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## Helicopter rescue after fall from cliffside stairs

A CALIFORNIA Shock Trauma Air Rescue helicopter landed near Point Lobos Friday to transport a severely injured construction worker to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center after he fell 60 feet while working at a residence on Spindrift Drive.

Responding to a 911 call, firefighters from Cal Fire's Carmel Highlands station and medics with Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance located the victim at the base of a steep stairway accessing the coastal cliffs where a retaining wall is under construction.

Faced with a difficult extrication and a patient needing immediate attention, rescuers lowered a Stokes litter down the system used to carry construction materials, according to a Highlands fire captain, while the ambulance crew and firefighters stabilized the patient below. They used the same system to lift him to the road.

CALSTAR's prompt arrival at the landing zone enabled



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flight nurses to be brought to the accident scene. They helped administer lifesaving care while the patient was transported by ambulance to the waiting helicopter.

Fire engines from Rio Road and Carmel Hill stations and Carmel police also responded and assisted.

## Ventana Inn fire destroys four rooms

### ■ Maintenance man hospitalized

By CHRIS COUNTS

A FIRE swept through a row of six units at the upscale Ventana Inn and Spa in Big Sur Wednesday evening, causing extensive damage and sending one employee to the hospital.

"Four units looked like a total loss," reported Martha Karstens, assistant chief of the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade.

The fire broke out just before 5 p.m. When the first volunteer firefighter arrived on scene about 10 minutes later, Ventana employees were already fighting the blaze.

"Ventana did a great job" containing the fire, Karstens said. "They already had water on the fire when we got there. They knew what they were doing."

Between 30 and 35 firefighting personnel — representing the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade, the Mid-Coast Volunteer Fire Brigade, Cal Fire (formerly the California Department of Forestry) and the Salinas Rural Fire District — responded to the incident. The fire was extinguished before midnight, Karstens said.

Bob Taylor, a chief with Cal Fire, praised the hard work of

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## On the road to Hangzhou, Shanghai and Beijing

By MARY BROWNFIELD

ONE IS going to find her roots. Another wants to see how teachers teach. A third is curious about the food business, and a fourth about religious faith in a communist country. A fifth wondered how anyone would not want to learn firsthand about such a rapidly emerging superpower, and a sixth wants to find "the real China." But practically everyone participating in the upcoming Carmel Chamber of Commerce-organized business leaders' trip to China mentioned one thing: the unbeatable price.

For \$1,399 per person (including this reporter), they will be flown

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## LAWSUIT OVER FAILED STORM DRAIN HEADING TO COURT

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A CARMEL resident's lawsuit over a sink hole that reportedly damaged her home is headed for trial before a jury this summer.

Noel Beutel, whose front yard turned into a gushing stream when the storm drain at Mission Street and 10th Avenue failed during winter storms in 2005, sued the city for property damage and personal injuries after it refused to reimburse her for major repairs to her house. The case had been set for trial in February but was delayed so both sides could gather more information and attempt mediation, according to court documents.

The suit, filed in Monterey County Superior Court in December of that year, alleges the city's design and maintenance of the storm drain were "faulty in that improper materials were used, there was no plan for

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## Mothballed C.V. earth station brought back to life by amateurs

### ■ Volunteer group uses Jamesburg to bounce radio signals off moon

By PAUL MILLER

IF YOU saw Neil Armstrong step onto the surface of the moon, or President Richard Nixon shake hands with Mao Tse Tung in China, or any one of thousands of network TV reports from the Vietnam War, or if you made an international phone call in the 1970s, 1980s or 1990s to almost any country in the South Pacific or Asia, you have a giant antenna in Carmel Valley to thank.

From 1968 to 2002, Jamesburg earth station, located on a remote hilltop in Cachagua, was a critical link in the nation's television and telephone networks. Complete with a hardened, 20,000 square-foot bunker, it was also used for military communications and was considered a military target during the Cold War.

But five years ago, the 97-foot dish was abruptly shut down after being rendered obsolete by digital and fibre-optic technology. Its owner, AT&T, put Jamesburg and 160 surrounding acres on the market in 2003 for \$2 million.

A Silicon Valley real estate investor, Jeff Bullis, bought the earth station — reportedly with plans to demolish it and subdivide the land for upscale homes.

But an October 2003 article in The Pine

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It was decommissioned in 2002 and for five years was little more than a giant birdbath. But what had been one of the country's most important communications centers, the Jamesburg earth station, was fired up again two weeks ago by a group of ham radio operators.

# Board takes Comstock house off mandatory preservation list

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A CALIFORNIA Ranch-style house designed by Hugh Comstock in 1937 and altered in 1957, 1983 and 1988 is "very lovely," but not historic, the Carmel Historic Resources Board unanimously decided Monday.

Scott Workman, whose Workman Bros. Development Co. owns the house on Casanova Street between Seventh and Eighth avenues, appealed the city's historic designation of the home and requested it be removed from the list of build-

ings that must be preserved. In a Jan. 16 letter to the board, he argued the house was significantly altered, and he objected to the historical study's suggestion the 1957 alterations by Comstock Associates would have had Hugh Comstock's blessings.

Considering the designer died in 1950, Workman wrote, the report "makes a quantum leap of faith in asserting that Hugh Comstock from his grave would have heartily endorsed this remodel."

Senior planner Sean Conroy supported removing the house from the inventory because the alterations made 50 years ago included enclosing the front porch, a character-defining feature of Ranch-style homes. He also said many of the windows were replaced, the kitchen and living room were expanded at the rear of the house, and a skylight was installed over the kitchen.

According to Conroy, one other Ranch-style home designed by Comstock remains on the list, and that building is a better example of the style and architect's work than Workman's.

HRB member Julie Wendt told the owner, "It's a very lovely house," but she said enclosing the porch irreparably damaged its historical significance.



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Because it has been extensively remodeled, this Comstock California Ranch-style home on Casanova is not historic, a city board decided this week.

"That alteration was substantial enough to hurt the historical integrity of the building," concurred chairman Erik Dyar. "It's too bad there are so few of these historic Comstock Ranch-style buildings on the inventory."

Furthermore, the city council overturned the board's historic designation of another Ranch-style house designed by Comstock that was more intact than Workman's, Dyar said. "The one overturned on appeal — this has nowhere near the integrity of that."

The board, including newly sworn member Don Wiese, unanimously voted to remove the house from the list. HRB member Elinor Laiolo was absent.

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# Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

## The bread box is just a bread box

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

### FRIDAY, MARCH 9

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine responded to a residential fire alarm activation on Lincoln at 11th. An audible alarm was sounding but nothing was discovered. Firefighters discov-

ered a water flow alarm sounding due possibly to a surge in the system. The residence was locked up and all windows were covered, so it was impossible to see any possible activity occurring in the residence. After about 15 minutes, the audible alarm stopped, but the system still showed that the alarm was active. Primary and secondary searches were conducted and no apparent problem existed with the limited access that existed. A responsible party was requested to contact fire personnel but none responded. At this point nothing more could be done so the engine returned to the station.

**Carmel Valley:** Three vehicles in the Lower Circle area of Carmel Valley Village reported entered and property taken, like wallet with credit cards, cell phone, money, checks. Some unrelated discarded property recovered in the area of California drivers license for man in Glendale, possibly dropped by suspects.

**Carmel Valley:** Blue Specialized brand Hardrock model 21-speed mountain bike found discarded in front of the residence on Los Helechos Road.

**Carmel Valley:** Theft of purse, wine and wine carrier from an unlocked vehicle that occurred overnight on Los Helechos Road.

**Carmel Valley:** Theft of Apple laptop and wallet from unlocked vehicles overnight on Aliso Road.

**Carmel Valley:** Victim on Los Helechos Road called to report her vehicle had been entered during the night and items stolen.

**Carmel area:** Resident reported her ex-boyfriend battered her and stole her vehicle.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 10

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Unlicensed juvenile driver. The driver failed to stop for a posted stop sign at Ocean and junipero. The driver was

an unlicensed juvenile. Driver cited and transported to the station for parental pickup. Vehicle parked and secured at scene.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen found a dog unattended at Vista Lobos and brought him to the police department. Shortly after, the owner of the dog came to the station, and the dog was returned. The dog owner was staying at a hotel nearby where a door was left open and the dog escaped. Information and warning given.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found cat on Lincoln Street. A citizen reported a cat hanging around the house for two weeks. The first week, a blue collar was seen on the cat. The second week, the cat was not wearing the collar and appeared very hungry. An area check was made, and the owner was located. The cat had escaped from the house and was missing for two weeks. The cat was returned to the owner at the finder's home.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Suspicious circumstances on Camino Real. Subject reported that someone opened his door while he was sleeping at the hotel. No property was damaged or stolen.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen reported two

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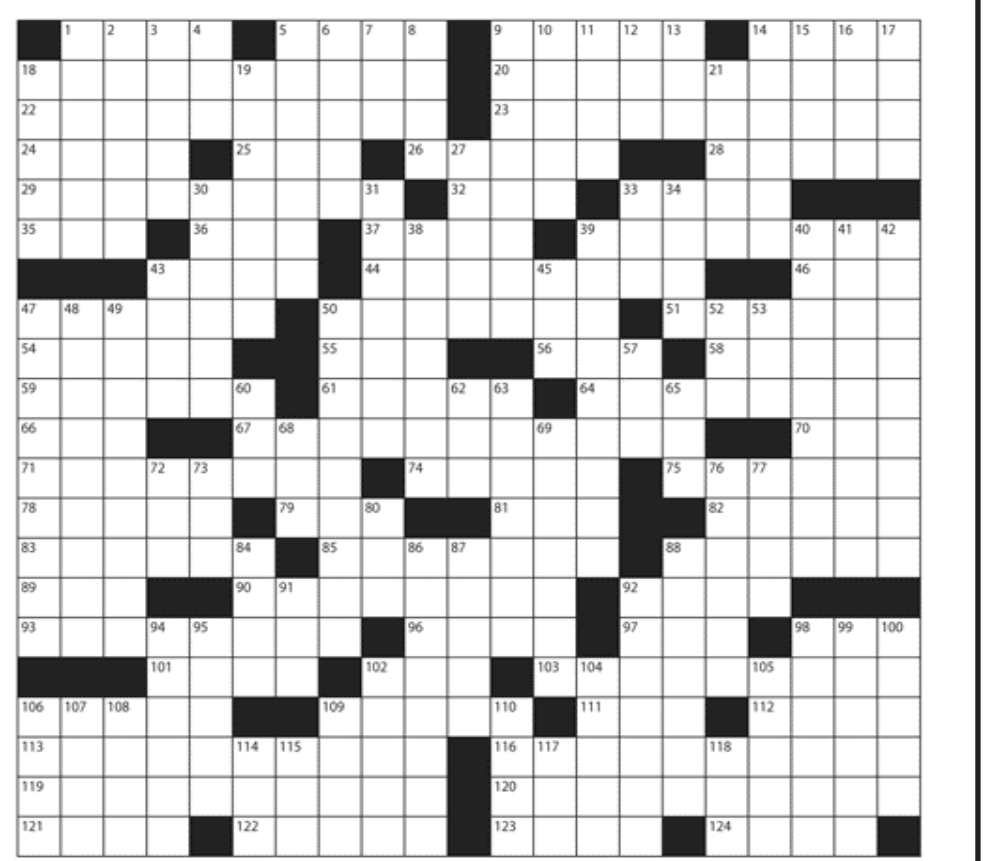
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# Cop with an eye for the bad guys named Officer of the Year

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WITH A talent for catching criminals, Chris Johnson was named Carmel Police Department Officer of the Year and honored by the city council last week. Johnson, who joined the department in February 1999, received similar recognition by his fellow officers in 2004.

"Our staff gathered and had a discussion, and ultimately selected Officer Johnson as officer of the year," police chief George Rawson told the council March 13. "If you need a guy to find a burglar, this is the guy. We have many staff who are top notch, but we have received many comments from the community in terms of Chris' ability to solve problems."

After the council meeting, during which Johnson received a resolution of appreciation and thanked the city and the chief for their support, Rawson told The Pine Cone Johnson had "a fantastic year in terms of identifying and apprehending criminal suspects."

"A lot of that was facilitated by a number of other officers," the chief added. "It's not a one-person show here. I want to stress that."

But Johnson played a key role, and his coworkers acknowledged that by naming him CPD Officer of the Year. The chief did not participate in the selection process.

Sgt. John Nyunt recalled several of his successful cases. Last March, Johnson responded to a burglar alarm at a home under construction and saw a car pull up and then drive away. Suspicious, he followed it to Rio Road, where he pulled the driver over and discovered he and his passenger were covered with plaster dust. Though they initially claimed to be dirty from changing a tire, Johnson pointed out the Mitsubishi's tires were new, and the men eventually admitted breaking into the house, which explained the plaster dust. At the time of the arrest, Sgt. Mike Calhoun praised Johnson's observational skills and his success in convincing the suspects, both of whom were on probation for prior offenses, to confess.

In August, Johnson helped arrest two men who appeared to be cruising town searching for homes to burglarize. Rawson, driving an unmarked car, noticed the suspicious truck and summoned Johnson to stop it. When one of the men fought arrest, Johnson had to use a Taser to subdue him, and a search warrant served later at the man's Las Lomas mobile home led to the discovery of stolen property.



PHOTO/COURTESY CPD

Carmel officer Chris Johnson, known for his sixth sense when it comes to rooting out suspects, has the admiration of his peers, who named him the department's Officer of the Year.

In October, during an extensive search that led to the arrest of three teenage suspects from Marina, Johnson stopped a white Honda matching the description of one allegedly involved in a burglary. While talking to the driver, who was eventually arrested, Johnson identified the third suspect, who was still at large and hiding, by noticing the name appearing on the driver's ringing cell phone. The caller was trying to figure out how to get home.

Nyunt also recalled a case in which Johnson successfully linked a stolen car to a suspect casing the business district, and another in which he arrested a prowler in town who was busted days later burglarizing a home in Salinas.

