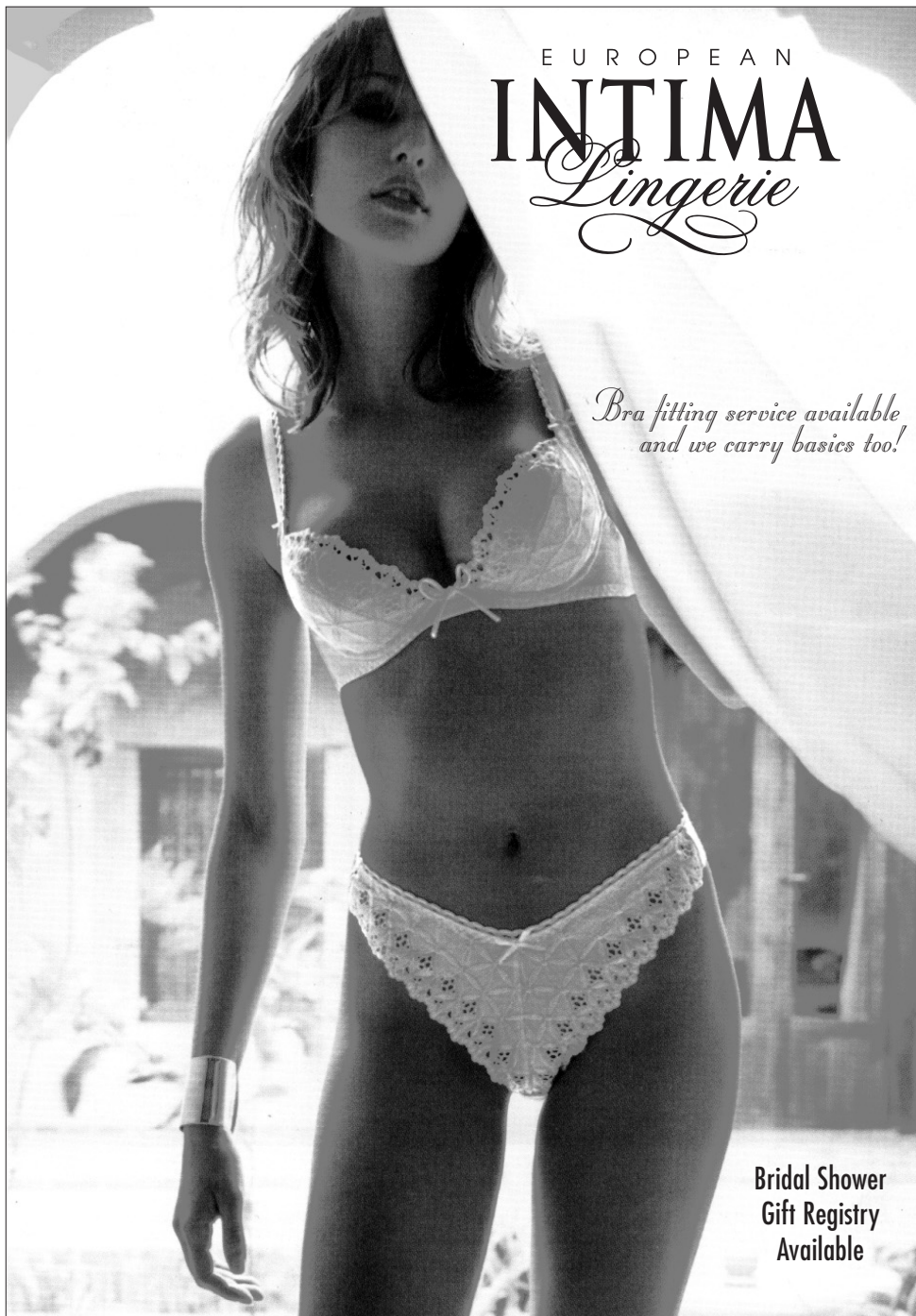
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Mindy Pereira at Beleza Skin Care Center is the master at making brows beautiful.

