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SHOPKEEPER CHASES DOWN SHOPLIFTER

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A FLEET-FOOTED business owner saw a shoplifter swipe three trinkets from her Doud Arcade shop and gave chase through downtown Carmel Sunday evening, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Mel Mukai. The suspect, 52-year-old Janice Wahl of Venice Beach, returned the items to the victim, Vasana Jenson, before police arrested her and took her to jail.

"Ms. Jenson witnessed the suspect take something off the shelf and apparently put something in her pocket; she looked over and noticed some items missing," Mukai said, namely an Oriental hand-carved wooden jewelry box and two wooden compasses, also carved by hand, with a total value of just under \$190.

Leaving her husband and business partner in the store, Jenson ran after Wahl, according to Mukai, who with Cpl. Steve Rana began searching the commercial district after a bystander called 911 just before 6 p.m. Nov. 19 to report one woman was yelling and chasing another through town.

She was 'nervous'

Somewhere in the area of Ocean Avenue and Monte Verde, the two women confronted each other, Wahl handed the items over and left, according to Mukai.

"That's where Ms. Jenson flagged me down and said the suspect was heading east on Sixth from Monte Verde," he said.

Confronted by the two officers, Wahl "was nervous," according to Mukai, and told police she had returned the stolen items to the victim.

"But Ms. Jenson wanted to pursue charges, so Wahl was lodged at Monterey County Jail," Mukai said.

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San Clemente Dam almost 100% silted

By KELLY NIX



PHOTO/COURTESY CAL AM

Since San Clemente Dam was built in 1921 its reservoir has slowly filled with sediment — a trend that has accelerated in the last year. There is now very little water behind the dam.

THE SAN Clemente Dam in upper Carmel Valley is filling up with sludgy sediment at an alarming rate — a factor that could cause dangerous hillside erosion on either side of the dam, a spokeswoman with California American Water Co. said.

In just one year, engineers with California American Water Co. estimate sediment in the dam has advanced as much as 40 feet, a rate much quicker than before.

"I was shocked how much the sediment had advanced," said Catherine Bowie, community relations manager for Cal Am, who recently visited the dam. "It wasn't what I expected and it was amazing to see what can occur in one winter."

If the silt is left to accumulate, it could cause big problems, Bowie said.

"If we had a big storm, the water could go right over the face," she said. "The danger of that is it would erode the hillside on either side of the dam, and if that happens, the dam could collapse."

The Army Corps of Engineers and the California Division of Safety of Dams have ordered an environmental impact report to determine the best way to deal with the 85-year-old dam, which does not conform to modern seismic standards.

Cal Am has proposed strengthening the dam, which the company contends is the most cost effective method of meeting seismic requirements. Other ideas include disman-

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John Waldroup, 80, Barnyard founder

By CHRIS COUNTS

JUST AS the Barnyard Shopping Center is no ordinary mall, its founder, John Waldroup, was clearly no ordinary shopping center developer.

Waldroup, who founded the popular local shopping center in 1972, died this week at 80. In his wake, he left behind a treasure trove of memories, some professional and others personal.

"He was a man of vision," recalled Hedi Movahedi, who along with his wife, Nancy, opened the Jewel Boutique in 1978 and Hedi's Shoes in 1980.

Movahedi owned a jewelry store in Washington D.C. and was simply visiting Carmel when a chance meeting with Waldroup led to a cross country move and new business venture.

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Leaving Carmel-by-the-Sea by sea

By: PAUL BROCCCHINI



PHOTO/COURTESY PAUL BROCCCHINI

Mazatlan, Mexico — WE HAVE done it twice.

The first time was a June morning in 2003, and the second was in the wee hours of October 9 this year. Each time we had the thrill of departing Carmel-by-the-Sea by sea. Not only have these departures elicited the excitement that naturally comes with beginning an extended sea voyage. They have also created lingering memories that effect our daily lives when we are back on land.

On both journeys, we sailed out of Monterey harbor the preceding day and anchored our 36-foot sloop, Athena, in Stillwater Cove in the late afternoon.

Three years ago, Stillwater was filled with boats either at anchor or tied up to the Stillwater Yacht Club mooring balls. Last month, the cove was absolutely empty. That's because Stillwater Cove is open to the south and to the direct winds of our winter storms, making Stillwater an unsafe anchorage from October to April.

In late September, the yacht club, under the able direction of Charlie Kurtmen, removes the mooring balls and the cove is mostly empty of boats during the winter. In good weather, though, it isn't really hazardous, as long as one can maneu-

See **SAIL** page 22A

Tree lighting Dec. 1

ROCK 'N' Roll, Santa and community caroling will highlight Carmel-by-the-Sea's annual Holiday Tree Lighting Friday, Dec. 1.

Starting at 4:30 p.m. in Devendorf Park, Travis Poelle (Buddy Holly) and the cast of PacRep Theatre's "Twist and Shout Tribute Concert" will sing some of their favorite carols. Soon after, Santa will arrive escorted by the Carmel Fire Department. At 5 p.m., the festivities will include performances by Myles Williams, Stephen Moorer and children from Junipero Serra School.

Refreshments will be provided, as usual, by the Carmel Red Cross and the Carmel Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Sue McCloud will light the tree at approximately 5:45 p.m.

After the tree lighting, across the intersection of Junipero and Ocean, Carmel Presbyterian will again host a Living Nativity from 6 to 7 p.m.

And the newly remodeled Carmel Plaza shopping center will have an open house, featuring Robert Mondavi wines, fun foods, festive music and extended shopping hours.

The hardy crew — Paul and Nellie Brocchini and friend Tanya Keen — posed for a photograph in the Monterey Harbor (left) before setting off on a several-months-long voyage to Baja California and the Mexican mainland.

Steve Young event to benefit Jim Tunney Youth Foundation

BY KELLY NIX

PRO FOOTBALL Hall of Fame quarterback Steve Young will be featured at a fundraiser Nov. 30 in Monterey to

benefit young people.

In "An Evening with Steve Young," at SportsNight 2006, the former football player will be the guest to benefit the Jim Tunney Youth Foundation.

"The foundation is designed to support community programs for young people to develop their leadership work skills, wellness and self esteem," said Jim Tunney, chair of the Monterey Peninsula College Board of Trustees and former NFL referee. "We emphasize programs that work one on one with kids."

Any adult can buy a \$125 ticket to the event, but there's a catch, Tunney said.

"An adult must bring a teenager," he explained. "You can't get in without a kid 12 years old or older."

Young will speak, show films, including his induction into

the Hall of Fame, and present an auction of NFL footballs and San Francisco 49ers' jerseys and helmets. KION 46 co-anchor Hunter Finnell will also interview Young.

"There will be five adults and five kids at each table," Tunney said. "We conduct a trivia quiz on Steve Young. The kids have to work with the adults to come up with an answer."

The admission price



Steve Young

includes a buffet dinner for an adult and their young guest.

The event will be Nov. 30 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Monterey. Tickets are available by mailing a \$125 check before Nov. 27 to Jim Tunney Youth Foundation, P.O. Box 1500, Carmel 93921. For more information, call (831) 649-3214. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$150.

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Construction begins on high-tech project to recycle water

By KELLY NIX

CONSTRUCTION OF a state-of-the-art, \$22 million water treatment system that will eliminate the use of potable water to irrigate Pebble Beach's world-famous golf courses began at the Carmel sewage treatment plant last week.

The project, which is being paid for and constructed by the Pebble Beach Company, includes the installation of a micro filtration/reverse osmosis system that will improve the quality of recycled water produced by the Carmel Area Wastewater District.

The system, expected to be operating by Spring 2008, will provide a stable water source to irrigate the recreational open spaces in Del Monte Forest, including Pebble Beach Golf Links, Cypress Point and even the athletic fields of Robert Louis Stevenson School.

The existing reclamation project has already been saving the Monterey Peninsula about 700 acre-feet of potable water a year since it went online in 1994. But the mineral content of the reclaimed water has been too

high for the type of grass used on the courses. As a result, potable water has been used to rinse the greens to get rid of the salts that build up in the soil.

"The grasses at the golf courses started to get stressed and damaged because of the amount of sodium," said Ray von Dohren, CAWD general manager.

The new, advanced treatment system will reduce the salt content of the reclaimed water, eliminating the need to flush the courses with potable water. When used in combination with the recently reconstructed Forest Lake Reservoir it "will save 300 acre-feet of water we are using now on the golf courses," said von Dohren.

The reverse osmosis system will replace CAWD's existing tertiary facility, built in 1994. That system wasn't designed to reduce the sodium content of the recycled water, which has gotten progressively saltier as more and more water conservation measures have been implemented on the Monterey Peninsula, reducing the amount of water flowing through the sewage treatment plant.

"With the old system there was about 175 milligrams of sodium per liter, and the new

one will be about 55 milligrams of sodium per liter, said Sanford Veile, CAWD engineer. In comparison, potable water averages about 75 milligrams of sodium, he said.

Until the system is completed, Pebble Beach's greens will still have to be periodically flushed, von Dohren said. But once it is

finished, "the golf courses will not have to use potable water to flush the courses unless there is an emergency."

The water from the CAWD plant travels through Carmel in an underground pipeline

See RECYCLE page 29A

Bulldozer operators worked hard last week to remove tons of soil to make way for a new microfiltration/reverse osmosis facility at the Carmel Area Wastewater District plant in Carmel.



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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Neighbor douses neighbor in tree fight

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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog at large in the residential area of Perry Newberry Way. Reporting party located found dog in residen-

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tial area and turned animal over to Carmel Police Department for safekeeping. Owner came to Carmel P.D. to claim dog. Dog returned to owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance was dispatched on a mutual aid call with California Department of Forestry to a medical emergency on Cuesta Road for a female patient. On scene with CDF, rendered care to the patient.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Lopez. Engine and ambulance on scene. Crew assisted with vitals, C-spine, patient report information and loading for a male in his 40s who had fallen 12 feet from a roof and suffered a possible dislocated left shoulder. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Lincoln Street. Engine and ambulance on scene. Crew assisted with patient report information and loading for a female in her 30s with a severe headache.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Santa Fe. Crew performed primary patient assessment and assisted an elderly female back to her walker after she had slipped and fallen to the floor. The patient refused any medical attention or transportation to the hospital and was left in the care of family members. Rescue and ambulance canceled.

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

and ambulance crews cut off a one-eighth-inch-by-two-inch metal washer from the right middle finger of a 6-year-old male, the finger having become severely swollen from prior attempts at removal. Upon removal of the metal washer, cold was applied to reduce swelling, the finger assessed for injury and the child left in the care of his parents with newly acquired stickers, fire hat and coloring book.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to a motor vehicle accident on Highway 1 at Carpenter Street. Ambulance arrived on scene, corrected address, Highway 1 at South Carmel Hills Drive. Patient placed in spinal immobilization and prepared for transport, ALS (advanced life support) procedures performed. Ambulance en route to CHOMP Code 2. Ambulance arrived at CHOMP, patient to Trauma 2, patient care transferred.

Pebble Beach: A subject aided Monterey County Public Works in retrieval of debris from the roadway at Holman Highway two-tenths of a mile east of the SFB Morse Gate.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to Rio Road on a mutual aid request for a "victim of a fall." Ambulance arrived at scene. Cypress Fire located the patient uninjured and only in need of assistance. Ambulance cleared the scene, without patient

See POLICE LOG page 13RE

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by Linda Myrick, AAMS
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CHP crackdown sheds light on P.B. driving habits, hazards

By KELLY NIX

DRIVING TOO fast and not wearing seat belts are the two most ticketed offenses in a new traffic enforcement effort in Pebble Beach. And speeding on Forest Lodge, Forest Lake or Lopez roads will draw the attention of California Highway Patrol officers more than other areas, according to figures from the law enforcement agency.

Since October, the CHP has beefed up enforcement as part of a \$135,000 agreement with the Pebble Beach Community Services District.

Since the beginning of the program, CHP officers have written about 350 tickets to drivers in Del Monte Forest not obeying the rules of the road.

"We aren't writing chicken tickets," said said CHP Sgt. Ray Faulk, who is in charge of

the Pebble Beach Traffic Safety project, as it's dubbed. "Officers are generally writing tickets if you are 10 mph or so over the limit."

Officers have also issued about 100 verbal warnings to lucky drivers who avoided receiving tickets, said Faulk, who provided The Carmel Pine Cone with the statistics.

The PBCSD decided to augment the CHP's patrol of the Del Monte Forest after

residents expressed through a survey that speeding was a major concern.

"We focus (enforcement) pretty much all over the forest," Faulk said. "But there are 12 areas that the residents were polled that they would like to have activity monitored."

Pebble Beach roads are privately owned, but the P.B. Company has given the county

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The Golden Bough Theatre will host performances of "Buddy" on Friday, Nov. 24, and Saturday, Nov. 25, at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 26, at 2 p.m., and Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

The play is a music-filled tribute to one of rock 'n' roll's true visionaries. In his all-too-brief recording career, Holly scored pop hits with singles like "Peggy Sue," "That'll Be The Day" and "It's So Easy" before tragical-

ly dying in an airplane crash in 1959 at the age of 22.

The Golden Bough Theatre is located on Monte Verde between 8th and 9th. For more information, call (831) 622-0100.

SHOPLIFTER

From page 1A

With shoplifters striking Carmel regularly, Jenson is not the first victim to fight back. Last year, a woman was arrested wearing only pants, a faux fur jacket and a bra after she removed a reportedly stolen tank top and sweater and handed them over to employees who had followed her out the door and confronted her in the street. That suspect also tried to flee but was caught by police and arrested.

That's a lot of holiday grub



CARMEL RIVER School students — including Daniella Garelo (left rear), Erika DePalatis (right rear), Ryan Porch (left front) and Megan Brady — filled a dozen barrels at their school to overflowing with food donations for the Food Bank for Monterey County. The annual food drive helps children at the elementary school learn one of the pillars of "character education" — caring — according to principal Jay Marden. The food drive ended just in time for Thanksgiving.

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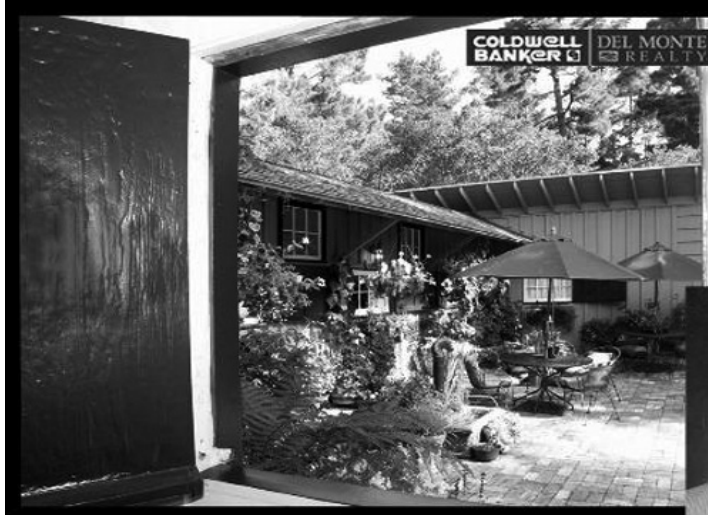
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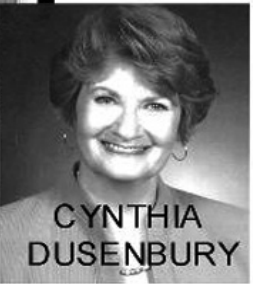
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City backhoe to the rescue as CMS bids come in over budget

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL MIDDLE School parents had hoped donations and district money would buy a new all-weather track for the campus this year, but two bids put the price far beyond what the Carmel Unified School District was prepared to pay. The board of education formally rejected the offers last Monday but liked an alternative plan that could see the project come to fruition by next summer for less money, according to chief business official Rick Blanckmeister.