"He's sniffed out a lot of burglars," Nyunt said. "And two years ago, he was the guy getting all the stolen cars."

During 2006, Johnson made about a quarter of the department's roughly 120 arrests and topped the list for nabbing DUI suspects, according to Nyunt.

"And even though he arrests a lot of people, he communicates really well with them and is able to calm people down," he said.

Nyunt described Johnson as "a very well rounded officer," who also aids in the staff's training, technology and understanding of the latest case law.

Rawson said he fulfills Carmel P.D.'s community-oriented mission.

"Our job is to identify and put a stop to criminal behavior in our community, and next is community service, treating the public with respect and professionalism. Those go hands in hand," Rawson said. "And Chris has done a good job in applying his skills, expertise and local knowledge of where there might be a propensity for criminal activity in our community."

In addition, Johnson has been "instrumental in helping new officers understand the technical aspects of their work and getting involved in more of the community policing aspects" of the job.



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# CITY BUSINESS PLAN ENVISIONS TRENDY, SOUPED-UP IMAGE

By MARY BROWNFIELD

**M**AKING CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA hip, hosting street festivals, upgrading hotels, streamlining permit processes and making downtown prettier would help bring in more cash, according to an "economic revitalization" report presented to the city council last week.

Monterey marketer Jeff Burghardt — a member of the city's economic revitalization team with councilwoman Paula Hazdovac, city administrator Rich Guillen, city clerk Heidi Burch, city community services manager Christie Miller, La Playa Hotel general manager Tom Glidden and Carmel Plaza property manager Tod Strain — said the group's recommendations include short- and long-term goals for "a citywide business plan to help Carmel's economy thrive."

At the March 13 council meeting, Guillen said the report summarized the team's brainstorming sessions and would be refined into a plan following a presentation to the chamber's economic development committee and a city council workshop during which the public could comment.

"Think of it as similar to running a world-class resort," Burghardt explained the plan's mission to the council. "It's critical to uphold this unique up-market position and behave like a world-class resort."

### Long to-do list

To accomplish that, the city should help hotel owners upgrade, uphold national hospitality standards, and woo groups and weddings. Carmel could not only offer design advice for remodel projects, but facilitate financing, and since travelers expect the ease of centralized online and toll-free room reservations, "playing at that level is where we need to be," Burghardt said.

He talked about identifying the ideal mix of retail stores and working with downtown landlords, as well as enlisting "streetside ambassadors" to help tourists find shops, restaurants and entertainment. While the chamber's visitor center and the concierge at Carmel Plaza help address those ques-

tions, roaming ambassadors would provide information more quickly.

"We need to get foot traffic beyond Ocean Avenue," Burghardt said. "This is running a mall, in a way."

The report advocated finding ways to motivate and inspire all Carmel businesses to improve their levels of service.

"People have expectations," said Burghardt, who suggested a "Best of Carmel" survey could encourage them to compete for good ratings.

On the subject of dining and entertainment, Burghardt said the city's goals should be to improve the quality and diversity of restaurants, boost performing arts attendance, increase nighttime activities and expand events. The report listed offering special packages, "projecting a contemporary image across all marketing," taking a "younger angle" on the city's brand, and "expanding 'house tours' ranging from historical to modern," as means of attracting a wider range of visitors.

City hall should be more business friendly, work to attract and retain retailers, collaborate with the chamber of commerce, and "streamline, reduce or eliminate permit processes," by offering online services "to reduce hassles and staff time."

Burghardt also mentioned the age-old parking shortage, including workers occupying spots and doing the "90-minute shuffle" to avoid tickets rather than parking in all-day spots a few blocks away and walking to work.

More beach cleaning, night lighting, landscape and maintenance, road repair and decorating would improve the city's ambiance. Although Burghardt did not mention it and no one commented on it, the written report in the city council packet also included "hire private landscape contractor," and "move city landscape employees to other duties," among the recommendations. Burghardt pointed to the library garden project financed by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club and the recent renovation of Ocean Avenue's medians, covered by donations from local individuals and businesses, as successful makeover efforts.

Finally, he said creating a world-class brand image for Carmel and improving marketing opportunities would help year-round sales.

### No beach restaurant

No public comment was taken on the presentation, but during the "appearances" section of the meeting, resident Linda Anderson worried about one item in the written report: "Fine dining concession at Del Mar [Carmel] Beach."

"We are known for having a non-commercialized beach," she said. "We should send the message that Carmel's beach is not for sale."

"It was a mistake," Guillen responded. Other committee members had similar negative reactions before the meeting and requested the idea be removed from the list.

After the presentation concluded, Guillen said the council would pick and choose from the ideas to develop a strategic plan, and Hazdovac complimented Burghardt's ability to summarize four meetings' worth of brainstorming into a cohesive presentation.

"You've staked out a wide range of good ideas," councilman Mike Cunningham said. "We can't do even 10 percent of what you staked out."

Instead, decision makers will "cherry pick the best" ideas, he said.

Councilman Ken Talmage asked how the plan would involve the chamber of commerce, and Guillen said its members' comments would be incorporated and presented to the council and the public at a future workshop, likely next month.

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Pebble Beach reads The Pine Cone

# Ft. Ord horse park faces big hurdles but promises great results

By KELLY NIX

A 390-ACRE world-class equestrian facility proposed for the former Fort Ord would not only benefit the national and international horse world but would bring tens of millions of dollars to the Monterey County economy, organizers contend.

The proposed Monterey Horse Park, which would provide local equestrians with a top-notch training facility and host a variety of equestrian events, is located in an area known as Parker Flats.

"It will bring about \$65 million a year to the county," said Steve Chidester, an architect and director of the horse park. "That figure is from a conservative marketing report we had done on the facility."

## Good enough for the Olympics

If organizers can raise the estimated \$26 million to build the park's first phase, expected to come mostly from private sources, it will be much more than a run-of-the-mill horse ranch, according to Chidester.

"The park is intended to be a state-of-the-art horse competition facility for all recognized equestrian events," he said. "This facility is intended to handle anything the world dishes out, including the Olympic games."

While most equestrian centers can only handle particular events, the Monterey Horse Park would accommodate the eight disciplines listed by Fédération Equestre Internationale, the international governing body for equestrian sport.

The park would include a multipurpose indoor arena, sand-based outdoor arena, grass grand prix field, cross coun-

try course, RV park, horse camping area, equestrian museum and 150 miles of trails.

Chidester said organizers envision the facility to be on par to the Kentucky Horse Park, considered to be the finest of its kind in the United States for horse events. The Kentucky facility is hosting the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event next month, a prestigious equestrian competition.

"We intend to do the same thing," he said. "This would be the West Coast version of that."

## A very 'horsey' area

The horse park was originally drawn up as a venue for the 2012 Olympics, which San Francisco unsuccessfully bid for. London will host the 2012 games.

But even without the Olympics, the horse park would be an extraordinary addition to the Peninsula, California and the nation, according to Sarah Clifford, who manages a horse ranch in Carmel Valley and trains cutting horses.

"I think it's exciting because it won't just benefit the horse community," Clifford said. "If they finish it, it should help all the merchants. They are talking about having national and international events, which I think would bring in a lot of revenue for hotels and restaurants."

Clifford said local horse enthusiasts are excited about the possibility of having a world class facility in their backyard and that she hasn't spoken to anybody opposed to the horse park.

"This is a very 'horsey' area," she said. "To compete at the national level, we usually have to go somewhere far away."

But there are a lot of hurdles organizers must overcome, particularly funding. So far, the horse park has only raised about \$700,000, but the fundraising effort is on schedule, according to Anne Cribbs, executive director of the horse park. The price of the second multimillion-dollar phase has yet to be determined, Cribbs said.

"We have a lot of money to raise" Chidester said.

See HORSES page 16A



This graphic shows the proposed 390-acre Monterey Horse Park in Fort Ord that organizers say would be a world-class equestrian facility on par with the Kentucky Horse Park.

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# COUNCIL DECIDES DOGGY REST STOP, FOUNTAIN HAVE GOT TO GO

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE WALKWAY and storm drain installed on city property at the edge of Lincoln Street were done with the planning department's permission. But Nicholas and Nancy Boghosian will have to remove some extras they included: a bench, pavers, spigot, doggie water bowl, stones and row of solar lights.

City building official Tim Meroney discovered the dog walkers' rest stop, installed in front of the Boghosians' home on a steep hill at the north end of town, while conducting his final inspection of the storm drain and walkway. He cited safety concerns in calling for the extra facilities' removal. Hoping the council would disagree, the Boghosians applied for an encroachment permit and signed an agreement freeing Carmel from liability.

Only city councilman Gerard Rose seemed enchanted with the roadside addition.

"They have something more Carmel than Carmel," he said. "This is the first I've seen of something like this. It's a rather clever way to address people who have thirsty pets on the hoof."

### Public benefit?

Councilman Ken Talmage said providing a place for dogs to drink certainly fits Carmel, but "safety is the first principle here." A large dog lapping at the bowl could be hit by a passing car.

To be acceptable under the city code, an encroachment would have to benefit the public, be safe and fit in with community character, according to councilman Mike Cunningham. He said the bench looked more "urban" than he liked, and its location seemed dangerous.

"I'm a hard grader," he said.

The street is narrow, kids use it to walk to Stevenson School, and the city's design guidelines call for naturally landscaped, informal, rough roadsides, according to Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud.

"There's nothing in here that extols development of the public right of way," she said.

Councilwoman Paula Hazdovac said the concept was cute, "but the encroachment area is quite large — it's not a little tiny area."

The Boghosians made no arguments before the council, and only Sarah Berling, McCloud's sister, commented. She said the city should develop standards to be consistent in what it allows homeowners to do on public land in front of their houses.

"There are new rocks in the parking areas practically every week," she said, referring to property owners' practice of putting boulders in front of their homes to prevent people from parking there.

Rose continued to defend the doggie pit stop.

"Once again, creativity is getting squished. Obviously



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

The residents who installed these pavers, bench, water spigot, bowl, lights and stones to create a way station for pooches and their walkers must remove it, the city council decided last week.

someone who has done something that is pet friendly, unique and Carmel-like is being told, 'No,'" he said. "That's the knee-jerk reaction that councils have taken for many years."

He said the project does not involve any objectionable boulders, and the problem is not the encroachment but "people driving like idiots in that part of town."

"Instead of slapping the homeowner down, we ought to be sending a thank-you note," he said.

But the mayor and the rest of the council remained unswayed, and they voted 4-1 to deny the encroachment permit and require removal of the bench, pavers, spigot, rocks and solar lights within 30 days.

### Another encroachment is OK

Following the no-vote on the Boghosian's request, the council demonstrated it's not entirely opposed to encroachments by ruling in favor of an application submitted by the Murphy-Chutorian Family Trust for steps and rocks in the public right of way at the corner of Santa Lucia and Dolores Street.

After remodeling the house and removing a large hedge at the corner, builders installed steps to provide access to the property and added stones to prevent the hillside from eroding into the storm drain below, according to Meroney's report.

Original plans called for a sloping pathway of decomposed granite and no rocks, but "as work progressed, it was evident that it was necessary to place steps and prevent water erosion problems due to the lay of the land."

"I think probably the rocks are the least of the bad alternatives," Talmage said.

"The rocks look nice — they match the house," Hazdovac commented, and the encroachment permit was approved 3-0. McCloud and Cunningham stepped down because they live nearby.

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Negative behaviors between spouses may be changeable through appropriate interventions. Marital therapy is designed to reduce or eliminate the exchange of criticism and excessive demands, which may prevent the negative emotions between spouses from escalating. If marital therapy can lower marital stress, then it may be possible to protect couples from health problems that arise from negative behaviors occurring in the marriage. If a family member requires care, consider VICTORIAN HOME CARE/RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.

P.S. The study mentioned above also concluded that abusive marriages render some older people more vulnerable to infections and slower healing.

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# Carmel Valley

## Board asks for no change in desal public ownership law

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Board of Supervisors could have pulled the rug out from under a lawsuit challenging permits for a pilot desal plant this week. The suit, brought by water activists George Riley and Manuel Fierro, cites a 1989 ordinance requiring all desal plants in the county to be publicly owned and challenges permits for a pilot plant that would be owned by California American Water Co. At their meeting this week, supervisors let the ordinance stand, and indicated they may even decide to strengthen it.

Cal Am contends the lawsuit filed in January won't stop it from building its pilot plant in Moss Landing. But the county ordinance is unambiguous that any desal facility must be

"owned and operated by a public entity."

"It is clear that the intent in 1989 was to require public ownership of any desalination facility," said Barbara May, an attorney for Riley and Fierro.

May made the comments at Tuesday's supervisors' hearing, when they accepted a report from the county health department calling for the elimination of the public ownership requirement. Director Allen Stroh recommended the ordinance be changed to require that any agency operating a desal facility possess the "technical, managerial and financial capability" to do so.

While the board expressed misgivings about amending the law, 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter said supervisors don't believe a pilot plant must be publicly owned because it would only be for testing purposes. Cal Am and county health department chief Allen Stroh have made the same argument. The coastal commission also agreed the pilot plant isn't required to be publicly owned.

"The pilot plant does not produce any water for drinking," Potter told The Pine Cone Thursday. "It's simply part of a project analysis to see if the site is appropriate."

The problem is, the 1989 ordinance doesn't exempt test plants from being publicly owned. It applies to any desalination facility producing water that "meets drinking water standards and irrigation purposes."

The suit also states the county permit was granted without complying with the California Environmental Quality Act. Amending the ordinance would require an environmental impact report, May contends.

Cal Am's competitor, the Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District, also wants to build a desalination plant down the road from the Moss Landing power plant at the

National Refractories site owned by Nader Agha. The P/SM pilot plant would be publicly owned.

### Intent of the ordinance

The intent of the 1989 ordinance, drafted by the county health department, was to assure that "any desalination facility be capable of producing safe, potable and reliable water without creating public health risks," according to Stroh.