A well-shaped brow can actually open up your face, help lift deep-set eyes or make small eyes look larger.

Where to go: Beleza Skin Care Center, 5th & Junipero, Carmel, (831) 624-4282.

The Quick-Fix: Tighten & Tone

Plastic surgery is a mandatory part of climbing up the Hollywood food chain. But what about brides who want to look better fast? Natura Bissé's Diamond

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The Quick-Fix: Make-Up

Make-up is the indispensable beauty tool that, cleverly applied, can enhance your beauty, whatever your age. Yonka Signature Day Spa uses Jane Iredale's mineral-based cosmetic line, which rarely needs touch-ups and is water

resistant and ideal for wedding day wear.

If you choose to beautify yourself, here are a few helpful hints to keep your face looking flawless:

Use a lash curler to make eyes look more open and alive.

When using sheer, translucent powder, blow out your cheeks as you put it on around your mouth, to keep it from collecting in fine creases.

Light-reflective products are your friends. Find them in foundations and under-eye creams, and use them to veil dark rings and imperfections.

Don't put moisturizer on with a trowel. Four little dabs, one on each cheek, one on the forehead and one on the chin, are all it takes.

Also, treat delicate skin on the neck to a separate, richer cream.

Another tip: A little patch of gloss dead center on your lower lip immediately makes it look plumper. Pale colors make lips look larger than dark ones.

Where to go: Yonka Signature Day Spa, 118 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, (831) 625-4410.

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The Quick-Fix: Eye Treatments

The skin around the eye is very thin and prone to early wrinkles. A little dab of eye cream (used regularly, of course) can help prevent and even fix fine lines. I'm a devotee to Aveda's Tourmaline Charged Eye Crème, which saves this insomniac from dark circles and keeps the area around my eyes looking firm and crease-free.

Where to go: Mantra Spa & Salon, Mission & 7th, Carmel, (831) 626-1223.

The Quick-Fix: Lymphatic Massage

Although the name sounds highly medical, lymphat-

ic drainage massage is actually a relaxing, light-touch, non-invasive technique, which helps increase the flow of lymph fluid in the body. The massage helps the lymph vessels and nodes clean dead cells, waste products, bacteria, viruses, inorganic substances, water, fats, and excess proteins. In simplified terms, it helps fight bloating which, when you're trying to squeeze into that dress, is of the utmost concern. The increased lymph flow also helps boost the immune system, and is claimed to increase energy and enhance the quality of the skin. It's basically the superhero of health benefit massages.

Where to go: The Spa at Quail Lodge, 8206 Valley



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THE ECONOMY'S up, blue chip stocks are back where they were before 9/11, and the 2.4 million weddings this year in the United States promise to be as elaborate as ever. Which means that the competition for the best locations and dates will be intense.

In fact, whether your heart is set on a wedding at a perfect country inn in Carmel Valley or the sanctuary of a beautiful, candle-lit church in Carmel-by-the-Sea, you should realize that there can be competition not only for Saturday afternoons, but for caterers, florists and entertainment as well. Planning ahead — way

ahead — will prevent your dream wedding from being snapped up by some other couple.

At least six, and preferably 12, months before the wedding the following should be considered:

♥ The budget. A realistic assessment of what you can spend will help steer the course of the wedding away from beginning your married life buried in debt.

♥ Hone the guest list, the length of which will

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Want to pose with your brand new spouse on a local golf course with Monterey Bay as backdrop? You'd better start planning ahead. It's also a good idea to have an alternate (indoor) location in mind: The weather on the Monterey Peninsula coast can be windy and cold, even in the summer.

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determine possible locations for the wedding and reception.

- ♥ Reserve not only the wedding venue, but the reception location and airline tickets and hotel for the honeymoon. (You can't use frequent-flyer miles to the most sought-after locations without booking far, far in advance.)

- ♥ Reserve the services of the pastor or other person who will perform the ceremony.

- ♥ Select attendants for bride and groom and make sure they're available

- ♥ Book local hotel rooms for out-of-town guests, family and attendants.