To remedy extensive drainage problems in the school's

athletic fields and install the new track, Monterey Peninsula Engineering proposed a base bid of \$267,000, with an offer to also make the running surface accommodate 100-meter competition for another \$14,000. Granite Construction's numbers were \$326,797 for the basic track and \$22,800 for the addition.

But those were far higher than the board expected, so it rejected the bids and considered what could be done in-house. Blanckmeister told The Pine Cone operations manager Dan Paul and some of his employees will take advantage of a service-sharing agreement with the City of Carmel to use its backhoe for the drainage work.

"Then we can bid out the project and have the contractor do the track," Blanckmeister said. "So that's the game plan at this point."

The school crew might tackle some of the labor this winter, but it's unlikely to be completed before track season begins in February. The project would then be sidelined until May, when the season ends and the weather is better.

That puts it several months behind what parents, school officials and the district anticipated, but parent-teacher association president and CMS track coach Matt King said he's simply happy to know progress is being made.

In spring 2005, King approached the administration with a proposal to help raise money to replace the decomposed-granite track with an all-weather surface, then estimated at about \$100,000.

"Raising the \$50,000 was pretty easy — that was done by the beginning of school last year," King said.

But the poor drainage — which affects not only the track, but the nearby tennis and basketball courts, and sports fields — required spending more time to develop solutions and writing a bigger check.

"We raised an additional \$50,000, but the bids were too high," King said this

week.

He's confident the drainage work can be accomplished by school staff with city equipment, and perhaps some help from parents, and that the reworked plan will prompt more palatable bids. The board agreed Nov. 13, directing Blanckmeister and Paul to move ahead with the plan.

"People have been very supportive, helpful with whole project, and we're going to take it forward," King said. "Running is part of the physical education curriculum for the middle school, so it's not just a track-team issue, it's an everybody-in-PE issue."

King said the new track could also be used for meets by other middle schools, which would relieve the high schools from having to make time available on their tracks for younger kids' competitions.

"When it's completed, it will be a really terrific community resource," King said. "Nobody's against it."

The PTA continues to accept donations for the track project, and anyone seeking information can contact King at the middle school at (831) 624-2785.

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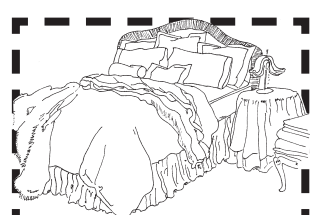
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Meg Parker Conners is an RN and owner of Victorian Health Care Services and Victorian Residential Care Homes. For assistance, call 655-1935.

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HAVE YOU changed the batteries in your smoke detectors? Checked to make sure the fire extinguisher is in working order? Then you've done two of the things the Carmel Fire Department recommends to get ready for winter. Other suggestions include cleaning gutters and downspouts so water doesn't collect on your roof, having sandbags on hand if your property has any danger of flooding, and checking that sump pumps are in ready to kick in if needed. For more information and tips, log on to <http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/oes/> or <http://carmelfiredpartment.com>.




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The Chamber Launches The Carmel Card

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The card is available to be purchased on the internet at www.carmelcard.com or www.carmelcalifornia.org, the chamber's website; at the Chamber Visitor Center on San Carlos St; or at businesses who are participating in the program. The gift card can be loaded with any amount and

be redeemed at participating merchants.

The chamber is partnering with US Merchants, who are experts in merchant services. Dustin Moore and Bryan Curtin of US Merchant Systems, who conceived the idea and have worked very closely with chamber volunteers to develop the program, will be contacting businesses to sign them up.

The Carmel Card program will be made available to all Carmel Chamber of Commerce members and will be used for marketing Carmel. US Merchants is committed to spending marketing dollars to promote the card and Carmel as a world class destination.

The businesses signed up so far to accept the card are: Homescapes, Carmel; Nielsen Brothers Market; Buon Giorno Bakery and Café, Augustina Leathers, Allegro Pizzeria, Travel Bag Luggage, Pilgrim's Way Bookstore & Gardeshop, Monterey Movie Tours, Horizon Inn, Ocean View Lodge, Auto Gallery, South Bay Surf Riders, Oliver, Elliott, and Sebastian Fine Art, Lloyds Shoes, Material Goods, Hale-Williams Interiors, Hogs Breath Inn and Bittner The Art of Writing.

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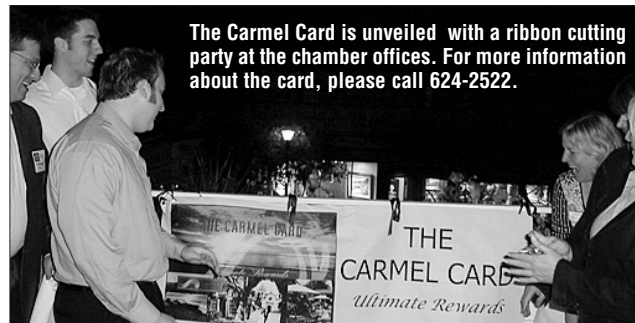
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The new Carmel Card, a gift and rewards card offered by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, is now available for purchase at the Carmel Visitor Center, San Carlos between 5th & 6th, or on

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Carmel Valley

WALDROUP

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"John asked me why I don't live in Carmel," he said. "Then he grabbed my hand and showed me a space in the Barnyard. I signed the lease the next day."

The Movahedis credited Waldroup with helping to make their businesses successful.

"As a landlord, he not only gave us an opportunity, but he believed in us," explained Nancy Movahedi. "He believed in a lot of beginners because he remembered what it was like to start out. He knew what it took to make a business go."

But Nancy Movahedi said Waldroup was more than just a good businessman.

"He was smart, he was very compassionate and he was a doer," she remembered. "He was open and he was eager. He

would discuss anything and try anything. We have fond memories of him and we miss him dearly."

Jane Hudson, who has owned Hudson and Co. for 30 years, recalled his legacy as a businessman and as a person.

"He did a very good job with the Barnyard," Hudson said.

"He was also a very nice person. I was very fond of him. We all miss him very much."

His son, Marc Waldroup, called him "an inspiration" to those around him.

"He treated people the way he wanted to be treated," he recalled. "He was tough, but he was fair. He did everything with tremendous heart."

The son of a farmer, Waldroup was born in Hayesville, North Carolina. An extraordinary student, he enrolled at the University of North Carolina at 15 and was class president at 18. He graduated with a business degree.

In 1972, Waldroup presented his plan for a "culturally oriented leisure and specialty center in which people, young and old, can enjoy themselves in a cultural, creative or physical activity" — an idea that eventually came to fruition with the completion of the Barnyard Shopping Center four years later. After being owned and operated by Waldroup and his ex-wife, May, for nearly 30 years, the distinctive and beautifully landscaped shopping center was sold to a Santa Barbara firm in 2004.

Waldroup leaves behind three children — sons Marc and Michael, and a daughter, Kristin — and six grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled Dec. 30 at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula.



John Waldroup



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Under the leadership of John Waldroup, The Barnyard became famous not only for its small, unique shops, but for its beautiful gardens.

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...tling the dam and removing the silt or leaving the dam in place and hauling away the silt, an "unrealistic" plan, according to Bowie, because it would cost too much.

Frank Emerson, vice president of the Carmel River Steelhead Association, said removing the dam is the only way to fully restore the steelhead trout's habitat. He opposes Cal Am's proposal to buttress the dam.

"It will remain a public nuisance for eons because it will continue to damage the river and be a block to the steelhead population," Emerson said. "And for what in return?"

"There are solutions," Bowie said of the increasing sediment buildup, "but it is still a big problem."

According to Cal Am, a consulting company's report concluded Camp Stephanie, a residential area three miles downstream from the dam, could be flooded up to 6 feet if the dam

failed, and there could be the potential for loss of life. Because the reservoir is now mostly filled with earth, failure of the dam probably wouldn't cause a massive flood.

Although the EIR won't be completed until next year, Bowie said a solution for the dam would probably be implemented before the structure poses any real danger.

"I don't think there are going to be any huge consequences we won't have time to prepare for and mitigate," Bowie said. "In Summer of 2008, construction of [some kind of] project is expected to begin."

Emergency plan

Cal Am, she said, has an emergency plan in place in case there are indications the dam is having problems.

"The dam is constantly being monitored and there are video cameras and a plan that Camp Stephanie could be evacuated immediately if there were any incident out there," Bowie said.

Currently, the sediment at the dam is about 20 feet from

the nearest discharge port through the face of the dam. Where there was formerly open water, about 5,000 to 7,000 square feet of new land have appeared in the last year, according to Cal Am engineers.

Even if the ports that release the water become blocked, Bowie said there are other ways the company can keep the river flowing and ease the pressure, although those methods don't lower the water level very quickly, Bowie said.

More than 2.5 million cubic yards of sediment have accumulated behind the dam since it was constructed in 1921, according to Cal Am. The dam includes a fish ladder that allows steelhead trout to ascend 68 feet over the dam to use the watershed above. The California red-legged frog, a threatened species, also uses habitat at the reservoir and along the river and creek.

'It will be a public nuisance for eons ... and for what?'



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ALWAYS A good weekend for live music at local watering holes, the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving will feature music to dance to at local clubs including Monterey Live, Cibo Ristorante, Sly McFly's and Baja Cantina in Carmel Valley.

At **Monterey Live** on Alvarado Street, guitarist **Michael Lent**, a product of Pacific Grove High School and the guitarist for Barry Manilow, performs this Friday and Saturday. Lent, who always surrounds himself with top-notch musicians, will be joined this weekend by drummer **Kim Edmundson**, bassist **Dennis Murphy** and Los Angeles keyboardist **Ruben Valtierra**. The music starts at 9 p.m. Also on Alvarado Street, at the intersection of Del Monte Avenue, reggae musician **Tony Miles** performs at **Cibo**, the popular restaurant and nightclub, this Friday and Saturday. Miles is a talented and charismatic entertainer who plays an upbeat danceable style of reggae. The music starts at 10 p.m.

At **Sly McFly's** on Cannery Row this weekend, old school band **Today Yesterday and Tomorrow** plays the best of 70's, 80's and 90's r & b and funk. The group recently added two new vocalists to share the spotlight with founding member Keith Hames. Newcomers Yvette "Vet" Pylant and Ginger Maghoney carry on the old school tradition bringing a new hip hop sensibility to the veteran Bay Area band. Downbeat is at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



Plugged In

By **Stephen L. Vagnini**

The Annual **Gobble Hobble** at **Baja Cantina** in Carmel Valley will again feature popular local band the Cachagua Playboys. Formed in 1993 the Playboys released their first CD of music in 2001 and they have been busy recording their second album which they hope to release early next year. Sharing the heritage of Louisiana's traditional Cajun and Zydeco music the Playboys are composed of John Tallon on drums, Rick Chelew on bass guitar and vocals; Mike Eckstrom on guitar and rub board, Pat Clark on guitar and vocals; plus Kevin Gould on accordion. The Baja Cantina is located at 7166 Carmel Valley Road. The music starts at 8 p.m. Call (831) 625-2252 for reservations.

The **Monterey Jazz Festival**, a leader in jazz education since its inception in 1958, last week announced the 3rd Annual Next Generation Festival, featuring the nation's most talented middle school, high school and college jazz musicians and vocalists. The **Next Generation Festival**, which includes MJF's 37th Annual National High School Jazz Competition, will take place in historic downtown Monterey from March 23 - 25, 2007. The Competition is accepting applications from middle school, college and high school big bands and from high school combos and vocal jazz ensembles through January 24, 2007. Application forms may be downloaded at the Monterey Jazz Festival's website, www.montereyjazzfestival.org. The application process is free.

Reindoggie Parade to raise \$\$\$ for SPCA

COSTUMED CANINES will overtake Carmel Plaza Saturday, Dec. 2, in the second annual Reindoggie Parade presented by pet boutique Mackie's Parlour. The event will run noon to 3 p.m. and benefit the SPCA of Monterey County.

A panel of judges will select the best dressed four-legged participants, many of which will have probably acquired their antlers, sweaters, dresses, collars and other accouterments from the boutique sponsoring the affair. Winners will be selected in several categories: cutest, most festive, most outrageous, fastest wag, best look-alike, best dressed and best of show. Those who have no dogs to dress up can line the parade route and cheer on their favorite contestants, including adoptable dogs presented by the SPCA.


Modeling it after a successful endeavor at their Scottsdale, Ariz., store, Mackie's Parlour owners Vince Anginoli and Tony Bolling held their first Reindoggie Parade at Carmel Plaza last year, raising more than \$1,000 for the SPCA and the Kiwanis Club.


"We would like it to be Carmel's newest tradition," Anginoli said. "Last year was better than we ever expected."

On parade day, Dec. 2, registration will run from noon to 1 p.m., fees set at \$10 per dog or \$20 per family, including a gift courtesy of Mackie's Parlour. The parade will begin at 1:15 and the festivities, including awards, at 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Ryan Williams, the plaza's marketing manager, at (831) 624-0138 or visit: www.mackiesparlour.com.

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AFRP's Ninth Annual Holiday Fundraiser – Sunday, Dec. 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Monterey's Hyatt Regency. Advance admission is just \$45 for a dinner buffet, live music with the Dennis Murphy Trio, a fabulous silent auction and raffle – all to benefit the animals. For reservations, call (831) 333-0722 or visit www.animalfriendsrescue.org.

Unicorn Theatre announces its upcoming production of FIN-GER PAINTING IN A MURPHY BED, by David L. Paterson, Nov. 24 - Dec. 17. Friday & Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. General Admission: \$18; Students & Seniors: \$12.50. Special group rates available. The Cherry Center for the Arts, Fourth at Guadalupe, in Carmel. (831) 649-0259.

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"This is the biggest fundraiser we have each year for our Grange Hall," explained longtime Big Sur resident and artist Teresa Bradford, who organizes the event.

India's Clay Oven of Monterey will cater the fundraiser, offering locals a tasty selection of authentic Indian cuisine.

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Sculpture garden grows where parking lot was proposed

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHEN JONI Mitchell complained about paving paradise to put up a parking lot, she wasn't talking about Carmel. And the

N.Y. jazz sensation comes home for the holidays

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHEN CARMEL High School graduate Ryan Scott returns home for Thanksgiving this week, he'll be looking forward to more than just a reunion with family and friends. Scott, who once played guitar with the Monterey Jazz Festival All-Star Band, will mark his homecoming with a performance at Carmel's Jazz and Blues Company, Saturday, Nov. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

"We found out he was coming home for Thanksgiving," explained David Kimball, president of the Jazz and Blues Company. "He's one of the top sidemen in New York these days."

After graduating from Carmel High School five years ago, Scott moved to New York and immersed himself in the Big

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local tradition of leaving room for nature in the middle of town continues this weekend with the opening of the Houston Sculpture Garden at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts on Guadalupe Street.

"This project is a wonderful complement of art and nature," explained Robert Reese, executive director of the non-profit art center. "We've created a tranquil space in the middle of Carmel and we didn't even take a tree out. Instead of selling the land or turning it into a parking lot, our board decided to turn it into a sculpture garden."

The quarter-acre property where the garden is located is adjacent to the art center, where patrons are required to park on the streets of a residential neighborhood. The idea for the garden — instead of a parking lot — came from Eleen Auvil, a local artist and board member.

"She really undertook and designed this project," Reese said. "She laid out the garden, obtained the necessary funds and was able to get the sculptures."

The garden was named in honor of the late Tom and Geraldine Houston, longtime patrons of the arts, and was funded by private donations.

To commemorate the opening of the garden, the center will host a reception Friday, Oct. 24, from 3 to 5 p.m.

At the opening, two sculptures from Richard Mayer and another piece from Norma Lewis will be unveiled in the garden. The installations will be rotated on a regular basis, introducing visitors to a wide range of

contemporary sculpture.