Most of the dozen people who addressed supervisors Tuesday were in support of the ordinance. However, one county resident said antigrowth advocates are merely using it as a tool against development.

"What this is really about is growth" said Nelson Vega. "Growth should be determined by the districts, not by the desal plant."

Cal Am has long said it isn't opposed to a publicly owned desalination plant. But further delays at the county level or in the court system, Cal Am warns, will increase construction costs and make it less likely a water project will be built at all, according to Cal Am community relations manager Catherine Bowie said. If a drought hits, the consequences could be disastrous.

"We are 30 percent under on rainfall this year," Bowie said, "and weather forecasts say it's going to be a clear, warm summer."

## Cal Am says main replacement necessary

THE WORK may be annoying motorists who are facing lengthy delays on Carmel Valley Road.

But California American Water Company says the work, part of what it calls "an ambitious capital improvement program," is necessary.

"Water is a precious commodity on the Monterey Peninsula, and updating the mains is a very important part of our effort to provide the best service to our customers while avoiding water loss that could impact the environment," said Steve Leonard, California American Water manager. "At the same time, we are committed to doing the work in a way that respects the needs of the community."

The water main in Carmel Valley was last overhauled in the 1930s, Cal Am said, and has been leaking badly.

To avoid interference with the tourist season, the work was largely scheduled in the winter. The project reduces traffic to one lane until 3 p.m. on weekdays, causing delays on Carmel Valley Road, the only access road to Carmel Valley Village and surrounding residential areas. The current phase, from Laureles Grade to Boronda Road, is scheduled to run through May, the company said.

## Park district offers guided hike up Snively's Ridge

MONTEREY PENINSULA Regional Park District docents will lead a four-mile round-trip hike up Snively's Ridge, Saturday, March 24 at Garland Ranch Regional Park in Carmel Valley. The trail is steep, but the top of Snively's Ridge offers a bird's eye view of the valley and beyond. Hikers are encouraged to bring lunch and plenty of water. Sturdy hiking shoes are highly recommended.

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# Affordable housing law OK'd, heads to coastal commission

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WITH BARELY any discussion and no comments from the public, the Carmel City Council last week finalized a law allowing exceptions to some building rules for projects that solely consist of affordable housing. The intent of the new ordinance, which must still be approved by the California Coastal Commission, is to encourage low-cost homes in the commercial areas of town.

According to the ordinance, "Due to the overall public benefit of affordable housing, the planning commission may allow exceptions to development standards in order to provide for increased flexibility in design."

The standards that won't have to be strictly enforced for affordable projects include:

- setbacks;
- height (but still not to exceed 30 feet and two stories);
- floor area ratio (not to exceed 150 percent);
- building coverage;
- density (not to exceed 88 units per acre), and
- parking.

Projects with more than five units must include onsite laundry facilities and community rooms totaling at least 250 square feet.

At planning commissioners' discretion, the privileges would be extended to projects providing housing for residents with low

and/or very low incomes, as defined in the Carmel Municipal Code. According to CMC section 17.70.020, households with incomes that do not exceed 50 percent of the area median qualify as very low income; and households with incomes ranging from 51 percent to 80 percent of the area median are considered low income.

In order to grant any leeway, the planning commission would have to find the project and its zoning exceptions "would not be detrimental to adjacent properties or injurious to public health, safety or welfare," according to the new ordinance.

When the council first considered the change in February, some worried it might be abused and result in buildings unfit for downtown Carmel.

In response, senior planner Sean Conroy added another condition of approval: "That the project will preserve the community character and will be compatible with the streetscape, mass, bulk and height of the surrounding neighborhood context."

Councilman Mike Cunningham, who had expressed concerns last month, said Conroy's addition was "a good change" and moved approval.

The council unanimously OK'd the ordinance, which will only take effect after the coastal commission approves it. Conroy told The Pine Cone that would likely take a few months.



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The city needs more affordable housing, and loosening zoning rules is one way to get it, the city council decided. The Carmel Foundation may take advantage of them to redo this complex on Dolores Street to accommodate more apartments for seniors.

## LAWSUIT

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detection of deterioration in the storm drain, and faulty maintenance procedures were employed."

The drain had corroded and become blocked below Beutel's driveway, causing more than \$100,000 in damage, according to the complaint.

Immediately following the storm drain's failure in March 2005, city crews repaired the drain, back-filled the collapsed areas with cement and restored the landscaping on the city easement. The brick walkway leading to Beutel's front door was also repaired.

But Grice Engineering and Geology determined her house "showed severe settlement and some stress," and concluded the shift occurred rapidly as a result of "the subsurface erosion of the adjacent soils by the corroded storm drain." The front porch pulled away from the house, the southeast corner and deck of the house sunk, and a patio door became stuck open.

Most of the damage has not been repaired, according to Beutel. Her homeowners policy didn't cover it, she said, because

"it had been going on for some time."

Beutel filed a claim against the city, which denied it and referred it to its insurance company, St. Paul Travelers, in June 2005. About three months later, the company notified Beutel it wouldn't be covering the damage to the house because the city had no prior knowledge of the storm drain's conditions. Under state law, a local government is usually liable only for damage caused by dangerous conditions of which it is aware.

Her lawsuit seeks reimbursement for the cost of repairing the house, as well as attorney's, appraisal and engineering fees.

In its answer filed in April 2006, the city denied any wrongdoing. It argued the damages were "caused by the plaintiff's own conduct or that of a party or parties other than the defendant," and that she "has not suffered the monetary damages whatsoever," because of anything the city did. The city asks the court to dismiss her suit "with prejudice."

"We don't believe that her arguments about liability and damages are correct, but that's what we're litigating," said Jeffrey Bedell, representing the city. He also said Beutel filed a personal injury complaint after she fell in a hole on her property.



A resident of Junipero Street wants the city to pay for damage to her home caused by a storm drain that failed in 2005. The city fixed this walkway but says it isn't responsible for the rest.

PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

## Police arrest woman for throwing whipped cream

A 44-YEAR-OLD woman who allegedly threw a can of whipped cream at her mother-in-law during an argument was arrested Sunday morning and taken to Monterey County Jail, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Mel Mukai. Susan Lee faces a charge of elder abuse.

"There was an argument that started with

the suspect's husband, and the mother-in-law became involved," Mukai said. Angry, Lee reportedly hurled a can of whipped cream at her husband's mother, striking her on the hand.

It caused no injuries, but police responded to the Camino Real Street residence and took Lee into custody.

## Betty B. Johnson 1916 ~ 2007

Betty, age 90, passed away at her Carmel home on Thursday afternoon, in the presence of her two children. Betty amazed all with her will to continue living life to the fullest, after suffering several strokes in the past two years.

Born in Tacoma, Washington, Betty graduated from the Univ. of Puget Sound, WA in 1939. She married MG Charles E. Johnson, III, Columbia, SC (deceased 1939, Carmel), moving to Carmel during WWII, which began her lifelong love of the charms of Carmel.



During her husbands 34 year military career, Betty traveled extensively and had the good fortune to live in great cities of the world. Rome, Italy, Berlin, Germany, Heidelberg, Germany, New Dehli, India and Washington, DC, to name a few.

Upon Charlie's retirement in 1972, Betty and Charlie built their first home in Hilton Head, SC, living there until moving to Carmel in 1975. Over the past 32 years, Betty has touched the hearts of both old and new friends with her "Joie De Vie".

Betty loved to travel, visiting friends and relatives around the world. One of her favorites was San Francisco, experiencing all facets of the city, including shopping and staying at her favorite hotel, The Marine Memorial.

Betty enjoyed every aspect of Monterey Peninsula living. Especially her passion as a hard hitting tennis player at her favorite spot, Pebble Beach Tennis

& Beach Club. She retired from tennis at 85 years. Betty loved her Carmel home and tending her rose garden. She found great pleasure in entertaining her close friends with food, drink and laughter.

Betty's love and compassion for her family and friends was always foremost in her every thought and deed. Our family Matriarch will be deeply missed.

Betty is survived by her son, Charles E. Johnson, IV of Carmel, CA; Daughter, Patricia Rice, her husband, "Dear Al", of Thibodaux, LA; Grandchildren, Charles E. Johnson, V of Dallas, TX; Sterling K. Johnson of Carmel, CA; Theresa Smith of Charlotte, NC; Christopher Rice of Dalles, TX; Two Great-grandchildren; Cousins: Merrilatt Wellman of Scottsdale, AZ; Jackie Ellis of Cambridge, MA. Nephew, Ted Betz of Piedmont, CA; Great niece, Nora Betz.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 22, 2007 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 9th & Dolores, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, followed by burial in the Betz family plot, Walla Walla, WA.

Family suggests memorial donations to: Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, P.O. Box HH, Monterey, CA 93942; VNA, 5 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Monterey, CA 93940; VNA, 6 Quail Run Circle, Suite 101, Salinas, CA 93907; Harrison Memorial Library, P.O. Box 800, Carmel, CA 93921. Please sign the online guest book at www.thepaulmortuary.com

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# Puppy school moves to Vista Lobos after Sunset charges increase

By MARY BROWNFIELD

FOR MORE than 20 years, puppies romped and yipped — and learned how to sit, stay and heel — in a classroom at Sunset Center under the calming guidance of Suzi Bluford, owner of Sirius Dog Training. But a January rent increase drove her from the longtime location of her Wednesday night classes.

“They quadrupled my rent, which I can not and will not pass on to my students,” said Bluford, who prior to the increase paid about \$45 to use one of the community rooms.

According to the Sunset Center rate schedule, rents for meeting rooms of various sizes run \$125 to \$225 for “commercial and nonresident three-hour blocks,” with overtime hours costing \$42 to \$75. Fees for nonprofits and city residents are \$60 to \$135,

with overtime rates of \$20 to \$45 per hour.

“The rates started arbitrarily low,” said Jack Globenfelt, the center’s executive director. “We’ve been raising them to try to cover our costs.” The board of directors of Sunset Cultural Center, Inc., the nonprofit that runs the theater, voted to increase fees.

Bluford said she found a cheaper home for her doggie academy in the city-owned Vista Lobos building at the northern edge of downtown, though three weeks later, clients are still straggling into their Sirius Dog Training classes late because they’ve forgotten she moved.

“I feel very fortunate,” she said, to find a new location with good parking, easy access and “a good feel.” Bluford also said Mayor Sue McCloud telephoned when she heard the dog classes had to move and offered to help in any way possible. “She was wonderful.”

Rent for the new room is roughly what Bluford paid at Sunset before the rates increased.

### Nonprofits are different

Most of Sunset’s community room users pay the lower rents because they are nonprofit, according to Globenfelt, such as the Friends of Sunset, the Monterey symphony, dance groups and clubs.

“She charges,” he said. “It’s a business.”

The yoga center that rents one of the cottages is also a for-profit business and pays commercial-rate rent.

“Everybody else is in place,” Globenfelt said. “We haven’t had anyone else leave because of the rate increases.”

But Bluford’s complaint is not the first on the subject. In late 2005, the Mozart Society left, and the Carmel Ballet Academy and some other groups stopped holding performances there because it became too expensive. The city and the Carmel Unified School District still have free use of the center several days each year, though fees are charged for extras.

“I think we’re losing the ‘community’ part of Sunset,” said Bluford, who began holding dog-training classes in 1984 after

apprenticing under Sirius’ founder in Berkeley. She charges \$150 per dog for each six-week course and limits enrollment to 10.

“I’m not unhappy but still very sad that after all these years, it wasn’t going to happen at Sunset,” she said.

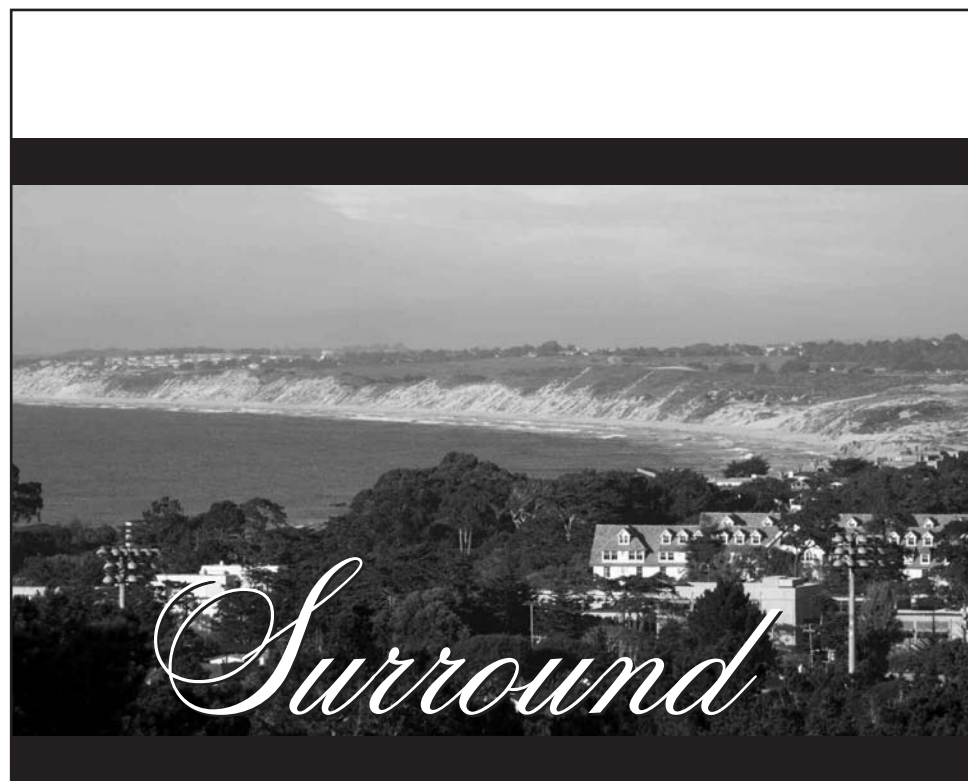


Roxie the pit bull puppy, age 11 weeks, and her human, Miriam Jung, check out their classmates prior to playtime Wednesday.