- ♥ Check catering facilities at the reception location. Contact an outside caterer, if necessary.

- ♥ Book a photographer and videographer.

- ♥ Discuss any written prenuptial agreements.

- ♥ Select wedding and bridesmaids' dresses or the design you wish a seamstress to use.

- ♥ Discuss and plan living arrangements after the wedding (these days, many couples already have that taken care of).

- ♥ Request announcement of the engagement in your hometown newspaper.

- ♥ Select your wedding rings.

About four months before the wedding date, most final arrangements should be completed:

- ♥ Pay deposits and sign contracts for the ceremony. Write at least an informal "letter of understanding" detailing what you expect from caterers, florists, entertainers and photographers can save disastrous misunderstandings on the big day. Agreements or changes made in person or over the telephone should be memorialized with a simple letter while the details are still fresh in both minds.

- ♥ All attire should be ordered, with color schemes communicated to the parents of bride and groom.

- ♥ Sign up with a bridal registry. Many small, local stores can make a gift registry available world-wide on the Internet; and the large national chains like Macy's or Saks Fifth Avenue will obviously be able to make a registry available to guests who will choose gifts in other cities.

- ♥ Order invitations.

- ♥ Check civil requirements for marriage licenses.

- ♥ Purchase wedding rings.
- ♥ Reserve limousines.
- ♥ Finalize guest list and check correct mailing addresses.
- ♥ Shop for trousseau.

Sixty days before the ceremony is the time to:

- ♥ Address all invitations and send those to anyone who will have to make travel plans. Other invitations can be sent six weeks before the ceremony.

- ♥ Review all agreements, including memos outlining changes or additions, with the person officiating, and all suppliers.

- ♥ Plan rehearsal schedule and dinner and bridesmaid's luncheon.

- ♥ Decide on accessories, such as goblets for toasting, pillow for ring,

garter, guest book, something borrowed, something blue.

- ♥ Book hairdresser and make-up artist for the morning of the ceremony.

- ♥ Finalize all accommodations for out-of-town guests and for the honeymoon.

- ♥ Order wedding cake.

- ♥ Have final fitting for wedding dress.

- ♥ Sit for bridal portrait.

- ♥ Get marriage license from the county recorder's office.

- ♥ Choose gifts for bridesmaids and groomsmen.

- ♥ Purchase book to record gifts received and start writing thank-yous immediately.