The art center will also present an indoor sculpture show, with works from Robert Arneson, Henry Trinh, Gordon Newell, Barbara Spring, Gary Quinonez and Stefani Esta. The indoor exhibit will continue through Dec. 15.

"It's a really nice mix of eclectic styles," said Reese about the indoor show. "They're all different, but they compliment each other nicely."

The event will also feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony and live music. The art center is located at 4th and Guadalupe in Carmel. Admission is free. The indoor gallery is open Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., while the garden is open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information,

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A tranquil, oak-studded lot adjacent to The Carl Cherry Center for the Arts will be the home of a new sculpture garden.

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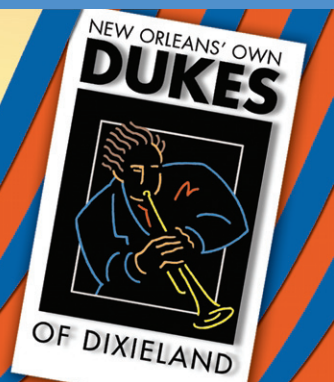


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MUSIC

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Apple's thriving jazz scene.

Last summer, Scott released "Five O'Clock News," a well-received recording that displays his vast talents as a guitarist and vocalist. The material on the disc ranges from jazz and blues to rock, folk and even funk.

According to Kimball, Saturday's concert will appropriately focus on material that's best suited for the theme of the venue. "He does everything from bebop and swing to smooth ballads," Kimball said. "But when he plays here, he'll do some straight-ahead jazz and blues."

Scott, who once toured Europe as a member of the Monterey County Honor Band, will be joined on stage by vocalist Christina Courtin, a recent graduate of the Juilliard School. Courtin, who also plays the jazz violin, has a distinctive vocal style reminiscent of pop star Norah Jones.

Tickets for the show are \$35. The Jazz and Blues Company is located in the Eastwood Building on San Carlos near 5th. For more information, call (831) 624-6432.

■ Big-time pianist content playing for locals and their pets

For a musician, stardom can be seductive. For Big Sur

jazz pianist Dick Whittington, though, success is something he no longer chases.

"It would be nice to play in New York with some famous names, but I don't really need to do that to validate my music," explained Whittington, who recently turned 70. "The possibilities of piano are endless, but if you don't enjoy the scenery, then you're just passing down the highway."

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Whittington can be heard playing the piano at the Cypress Inn in Carmel, where he often is joined by local musical luminaries like guitarist Bruce Forman and flutist Kenny Stahl. The stately inn, with its lively local weekend crowd, its warm and inviting ambiance and its dog-friendly policies, is seemingly the perfect setting for the gifted keyboardist and his talented friends.

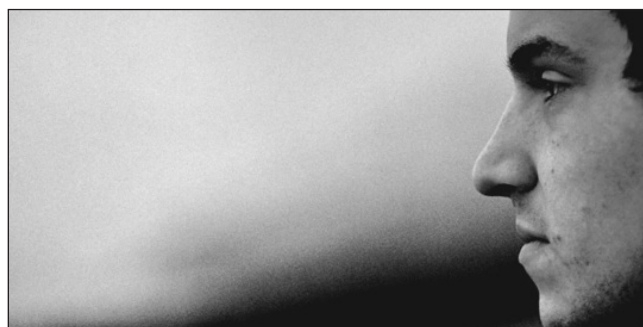
Perhaps Whittington has already achieved success and he simply hasn't noticed it.

"I'm trying to get away from looking at the next horizon," explained Whittington. "I'm realizing that what I have now is really wonderful. I'm trying to savor the moment. I look forward to my next gig."

A retired elementary school teacher, Whittington has loved music — and particularly jazz — for as long as he can remember.

"When I was little, I wanted to play something on the piano that swung," recalled Whittington. "When I was about six or seven, I started playing boogie woogie. All the big bands during the war were doing swing and jazz. You could hear Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington and all that stuff on the radio."

In high school, Whittington played rock 'n' roll, but



Ryan Scott

unlike most of his fellow students, jazz was his first love.

"This was at about the time when [Bill Haley and the Comets'] 'Rock Around the Clock' came out," he recalled. "We had a conflict with our peers. We wanted to play cool jazz and the kids wanted to hear rock 'n' roll."

Now, a half century after Bill Haley introduced a generation of teenagers to rock, Whittington is living his teenage musical dreams, playing cool jazz for a living.

And he's turned another of his dreams into a reality — living in Big Sur. Whittington lives high atop Partington Ridge, where he shares a home with his wife of 30 years, Marilyn, and the couple's three Huskies, Lonso, Bete Noir and Leo.

Living in Big Sur can be challenging, especially when commuting to Carmel during stormy weather. But Whittington said Partington Ridge is a surprisingly civilized place.

"It's not like people might think," he said. "It's not like we're living in hut. Yes, there are a few inconveniences, but it's quiet, it's not congested, and the air is clean. It's a great trade-off."

The Cypress Inn is located at Lincoln and 7th in Carmel. Dogs are welcome. For more information, call (831) 624-3871.

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ART

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five local glass artists.

"You see a goblet and it looks beautiful, but you don't know how complicated it is to make," explained Alan Masaoka, gallery owner and a longtime stained glass artist. "It's a challenge. You have to think of everything before you do it. It's very complex, but it's also very rewarding."

From 5 to 6 p.m., Masaoka and fellow glassblowers will offer a public demonstration of their skills. Masaoka's gallery doubles as a studio where artists melt glass in a furnace that reaches a temperature of 2,200 degrees.

"One of the things I really enjoy is the process of making glass and giving people an opportunity to see it," said glass artist Nick Leonoff of Pacific Grove.

In addition to works by Masaoka and Leonoff, the exhibit will showcase the glass working skills of Carmel Valley's Nancy Francioli, Pacific Grove's Mark Stevenson and Monterey's Kathy Barrett.

The show will continue through Dec. 6. The gallery is located at 13766 Center Street in the Center Street Plaza in Carmel Valley Village, behind the Wills Fargo Restaurant.



PHOTO/COURTESY: MASAOKA DESIGN GALLERY

To make a vase like this, a 2,200-degree furnace is required.

For more information, call (831) 659-4953.

■ Creating a small piece can be a big challenge.

"Some artists were surprised with how difficult it can be to work with a small piece," explained Lauryn Taylor, whose eponymously-titled Carmel gallery will host an opening reception Saturday, Nov. 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. for a new exhibit of pint-sized pieces of art. "Many artists said it took longer to create small piece than it takes to make a large piece."

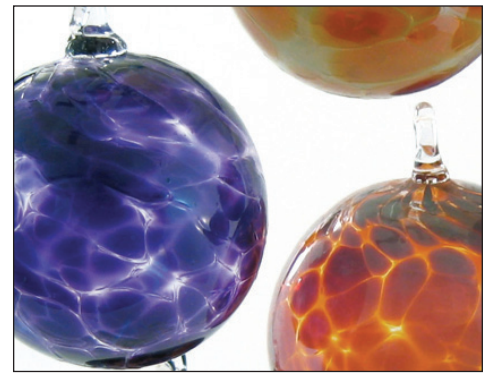
By submitting pieces no larger than six-by-six-inches, more than 60 artists — nearly all based locally or regionally — are participating in "Holiday Lites." More than 300 pieces will be featured.

More than a few artists offer surprising and humorous twists on the show's theme, which according to Taylor, is "Lite in size,

lite in price and lite — or light — in subject matter."

"The artists responded to this challenge in so many wonderful ways," Taylor said.

The show will continue through Jan. 2. The Lauryn Taylor Gallery is located between Ocean and 7th. For more information, call (831) 624-1161.



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Food & Wine

Iron Chef Cat Cora heads seven-chef 'Feast for Aids' Dec. 2

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

YOU'VE SEEN her as one of the embattled chefs on The Food Network's "Iron Chef America" show consistently holding her own against dynamic, sometimes intimidating icons of the culinary world.

But Cora will be here in person as lead chef at the 16th annual Feast for Aids benefit dinner here on the Monterey Peninsula at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, at The Beach and Tennis Club, Pebble Beach.

Each of the chefs participating in the benefit is donating time and talent to prepare one course in the seven-course dinner paired with fine wines selected by the restaurants of Pebble Beach and Monterey County Weekly food writer Ray Napolitano.

The dinner is presented by the Monterey County Aids Project, a non-profit organiza-

tion. Coordinator of the elaborate, black-tie optional dinner is Daryl Griffith, director of catering at The Lodge at Pebble Beach. She has arranged for seven outstanding chefs to participate in the dinner; the chefs themselves have chosen the dish they will prepare, several of which are North African themed.

Seven chefs for seven course

Participating chefs are:

■ Benjamin Brown, chef de cuisine at The Beach Club, who will prepare the amuse bouche as well as the cheese course;

■ Mike Nemece, sous chef at The Lodge at Pebble Beach, is in charge of hors d'oeuvres;

■ Wendy Brodie, featured on television's "The Art of Food and Wine" and chef of Lincoln Court Catering, Carmel, will create the soup course;

■ Ressel Rassallat, chef de cuisine of Club XIX at The Lodge at Pebble Beach, will concoct the salad course;

■ Dory Ford, executive chef of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, appropriately will design the fish course;

■ Cora, as lead chef, will prepare the entrée, and

■ John

Hui, corporate executive pastry chef of Pebble Beach Resorts, will create the dessert course.

Chef Cora lives in Northern California with her partner and young son and, although her television appearances take her far afield, she has found time to write, with Ann Krueger Spivack, a cookbook, "Cat Cora's Kitchen: Favorite Meals for Family and Friends." She is also working on her second and third cookbook, "Under the Olive Tree," and "Cooking from the Hip."

In partnership with 3 Street Media, Chef Cora is developing "The Cat Cora Show," a talk show devoted to food and wine which she will produce and host.

She grew up in a small Greek community



Cat Cora

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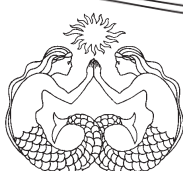


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CHEF

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in Jackson, Miss., and, after graduating from college with a bachelor's degree, "got the education of my dreams" from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York.

From there it was working under the direction of one famous chef after another until she was discovered for "Iron Chef America."

She will arrive the day of the dinner at The P.B. Beach and Tennis Club, where she and the other chefs will be in charge of preparing 250 portions of his or her chosen course, no small feat while other chefs around them will be engaged in the same activity.

The dinner menu

Following a champagne reception with hors d'oeuvres, the dinner commences with an amuse bouche, followed by lobster and leek bisque with lobster flan, finished with fried leeks, herbs and edible flowers.

A salad of oven-roasted heirloom baby beet salad with goat cheese, crème fraîche and truffle vinaigrette precedes Dungeness crab and chanterelle-stuffed Monterey Bay calamari on salsify purée topped with herb salad and chermoula, a North African blend of herbs and spices.

Cat Cora's main course will be North African rack of lamb and Zatar yogurt.

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Cost of the evening is \$250, which also includes dancing to the Scott and Peggy Brown Band, a silent auction and raffle and a live drawing for \$5,000 in cash prizes.

Reservations for the event, limited to 250 persons, have been extended to Nov. 30.

Kathleen Banks, MCAP's director since August, has been with the project for eight years as coordinator of volunteers, counselor, and deputy to former longtime director Wayne Johnson, who headed the last five successful Feast for Aids

dinners. "It was a smooth transition," Banks said, "and I'm thrilled to still be in contact with Wayne and have his support." Johnson, who will be honored at the dinner, is director of the MCAP benefit shop in Pacific Grove.

Banks said, "MCAP's goal is to improve the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS and to prevent HIV disease and AIDS-related discrimination through advocacy and education, to bring prevention messages to schools, churches, employee groups and local organizations, and provide one-on-one outreach to those at risk for HIV infection."

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SAIL

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ver through the thick kelp beds that reside year-round in the cove.

My wife, Nellie, our good friend Tanya Keen and I anchored in Stillwater late in the afternoon on Sunday, Oct. 8. The weather was sunny and relatively warm. The wind was from the northwest and we found our way to a good anchoring spot directly off the pier. It was a perfect evening.

Nellie is an incredibly good chef on shore and brilliant on boats, where meal planning and preparation can be extremely difficult. Our galley is small, refrigeration and storage limited. Nellie made lists for weeks getting ready for this trip,

which we hoped would get us as far south as Zihuatenejo. We broke out a bottle of merlot (the film Sideways did not dampen our liking of it), and Nellie served up a scrumptious Chicken Chinoise.

After the wine, dinner and a beautiful sunset, we retired early as we wanted to leave before daybreak. Our first destination was San Simeon, about an 85-mile sail down the Big Sur coast. This trip usually takes 12 to 13 hours, and we wanted to arrive in San Simeon before dark. There are no places to put in during this stretch — considered hazardous by mariners over five centuries — except for an emergency and dubious anchorage at a spot named Wreck Beach.

We were up at 5 a.m. to a beautiful, clear morning. The Beach and Tennis Club was brightly lit and no golfers could be seen on the incomparable oceanfront holes of Pebble Beach. We were ready to go at 5:45 a.m. Nellie was at the helm, I was on the bow as anchor man, and Tanya was amidships with a million-candle-power light which she used to guide Nellie out through the scattered kelp. In spite of their expert maneuvers, we picked up some kelp around the rudder post. I climbed down onto our itty bitsy swim deck and pulled off as much as I could. Nellie backed the boat up and whatever else was caught dropped off.

In the early morning light, the town and the beach sparkled

Carmel beach is so white that, even in first light, the sand gleams. The great dune at the foot of Ocean Avenue stands out and orients the sailor. The beach and our home town, Carmel-by-the-Sea, sparkled with a merry farewell salute.

After overnighting in Stillwater Cove (below), the Brocchinis hoisted anchor and bade farewell to their hometown of Carmel as few do: by sea. Later, Piedras Blancas and the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse were to port (lower left). Along the way, some playful dolphins gave them an escort (left).



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How to make Thanksgiving leftovers the best part of the weekend

By CHARYN PFEUFFER

DESPITE METICULOUS planning and years of practice, pulling off a Thanksgiving meal can induce performance anxiety for even world-class home chefs. I find you either nail it just right — moist breast meat, tender legs and thighs, golden brown skin and unforgettable flavor — or you're afflicted with dry turkey syndrome. There's really not much of an in between level of success when it comes to this finicky fowl. As much as I love Thanksgiving — a non-gifting holiday that's *all* about consumption and giving thanks — it's the leftovers that really get my taste buds going. There are endless easy-to-execute options that extend beyond tired turkey sandwiches and microwaved mashed potatoes. In fact, I'm in favor of recycling Thanksgiving fare several times as long as the preparations are interesting.

To show just how interesting the days after Turkey Day can be, I asked some local friends and food-o-philes how they manage to get the most mileage out of the feast's traditional components; here's the dish:

Michael Mastrocola, owner of Millennium Travel in Carmel takes the sandwich concept to new (ahem) heights. He and his wife, Bonné, pack turkey sandwiches with cranberry, mayo, and yams on fresh bread in their carry-on luggage for their annual post-Thanksgiving flight to JFK for

their New York theatre and art tour. "It doesn't get any better than that, and the other passengers around us are envious they didn't think of it!" says Michael.

Ken Peterson, public relations manager for Monterey Bay Aquarium is delegated by his family every year to make turkey soup, which he serves with leftover Irish soda bread that he makes for the main dinner. "It's always a big hit and there's still enough meat left over for sandwiches," he says.

Cindy and Ted Walter, owners of Passionfish in Pacific Grove chop up leftover turkey, add some leftover potatoes

and stuffing, and form the mixture into patties before cooking it in a frying pan until crispy. "Put a poached or fried egg on top and you have a most yummy breakfast," Cindy shares.