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A new group of puppy school students listens to tips from Sirius Dog Training owner Suzi Bluford, who moved her classes to Vista Lobos after more than 20 years at Sunset Center following January’s rent increase.



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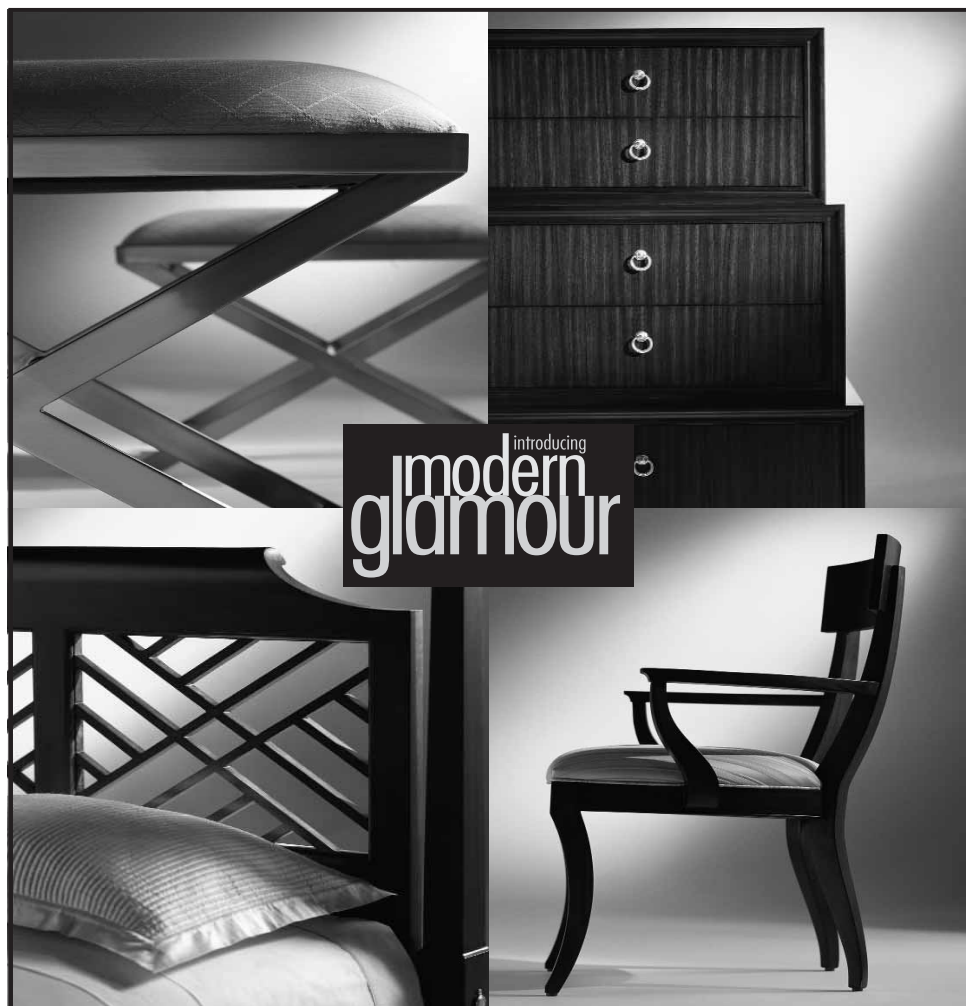
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## Kids' art show highlights creative talent, schools' commitment

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE READING, writing and arithmetic are essential elements of a child's schooling, a handful of Carmel Valley educators and parents are also determined to keep the arts alive in the local educational system.

To show how important that goal is, Hidden Valley Music Seminars will host the 19th annual Tularcitos School Art Show Saturday, March 24. The show will continue through March 29, showcasing the creative talents of the Tularcitos student body, which numbers about 350 children ranging from ages 5 to 12.

"There will be colorful collages, delicate watercolors, textured masks, detailed drawings, sculpture and paintings galore," explained Tularcitos principal Brenda Sylvia. "It's really a fantastic display."

Like many of the parents at her school, Sylvia wants to make sure students get a well rounded education that includes art, music and drama.

"The school's mission statement has an emphasis on a balanced education," Sylvia said. "Art is a great way for kids to apply what they know and experiment with things they are curious about. We want our students to be able to express themselves in many ways, and art is just another form of expression."

Thankfully, the Monterey Peninsula's rich artistic tradition has proved to be a boon for the kids at Tularcitos. The school has initiated an art docent program that provides students with an opportunity to work directly with some of the

area's most accomplished artists.

"We enjoy a notable emphasis on art within our school district," Sylvia explained. "We receive constant support, not only from the school district and the PTO, but from the talent in our community."

Still, education is expensive, and when school budgets are drawn up, the arts often get shortchanged.

"When you run out of money, the fine arts programs are the first to go," Sylvia conceded. "We have one pot of money to deliver everything, which includes math, the language arts and science as well as the fine arts. We want to make sure fine arts programs receive as much support as the other subjects. We still need help."

The art show began in 1988 when a Carmel Valley Village gallery owner, William Giles, began displaying artwork produced by Tularcitos students, Sylvia recounted. The show, in a sense, is a way of thanking the community for its support of the arts.

"It's a way of sharing something with the community, a way of giving something back," she said.

As the mother of two children who attend Tularcitos School, Erin Deeny is thrilled art is a part of her kids' education.

"Teachers are under a lot of pressure to churn out the numbers and kids are under a lot of pressure to fill in the bubbles," said Deeny, a former art gallery director. "It's been shown that artistic opportunities are beneficial for kids. Art is therapeutic. Art gives children a safe place to express themselves. I commend the teachers and the PTO for making art education possible."

Admission to the exhibit is free. Hidden Valley is located on Carmel Valley Road, about 11 miles east of Highway 1, near the intersection of Ford Road. The facility is open Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For information about the exhibit or how to contribute to the school art program, call (831) 659-2277.



PHOTOS/TULARCITOS SCHOOL

Hidden Valley Music Seminars will host this weekend's Tularcitos School Art Show, which showcases the creative talents of dozens of local children. Examples are above and below left.



## Vienna boys at Sunset



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The Vienna Choir Boys perform at Sunset Center Saturday, March 24. See story on page 13.

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## From Mozart to Mary Poppins, choir's legacy spans five centuries

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHEN THE Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I — who helped shaped modern Europe through a series of wars and dynastic marriages — formed the Vienna Boys Choir in 1498, he was simply seeking to add music to his court's mass. What Maximilian ended up creating, though, was a cultural institution that has endured for more than half a millennium.

Now known as the Vienna Choir Boys, the vocal ensemble will perform at Sunset Center Saturday, March 24.

Based in Vienna, Austria, the nonprofit choir boasts a membership of about 100 boys ranging from 10 to 14 years old. The boys are divided into four touring choirs, each performing about 300 concerts a year. The groups tours for about nine to 11 weeks at a

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# Food & Wine

## Festival: The food in Mexico is a lot more than Mexican food

By CHARYN PFEUFFER

THIS WEEK'S column comes to you by way of Cabo San Lucas, where I've spent the better part of the past week attending the First Los Cabos Food & Wine Festival. The thought of good food and wine wasn't the first thing that came to mind when I descended upon this burgeoning Baja tourist town, but the event's participating chefs and sommeliers hailing from all over Mexico really blew my mind with their character, commitment to regional cuisine, and authenticity.

If you haven't been to Cabo, it's a bit like a Mexican Disneyland for time-sharers and spring breakers, both of whom I encountered in droves. In many ways, it's very Americanized with its Burger Kings, Hard Rock Cafés and Ruth's Chris Steakhouses. If you scratch the surface, though, there is a wealth of culinary treasures to be had.

I stayed at the Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach, a self-contained fortress on the side of a steep hill where several hundred guests find south-of-the-border solace in their cookie-cutter, air-conditioned time-share units. Golf carts are the primary mode of transportation to navigate the difficult terrain of the property — it's kind of like an ant farm for Middle America with a stunning, Pacific backdrop. Although the

property wouldn't be my first pick for a personal vacation destination, Pueblo Bonito's high-end restaurant, La Frida (named in homage to Mexican painter Frida Kahlo), is worth a detour and at the top of my "must dine" list.

Although the festival was a logistical nightmare, pure, honest passion poured from every chef I met — not the usual pomp and circumstance that many accomplished American chefs exude. I accidentally befriended the local food writer and became fast friends with several of the chefs and sommeliers, who were committed to showing me the non-touristy side of Los Cabos. Ricardo Muñoz Zurita, author of "Los

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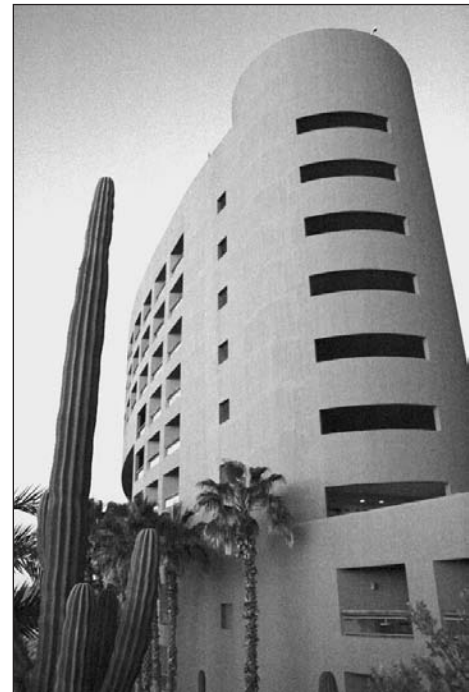
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# Food & Wine

From previous page

Chiles Rellenos en México” and private chef for the president of the National University of México, shared his extensive knowledge of moles — he makes more than 40 varieties.



Chef Ricardo Muñoz Zurita

Paulina Abascal, lauded as the premiere pastry chef in all of Mexico and a cooking show celebrity, was quite possibly the most charming creature I’ve met wearing chef whites. Despite language issues (my Spanish is frightfully sad), I was able to clumsily dissect wines with Victor Absalón López, the honorary president of the Mexican Association of Sommeliers.

Each chef — they were mostly 30/40-somethings — had waited 15 years to share their food in an international forum within Mexico. These chefs rightfully are rock stars in their hometowns, but more than anything, they wanted to cook for American

palates in Mexico’s primary tourist towns (Cabo San Lucas, Cancun, and Puerto Vallarta). These proud men and women wanted the opportunity to show Americans that Mexican cuisine is so much more than tortillas and corn-based dishes. They wanted to bring greater awareness, and subsequently, appreciation, to regional Mexican cuisine. Mexican food in the mother country takes on a much different allure than Mexican food made in California or elsewhere, although you can find plenty of Taco Bell knock-offs with all-day happy hours on the streets of Cabo.

Although the best local fare seems to be found in the nearby mission town of San Jose, the Grand Finale dinner prepared by Executive Chef Antonio de Livier of La Frida and five other event chefs was spectacular, and paired almost entirely with wines from Monterey County (Bernardus

Sauvignon Blanc, Pessagno “Intrinity,” and Hahn Meritage). Of course I kicked into unofficial Monterey County wine ambassador mode and told the guests at my table stories about each winery, the wine-makers and our wine-growing region. Juan Carlos Flores, the executive sommelier for Pueblo Bonito Hotels Resorts & Spas and Mexico’s champion sommelier in 2004, is a big fan of our local wines and coincidentally had already planned a visit to Monterey County in May. Since imported wines are heavily taxed and Californian visitors are savvy to the market value of their favorite labels, it was an unexpected pleasure to share Monterey County wines with new palates at this lavish event. Until this point, I’d been trying anything and everything I could from Ensenada with varying levels of success and was grateful for familiarity.

The following morning — as I stumbled out of an underground bar after discussing Mexican culture and cuisine literally all night — Chef Federico López, chef/owner of



PHOTOS/SABRINA LEAR

Victor Absalón López (right), with one of the other sommeliers in Cabo.

Gourmands & Gourmets, a culinary school in Cancun designed for chefs, best summed up the experience: “If one person came and enjoyed my food and experienced something new, that makes this festival a successful for me.” By that standard, the women and men who to came to Cabo to promote the wines and cuisine of Mexico have my utmost respect and were incredibly success in enlightening (and humbling) this usual gastronomic know-it-all. And I’d like to think I was able to share my passion for our region with tales of mushrooming in Big Sur, our farmers markets, pending California state laws on foie gras and of course, our wine.



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# VENTANA

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volunteers.

"I want to put in a plug for the Big Sur and Mid-Coast fire brigades," Taylor said. "It was a difficult fire. Their cooperation was just outstanding."

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, Karstens said. "It started in one unit and spread to each side," she recounted.

A fire swept through a row of units at the Ventana Inn and Spa Wednesday, March 21, causing considerable damage.

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The damaged units were not outfitted with sprinklers, Taylor confirmed.

The employee, reportedly a maintenance worker, was taken to Community Hospital by Westmed ambulance service after suffering smoke inhalation. He was released later that night.

Ventana general manager Paul O'Dowd declined comment on the fire.

Opened in 1975, Ventana is a 60-room resort, restaurant and spa situated on 243 acres and located about 28 miles south of Carmel.

# HORSES

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The horse park plans to enter into partnerships with California State University Monterey Bay to host the school's future intercollegiate equestrian team, the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Monterey County and youth-oriented organizations such as 4-H Club and U.S. Pony Club. Other planned partnerships for non-horse events include music festivals, dog and cat shows, and auto shows, organizers said.

Although the land is ideally suited for the facility, it will be expensive to condition the property so it's compatible with

equestrian events, he said.

"It's hard for people to even remotely get a grip on what this thing is," Chidester said. "There are very few buildings, but it encompasses 375 acres."

But the horse park does have initial approval from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, which voted in early 2005 to negotiate exclusively with the horse park's directors.

"We have very strong support from county politicians and supervisors," Chidester said. The land would be leased from the county's redevelopment agency, which will be getting several parcels from the U.S. Army in about a year.