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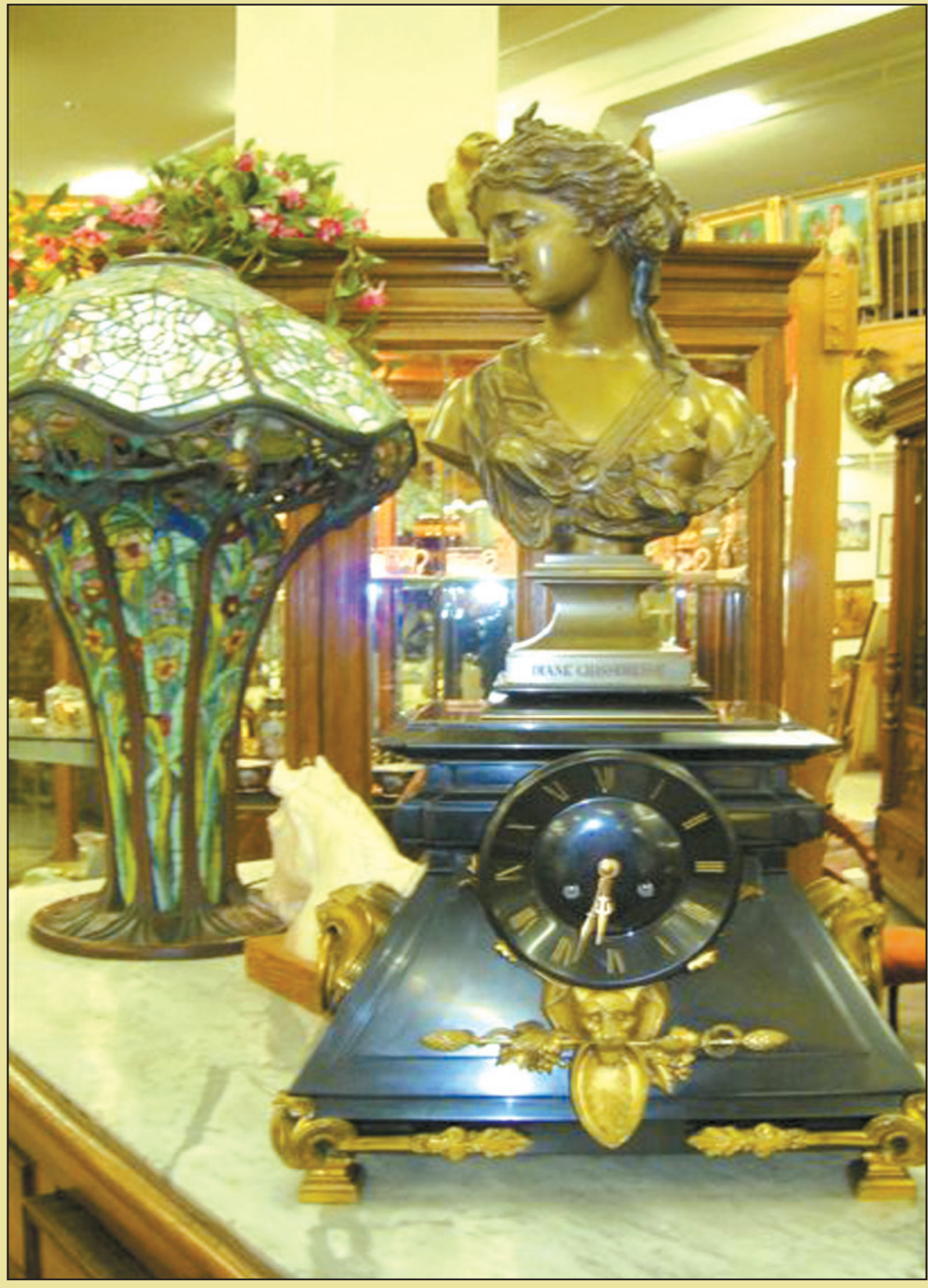
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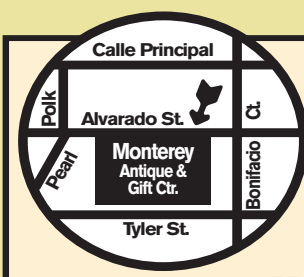
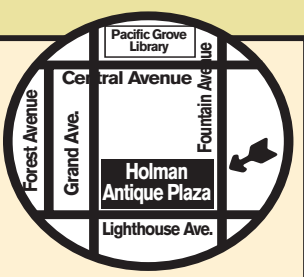


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About his wedding photography he says, "Weddings are events that are carefully planned months in advance, but for the photographer it is often the spontaneous moments — the stolen kiss, the happiness and tears of friends and family, the children — that define the day forever. With my photography I try to find images which reveal the elegance, uniqueness and spontaneity of each wedding."

Two large format books of his color photography have been published: *Pacific Light, Images of The Monterey Peninsula* in 2000, and *Big Sur and Beyond, The Legacy of The Big Sur Land Trust* in 2001. Another book, *A Photographer's Guide To The California Coastline* will be published in 2006, and he is working on a fourth book: *The Hidden Architecture of Big Sur*.

Photographs by Douglas Steakley have been printed in many national magazines including *Architectural Digest*, *The Robb Report*, *Home and Gardens*, *Backpacker*, *Luxury Living*, *Art and Antiques* and more. His images have been made into posters by Winn Devon Art Group and Portal Publications and have been used in many calendars and greeting cards.

In 2003, Douglas Steakley received the Ansel Adams Award from The Sierra Club for his conservation photography. His images have been used by many land conservation groups including The Nature Conservancy, The Big Sur Land Trust, The Trust For Public Land, The Land Trust Alliance.