Alan Mello, a.k.a., the Mello Chef dices dark turkey meat and sautés it in an iron skillet with onions and potatoes (diced the same size) to make a leftover hash. He adds his

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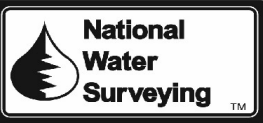
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favorite spice mix to give it some zip. You can precook the potatoes or dice them small and let them get cooked through in the hash (better flavor). "Don't be afraid to throw in some of the skin for flavor and make sure the pan is seasoned well so that it can brown without sticking," advises Alan. "The trick is to let it all brown evenly for a crisply feel." Alan also reheats cranberry sauce and adds jalapeños to use as a sauce on patés and roast meats. It keeps in the fridge for an appetizer condiment for later in the holidays. He also makes mini meals of leftovers with the gravy and all and freezes them in individual containers for homemade TV dinners.

Annette Hoff, winemaker for Cima Collina, makes creamed turkey with peas over toast. She combines some milk and gravy with maybe a little thickener, adds chopped turkey and peas and serves over toast. Although leftover mashed potatoes are a rarity in her house, when it does happen, Annette makes fried potato patties with eggs for breakfast or a variation on frittata by mixing the mashed potatoes into beaten eggs with some grated cheese. She cooks this mixture for a short time in a cast-iron skillet on the stovetop

and then puts it under the broiler until cooked through. She says the the mashed potatoes give this dish a nice creaminess without being heavy. Annette also makes turkey enchiladas.

Kari Bernardi-Ibsen, Farm to School program coordinator at CSUMB, thinks shepherds' pie is a great all-in-one dish to use up leftover mashed potatoes, turkey, peas and other veggies.

Teri Hunsdorfer of Salinas takes the leftover cranberries and makes muffins for breakfast. Her mother always pre-bakes her pie crusts and inevitably ends up with extras, so she also makes turkey pot pie with the left over turkey and veggies (green beans, broccoli, carrots etc.) and sweet potato pie with the remaining sweet potatoes.

Paul Miller, publisher of The Carmel Pine Cone, turns Thanksgiving leftovers into a classic casserole from his childhood called Turkey Sopa. Layer triangles of corn tortilla, cubed turkey, shredded colby cheese, diced jalapenos, onions, sliced mushrooms and cream of chicken/mushroom soup in a large Pyrex casserole. Add a final, double layer of tortilla triangles and decorate the top with black olive slices and bits of red bell pepper (be artistic!). Bake covered in a 375-degree oven until the edges bubble vigorously; remove the lid and bake another ten minutes to crisp the top. Serve with guacamole (don't forget to add fresh garlic), salsa and sour cream.

Kelly Baldwin, ceo/manager of Monterey County Fair has been known to make omelettes using *all* of the leftovers.

Karen Anne Murray, owner of Eddison & Melrose Catering in Sand City uses leftover bread and cranberry sauce to make her signature Cranberry Rum Bread Pudding.

■ **Karen Anne's Cranberry Rum Bread Pudding:**

- 2 tablespoons of butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon of nutmeg
- 2 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup maple syrup
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups of milk (your choice of skim or whole milk)
- Splash of Rum (optional)
- 2 cups of cranberry sauce
- 8 cups of day old bread (cut into large chunks)

Lightly grease a 2-quart baking pan.
Pre heat the oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl combine the first 9 ingredients.

Alternate layers of cranberry sauce and bread cubes in the baking pan; pour the liquid ingredients on top of the cranberry bread mixture.

Push down with a spoon to cover bread with liquid.

Bake for 50-60 minutes until puffed and golden brown .

Delicious with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.

■ **Ken Peterson's Turkey Soup**

Pick the meat off and boil the carcass with bay leaves; let it cool.

Pull out all the bones and cartilage, skimming the fat and reserving all the meat. Add to remaining meat and return to pot.

Add vegetables of choice (often also left over — broccoli florets, carrots, onions, whatever's handy); and maybe a bit of grain, especially barley.

Season to taste with salt, pepper, and garlic powder.

Cook over low heat so flavor develops.


Other optional addition: a bit of white wine.

Girl Scouts collect coats at Del Monte Center

WINTER IS fast approaching and, even here on the mild Central Coast, no one should go without such a basic necessity as a coat.

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Sandy Claws By Margot Petit Nichols

BAMSEE KELLOGG, 9, has parents who met on the Eiffel Tower. Not many Shelties can make that claim.

Dad Dave, then from the Bay Area, and Mom Verlea, from Saskatchewan, Canada, encountered each other in Paris many years ago, and as tourists are wont to do, talked of this and that. So impressed was Verlea with Dave's knowledge of the Canadian Football League's team in Saskatchewan, named the Roughriders, she agreed to a date.

Fact is, Dave is a sportswriter, and as such has arcane sports facts at his fingertips. They have been married now

for 25 years.

Bamsee has been a Kellogg since he was three months old and gets along famously with his two Siamese feline sisters, Kaya, 11, and Coco, 2, as long as they don't come near the dining table. (Coco's Mom is Emily, 16, who goes to Stevenson School).

At one time, Bamsee was a little chubby from eating table scraps. When they were banned from his diet, he lost 10 lbs. and was able to walk longer and with more pep.

When we met the Kelloggs on the Scenic Road walking path above Carmel

Beach on Sunday, peppy Bamsee barked occasionally, seemingly at nothing. Dad explained the only time Bamsee barks is when he sees contrails in the sky, and if he's off leash at the time, will take off after them. No explanation was forthcoming from Bamsee. A riddle, wrapped in an enigma.

Bamsee currently is enjoying a visit from his Carlyle, Saskatchewan, grandparents, Wilbert and May Hume.

His big brother, Allan, 20, is off at school in Montreal, Quebec, where he is an offensive tackle on McGill University's football team. Dad Dave, sports editor of The Monterey County Herald, is very proud.



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DRIVING

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the authority to set speed limits and determine traffic signage. The Monterey County Sheriff's Office, also under contract with the company, handles mostly criminal incidents.

According to numbers compiled by Faulk, drivers with lead feet might want to ease up in the following areas:

- Forest Lodge Road near Majella Road
- Forest Lake near Bristol Curve
- Lopez Road near Congress Road
- Sloat Road at the Wranglers intersection

Faulk said officers have given tickets in those areas more than other locations in Pebble Beach. But he cautioned officers could be anywhere at any time.

"Our main objective is to prevent the loss of life and injury and accidents, and it's working," he said. "What is the proof? The proof is we aren't having a bunch of people crash."

Pebble Beach officials have said vehicle speeds have diminished since the program began.

Of the 350 tickets, 275 have been for speeding.

Officers have also arrested a couple of drunk drivers and have come across other surprises in their enforcement efforts, Faulk said.

"We are towing a lot of cars for unlicensed drivers," he said. "One day, there were four trucks with dirt and uncovered loads. The (workers) were hired by one of the golf courses, and it turns out none of them had drivers licenses of any kind."

Officers have responded to four traffic collisions in Del Monte Forest while on patrol. That number, he said, is lower than usual for a one-month time period.

While Pebble Beach residents may grumble while trailing slower tourists in Del Monte Forest, Faulk said visitors are not the problem.

"From officers I've talked to, we are (ticketing) commuters," he said. "They are mostly residents who live and work in the area. I think that people who are visiting are uncomfortable driving faster."

The PBCSD has said it may keep the enforcement levels the same or increase or decrease them depending on how effective the program is working.

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Dr. Melvin and Mrs. Mildred Kline celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on October 25, 2006 at the La Playa Hotel in Carmel with a small gathering of family and friends. At this joyous occasion they were joined by their children, Dr. Susan Kapitanoff and husband William, and Dr. Charles Kline and wife Lanaii, and their grandchildren, Michelle and husband Darren Winkley, Andrea Kapitanoff, Ahnika Kline, and Erik Kline.

Married in New York City in 1941, they have lived in Carmel since 1970 when Dr. Kline was recruited from the Engineering Department at UCLA by the Naval Postgraduate School as a Professor to start a new master's degree program in Project Management.

In her youth Mildred performed regularly in concert, on New York radio and TV, and locally as a member of the first violin section of the Monterey Symphony. She now teaches violin and viola, and writes the program notes for Chamber Music Monterey Bay and the Carmel Music Society. Dr. Kline retired from NPS in 1984, and has traveled the world consulting for Sweden, Israel and Singapore. He is a volunteer at the Carmel District Advisory Committee for the Carmel City Council for 11 years. He is a volunteer at the Carmel Foundation, where he served on the Board of Directors and has chaired the Wednesday Afternoon entertainment program for 16 years. Currently, he serves on the Bond Oversight Committee for MPC.

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Editorial

Activists don't have a monopoly on democracy

AGAIN THIS week, local activists are harping on the Monterey County Board of Supervisors for being "anti-democratic" — this time, because the supervisors refuse to put the version of a new general plan backed by LandWatch before the voters until the courts have finished considering whether it is legal to do so.

We would like to remind these outspoken citizens that county supervisors are elected officials. Their very presence on the board is an example of democracy in action. Just because they don't take the "correct" positions on certain questions of the moment doesn't make them illegitimate.

It's been almost 10 years since people started calling the Peninsula's supervisors, Dave Potter, "four-to-one Dave" for his constant isolation on votes at the board. If the four other supervisors — whose names have changed, but not their positions on important local issues — are constantly going against the wishes of their constituents, why haven't they been voted out of office? Put another way: if LandWatch and the Sierra Club know what the people want, why isn't the board of supervisors full of LandWatch and Sierra Club members?

Boom times are the time to spend your money at home

UNEMPLOYMENT IN California last month was just 4.5 percent — the lowest rate ever recorded in the state.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average is at an all-time high.

Gasoline prices are ridiculously low.

And so is inflation.

The only less-than-stellar economic news is the local housing market. But that's only down compared to the sky-high times we've had for the last 10 years. Over the last month, home sales in the Monterey Peninsula totaled \$200 million. That's nothing to be ashamed of for a region with only about 100,000 residents.

So when you're preparing your holiday shopping list, we hope you'll decide to spend a little more than you did last year, and that when you open your wallet, it won't be for online shopping, or at Costco or Wal-Mart. This year, make a pre-New Year's resolution to support local merchants — in downtown Carmel, Pacific Grove and Monterey, at nearby shopping centers, and in out-the-way places such as Carmel Valley Village. That way, you'll get unique gifts while your dollars go to your neighbors instead of faraway stockholders and corporate executives.

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Letters to the Editor

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

The Pine Cone does not accept letters to the editor by fax. Please submit your letters by U.S. mail, e-mail, or in person (addresses are provided below).

Where were they?

Dear Editor:

As the elected vice president of land use for the Carmel Valley Association, I attend hearings in Salinas at the board of supervisors and the planning commission related to land use projects in Carmel Valley. I find it very interesting that those outspoken opponents of the incorporation of the Town Carmel Valley — such as Michael Addison, Bob Sinotte, Laurence Samuels and Melvin Steckler — never show up at these hearings. One of the worst projects in Carmel Valley history, September Ranch, was on the agenda this past week.

They claim they want the same goals of

preservation of Carmel Valley, yet not one of them came and spoke up during the September Ranch hearings. They continue to take no positions on projects that are ruining our quality of life.

Where were they when it was time to represent the views of those residents they claim to be representing?

Water, traffic, and a new traffic light on Carmel Valley Road are just a few reasons they should speak up.

Just in case they have forgotten, the approval of September Ranch was the event that started this incorporation effort in the first place!

Paula Lotz,
Carmel Valley

Not Laguna Seca-by-the-Sea

Dear Editor:

Sincere thanks to the Carmel PD, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, and supporting law enforcement agencies involved in last Friday's ultra-high-speed motorcycle chase through the once sleepy magical oak & pine forest coastal hamlet of Carmel.

They got their man without incident, accident, or force.

It was astonishing that no one got hurt with record speeds being set, no doubt in the apprehension of the young man, within Carmel's city limits.

Certainly, he has some tough lessons in

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front of him to learn because of his bad judgment call made under the intoxicating adrenaline rush of the high performance rice rocket.

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William Webster Downer

On November 17, notable Carmel resident William Webster "Web" Downer passed away peacefully in his home. He was 89 years old.

Web was a lifelong sports fan and proud to have shot a hole-in-one on at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club at age 81. He was also active on many community boards, including The Symphony, and served as President of the Kiwanis Club of Carmel. Along with Maggie, his wife of nearly 70 years, Web was deeply committed to historical preservation on the Peninsula.



Three generations of Downer children adored him as much for the silly nicknames he bestowed on each of them as for the moral compass he provided. On festive occasions, he was the first person on the dance floor and the last one to leave it. For almost 50 years, Web was a familiar face on the streets of Carmel. On daily strolls to the post office from his workplace at Yates, Downer, Dyer and Kirkpatrick in the village, or from his home in Hatton Fields, he greeted countless acquaintances with a cheerful hello and a winsome smile. After his retirement, Web religiously joined fellow early morning dog walkers on Carmel Beach. With his beloved companions DeeDee and Princeton and sometimes accompanied by a visiting grandchild, Web enjoyed passing out treats to canine friends between Carmel River and Pebble Beach.

Web Downer is survived by his wife Maggie, his daughter Elizabeth (Libby) Simpson of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; his son Charles Downer of Cambridge, Massachusetts; 4 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren residing in the US, England, Mexico, New Caledonia, and Japan.

At Web's request, no service will be held. A celebration of his life will take place at the Beach House of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club on Sunday, November 26 from 4-6.

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**Torres Street, 2 NW of 11th —
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26249 Ocean View Avenue, Carmel — \$3,550,000

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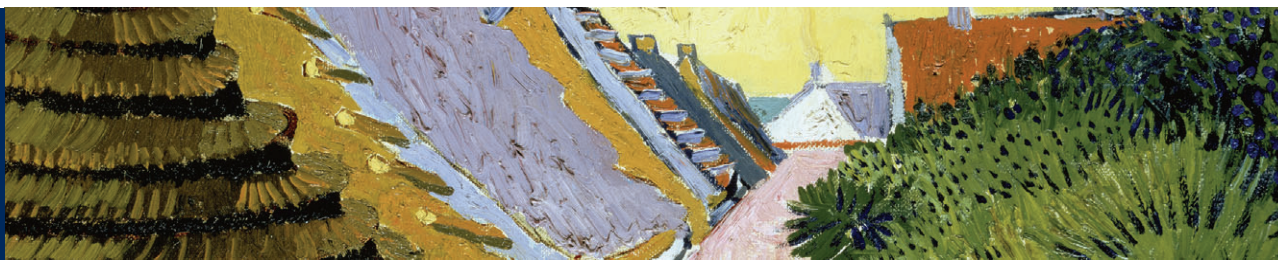
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VOYAGE

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We had set a waypoint about a mile off Point Lobos to be sure that we gave the point a wide berth. Point Lobos is not lit, and it loomed vaguely off our port bow as we steamed by. We have looked at this amazingly beautiful point of land so often over the years that we could see what was not visible.

A boat with a high-powered fishing lamp was well out to sea. We aimed for it until we were well clear of Point Lobos and the rocks that scatter out from it, before turning south toward the Point Sur light.

It turned out to be nearly a totally windless day so we powered all the way to San Simeon, rounding gorgeous Point Piedras Blancas late in the day and dropping our anchor in San Simeon just prior to night fall. In our 12-hour passage along the Big Sur coast, we did not meet a single vessel.

This lack of traffic made me laugh when I thought about the California Coastal Commission's concern a few years ago about the impact of Big Sur development on the viewshed of boaters along the coast. Not only were there no other vessels going down the coast that day, it was difficult to see any structures on land from the typical safe dis-

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Nellie Brocchini at the helm of Athena as she left San Simeon Oct. 11, headed for San Diego.