Donations to the horse park can be mailed to the attention of: Myron "Doc" Etienne, Jr., Esq., President, Monterey Horse Park, 333 Salinas St., Salinas, CA, 93902-2510.

# CHOIR

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time.

As members of the choir, the boys receive an excellent musical education, which leads many to pursue careers in music. Composers Jacobus Gallus and Franz Schubert, and conductors Hans Richter, Felix Mottl and Clemens Krauss were members of the choir. Schubert — one of Austria's greatest composers — wrote his first compositions as a member of the choir. Brothers Franz Joseph and Michael Haydn, members of the choir of St. Stephen's Cathedral, often sang with the choir.

After the Austro-Hungarian monarchy fell in 1918, the choir changed its name to the Vienna Choir Boys. As early as 1924, the choir began tours that showcased the ensemble in many of the world's great concert halls.

More recently, the choir started to perform a cappella


arrangements of Beatles songs. In 2002, the boys recorded even recorded a pop CD. The choir has also contributed music to a variety of movie soundtracks.

When they perform at Sunset Center, conductor Kerem Sezen will lead the choir through a varied program that will include classical pieces by Mozart and Strauss, Austrian folk songs, and even "Chim Chim Cher-ee" from the the 1964 motion picture, "Mary Poppins" and "Singing In The Rain" from the 1929 film, "Hollywood Revue."

A native of Istanbul, Turkey, Sezen joined the choir in 2003. He has since led them on tours of Europe, China, Japan, Korea, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

"They're a wonderful boys' choir," commented Jack Globenfelt, executive director of Sunset Center. "They always put on a great show. We're happy to have them back."

The concert starts at 8 p.m. General admission tickets range from \$47 to \$57. A limited number of student tickets are available for \$20. For more information, call (831) 625-9938 or visit www.carmelmusic.org.



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# JAMESBURG

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Cone about the pending sale caught the attention of a group of technology buffs, who had other ideas about the antenna's future.

Two weeks ago, they celebrated getting the giant dish back online and bouncing a series of radio signals off the moon.

"After I saw the news story, I contacted the new owner, curious to see what they had in mind," said Rocklin resident Pat Barthelow. "And while they were trying to get their ducks in a row to use the land, I asked if they would let some people use the dish for moon communications."

At first, Bullis wasn't too keen on the idea, said Barthelow, who has spent a career working in the electronics industry. "But then he realized, if we were successful, it would generate a lot of publicity."

So last fall, Barthelow and a group of people he recruited because of their interest in satellite communications began an intensive effort to get the earth station working again. It had sat silent and unused since 2002. But AT&T had left everything intact.

"The whole complex was in surprisingly good shape," Barthelow said. "We demothalbed it over a period of four or five months."

But moving a gigantic antenna isn't something you do by hand, especially if you want to track a moving object in space.

"In February we finally had it under com-

puter control, and we were able to keep it pointed at the moon," he said.

His group's goal: to bounce a signal off the moon so it could be received by ham radio operators in many parts of the globe. In other words, they would use the moon as something like a very tall antenna.

"Two weeks ago, we did our first successful moonbounce," Barthelow told The Pine Cone. "Particularly from people in Europe, we got a very good response."

(The group publicizes its efforts — and planned broadcasts — on a website: [www.jamesburgdish.com](http://www.jamesburgdish.com).)

### Seen it all

The successful rejuvenation of the Jamesburg earth station was particularly satisfying for a 35-year employee of the facility, Jack Ramey, who lives in Prunedale and helped the amateur group get the station up and running again.

"I helped put the station in and was there until one month before it shut down," Ramey said. Because of its importance to national communications networks for so many years, he thinks Jamesburg qualifies as an historic building.

"A lot of history has gone through there," Ramey said.

In particular, he recalled the Mexico City Olympics in 1968, which was the first live TV broadcast brought into American homes via Jamesburg.

"We weren't even open yet, when another earth station couldn't be kept pointed at the satellite because of high winds, and we were

told to get into operation," Ramey said. "We cut padlocks off storage lockers to get at the equipment we needed."

The next year, live pictures from the moon came into American living rooms via Jamesburg and other earth stations. Ramey and his fellow technicians, who could hear communications between NASA officials on the ground and astronauts in space, were privy to some things that were kept secret — including an incident during Apollo 10 which, according to Ramey, almost ended in disaster.

"When they were testing the lunar lander, the explosive bolts caused it to go into some very severe oscillations," Ramey said, recalling NASA communications he overheard. "When they finally got it stabilized, they almost ran out of fuel trying to get back to the mother ship. They were praying to God for the engines to run another five seconds."

The mission ended successfully, paving the way for Apollo 11's lunar landing, and nothing was ever said about the incident with Apollo 10.

"It was never in the newspapers," Ramey said.

He also overheard a TV news producer and a reporter, talking over a private line routed through Jamesburg, agreeing to fabri-

cate a news story from Vietnam.

"The reporter was telling about three people killed in a village," Ramey recalled. "And the producer said, 'I've never heard of that village, so let's make it such-and-such.' And then the producer said, 'Three deaths isn't very many, so let's make it 10.' And the reporter said what he was told to say, and that's what went on the evening news, and it was done to make the United States look bad," according to Ramey, who said he doesn't remember which network it was.

Barthelow also remembers an historic event involving Jamesburg.

"An engineer I know was working for a Sacramento TV station during the Tianamen Square unrest in 1989," Barthelow said. "He figured out that if Jamesburg was pointed in the right direction, it could pick up a Chinese government satellite, and that's how the video of the protester staring down a tank ended up on American television."

With all that history, people interested in the earth station are hoping it will be protected from demolition.

And Barthelow's hoping it will be used for more than a ham radio outlet.

"We're hoping for an angel to buy the dish and the land and use it for radio astronomy or a space camp," Barthelow said.



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Ham radio expert Pat Barthelow (left) and the rest of his group on an access platform below the Jamesburg satellite dish. This photo shows the enormous size of the antenna.

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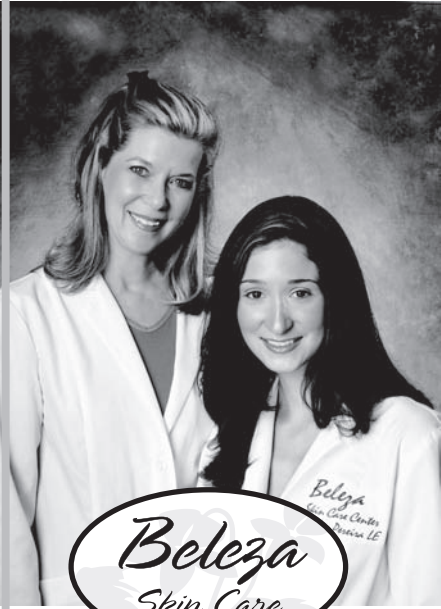
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# Sandy Claws By Margot Petit Nichols

**BRINKER BUDDY** Von Breeze Spencer, 2, is a 5-pound tiny toy apricot poodle visiting Carmel-by-the-Sea this week from Gulf Breeze, FL, with his Mom Lynn and Dad John.

It's Buddy's second vacation in Carmel. He liked it so much on his first visit in October 2005, he begged Mom and Dad to come again. In Gulf Breeze, Buddy lives just across the street from Pensacola Bay – only four miles from Pensacola, Fla. – and so is used to large expanses of water. He takes the Pacific in stride, loves to walk on the wet sand of Carmel Beach, but doesn't care to take a dip just yet.

Buddy's favorite game is Catch the Lazer. Mom says they get their "arm-chair exercise" waving the lazer around while Buddy tries to catch the elusive moving red dot. He can keep up the chase for a good 20 minutes before deciding to wind down with his squeaky rubber bone.

He loves to go for walks in the neighborhood, play with his little

8-month-old papillon friend, Rudy, and chase his brother, an 11-pound orange cat named Ralph. Ralph lets Buddy run after him for a little while, then jumps up on the couch which Buddy can't quite manage.

The family home, which is built on pilings, had it's underside ripped out by Hurricane Ivan in 2005. That's all been repaired, but the entire backyard is still a jumble of debris. Dad John, who is pastor of Gulf Breeze Calvary Chapel, said the nearby church wasn't damaged at all.

At night, when Mom and Dad say, "Nighty night," Buddy's eyes grow heavy and he yawns as he trundles off to his cozy crate bed in the master bedroom closet.



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# CHINA

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from San Francisco to the world's most populous nation Sunday and back again April 2, with hotels, tours, guides, flights between Beijing and Shanghai, three meals each day and transportation included. Stops include those two massive cities, as well as Suzhou and Hangzhou.

"It's well organized, and the price is marvelous," said former Carmel Residents Association President Sherry Shollenbarger, who will be traveling with her husband, son and son's girlfriend. "It would be worth it just to see the Great Wall alone, and we're going to see so many more sights."

"It's sort of like, what's the downside, here?" commented chamber CEO Monta Potter. "You get to go to China, and it's a good price and an opportunity to do something fun with chamber members."

Banker and chamber board president Michael Adamson said, "It was too good to be true, so my wife and I are both going. We're looking forward to it. It's going to be very different, very hectic."

Bob Bussinger and Wendy Brodie, a Carmel Highlands couple who produce a television program about food and offer cooking classes, also thought it was too good to pass up. Brodie, a professional chef, has traveled extensively to cook as a guest in foreign kitchens but never before visited China.

### Following dreams

"For me, it's been a lifelong dream to get to Shanghai to see where my mother was born and raised," in the French section of the city, said Brodie, who is also excited to dine there. "Of course being a chef — not that I know that much about Chinese food — but I love all kinds of cuisine and am just dying to taste some authentic Asian cuisine. I'm looking forward to seeing the differences between what we experience here as Chinese food and what we see over there."

"China has always been intriguing," added Bussinger. "And we love tasting different foods. We will try to meet some people who are in a similar business to what we do to see how they treat the business."

That's part of the point of the trip, which is organized by a group called Citisinc International in order to forge relationships between American and Chinese professionals.

"The whole idea is to promote Beijing for the 2008 Olympics — that's why they're offering these cheap trips," said Adamson. "Beijing issued a decree last month that every citizen will know how to speak English and will learn to be polite," by the time the Olympics roll around next year.

"They're only going to show us the things they want us to see, because this travel agency is part of the government. It's a propaganda trip," he continued. "I will try to get away from the crowds. I think it's possible to do that with the permission of your tour guide — to be able to get glimpses of the real China."

Others hardly care if the aim is to put China's best face forward for foreigners, and many admitted they hadn't put the country high on their travel wish lists, or anywhere on their lists, before the opportunity arose.

"We've always, always encouraged our children to travel and really feel it's a wonderful education to see another culture," said Shollenbarger. "And this certainly provides an opportunity for that. It's an exotic culture — one we might not have gotten to."

### The China boom

With its economic and political influences growing ever more evident, no one disputed China's growing global role.

"It's very important for us to get a glimpse of China and its people, because this country is going to have a really important impact — it already is — on our world," Shollenbarger said.

"On the world stage, they're a really, really important player," Potter observed.

The Rev. Norm Mowery, who presides at Church of the Wayfarer and is taking the trip with his wife, a school teacher

who wants to learn about the education system there, said he most looks forward to forging friendships with Carmelites as they share the adventure.

"Of course we're excited about seeing China for the first time. We have traveled extensively in Europe but never in the Far East," said Mowery, who has read up extensively in advance of the March 25 departure. "And it's so much in the news. I think Chinese is the language that young people should be learning today, because they're going to need it."

The trip will also mark the Mowerys' first visit to a communist country.

"It's so enriching to learn about other world religions and so forth, and I'm certainly a Christian and happy with my faith, but I'm interested in learning about other faiths," he said. "We like to be lifelong learners."

Potter, Shollenbarger and Adamson also hope to connect with former Carmel City Councilman Erik Bethel, who

## Tor House presents poetry reading by 2006 Jeffers prize winner

THE TOR House will host "Last of the Midnight Lullabies," a poetry reading by Eric Leigh, Saturday, March 24.

Leigh is winner of the 2006 Robinson Jeffers Tor House Prize for Poetry. The contest received more than 2,300 poems submitted by 574 poets from 46 states, the District of Columbia and seven foreign countries.

The Tor house is located at 26304 Ocean View Ave. The reading will be presented in the Parlour of the East Wing. A wine and cheese reception precedes the event at 6:30 p.m. The reading starts at 7 p.m.

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moved with his wife and dog to Shanghai last November to take a job at a merchant bank. They may get the chance to hear Bethel's take on China's rapidly expanding economy — which Adamson predicted might cause an "explosion" in a country well familiar with revolutions — and get a glimpse of the Bethels' new baby girl.

And while the trip is designed to market China to Americans, Adamson doesn't see why it can't work the other way as well.

"We'll have to see if we can somehow try to promote Carmel, or at least the Monterey Peninsula, as a tourist destination," he said.

It's unusual for The Pine Cone to send a reporter on an assignment overseas. But publisher Paul Miller explained the rationale:

"With all these Carmelites invading China, it's important for our reporter to be there in case they misbehave."

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# Editorial

## A change at LAFCO

THE ILLNESS of supervisor Jerry Smith has brought about an unexpected change in the makeup of the Local Agency Formation Commission. Because Smith was chair of the county board of supervisors, his absence meant that vice chair Dave Potter was able to take the supervisors' reins. And as soon as he did so, he appointed himself to Smith's seat on LAFCO.

This is all well and good for advocates of Carmel Valley Incorporation, who are evidently counting on Potter to lead the charge to reverse a LAFCO decision that incorporating the valley must be examined in an EIR before it can be submitted to voters.

However, Potter would be well advised not to be too hasty. Incorporation proponents cite a decision last fall that an EIR would not be required as proof that it should never have been required, and they bitterly criticized LAFCO for changing its mind, even going so far as to claim that the reversal was evidence of corruption among the board members.