His work can be seen at www.douglassteakley.com. His phone number is (831) 601-0632.

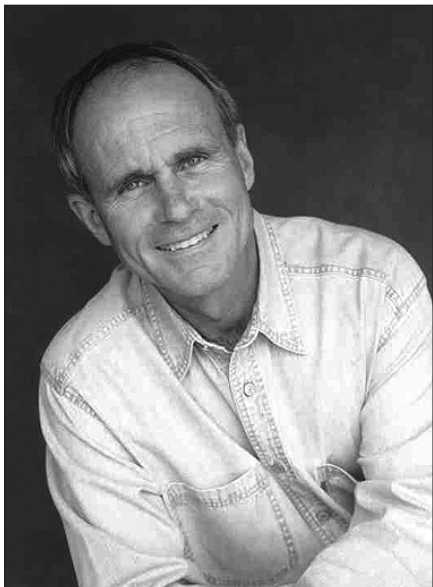
Laurie Giesen has been taking pictures since her senior year at Duke University in the 1980s. "I am passionate about what I do. This means I enjoy creatively capturing the heart of a person moments full of beauty, joy, and spontaneity.

Giesen has had several photography shows, including "Capturing Washington's Soul" in the Governor's Art Gallery in Washington state.

Her career includes 20 years in the communications industry: news, marketing, and public relations. She's produced pieces for the CBS Evening News, and has started communications departments for a national communications company, as well as for the world's largest valuation consulting firm.

In addition to being a freelance photographer, she has contributed articles to *Newsweek*, the *San Jose Mercury News*, *Wine Spectator* magazine, *Wine and Spirits Magazine*, and *Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital's Lifeline* magazine.

Her work can be seen at www.lauriegiesenphotography.com. She can be contacted at (831) 372-0515.



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♥ Take care of legal details regarding change-of-name on driver's license, Social Security card, insurance, bank accounts, charge accounts, wills.

Three weeks before the ceremony, you should take care of:

♥ Reconfirming all accommodations; canceling any surplus.

♥ Send wedding announcement to the newspaper in the bride's hometown, the groom's hometown, and the location of the wedding.

♥ Select someone to be in charge of placing the guest book at the reception and of moving gifts.

♥ Get hair trimmed.

♥ Remind each other why you embarked on this journey in the first place.

During the final week before the big day it's a good idea to:

♥ Give the photographer a list of guests to immortalize on film. Discuss logistics with videographer.

♥ Contact guests who have not responded, to try to get an accurate count for caterer.

♥ Plan seating arrangements.

♥ Pack for honeymoon. Make sure luggage is picked up by the limousine or is in the car taking you from the reception.

♥ Try to get plenty of sleep.

♥ Have a rehearsal and enjoy the dinner afterward.

♥ Pick up all wedding attire.

♥ Make a list of no more than seven things to remember on the Wedding Day. Besides the copy you think you'll be able to find that morning, give another to the Maid of Honor and Best Man and pin one to your wedding underwear. Make sure the first thing and the last thing on the list is: Enjoy! Your wedding will go by in a blur, but you'll have the photographs and movies to remind you what happened that day. §

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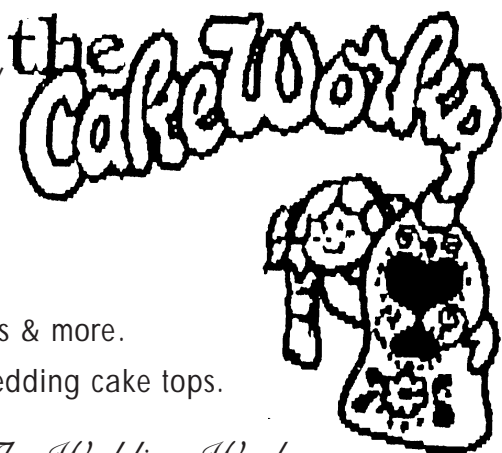


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