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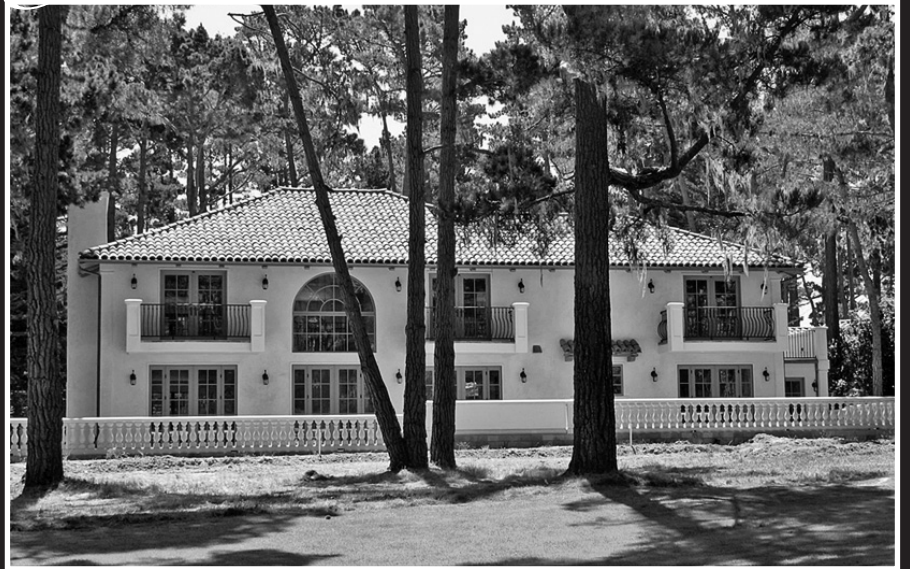


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5461 Quail Meadows Drive — \$4,435,000
Robert & Catherine Lee to Helen Hughes
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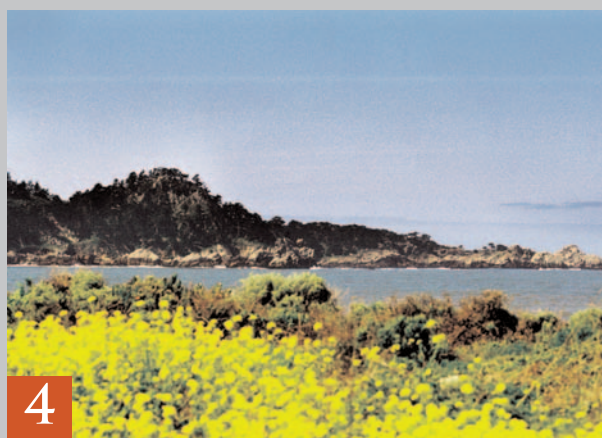
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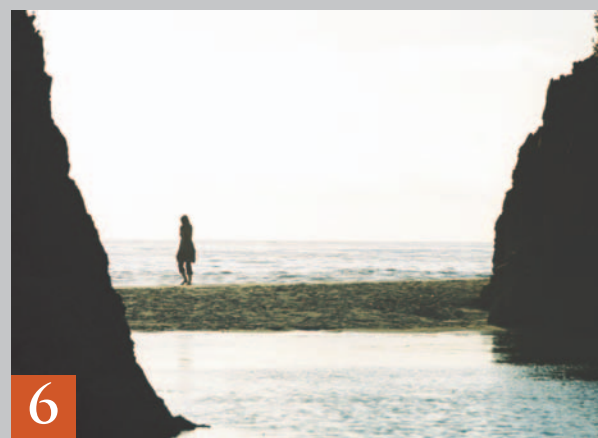
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1052 Rodeo Road — \$1,465,000

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70 Spanish Bay Circle — \$2,800,000

John Diskon to John & Patricia Quinn
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1310 Portola Road — \$8,170,000

Portola Road lot 12 LLC to Michael and Linda Dorn
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Salinas

808 N Main Street — \$4,067,000

Central Coast Development LLC to Sherwood Village LP
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Sand City



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AT SEA

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power, keeping to our course was much easier.

The sea calls

At the beginning of this piece, I mentioned that one impact of leaving Carmel by sea is the lingering memories it creates. After the first trip, once back in Carmel, my fascination with Point Lobos attained a new level. Every time I looked at it, I imagined myself rounding the point and heading south. I realized that this was merely romanticism, but still I could not resist. Everyone who lives in Carmel must be a bit of a dreamer. One more layer of romanticism — the urge to round

Point Lobos and head south — could not be bad.

Editor's note: Paul and Nellie Brocchini, longtime Carmel residents and realtors with

Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty, are on an extended sea voyage from Carmel to Mexico. This is the first in a series of reports they will file along the way.

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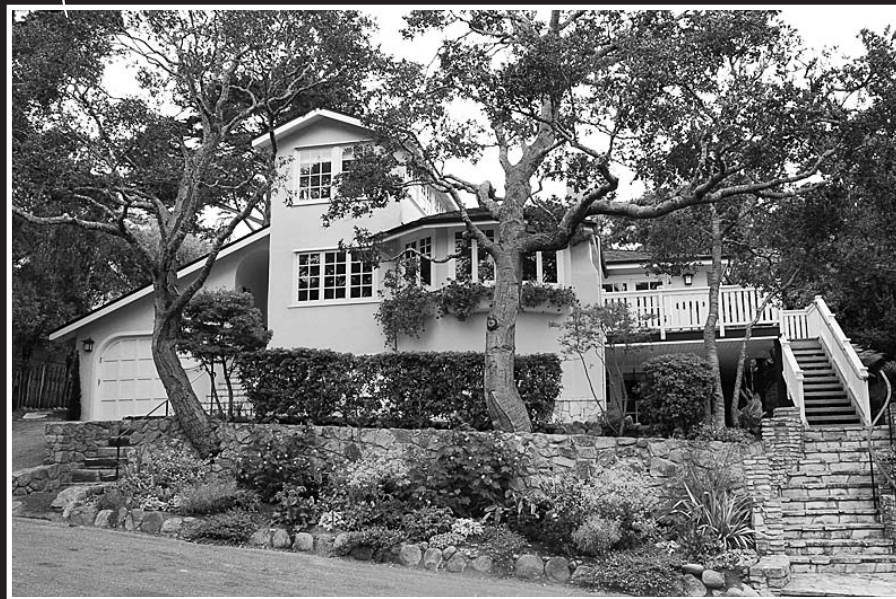
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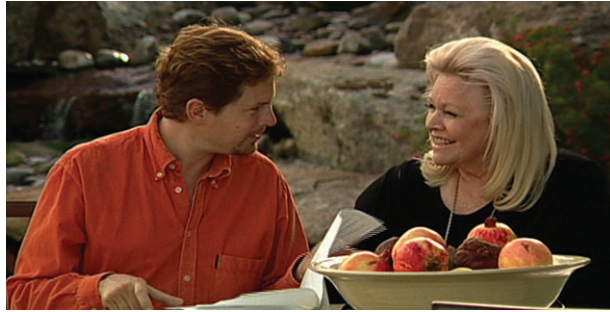
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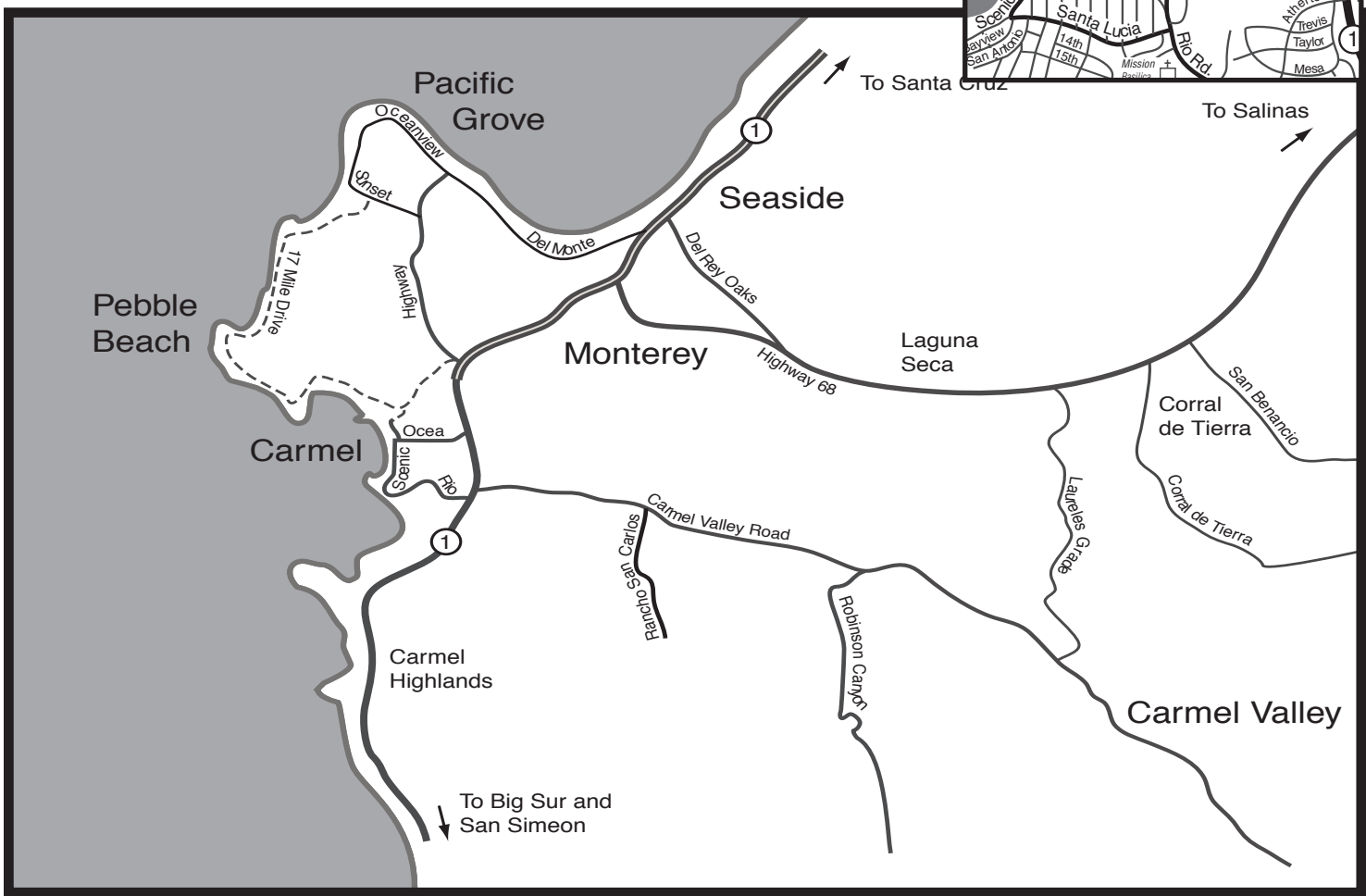
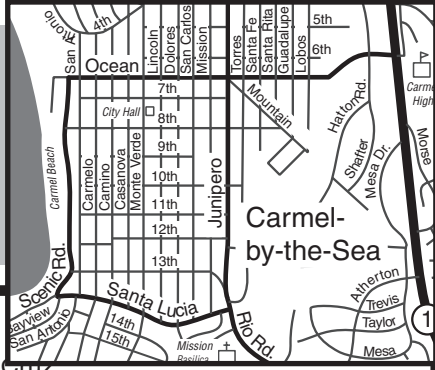


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\$1,449,000	4bd 2ba	Sa 1-3 Su 1:30-4
1169 Alameda Monterey 277-0801 / 521-6796 Keller Williams Realty		
\$2,250,000	3bd 3ba	Su 1-3
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\$999,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
13450 Cuesta Verde Mtry/Sins Hwy 236-6876 Keller Williams Realty		
\$1,049,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
13525 Paseo Terrano Mtry/Sins Hwy 659-2267 Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$1,195,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-3
24552 Rimrock Canyon Road Mtry/Sins Hwy 626-2222 Coldwell Banker Del Monte		
\$1,225,000	3bd 2.5ba	Fri 2-4 Su 2-4
26157 Legends Court Mtry/Sins Hwy 622-1040 Alain Pinel Realtors		
\$1,795,000	3bd 4+ba	Sa 2-4
19651 Woodcrest Drive Mtry/Sins Hwy 626-2221 Coldwell Banker Del Monte		
\$1,795,000	3bd 4+ba	Su 2-4
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\$1,995,000	3+bd 3.5ba	Su 1-4
11531 Spur Road Mtry/Sins Hwy 601-6413 Keller Williams Realty		



\$3,599,000	6bd 5full+2half ba	Su 1-4
25400 Whip Road Mtry/Sins Hwy 601-7561 Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty		
\$4,150,000	4bd 3.5ba	Su 1-4
409 Estrella D'Oro Mtry/Sins Hwy 622-1040 Alain Pinel Realtors		
\$4,575,000	5bd 4+ba	Su 1-4
25620 Montabella Mtry/Sins Hwy 596-4830 Keller Williams Realty		

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\$392,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1:30-3:30
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\$689,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4
602 Sage Court Pacific Grove 626-2222 Coldwell Banker Del Monte		
\$768,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 2-4
311 6th Street Pacific Grove 626-2226 Coldwell Banker Del Monte		
\$779,000	2bd 1ba	Su 2:30-3:30
406 19th Pacific Grove 646-2120 Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$798,000	TRIPLEX	Su 11-1
1211 David Avenue Pacific Grove 917-8290 The Jones Group		
\$839,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 2-4
322 Gibson Avenue Pacific Grove 917-4534 The Jones Group		
\$849,000	3bd 1.5ba	Su 1-4
916 Maple Street Pacific Grove 625-0500 John Saar Properties		
\$849,500	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
221 Granite Street Pacific Grove 626-2221 Coldwell Banker Del Monte		
\$949,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 11:30-1:30
508 Lobos Pacific Grove 626-2226 Coldwell Banker Del Monte		
\$979,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-4
906 Laurie Circle Pacific Grove 594-5939 RE/MAX Monterey Peninsula - Ann Freeman		



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POLICE LOG

From page 9RE

contact.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to reported wire hanging low in the alley way between a restaurant and city hall. At scene, found a cable and phone service line that had partially separated from the building, hanging in the path of pedestrians. Confirmed the wires were not energized and then reattached the wires to the building. All units available returned to the station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance responded from mid-valley for a mutual aid request to Valley Place for a female patient who was unresponsive. Ambulance on scene with CDF (California Department of Forestry). Ambulance provided ALS care and transported the patient to CHOMP Code 2.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched on a mutual aid request for a medical emergency on Colton for a male patient with a complaint of back pain. Ambulance on scene with CDF. Ambulance transported patient to CHOMP Code 2 and provided BLS (basic life support) care. Ambulance available at CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to reported arcing wires in the area of Monte Verde and Seventh. At scene, found the electrical service to the residence on the west side of Monte Verde south of Seventh arcing periodically due to the two electrical phases contacting each other. Secured the area, shut down the breakers on the exterior panel of the involved residence, requested PG&E response and informed the residents of firefighters' actions. Crew stood by until PG&E truck arrived. PG&E lineman requested firefighters stand by until he completed his work.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unauthorized use of another person's identity on Ninth Avenue. Citizen reported that someone had used her information to register a utility account.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim reported the loss of her evening bag sometime last evening in the area of Junipero Street and Sixth Avenue. Reporting party has since checked with the restaurant where she had dinner but was met with negative results. If located, please notify RP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to a vehicle injury accident on Highway 1 at Mesa Drive. Ambulance arrived at scene. Two patients requiring C-spine, prepared for transport and ALS procedures performed. Ambulance en route to CHOMP Code 2 with both patients. Ambulance arrived at CHOMP. Both patients transferred to hospital personnel.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched on a mutual aid call for a medical emergency on Hatton Road. At scene, ALS procedures performed and patient prepared for transport to CHOMP Code 2. Patient care transferred to hospital staff.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine responded to direct report of a water leak on Torres Street south of 10th. Engine on scene. Crew discovered water flowing from a residential water meter box at that location. The water meter was shut off, and as no one was home at the time, a note was left at the front door advising the occupants of the situation. Engine available and returned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Monte Verde Street. Engine and ambulance on scene. Crew assisted ambulance personnel with vitals, IV, patient report information and loading for a female in her 70s who had fallen several hours earlier, and complained of severe pain to her right foot. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance. Engine returned.