We continue to believe Carmel Valley residents should have the opportunity to make their own decision about incorporation. But another reversal in LAFCO's position on an EIR will start to make the whole process look like a circus. Also, if Potter appointed himself to LAFCO for the purpose of reversing the EIR decision, it will taint the entire LAFCO process, and even the board of supervisors. Nobody should be appointed to a government agency for the sole purpose of casting a vote on a single issue. Not even if he appointed himself.

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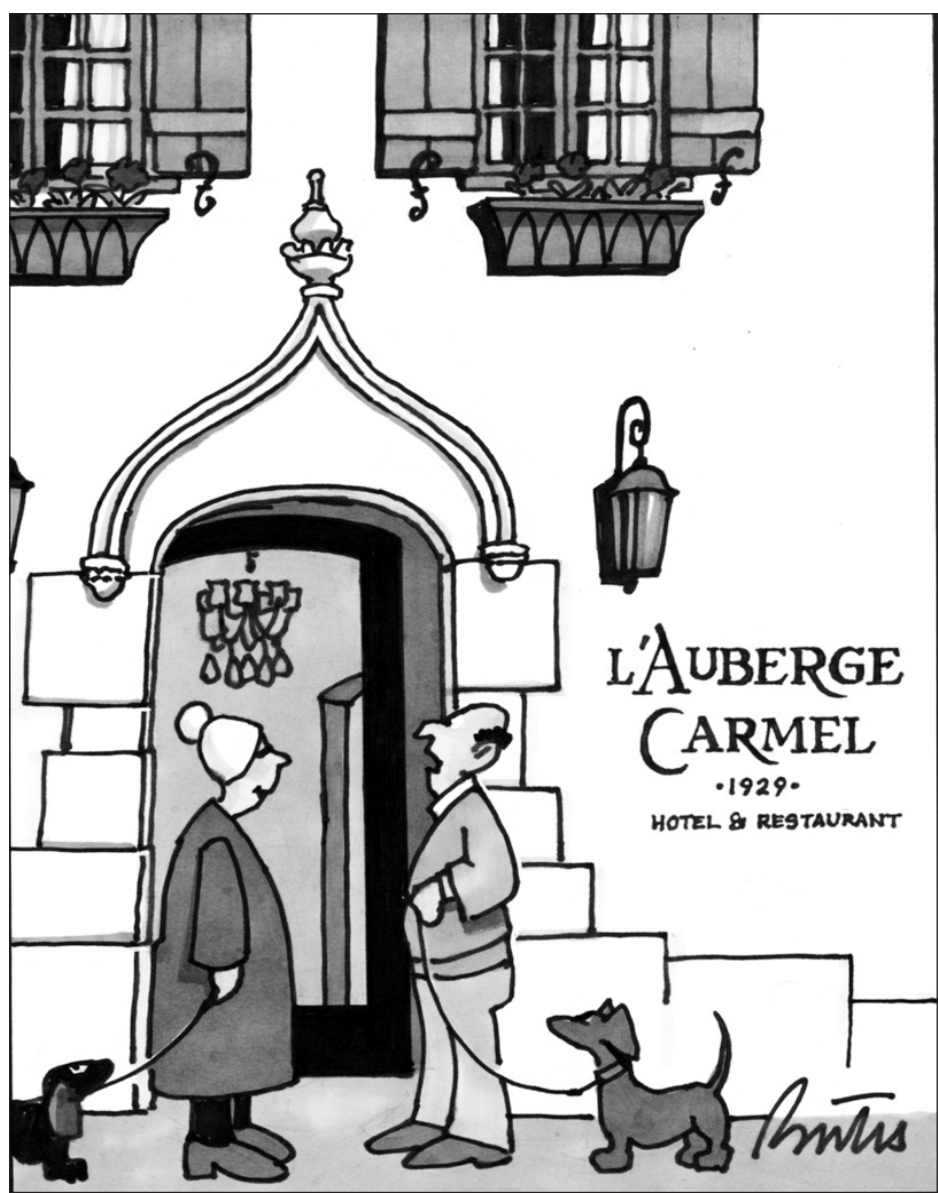
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In fact, if an prospective employee presents a phony Social Security number, or simply makes a mistake in the SSN when filling out a form, it can take months or years for the discrepancy to be discovered. In many cases, Social Security and Medicare taxes paid by employees and employers are collected by the IRS without any notice being given that the money isn't being matched with a valid Social Security account.

Since it is against the law for businesses to hire someone who isn't in the country legally, there should also be a quick way for employers to verify Social Security numbers. If the banks and credit card companies can do it, so can the government.

And while they're setting up the network, they can also make it accessible to police departments and prisons. As we reported last week, when an illegal alien is arrested for committing a serious crime, local law enforcement is kept in the dark about his residency status. If this information were made available quickly, it would be easier to protect the public by keeping dangerous criminals off the streets.

## BATES



"How are you doing?" "I can't complain . . . nobody listens."

## Letters to the Editor

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### 'Welcome changes on LAFCO'

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Carmel Valley Association, I wish to thank The Pine Cone for its continuing editorial support of our right to vote on incorporation. It is clear that the matter of whether to create a Town of Carmel Valley can only legitimately be decided at the ballot box, not through back-room deals.

Please allow me to clarify two points that were raised in your editorial. First, it is a common misperception that LAFCO "only" required that an EIR be done. That was on Oct. 18. On Oct. 23, LAFCO piled it on, deciding that a new comprehensive fiscal analysis be completed, new revenue neutrality negotiations with the county be undertaken, a revised municipal services review be

written and new borders be analyzed. In short, LAFCO decided to make us start over at the beginning. And what would happen after three years and \$365,000 more dollars to complete all these new studies? Opponents would claim that the data were again stale and the studies need to be done again, LAFCO could agree, and the endless circle would continue.

Second, looking for legal precedent for our case is futile. There is no case in California history that I have found where LAFCO voted for a "negative declaration" and then (months later and without new evidence) voted to reverse itself. Nor have I found a case where LAFCO overruled both its own independent expert and its own staff to order an EIR for incorporation - while making no findings to base such a decision on. A consensus has emerged in California in recent years that, barring unusual circumstances, an initial study and negative declaration constitute the appropriate level of environmental review for incorporation. I am confident the courts will agree.

Recent and welcome changes on the LAFCO Commission may make all these arguments moot, and the voters may yet be allowed to vote on creating a Town of Carmel Valley. It is the people, and only the people, who have that legal authority.

Glenn E. Robinson  
CVA President

### 'The fix is in'

Dear Editor,

Monterey County Supervisor Dave

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# Forest Hill seniors want to know if they'll be able to move in

By KELLY NIX

**F**RUSTRATION AMONG would-be residents of Forest Hill Manor came to a boiling point at Wednesday's Pacific Grove City Council meeting when several seniors demanded the city make a critical decision regarding newly built cottages at the retirement home.

Forest Hill's eight new cottages are slated to open in April, but the city hasn't assured residents it will issue occupancy permits for the new units, leaving some seniors wonder-

ing if they will have homes to move into.

"I have already waited two years for my apartment to be built," wrote Eugenia Sweeney in a letter to council members that was read at the meeting. "And your not granting occupancy is creating a stress and burden on me."

Hopeful cottage resident Ted Hollister told council members delaying the occupancy permit has "put lives on hold" and will potentially cost residents thousands of dollars. He said he was "perplexed" by the city's lack of response.

"At our age, life changes can happen much more quickly," Hollister said. "We ask the city to make its intentions clear so residents do not bear these unnecessary financial and emotional burdens."

The snag is the latest of several conflicts Forest Hill Manor has had with Pacific Grove. According to California Nevada Methodist Homes, the nonprofit company that owns the project, it alerted the city in December the cottages would be ready for residents to move in by April and requested assurance from the city that it would issue an occupancy permit once the cottages passed a building inspection.

But according to CNMH, "the city has not confirmed its intentions, and the ability of new residents to occupy their homes remains up in the air."

While it's possible the city could issue the occupancy permits after an inspection, the lack of guarantee from the city worries Forest Hill residents, some of whom must put make preparations by selling their homes and arranging to put belongings into storage.

"All of this unsurety can be stressful," said Kim Ann Herndon, Forest Hill's director of admissions and community relations.

Pacific Grove's community development director, Jon Biggs, couldn't be reached for comment Thursday.

In 2005, Forest Hill Manor took the city to court over the occupancy permits, but the case was dismissed after the city promised to issue the permits as soon as the cottages were finished,

according to CNMH attorney Mary McEachron.

According to Herndon, the city's staff has said it would only issue occupancy permits for the cottages after a new four-story building that features apartments, skilled nursing and assisted living is completed. "There is nothing that stipulates that as a requirement," she said.

There are 13 people waiting to move into the cottages, which are located at the corner of Fountain and Gibson and range from 1,000 square feet to 1,300 square feet.

Prices for the new cottages and apartments range from about \$239,000 to \$532,000, Herndon said.

The city council didn't take any action since the issue wasn't on the agenda.

## LETTERS

From previous page

Potter's insertion of himself in the battle over the future of Carmel Valley should come as no surprise. Long at odds with his fellow supervisors on county growth measures, chance has provided him an opportunity to flex his muscles in a related context. As board president this year, Potter has appointed himself to replace ailing Jerry Smith on the Local Agency Formation Commission, giving him a direct voice in that agency's deliberations on the Carmel Valley incorporation.

The replacement of Smith was not necessary. LAFCO positions are backed up by an alternate, ready to step in to serve in a commissioner's absence. In this case, it was county supervisor Fernando Armenta, who reluctantly bowed to Potter's self nomination, after waiting years to serve as a voting member of the commission.

Potter insists his position on the incorporation is only to let the people vote. This rallying cry, championed by incorporation proponents, masks a host of issues that have plagued the incorporation proposal. Until these are resolved, a majority of the commissioners concluded it should not be sent on for a vote. Included in these issues were the incorporation boundaries, the age and relevance of the fiscal data, disregarded demands for exclusion by business and residential groups in the valley, and the broader unintended effects that only a full EIR could address.

These matters appear to be headed for the courts. The Carmel Valley Forum has filed a suit against LAFCO to force the issue. Potter's presence on the commission will change at least one vote on the proposal, but even if the commission should change its mind, that would only invite another lawsuit from the other direction. We could be headed for years of litigation.

What has this attempt at a political fix

really accomplished?

**Melvin J. Steckler,**  
Carmel Valley

### Break the rules, pay the price

Dear Editor,

Oh my, Mr. Waldsmith ("Too many tickets," Feb. 16). I applaud the increased traffic surveillance throughout Del Monte Forest and, if I break the rules, I would expect to pay the price.

While Mr. Waldsmith's figures may be correct, do they take into account the scores of household workers, service personnel, delivery vehicles and those who just use the forest as a shortcut from Pacific Grove and New Monterey to Carmel? Also, do all 5,550 residents have licenses and drive? Talk about spin to make a point.

Additionally, if I remember some basic physics, it was one of the laws that an object rolling down an incline would gain momentum (speed) unless acted upon by some external force (brakes).

To paraphrase Shakespeare, "I think thou protesteth too much." In other words, "Enforcement is great until I get caught."

**B. Rosnes,**  
Pebble Beach

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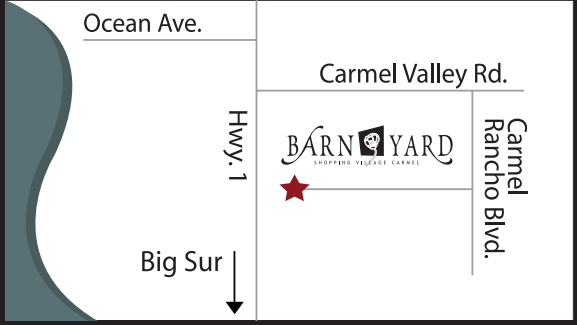


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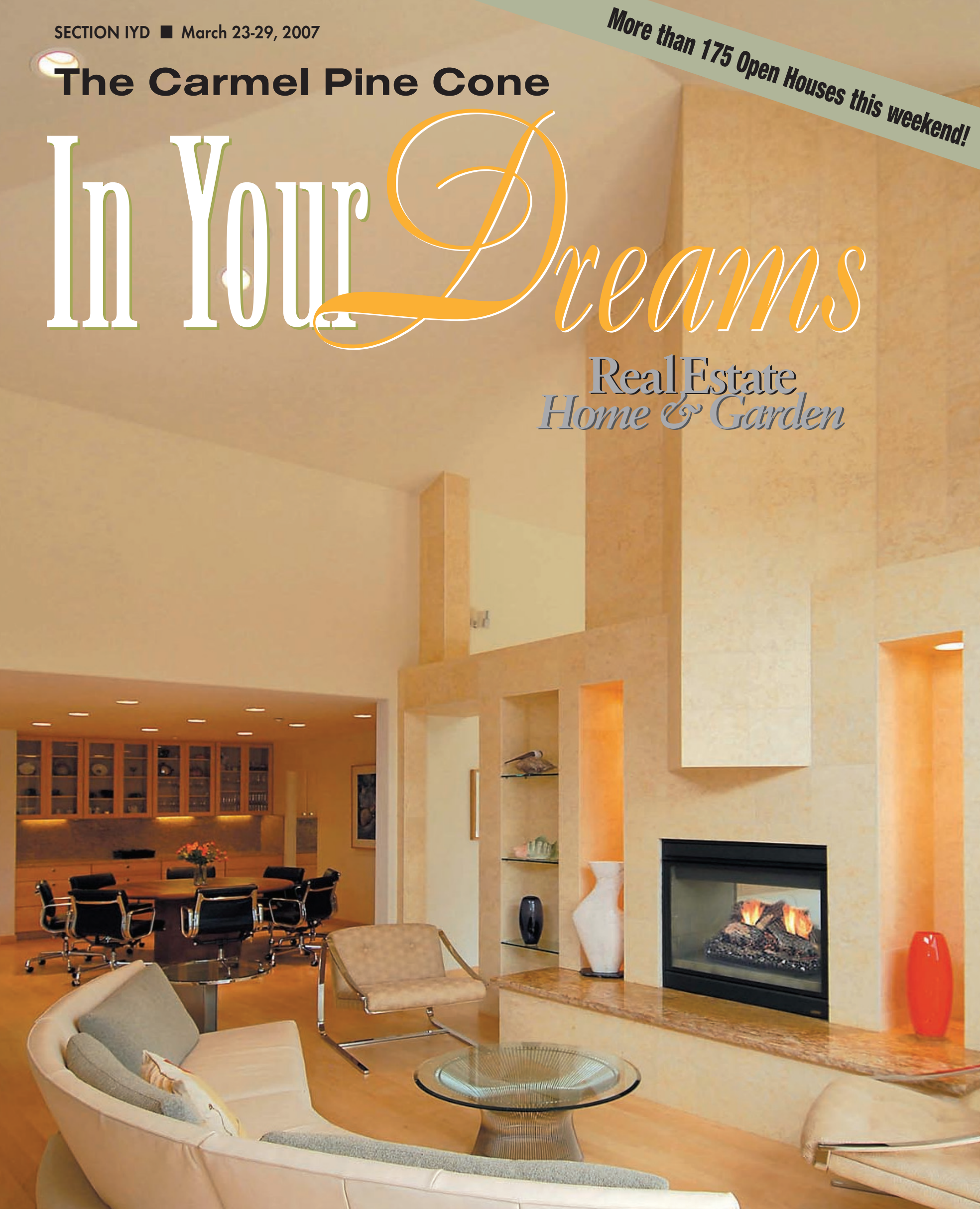


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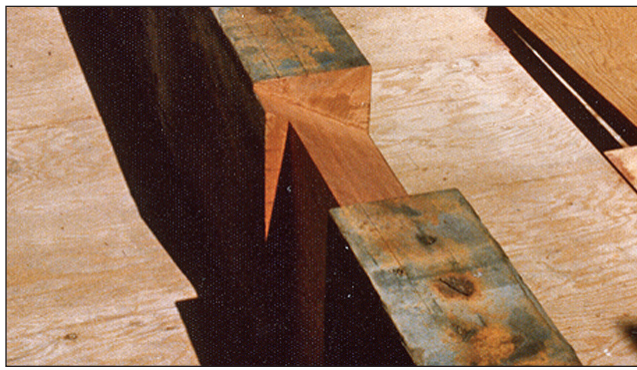
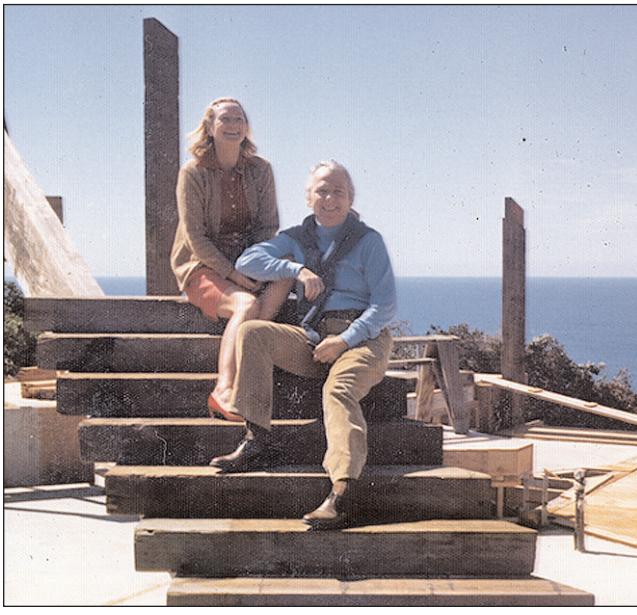
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At left, architect Will Shaw sits with his wife, Mary, on steps that would eventually lead to a loft in the home (top) he designed for her on Pfeiffer Point in the 1960s. Rough redwood timbers (above), salvaged from the demolished Dolan Creek Bridge in Big Sur form its structure.

## A love poem to be lived in

By MARY BROWNFIELD

TUCKED AMID the chaparral of rugged Pfeiffer Ridge, a home nestles into the hillside like a shell in a shoal. Despite its low profile, the house, designed for himself and his wife by the late Modern architect, Will Shaw, capitalizes on every inch of a sweeping view of the stunning Big Sur coast. Mary Shaw remembered the moment she first saw Pfeiffer Point. It was 1966, before the couple was married, and Will

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## IDG: Everything from extra bathrooms to mansions

By KELLY NIX

WHILE SOME architectural firms may have a signature style, Pacific Grove-based International Design Group prefers individuality over uniformity.

“What we pride ourselves on,” said designer and IDG founder John Matthams, “is we don’t

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The extravagant home at left, located on the Monterey Peninsula, was designed by International Design Group, a Pacific Grove-based architectural firm that specializes in custom homes. At right, an example of the use of weathered beams, providing a certain character not always possible with newer wood.



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## POEM

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Shaw took her to meet Martin Ransohof, producer of the movie, "The Sandpiper," starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Shaw had designed a home for the production, and was friends Ransohoff.

During location shooting in Big Sur, Ransohoff had become enchanted with the region, and bought 100 acres at Pfeiffer Point.

"I had been wanting property in the area, and when Martin decided to sell some lots, I bought five acres," Mary Shaw recalled. "I could have faced the south side but chose the northwest because of the sunsets."

The exquisite home Shaw designed shows how much he treasured the view. Large, uninterrupted windows face the Pacific, and a deck in front extends over the rocky, scrubby hillside below.

Mary Shaw's daughter from a previous marriage, Los Angeles architect Polly Osborne, described the house as an expression of Shaw's

deep affection for her mother.

"The house was his love poem to Mary," she said. "He had this wonderful saying that, 'love is a shell.'" Some of his doodles, saved in a scrapbook documenting the house's creation, include those words.

### Far from California

Though the Shaw family had deep roots on the Monterey Peninsula, their Pfeiffer Ridge home began to take form not in California, but

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During construction of the Shaw house, these steps seemed to be a stairway to heaven. In the completed home, they access a loft that looks out over the living room and dining room on the main floor.



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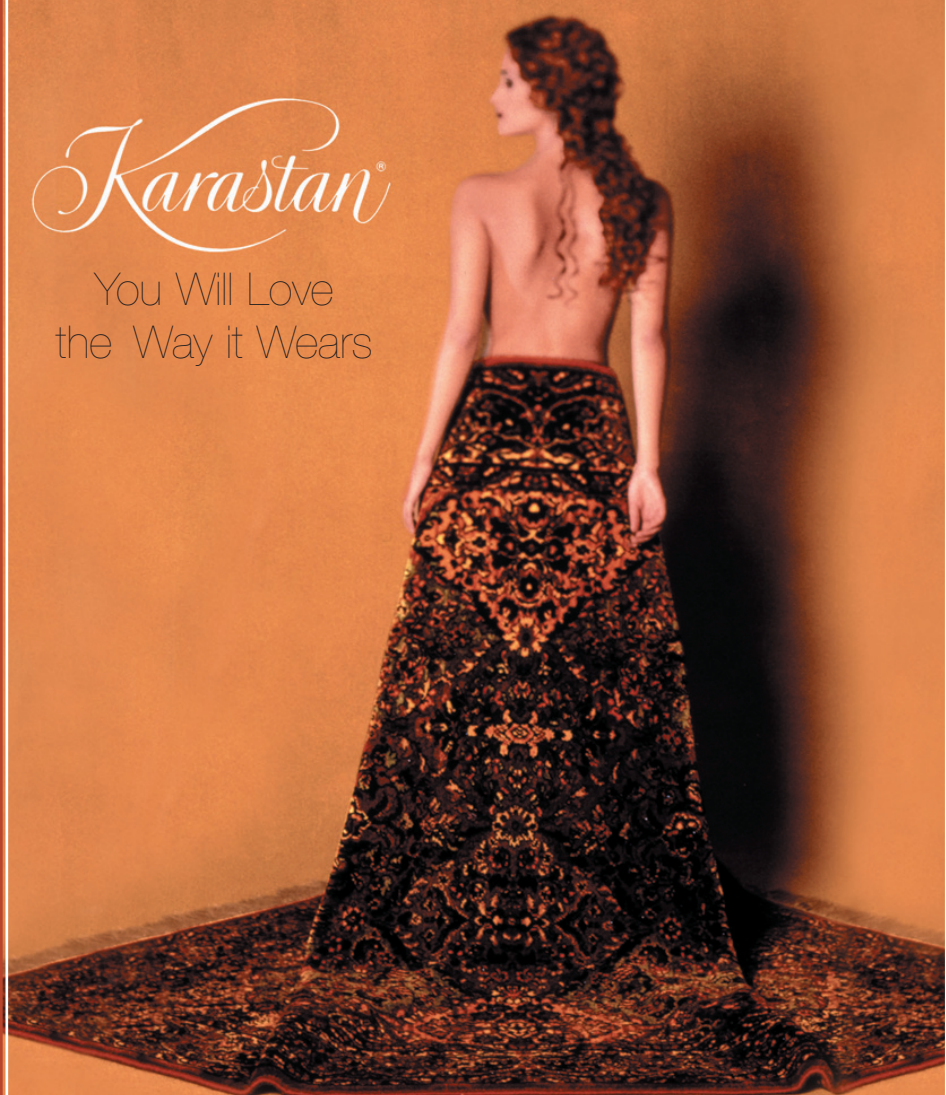
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### PFEIFFER

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in Italy, where the couple spent a year after Shaw was awarded a Prix de Rome and accepted a fellowship in environmental design — then a fledgling area of architecture — at the American Academy in Rome.

“Fellows were given studios and a room and expenses to do whatever they wanted to further their studies,” Mary Shaw said. “And the paper he did at the end was on the steps of

Rome, on changing elevation. He seemed to be good at slopes.”

And at Pfeiffer Point, he took full advantage of that ability, tucking his house into the hillside of a steep building site, with a twisting walkway leading down a sloping hill to the front door.

But Mary Shaw can take a little credit for the home's innovative success.

“The first design Will did when we were living in Rome, the roof went this way, facing

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**The Shaw home as it appears today, with the Pacific Ocean in the background and the first rays of the morning sun dappling the steeply pitched roof.**

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During construction, fog often rolled in over Pfeiffer Beach far below, but the house being built on the ridge was high enough to remain in the sunshine.

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out,” Mary Shaw said, angling her hand to show the wide side of the house open toward the sea. “And I said, ‘Wouldn’t it be nice to have it sloped facing the hill?’”

Shaw accepted the idea put forth by his bride.

“He talked about turning it and facing it into the hillside rather than out toward the ocean because he wanted it to feel embracing,” Polly Osborne recalled. “He felt that people are all for the big view at first, but when they live in a place for a long time, they want the warmth

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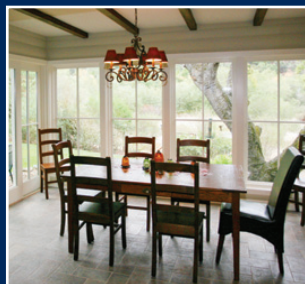
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### SHAW

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and coziness that a protected place would give.”

That insight embraced Shaw's poetic view of love, Osborne said, because, “a shell protects.”

#### Triangles everywhere

While it was in Rome that Shaw settled on the initial form of the home he and Mary would build at Pfeiffer Ridge, he advanced the design after the couple returned to the United States. Osborne described the floor plan as a series of triangles.

“When you walk into the house, that triangular plan exists right in the floor, in the arrangement of the floor boards, and in the ceiling, it exists in the arrangement of the rafters,” Osborne said.

“Sometimes an architect will repeat a concept over and over again, and it will look very forced, but here, it's completely natural and makes you feel good.”

#### Old growth redwood

One of the most striking aspects of the house is that it is supported by huge, clear-heart redwood beams. Shaw and Fred Farr, who were joint owners of property in the area of Big Creek just north of Lucia, purchased timbers salvaged from the Dolan Creek Bridge when it was demolished.

“He always said I married him for his bridge timbers,” Mary Shaw said.

Construction began in 1969 under the guidance of contractor Sam Morse, Mary Shaw's nephew and grandson of the first president of the Pebble Beach Company. Morse first built a small guest house in which to store materials. And he lived in Ransohoff's home while work was under way on the main

building, according to Mary Shaw.

With the building platform placed on stilts to accommodate the slope of the land, the bridge timbers soared into the sky before the framing was raised.

“A cat got on top of one once,” Mary Shaw recalled. “It got down, somehow.”

During the two years it took to complete the house, the Shaws took advantage of the various construction phases by throwing alfresco parties on the site. Photo albums and journals list attendees and depict groups taking in the view along with their food and libation.

At one point, the stairway to what would become a loft over-

looking the living room and dining room was erected in the middle of the floor, though none of the structure existed around it.

Without benefit of mechanization, the frames and beams had to be raised by a strong and well coordinated construction crew.

“The way it was done, it was so by hand,” Osborne recalled. Even the doors were hand-built. “It is in our nature as opposable-thumbed beings to love making things, and so much was

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**A skylight in the roof helps light the airy interior, while the line of the roof seems to aim directly for the rugged coastline of Pfeiffer Beach.**

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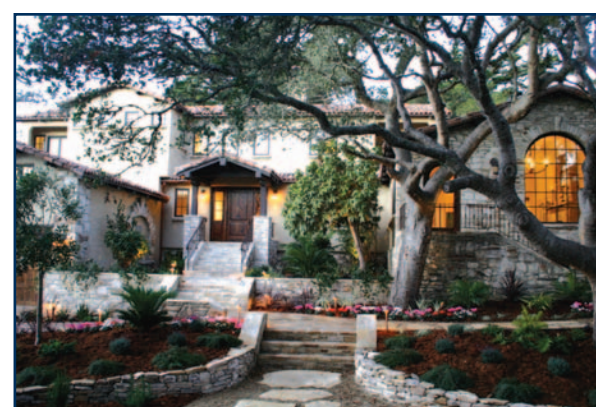
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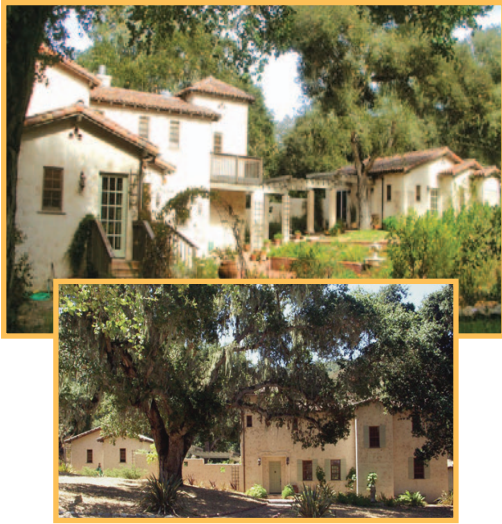
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made on site with this house — it just had a wonderful, happy crew and a great sense of satisfaction for the people doing it.”