Pebble Beach: Unknown object used to break a driver's side mirror on a truck parked on the side of Stevenson Road. No suspects or leads. Suspended.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported a dog barking in the residential area on Acacia Way. Officer responded and located the residence. The dog was barking intermittently. A notice was left for the owners, who were not home. Later the owners telephoned the department and said the dog is temporarily staying at the residence for about a week.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim reported that unknown person(s) took two wallets from her unlocked vehicle while it was parked on Carpenter Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contractor asked for a civil standby on Mission Street while removing lighting from the ground per the property manager's request. The lighting has been an ongoing issue between the renter and the property manager. Lighting was removed without incident. Renter arrived and made copy of the signed work order.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance responded to a mutual aid request for a multiple-vehicle accident on Highway 1 at Holman Highway with injuries.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a report of wires down on Carmelo between Seventh and Eighth. Firefighters discovered telephone and cable wires in the street, possibly the result of being clipped by a large truck. Using the Hotstick, it was determined that the wires were safe to touch, so the ones on the ground were moved out of the street and secured to an adjacent utility pole. One low-hanging phone wire was lifted up off the ground and temporarily secured to an overhead tree limb to allow for traffic to pass through. The utility pole and phone wire near a residence gate were taped for identifying and safety precautions and a note left at the residence with the damaged phone line notifying the occupant that repairs would be made. At this point, the scene was secure and all units returned to the station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance responded to a mutual aid request from Westmed to Cypress Drive in Pebble Beach. Ambulance on scene. Male in his 90s had a contusion secondary to a mechanical fall. Patient transported to CHOMP. Ambulance en route to CHOMP.

Pebble Beach: Resident arrived at his home on Sand Dunes Drive during the evening hours of Tuesday, Nov. 14, and discovered someone had attempted to pry open the front door to his house.

Pebble Beach: Monterey Peninsula Country Club groundskeepers found a samurai sword and a samurai knife near the 1st Tee on the Shore Course on Tuesday at approximately 0700 hours.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party came to station to turn in a dog she found running loose on Camino del Monte. RP did not know whom the dog belonged to, and the dog had no tags or collar. Officer attempted to scan the dog for a chip in hopes of finding an owner; however, this met with negative results. The dog was placed in a kennel pending contact with the owner. At about 1154 hours, the dog owner arrived at the station to retrieve her dog. All fees were collected and the dog was released.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Accident. Traffic collision, hit-and-run on public property on Dolores Street. Vehicle was drivable.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost digital camera. Reporting party came to station to report losing her camera while visiting the downtown area of Carmel. The RP last saw the camera when she was near the Pine Inn hotel at Ocean Avenue and Monte Verde. RP wished to make the report in the event the camera was found

and turned in to the station. A brief description of the camera was given and listed in this report. RP is visiting from Brazil and will be staying at a San Carlos Street hotel until Nov. 21. RP said we could contact her at the hotel if the camera is found.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance responded to mutual aid call on Flanders Drive for a medical emergency. Ambulance on scene for a female in her 90s in full arrest. Patient transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to a medical emergency on Fisher Place. At scene, crew performed ALS procedures and prepared patient for transport. Ambulance Code 2 to CHOMP with patient.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance requested to respond Code 2 for a non-emergency transport from Palmero. Ambulance at CHOMP, sheriff at scene with one person who needed to go to CHOMP for evaluation. En route to CHOMP Code 2.

Carmel area: Report of ongoing neighbor problem on Guadalupe Street related to alleged harassment.

Carmel Valley: Victim on Miramonte was advised by her credit card company to report the theft of Visa credit checks that were forged and cashed by an unknown suspect.

Big Sur: RP at the Village Center shops on Highway 1 wanted to report that several witnesses told her that an individual used a credit card to gain entry into her locked business.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalism on San Carlos Street. Store manager reported that markings were found on one of the store's signs mounted outside. The store manager believes the vandalism is related to the unruly subjects that were asked to leave the property the previous night. Manager only wanted the incident reported.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog-vs.-person bite on Carmel Beach.

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POLICE LOG

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Reporting party advised that he was bitten by a dog on while walking on the beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two family members were involved in a peace disturbance at San Carlos and Ocean. One family member took back possession of a 2004 Mazda from her younger sister. The older family member advised Carmel P.D. officers that the vehicle was registered to her, however her younger sister was not making the payments as agreed upon. The older family member elected to take the vehicle back and had already made arrangements to trade it in for a new one for herself. The younger sister was cooperative and allowed her sister to take the vehicle back; however, she maintained that she had been making payments as agreed upon. The younger sister did not have any documentation to show ownership or that she had been making payments. The older sister took the vehicle and left.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female subject was contacted after it was reported that she was yelling and screaming in the post office parking lot at Dolores and Fifth. Upon making contact, it was found that the female subject was upset over her realization that her parents would be upset over the fact that she took a vehicle back from her younger sister who had been making payments on the vehicle. The female subject believed that her father would only believe her younger sister's version of what happened, because the younger sister was the baby of the family. The female subject stated that she would

calm down before she attempted to drive away in the vehicle she took from her younger sister.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious person(s) on Franciscan Way. Resident reported that an unknown male identified himself as the resident's neighbor and acted suspicious. The resident believed that the unknown person may have been "casing" the surrounding residences. The reporting party related no further information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a reported fire alarm activation at Trevvett Court. Engine and ambulance on scene, alarm sounding and investigating. The alarm had activated in zone 1 (units one through four) and inspection of the activated zone indicated a smoke detector activation in the vacant unit. As unit was found to be clear, unoccupied and with no cause for activation, the alarm system was silenced. Ambulance and engine returned to station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to a medical emergency on Valley View. Ambulance on scene, ALS procedures performed, patient placed in full spinal immobilization and prepared for transport. Ambulance en route to CHOMP Code 3. Patient care transferred to RN at bedside.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Lincoln Street at an inn. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel with patient assessment, packaging and gathering information on a female in her 30s who was experiencing a possible migraine headache. The patient was transported to CHOMP by ambulance and engine returned to station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a request for public assis-

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 - 43 Pharmaceutical chemist ___ Lilly
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 - 3 Think
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 - 8 Word before, after — or both before and after — "in"
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 - 13 Oscar winner for "West Side Story"
 - 14 Something to give an Alabama cheerleader?
 - 15 Race part
 - 16 John of "Freaky Friday," 1977
 - 17 Rooster?
 - 18 Human genus
 - 19 Highway damaged by hurricane Katrina
 - 24 Again
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 - 34 Film character whose first name is Longfellow
 - 36 Home of "Winged Victory"
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tance (pick up, put back) on Camino Real. Emergency responders helped an elderly male up off the floor and into his bed. He said he was uninjured and did not want any further treatment or transport to the hospital. He did have a skin avulsion on his left side, below the armpit, but his wife said she would apply a dressing to it. At this point the call was completed, and all units returned to station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance responded to mutual aid request for a medical emergency on Yankee Beach Way. At scene, ALS procedures performed, patient prepared for transport. En route to CHOMP Code 2.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance dispatched to a medical emergency on Dolores Street but were canceled. A Lifeline patient accidentally set off her alarm but used the proper code to indicate there was no problem.

Carmel area: Carmel Riviera area resident reported theft of plants from the yard overnight.

Carmel area: Paseo Venadis resident reported a civil issue over property lines between herself and her neighbor whose home was under construction. Reporting party stated she would contact an attorney on Monday.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley resident was found to be under the influence of marijuana while at school. She was cited and released to her parents.

Carmel area: Monterey resident fled from deputies after running a red light. He was later apprehended on Rio Road in the City of Carmel. He was arrested and transported to jail.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female suspect, age 27, arrested and booked on Perry Newberry at 0305 hours for DUI.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Overdue individual. Missing juvenile reported from a Fourth Avenue residence. Teenage daughter returned home the morning of Nov. 19.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party on Monte Verde Street called stating that she was involved in a past-tense altercation in which a neighbor threw water on her. The incident originated from the fact that the

RP's landlord pruned some branches located on the the involved party's lot. All parties counseled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported damage to her vehicle while it was parked in the parking lot for an inn on San Carlos Street. Vehicle was parked with no damage. When the reporting party returned to her vehicle later in the afternoon, the vehicle's rear bumper had been damaged. No information was left by the driver of the suspect vehicle. Damaged bumper now has a white paint transfer.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of personal property on Junipero Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft personal property reported on Junipero Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim reported loss of his wallet containing identification and store gift cards. Lost possibly on Monday, Nov. 13, in the parking lot behind the restaurant at Junipero and Sixth. If located, please notify reporting party.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim reported loss of her wallet with contents while patronizing the annual Homecrafters Faire on Ocean Avenue. If located, please notify reporting party.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Monte Verde Street. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel with patient assessment, IV setup, diagnostics, packaging and gathering information on a female in her 90s who had sustained a possible dislocated right hip. The patient was transported to CHOMP and the engine returned to quarters.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a possible hazardous condition for a sewage leak at Ocean and Santa Fe. Engine on scene. Crew investigated a small sewage leak confined to private property at that location. The occupant of the home advised he had contacted Roto Rooter prior to firefighters' arrival, and he was advised not to use any water in the residence until the line stoppage could be cleared.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance responded to a mutual aid request from Westmed to Del Mesa Carmel at the water tank for a female in her 80s who suffered a mechanical fall. Patient transported to CHOMP.

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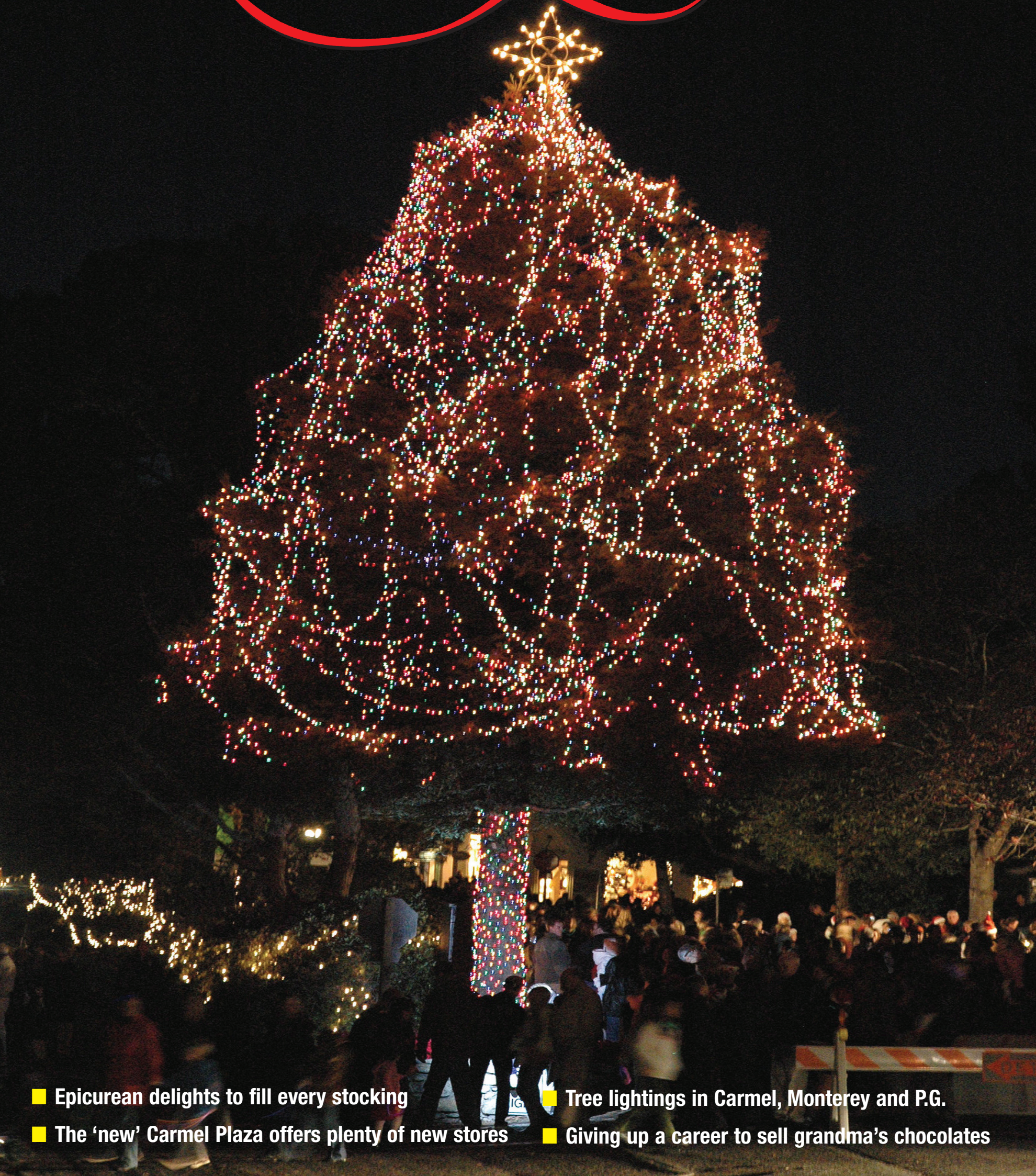
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Christmas tree lightings, holiday festivities in Carmel, P.G. and Monterey

THE CITY of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the Carmel Chamber of Commerce will host the city's annual Holiday Tree Lighting, Friday, Dec. 1. If rock 'n' roll holiday tunes are to your lik-

ing, you'll want to be at Devendorf Park at 4:30 p.m. to hear Travis Poelle (Buddy Holly) and the cast of PacRep Theatre's "Twist and Shout Tribute Concert" sing some of their favorite carols.

Santa arrives escorted by the Carmel Fire Department at approximately 4:30 p.m. and will join the children in Devendorf Park.

At 5 p.m. the festivities will include performances by the Junipero Serra School Children led by Peggy Burger, Myles Williams and Stephen Moorer reciting "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

And at 5:45 p.m., Mayor Sue McCloud will light the tree — rain or shine. Last year's tree is pictured on the cover of this special section.

Refreshments will be provided by the Carmel Red Cross and the Carmel Chamber of Commerce.

Devendorf Park is located on the corner of Ocean Avenue and Junipero Street.

The City of Pacific Grove will once again usher in the holiday season with an old-fashioned hometown tradition. The city's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will commence at 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 27, at The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History (located at Forest & Central Avenues).

The P.G. Chamber of Commerce has planned a festive reception at Chautauqua Hall immediately following the tree lighting, with Santa on hand to spark the children's expectations for the Christmas season.

The city's traditional Holiday Parade of Lights will follow a little more than a week later, on Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. According to the chamber, this year's parade will feature many brightly lit holiday floats, equestrian units, dance teams and, of course, a visit from Santa Claus.

Holiday lights will also illuminate Monterey's historic past as city, state and community organizations present "Christmas in Monterey," a series of city-wide events.

The merriment will begin with the traditional lighting of the Christmas Tree at City Hall on Friday, Dec.

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By MARY BROWNFIELD

■ The final Masters

IF YOUR favorite gastronome already possesses every possible kitchen gadget; if his cupboards are packed with the latest in trendy, esoteric ingredients from faraway lands, or if her wine cellar overflows with bounty from the world's best vintners, perhaps the gift of experience — and calories — is the proper holiday choice.

The Monterey Peninsula provides a plethora of food-and-wine events, but a few stand out above the rest and would make any recipient of such generosity salivate in anticipation.

After two decades holding court at the spectacular Highlands Inn on Highway 1 south of Point Lobos, the decadent Masters of Food & Wine — which attracts visitors from all over the world for four days of eating, drinking, tasting and learning — will be held there for the final time Feb. 22-25, 2007, according to food and beverage director Robert Weakley.

While Hyatt may elect to present MF&Ws at its other hotels around the world, he said, "It's been a great ride."

Weakley began organizing the MF&W — his sixth

since joining the Highlands Inn — more than nine months ago. It takes a lot of research, planning, wooing and legwork to organize the opening night reception, lunches and dinners that have several chefs sharing the hotel kitchen, cooking demonstrations, wine tastings and the lavish Rarities Dinner.

"We bring in big-names chefs to anchor the dinners, but we also look for chefs doing something really different," Weakley said. "On the wine side, we try to find smaller wineries that are more obscure and are just making great wine."

Each year, more than 600 wineries request to participate, but only 60 are selected. "The wineries are included purely by invitation, so we can keep the reputation as high as everyone has come to know it," he said. "And for the chefs, we get hundreds also, but we only take 20."

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Cal Stamenov holds an armful of the precious black beauties that will once again be the focus of a special dinner at Bernardus Lodge (top). Truffles were also featured at this year's Masters of Food and Wine at the Highlands Inn. Christophe David served risotto with shaved black truffles (above).



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sometimes requires wooing. Weakley visited food and wine festivals across the country and traveled to Boston, New York and Chicago. Whenever a culinary

star won an award or opened a new restaurant, he sent a congratulatory note.
 "We make sure to communicate with them all the time, so it's not just when we're calling and asking them to attend," he said.
 The list of 20 chefs and 60 wineries, many of which are already confirmed, will read like a foodie's dream.

There's Rick Tramonto of TRU in Chicago, Michael Mina from San Francisco and Grant Achatz from Chicago's Alinea.
 "At Alinea, when you call for a reservation, you are asked, 'Twelve or 24 courses?'" Weakley said. "Those are your only choices."
 Chef/owner Wylie Dufresne and pastry chef Alex

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Mexico, have also committed.

Mark Ayers, executive chef at the Highlands Inn, will exercise his creative skills — and kitchen management talents, with all these chefs working in his domaine — as well.

Among dozens, the wine list will feature Chile's Casa Lapastolle, Kathryn Kennedy Winery in the Santa Cruz Mountains, Heitz Cellars of Napa Valley and Master Sommelier Larry Stone's Sirita.

"Not a bad lineup this year, huh?" Weakley asked.

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Deodeck will represent their New York City establishment, wd-50, and Michel Richard of Citronelle, in Washington, D.C.; Gina DePalma, pastry chef for Mario Batali at Babbo in New York; Michael Ginor, Hudson Valley Foie Gras; Charles Phan of San Francisco's Slanted Door; Daniel Humm, Eleven West Madison in New York City; Susan Spicer, Herbsaint/Bayona in New Orleans; Gary Danko of San Francisco, and Herve Fucho, executive chef of the Four Seasons, Punta Mita,



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Master chocolatiers go to great lengths to showcase their talents at the MF&W. To say their preparations are meticulous would be an understatement.

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Picking and choosing

The MF&W packs in so much, it's impossible to take part of it all.

One of Weakley's favorites is the Feb. 22 opening night celebration, which is particularly popular with locals. Thirteen chefs will prepare and serve small bites out in the open for all to see, and all 60 wineries will pour.

"It's great, because the chefs are right out there in front of you putting food on your plate" he said. "It's a fun night, a great reception and an unbelievable value."

For the oenophile, he also recommends "vertical tastings," which offer rare opportunities to sample scarce wines and discuss them with winemakers and sommeliers. For 2007, Weakley arranged seminars featuring Opus One (the Napa Valley winery known for producing pricey Bordeaux blends); exquisite French white Burgundies, and a "Champagne tasting that's going to be incredible," including the 1976, 1985, 1988 and 1990 vintages of Krug, Dom Pérignon and Veuve Clicquot La Grande Dame.

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Other Weakley favorites are demonstrations hosted by various chefs. There, they inform, entertain and tempt the palates of audience members — who don't get to taste but will leave with a new cookbook and valuable tricks of the trade. Weakley said he's still scheduling appearances.

Where the stars shine

The lunches and dinners are the true stages at the MF&W, with chefs assigned particular courses and matched with specific wines.

"When you get an opportunity to have five or six of the world's top chefs cook a meal, and they're all trying to outdo each other, it's amazing," Weakley said. "And dinner at any one of their restaurants would run you an astronomical amount, especially with wine pairings."

To help the chefs prepare, Weakley sends each a bottle of the wine that will accompany their dish, and they begin forwarding their menus in early December so he can ensure there are no duplications.

"We don't want any fights in the kitchen because two chefs have the same food item," he said.

It takes about seven weeks to locate and order all the ingredients, many of which are obscure and hard to find. "Sometimes we think it's a little game the chefs play with us," he said.

Supplies begin arriving the Monday before the event, and to shed a little light on the scale of the Masters of Food & Wine, Weakley said, "We go through

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25 pounds of truffles a year, at about \$900 a pound, so we can't even find just one distributor who can accommodate the amount truffles we need."

One Masters offering is solely for the few who aren't put off by the words, "astronomical amount," when planning a night's outing.

At \$5,000 per plate, the Rarities Dinner is intimate and exclusive, with the culinary stars pulling out all the stops to wow a small group of fortunate guests. Mind-blowing wines — some worth as much as a new car — accompany each course.

But MF&W events are priced to accommodate almost any gift-giver's budget, running from \$100 to \$5,000. They will go on sale around Dec. 1, according to Weakley. Visit www.mfandw.com.

■ Truffle is your middle name

For anyone enticed by the aroma and taste of truffles — the sort rooted out by pigs and dogs in Italy and France, not those created by chocolatiers — Cal Stamenov, executive chef at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley, will offer his 10th annual Truffle Dinner Friday, Dec. 8.

The chef first put a whole black truffle in his mouth — a very expensive bite — while working for famed chef Jan Louis Palladin, whose restaurant in Washington D.C.'s Watergate Hotel offered what was likely the most expen-

sive menu in the country in the early 1980s. His truffle-themed dinners cost \$110 per person.

"It's definitely an acquired taste. The first time, it tasted like dirt," Stamenov said. "But over the years, it takes over part of your brain, and you can smell truffle anywhere. The brain picks it up and desires it more and more."

That can be an expensive addiction, and anyone so afflicted would be in seventh heaven at Stamenov's six-course Truffle Dinner, which this year will include guest chef Nancy Oakes of Boulevard Restaurant in San Francisco. Mark Jensen will select the wines, and new pastry chef Ben Spungin will prepare the desserts.

"Last year, we had two guest chefs, and that got a little crazy," Stamenov



Gray Goose truffle-infused martinis are one of the goodies served at the Bernardus Lodge Truffle Dinner.

said, with three people "running around trying to outdo each other for only 40 people."

The evening will begin, as is tradition, with fine champagne and the chef's signature Black Truffle Infused Grey Goose Martini. "We always seem to have about a cup left from the year before," which is added to new Vodka, along with frozen and fresh truffles that macerate, imparting their flavor.

Stamenov adds new flair to traditional, sophisticated fare to keep his Truffle Dinner guests, many of whom return annually, captivated.

"We try to shake it up," he said. "We always try something different."

Last year's menu included white truffle fondue, which prompted guests to get "a little more interactive," while it also featured the must-have classical risotto with truffle shaved tableside.

"There are a lot of smells going on," he said. "We try to maintain that."

To illustrate, Stamenov provided past menus that listed bluefin tuna seared sashimi with black truffle-foie gras crostini, grilled squab over black truffle cassoulet, lamb rib-eye with celery root fondant and black truffle mirror sauce,

and dover sole with truffle-leek emulsion.

Final courses have arrived in the form of black truffle panna cotta with sweet truffle chips, quince-black truffle pâte de fruit, white truffle Madeleines and truffle roasted apple with hazelnut cake and black truffle ice cream.

"We generally buy three to five pounds of black truffles and four pounds of white truffles," Stamenov said, from France and Italy. "I personally prefer black truffles, because they build their flavor when you cook with them. White are generally more delicately flavored, and you have to shave them over everything. I just like the bolder flavor of the black."

Jensen selects traditional wines, such as Riesling, French Bordeaux and Italian offerings, but he also searches out some unusual offerings. "He tries to use wines from around the world," Stamenov said.

Tickets to the 10th annual Truffle Dinner — possibly the last of its kind — are \$500.

"Next year we will just change the

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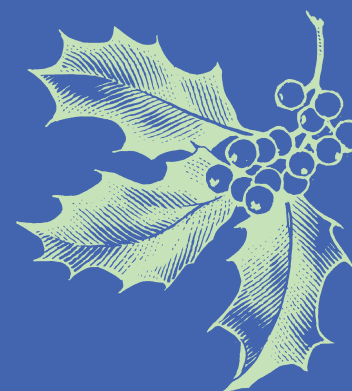
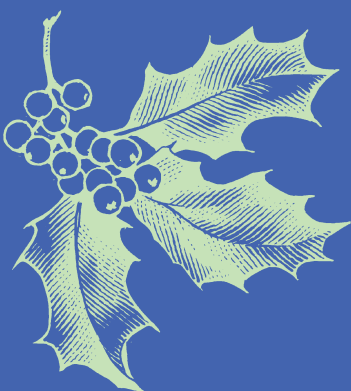
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whole concept, because after 10 years, you have to do something different," Stamenov said. "This will be the grand finale."

But that's not all on offer at Bernardus that weekend, Stamenov pointed out. The annual Chocolates and Desserts Cooking Demo is set for 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

"This year I'm making up for last year," Stamenov said, which reportedly wasn't indulgent enough.

"When someone complains there isn't enough chocolate at a chocolate demo, you have to do something," he said. Fortunately, "We have a new pastry chef who's Mr. Chocolate."

Pastry chef Spungin will run the show, with Stamenov stepping in now and then "to make sure there's enough chocolate for everyone." The demonstration will feature different chocolates from around the world, as well as cookie, cake and candy recipes. Coffee and red wine — two wonderful accompaniments to chocolate — will be served.

"I want everyone to go home with a stomach ache," Stamenov said.

Tickets for the chocolate event are \$40, including tax and tip.

Call (831)658-3550 for reservations for the Truffle Dinner or the Chocolates and Desserts Cooking Demo. Bernardus Lodge is located at 415 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley.

■ Home away from home


Anyone desiring to give the gift of culinary adventure without a hefty price should consider joining Brazilian-born, classically trained chef Gabriela Forte's Gourmet Club. Each month, Forte slaves away in the kitchen of her Pacific Grove house to provide beautiful, elaborate, delicious dinners for strangers and friends.

Considering Forte cooks for sheer enjoyment, not for profit, her dinners are a remarkable bargain. The \$50 per person price pays for the food and wine at the multi-course meals she prepares for about 20 guests, many of whom don't know each other at the start of the night but are fast friends by the end.

Forte started her club after she and her husband, Carlos, moved to the Peninsula eight years ago and immediately began inviting people over for dinner. After six years of hosting the lavish affairs almost weekly, and meeting more people every time, they realized their penchant for entertaining was depleting their bank account.


A friend began sharing the costs, but that wasn't fair to him, and so began the nominal fee for Forte's feasts, which feature locally grown produce, choice meats and specially selected wines. She offers monthly Bistros (her most creative, and therefore her favorite to prepare), "Around the World with Food" events that feature cuisine from a select

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Heirloom teddy bears take over the Barnyard

IT'S THAT fuzzy time of year again! Colored lights go up, temperatures go down (a bit), and the Barnyard Shopping Village at the mouth of Carmel Valley welcomes the Alzheimer's Association Annual Holiday Teddy Bear Boutique.

The boutique's handcrafted teddy bears, on sale from Nov. 24 to Dec. 17, are made from heirloom furs that have been donated to the Alzheimer's Association and transformed into one-of-a-kind teddy bears by artists from Carmel Valley and Homer, Alaska. The bears come in a variety of sizes and prices, ranging from approximately \$150 to \$400. All proceeds support Alzheimer's Association programs and services in Monterey County.

The Holiday Teddy Bear Boutique will be located in the Santa Cruz Barn next to Atmospheres, and open during the following days and times:

Nov. 24 — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Nov. 25 — noon to 6 p.m.
 Nov. 26 — noon to 4 p.m.
 Nov. 29 — noon to 4 p.m.
 Dec. 2 — noon to 6 p.m.
 Dec. 5 — noon to 6 p.m.
 Dec. 9 — noon to 6 p.m.
 Dec. 10 — noon to 4 p.m.
 Dec. 12 — noon to 6 p.m.
 Dec. 16 — noon to 6 p.m.
 Dec. 17 — noon to 4 p.m.

The Alzheimer's Association's mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.



A example of one of the custom teddy bears available to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

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region, and a weekly soup club called "Heaven on a Ladle."

As leader of the Carmel chapter of SLOW Food — a movement started in Italy to preserve biodiversity, heirloom varieties and culinary traditions — she also presents a few fundraisers a year.

For past menus and more information, visit Forte's website at www.gabrielasfeast.com. Dinners are by invitation only, but to receive one, simply join the guest list. Gift certificates are also available.

Twinkle time rules in Carmel

DOWNTOWN SHOP owners are allowed to adorn their windows, doors, arches and trees with festive lights for seven weeks each year.

That's when the Carmel Municipal Code Grinch steps aside, allowing a temporary reprieve from the usual no-lights rule — provided people stick to a few simple rules:

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

■ "Lights must be hung in a manner that will not damage a tree or other public property. Nothing

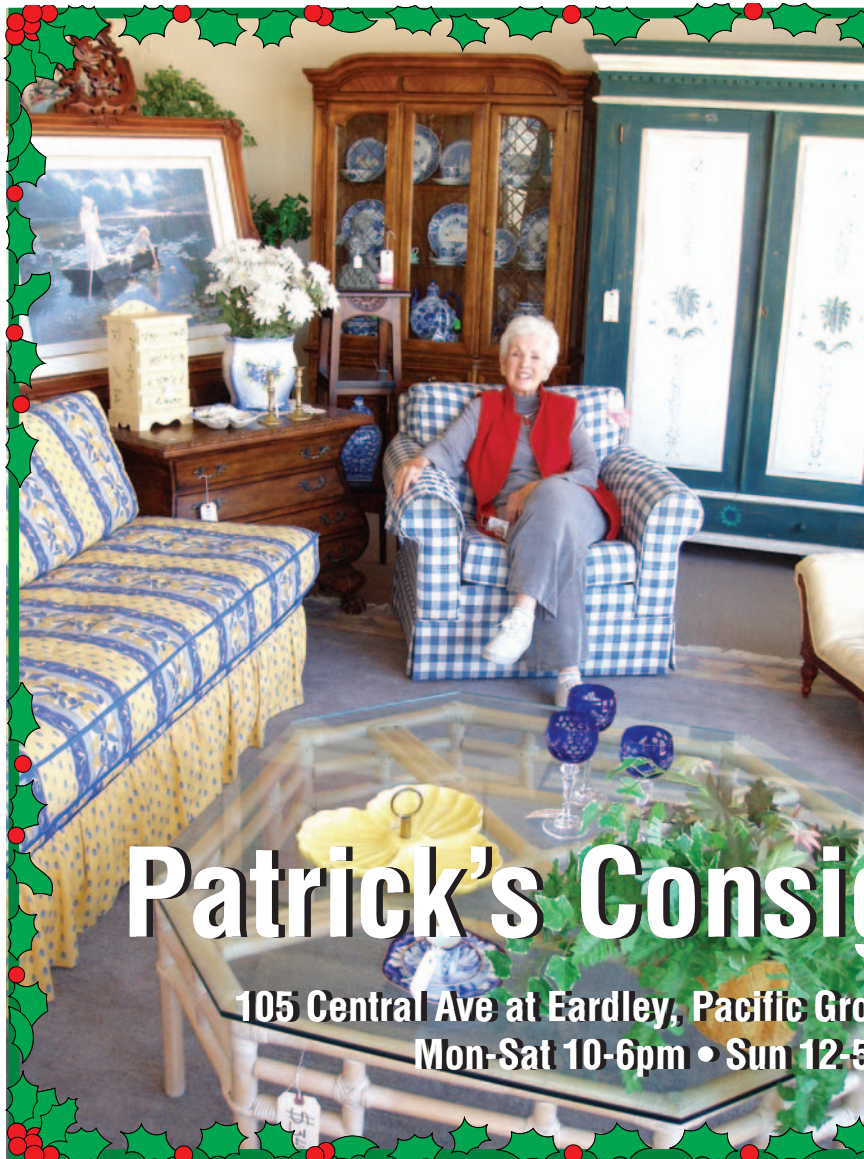
that will cause holes in trees — such as nails, push-pins or staples — may be used."

■ "Lights shall be removed if, in opinion of the forest, parks and beach director, they are damaging a tree." (Due to budget cuts, Carmel no longer has a forest, parks and beach director, but city forester Mike Branson has the responsibility of enforcing the Holiday Lights policy.)

■ "Tracer or flashing lights are not permitted."

■ "Only lights may be installed on public trees."

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The lawn in front of Colton Hall, Pacific Street at Madison, will be the site of the celebration that begins at 6:30 p.m. when celebrants will join the new mayor, Chuck Della Sala, and Santa Claus in an evening of carols, entertainment and refreshments.

In addition, the Old Monterey Business Association's "Old Monterey Market Place" will be held each Tuesday in December on Alvarado Street. Starting Saturday, Dec. 9, and continuing Dec. 16 and 23, Santa will be on hand and free horse drawn wagon rides through the streets of Monterey will be offered to the public.

"Artists' Miniatures 2006" will be on display at the Monterey Museum of Art, 559 Pacific Street, Monterey, through December 31. Supported by donations from area artists, this popular fundraiser is an exciting opportunity to win a fine work of art. The works of art will be given away in a prize drawing held in January 2007. Visitors may also shop for gifts in the Museum Store. The show will be free to the public Dec. 21.

The Old Monterey Preservation Society's "Christmas in the Adobes," will be held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and 9.

The Monterey History and Art Association's Casa Serrano and the Maritime Museum will be open as part of Christmas in the Adobes Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and 9.

Monterey's lighted boat parade, "Brighten the Harbor," will take place Sunday, Dec. 10, at 5 p.m.

The North Fremont Business Association's "Monterey on Ice" at the Monterey County Fairgrounds begins Thanksgiving weekend and continues through New Years Day. A 60' x 100' temporary professional ice rink at the Pattee Arena will be open to skaters of all levels. Free admission for non-skating spectators.

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Life is Sweet for Former Carmel Middle School student

By HILARY HANLON

BORN WITH an innovative spirit in 1966, Scott Lund grew up in various parts of California but it was the time he spent living in Carmel in 1979 and attending Carmel Middle School that inspired his desire to someday return to the Monterey Peninsula.

Among Scott Lund's other favorite childhood memories are the times he spent alongside Grandmother Lula Lund making chocolates for her candy company in Salt Lake City, Utah. Scott recalls rich moments watching her while she devotedly mixed chocolates, creams and sugars. After graduating college, Scott's career path included time working for Shell Oil in Houston Texas as a financial analyst and later in Salt Lake running several coin laundry businesses. These were both exciting and profitable endeavors, but soon he would embark on a career that drew upon both his entrepreneurial enthusiasm and his heartstrings.

When Grandma Lula's age prevented her from the continuing her robust candy business, she cut back on production and made chocolates exclusively for family and friends. Supportive of her efforts, Scott applied himself to learning the candy-making techniques behind her success. In time, his kitchen prowess was considerable. "What began as a fun hobby became my focused interest," says Lund.

When Lula passed away just before her 100th birthday, Scott and his wife, Jennifer commemorated her spirit of giving by picking up where she left off: making her famous chocolates for all of their family and friends. This gesture

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Following in the sweet footsteps of his beloved grandmother, a candy maker for many years in Salt Lake, Scott Lund has opened a factory at Ryan Ranch and plans to open Lula's' Chocolates in downtown Carmel next fall.

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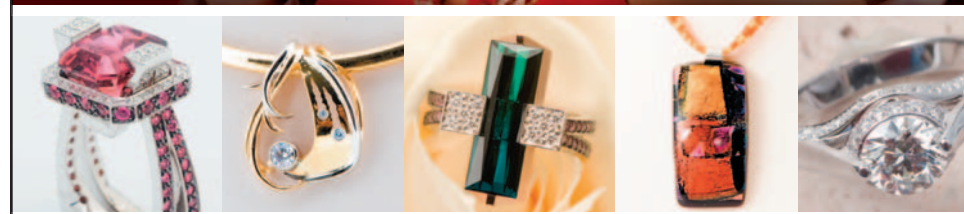
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CHOCOLATES

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resulted in an outpouring of requests from the recipients to buy more of the delicious chocolates. Word spread about the specialty candy and in 2002 Scott was invited by Utah's governor to make chocolates for the Governor's parties for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympics.

With close college friend, Aaron Davidson, (also a big fan of the candy), as his business partner, Scott's vision of "Lula's Chocolates," a purveyor of specialty chocolates, has now been fulfilled. And so has his desire to return to the Monterey Peninsula. Last month, Scott opened a brand-new candy factory located at Ryan Ranch. Next year, a flagship store will open

on Ocean Avenue in Carmel, followed by a string of stores along the coast of California.

When asked how life is, Scott answers with a resounding, "Sweet!"



The hands of a man hard at work: Chocolatier Scott Lund prepares treats just like the ones he plans to sell at shops named for his grandmother.

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

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



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Getting acquainted with the 'new' Carmel Plaza

By CHARYN PFEUFFER

THE CLOSING of Saks Fifth Avenue in January 2004 was a major blow. But since then, Carmel Plaza has experienced a rebirth and is once again fiercely holding its own in a neighborhood of shops and bistros that cater to a stiletto-heeled clientele.

Extensively remodeled in a traditional Carmel style and filled to the brim with new boutiques and familiar re-fueling options (The Cheese Shop, Flying

Fish Grill, Patisserie Boissiere, etc.), the three-level, open-air shopping center offers plenty of haute couture along with affordable gifts for everyone on your holiday list.

Kudos are in order for marketing manager Ryan Williams, who has done wonders to breathe life into the revamped, 40-luxury-store-and-restaurant destination located just eight blocks from Carmel Beach.

Williams spearheaded the plaza's

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Just in time for the holidays, the extensively remodeled Carmel Plaza has added plenty of new stores and stocked lots of unusual merchandise. At Sur La Table, you can add an Advent House (left) to your family heirlooms. Mackie's Parlour has a big selection of winter outfits for your best friend (right).

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recent, glitzy grand re-opening celebration which attracted 400 local VIPs and raised more than \$51,000 for the Carmel Youth Center and the Boys & Girls Club of Monterey County. With convenient parking, extended holiday shopping hours, festive music and decorations, Carmel Plaza makes one-stop holiday shopping a breeze.

This year, for the indecisive — or those who prefer one-size-fits-all shopping — Carmel Plaza is offering a Visa gift card in \$20-\$500 denominations. Accepted wherever Visa is, the cute, logoed card is ready-to-gift in a tiny silver shopping bag.

Another amenity that sets Carmel Plaza apart is its Concierge Center, where your every whim is manager Beth Culbertson's command. Swing by the center to score lunch and dinner reservations (not to mention some spot-on recommendations), or a bottle of water to quench your spending-induced thirst. Overloaded with shopping bags? No problem. Stash them with the trusty concierge gals. Staying locally? They can have your purchases delivered to your hotel. Need a wheelchair? They've got a spare one ready at your service. If the threat of raindrops threatens your coif, complementary umbrellas are available for borrowing. In fact, from gift suggestions to personal shopping services and the low-down on all things local, the concierge center is your go-to source for taking the stress out of holiday shopping. "We do it all, baby!" said Culbertson. "We just don't do windows."

Holiday shopping can be a daunting task. But if

you've succumbed to the lure of online buying in recent years, you've probably discovered that the convenience of the internet is outweighed by the lack of personal attention and hands-on knowledge of what you're buying, not to mention the inability to be surprised or try things on.

So if you want it all without risking identity theft on the www or driving all over tarnation, here are six Carmel Plaza retailers that should help you make headway on your gift list.

■ **Anthropologie**

At this oasis of pretty, feminine clothes, whimsical and creative visual displays are at least as good as what you'd expect in Manhattan department store windows. Anthropologie is owned by Philadelphia-based Urban Outfitters Inc. While Urban's namesake chain is for teens and hipster twenty-somethings who want to look like they shop at garage sales, Anthropologie is for women (age 30-45, according to company literature) who want to look as if they shop at French flea markets. Fashionistas come in droves to fondle Anthropologie's appliquéd skirts, peplum jackets and pin-tucked blouses, to peruse its pretty coffee table books, and to imagine uses for its vats of wrought-iron hooks and glass drawer pulls.

From one-of-a-kind "found" home decor items to vintage baubles and all sorts of unique tsotchkes, you can find something (in all price ranges) for pretty much everyone on your holiday list. Gift wrapping services are available.

What's hot: iSongbook (a made-for-Anthropologie, multicolored, flower-patterned iPod-

compatible docking station that boasts, among other things, an AM/FM tuner, sleep alarm and detachable speakers), oodles of holiday decorations and ornaments, mushroom-themed pillows, paintings and accent pieces, hand-blown glass sets, incredibly comfy sweaters and silk kimonos.

■ **Cos Bar**

The ultimate boutique and prestige beauty shop for high-end beauty addicts, Cos Bar carries luxury brands such as Frederic Fekkai, Acqua di Parma, La Prairie, Bliss, Bobbi Brown and Laura Mercier; ultra-chic lines such as Nars, Darphin, Sisley, Crème de La Mer and Clé de Peau, and fragrances such as Michael Kors, Marc Jacobs, Angel and Quelques Fleurs. Offering only the best-of-the-best in skincare, makeup and fragrance, Cos Bar cosmetics boutique is a landmark destination for the most discerning beauty buff. Complimentary gift wrapping is available.

And if you want put your most glam face forward on this season's social circuit, makeovers are available for \$50 and up.

What's hot: Clé de Peau gift sets (the high-end skincare and makeup line by Japanese manufacturer Shiseido), Best of Bliss (the greatest hits of grooming from the NYC cult spa), Laura Mercier Crème Brulee Sugar Scrub, Lip Fusion's lip plumping pink-hued gloss trio, Acca Kappa soap sets, items from Kanebo, plus fragrances that pay homage to New York City from French perfumer Bond No. 9.

■ **J. Crew by-the-Sea**

After a never-ending wait, J. Crew by-the-Sea set up



Top-of-the-line makeup in nearly every shade is available at Cos Bar (left); likewise the fine sweaters at Wilkes Bashford (above). At Anthropologie (below), the colors in the holiday displays are a bit more muted, but the merchandise has plenty of attitude!



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shop at the Plaza. The new store boasts the very best of J. Crew's Women's and Men's collections, including a selection of luxurious cashmere, Italian-made shoes and bags, and signature broken-in chinos.

Modeled after J. Crew's super-successful beach store in East Hampton, N.Y., J. Crew by-the-Sea also offers special services exclusively for the Carmel area, including a Pebble Beach Survival Kit (a customized tote bag with the best weekend essentials), Lost Luggage Service (they'll help replace lost or forgotten items and have them delivered right to your hotel), and Private Shopping Appointments (customers can make appointments for one-on-one shopping during the day or after hours).

What's hot: Clutch handbags, hats, gloves and scarves, little black party dresses, hair accessories and headbands, weekender bags, newsboy hats, Italian and

English silk ties, tie belts, pea coats and the ever-favorite stocking-stuffer-patterned boxers for him.

■ Mackie's Parlor, A Pet Boutique

Whatever happened to giving a dog a bone? As Americans increasingly treat their 165 million pets as members of the family, Fido and Fluffy are becoming part of their owners' Christmas lists in a big way. About 37 percent of cat owners and 55 percent of dog owners buy Christmas gifts for their pets, according to the most recent data from the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association. Mackie's Parlor is pretty much the equivalent of Wilkes Bashford for the pampered pet — upscale, over-the-top doggie and kitty couture, accessories and treats.

What's hot: Locally made, all-natural dog treats, Santa suits and snowman sweaters, custom hand-painted ornaments, rhinestone-studded leather retractable leash covers, Swarovski crystal collars, canine couture, and custom pawprint ornament kits.

■ Sur La Table

The Seattle-based retailer of cupcake pans, rolling pins and general kitchen gadgets is one of the area's greatest places to find kitchen supplies and is a nirvana for home chefs. It stocks lots of nifty, must-have items you won't find at bigger chains. Sur La Table also offers a wonderful knife-sharpening service — the perfect prep for your equipment for holiday meal making.

What's hot: Shun knives, Wine Enthusiast silent wine refrigerator, Capresso coffee makers, Riedel wine glasses (always a sure bet), VitaMix blender, engraved wine coolers.

■ Wilkes Bashford

Wilkes Bashford has the feel of a high-end boutique but has a selection as good as, if not better than, the most elite, major department store.

Since 1966, this San Francisco-based retailer — hailed by Esquire magazine as the "Most Important Men's Fashion Specialist in the Country" — has been

the platinum standard in men's clothing. Most of the store's fashions come from Italy and France; they include women's designer sportswear and couture and men's Kiton and Brioni suits (at \$2,500 and up, they're considered the most expensive suits in the world).

Located in the former Saks space on Ocean Avenue, the 10,000-square-foot candy store for couture fiends in the old Saks Fifth Avenue space is the perfect place to shop when money is no object and only the best will do. With a fully stocked bar, seamless service and signature, beyond-fabulous wrapping services, you may not want to leave.

What's hot: Exotic handbags, classic cashmere sweaters for men, Lora Piano waterproof cashmere coats for him (perfect for walking your dog on the beach), fur-trimmed opera stoles for her, crystal votives by McCoy Designs, Pratesi cashmere throws, products from Kiehl's and La Mer.

■ Yves Delorme

Synonymous with resplendent bedding, Yves Delorme, a French-based maker of fine linens, is stocked with gorgeous goodies and imported bed linens of extraordinary quality. Yves Delorme is a 160-year-old French company specializing in luxury bedding, towels, tablecloths, lingerie, robes, toiletries, and home accessories. We spend lots of time and money choosing what to wear — it shouldn't be any different with our beds. After all, the average person spends a third of their life sleeping! Quality sheets and designer bedding from Yves Delorme can turn any boring bedroom into a bedazzling boudoir. Complimentary gift wrapping is available.

What's hot: Roger & Gallet soaps, signature Triple Milled scented soap sets, plush robes, nightgowns, mohair and cashmere throws, linens from the Sospiro line (a festive persimmon shade), linens from the Crystal line.

Carmel Plaza, Ocean Avenue at Mission Street.
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Yves Delorme specializes in luxury bath products and linens, including for baby's bed (above).



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