The product of everyone’s labors is a home as stunning as the scenery surrounding it. A skylight at the peak of what Mary Shaw calls her “wooden tent” sheds light on the airy rooms below, and a large stone fireplace and iron chimney shield the master bedroom from the common areas without use of any walls or

doors.

Also, the redwood bridge timbers were left in their rough condition, complete holes through which large bolts once ran.

“As an architect, I always want to clean things up and polish them,” Osborne said. “But Will was able to say, “This was a big old bridge and these are big old pieces of wood, and I’m going to leave them rough, and who cares if you’re going to snag your sweater?”

Osborne said her favorite aspects of the

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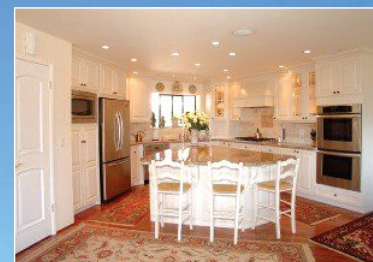


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house are its windows — the narrow, tall panes that open onto the protected patio on the inland side, and the large ones that show off the coastal view on the opposite side of the house.

“The windows in back that look out onto the courtyard, I really love the way they’re built and the kind of soaring quality of them,” she said.

On the deck, some of the Dolan Creek Bridge timbers form a low bench.

“There’s something about that bench,” Osborne continued. “You feel safe even though it doesn’t have a railing.”

### ‘The Slipper’

The house contains two lofts — one accessed by the stairs, where Mary Shaw creates her collage artwork — and the other in the guest room and accessed by a ladder affixed to

the wall. It also has two bathrooms and a kitchen, with most of the floor space dedicated to the combined living room and dining room.

It’s full of clever accents and twists. To hide the windows so the bedrooms can be made completely dark, the architect installed hinges on some of the long, unfinished boards used for the walls.

With the exception of the entryway’s aggregate layered with smooth stones, and a little tile in other areas, the home’s floors are made of hard Monterey pine, which is no longer available for construction.

Among its fixtures is the red porcelain claw-footed bathtub in the master bathroom.

“It’s a Kohler fixture, and I don’t know if they make that anymore, but they called it the Slipper,” Osborne said. “You know, you slip down into it, but I think they were thinking about the kind you wear on your feet.”

The triangular theme extends to seemingly small items inside. Will Shaw found triangular

foam cushions sewn of red corduroy in a wedge shape.

“That’s a typical architect thing to do,” Osborne said. “You find a piece of furniture that matches your concept.”

He placed several stacks of them in the living room. Individually, they cushion the floor for people who sit at a low table — a cross-section of a huge tree — located near the windows facing the sea.

Outside, the garden is kept drought-tolerant and consistent with the coastal terrain surrounding the home.

“We just kept it as natural as possible,

though we had to clear the way around the house because of the fire laws,” Mary Shaw said. “When it was first built, the ceanothus was growing up right around it. I liked that, but we couldn’t keep it.”

The garden evolved with the couple’s walks to the beach with their dogs.

“Sometimes Will would pick a succulent and then plant it,” she said.

Osborne recalled exploring the building site before the house was constructed and said its impact still affects her now, more than three decades later.

“It’s really powerful,” she said.

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### IDG

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have an architectural vernacular, which is one look.”

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“It is the owner’s home, not ours,” said architect Jun Sillano, Matthams’ business part-

ner. “We make their vision come to fruition.”

IDG specializes in custom homes, which accounts for 80 percent of its work, according to Matthams. The firm has even designed homes in the \$25 million-plus range.

But Matthams is quick to point out that IDG works on projects of all sizes, not just the big ones.

“We’re working with a schoolteacher to do an addition to her home,” he said. “We consid-

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## MATTHAMS

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One of the company’s most ambitious enterprises was designing facilities for a well-known, international fitness chain.

“The owner of 24 Hour Fitness wanted a Miami look and he came to me,” Matthams said. “We ended up doing 120 fitness clubs throughout California and the rest of the country and even Russia, Germany and London. We went contemporary to make them very sleek and up to date.”

In 2005, the owner of 24 Hour Fitness sold the chain for \$1.6 billion.

“We were instrumental in helping him get there,” Matthams said.

### 17 Mile Drive dream homes

If you’re able to see over the private gates, some of IDG’s most extraordinary projects are in Pebble Beach, where the company has designed 11 homes on 17 Mile Drive alone, Matthams said.

One of Matthams’ favorites is a home in the style of a 16th century manor house near the Lone Cypress Tree. In working with the homeowner, “funds weren’t talked about too much,” he said.

“It was done completely as an English-style home, with lots of the materials imported from England,” he said. “All the panels for library were from 16th century English doors. The clay tile roof was also from England and all of the stone flooring came from Europe.”

The owner, Matthams said, has the largest collection of antique English furniture in California.

“We also used antique timbers, which were fashioned for the design we used,” he said. “If we had used a new Douglas fir, we wouldn’t have gotten the cracks and age that you would with antique wood.”



**This house, designed by International Design Group, would fit well in the southwest but is actually located on the Monterey Peninsula.**

Although made to look old, everything in the home, including the lights, drapes and music system, is electronically controlled with state-of-the-art technology, Matthams said.

“It’s beautifully camouflaged,” he said. “You would never

have the notion that you have anything beyond the 16th century in this house. It’s a very clever, smart house.”

### A P.B. home inspired by golf

Another IDG-designed house on 17 Mile Drive near Cypress Point was inspired by the owner’s golf trips to Scotland and Northern England. The owner wanted the 14,000-square-foot structure to look like an English manor house, Matthams said.

“We had an incredible group of local artisans, including stone people and metal people, who specialized in many aspects of the house,” he said. “The end result is, when his golfing friends come to visit from England and Scotland, they feel like they are at home.”

The home’s nontraditional features include a full theater and stage to watch movies and plays.

It also has a very unique master suite, Matthams said.

The owners “were impressed by the beautiful carvings from some of the churches they had seen in England,” he said. “So we use tracery of wood design, which simulates some of the work you would see in the churches of England.”

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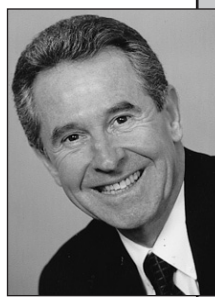


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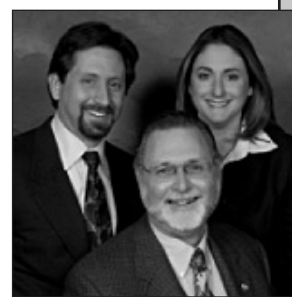
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**L**IKE MANY creative souls, Karuna Licht was drawn to Big Sur by the words of Henry Miller, the controversial writer who lived on Monterey County's rugged South Coast a half century ago.

"I read 'Big Sur and the Oranges of Hieronymus Bosch,'" recalled Licht, who like the controversial writer, grew up in Brooklyn. "The language he used described my inner feelings."

A particular passage from the 1957 autobiographical work profoundly touched Licht: "Big Sur is nature smiling at herself," Miller observed.

A gifted painter as well as a professional psychologist, Licht found Miller's words so inspiring, she crossed the country, making Big Sur her home 23 years ago. She lives on what the locals call Front Hill, a small ridge of gently sloping terraces that sit happily above Pfeiffer Beach. Licht's hand-crafted studio rests in the midst of a colorful succulent garden, which is perched high above a glimmering expanse of ocean to the west.

For nearly a quarter century, the changing rhythms of nature have not only shaped Licht's artistic output, but literally defined

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**Picturesque Pfeiffer Beach (above), well known to summertime visitors and anyone who has watched the film, "The Sandpiper," is just a short hike away from Karuna Licht's rustic Big Sur home (above right).**

## MANSIONS

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### A well-forged partnership

Sillano began as a consultant with IDG until he was hired by Matthams to be his business partner.

"We have been together for about 16 to 18 years," Sillano said. "I started as a consultant then we became partners."

Sillano said he and Matthams have a strong mutual respect for each other, which has helped the company thrive.

"And we are both driven by our work ethics," which often means long hours including weekends, Sillano said.

Jun is now principal of the firm, which means he's "been running the company for the past few years."

Matthams, originally from Liverpool, England, and often seen in Pacific Grove driving his vintage Mini Coopers, spends nearly two weeks a month in Hawaii, living with his wife Sharon in a home he designed.

"About two years ago we started doing work in Maui," he said. "And now, 50 percent of the work we do is in the islands. I do projects in Maui for people who live in this area."

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### PALETTE

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her life on the Big Sur coast. But at 65, Licht senses other changes on the horizon, and with the same openness to adventure that led her to this charmed place, she is leaving Front Hill.

"I am making an age-appropriate decision," conceded Licht, who is already living part-time in Carmel Valley. She has also maintained a psychology practice in Monterey for 25 years

It wasn't an easy decision to make, though. "I spent two years thinking about," recounted Licht, who has two children and two grandchildren. "This is where my home is, and this is where my heart is."

#### From Monterey to Big Sur

In 1984 — forty years after Miller left the confines of Monterey for the uncertainties of life in Big Sur — Licht took the same path along Highway One.

On the Monterey Peninsula, Licht had met Bill Webb, a fine art photographer and longtime Big Sur resident who knew Miller well, even collaborating with him on a book about Miller's watercolors, "Paint As You Like and Die Happy." Webb lived on Front Hill.

Licht and Webb — both creative types with a



**A gifted artist, Licht views the construction of her home as her greatest creative accomplishment. "I look at life as a creative palette," she explained. "This is what I did as a creative artist. I created a place to live."**

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### REAL ESTATE SALES

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#### Monterey (con't.)

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APN: 014-111-021

##### Lower Ragsdale Drive — \$4,000,000

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26173 Dolores Street, Carmel — \$1,475,000

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Steve Sala to Elkhorn Slough Foundation  
APN: 129-151-014/015

#### Pacific Grove

##### 125 7th Street — \$450,000

125 Seventh Street LLC to Floyd & Carolyn Hall  
APN: 006-205-014

##### 1239 Buena Vista Avenue — \$630,000

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## In Your Dreams

### STUDIO

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passion for anti-war activism — struck up a friendship, and before long, Webb directed Licht's gaze to a vacant 10-acre parcel next to his house.

"Bill encouraged me to buy the property," she said. "He said, 'Come and live on the hill.'"

Like Miller, Licht was raised in the big city, but longed for the silence and wide open spaces of a wild, natural place. She resolved to build a home in Big Sur.

"I was very naive," she conceded. "This was during the dawning of the Age of the Coastal Commission. Everybody said I couldn't do it."

Undeterred, Licht decided to dream big and create something unforgettable.

"I said to myself, 'I'm going to design something so that when someone sits down here, they'll never want to leave,'" she recalled.

Other than a stunning view and some level ground, though, Licht had little to work with other than her energy and her imagination.

"The property was completely covered with poison oak," she remembered.

Instead of constructing an architectural statement, Licht decided to build two structures, a guest cottage and an art studio. But she couldn't have completed the task without a little help from her friends.

"When I ran out of funds, I had a roof-raising party," she recounted. "Fifteen local carpenters came and put the roof on one day."

Modest yet elegant, the cottage and studio are dwarfed by the grandeur of the natural surroundings, which include the towering Santa Lucia mountains to the east, and a generous

slice of Pacific Ocean to the west.

"I look at life as a creative palette," Licht explained. "This is what I did as a creative artist. I created a place to live."

While Licht will no longer maintain a residence there, Big Sur will remain a big part of her life.

"I am a part of this community," she said. "My heart will never leave Big Sur."

#### Civilization just minutes away

Despite the wild and natural look of its surroundings, Front Hill is a surprisingly civilized place. Four-star resorts, restaurants, art galleries and spas are just a 15-minute drive away.

"The property is close to the heart of Big Sur," explained Hillary Lipman, a local real estate agent and longtime Big Sur resident who is listing the property. "It's near Nepenthe, the

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What Licht's modest guest cottage lacks in size (above) is offset by its warmth, its comfort, a few modern conveniences, and an amazing view of the ocean (left).



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## POLICE LOG

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**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject fell while walking in the residential area on Casanova Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine responded to a report of a person trapped in an elevator at Norton Court, Dolores and Fifth. Engine arrived at scene. One person was trapped just below the second floor in the disabled person's elevator. Located the central electrical service for the elevator and turned it off, then restored it. The elevator then resumed functioning and the person exited.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine responded to a reported fire alarm activation at First Murphy House, Lincoln and Sixth. Engine arrived on scene. The fire alarm panel was indicating "trouble," not "alarm." Alarm was rest and the trouble signal vanished. The building was clear.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to report of a person in distress in the water off Del Mar. Engine and ambulance arrived on scene. A boogie boarder was having difficulty paddling to shore but was on shore on crews' arrival. The person reported no problem and declined any assistance. Carmel P.D. was also on scene. Pacific Grove F.D. responded their Ocean Rescue unit but was canceled before leaving their station.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency in a hotel on San Carlos Street. Crews found a male in his 70s sitting on the ground and leaning against a car in the motel parking lot. The patient slipped and fell while wheeling his luggage to a vehicle. Crews assisted with bandaging, placing the patient in c-spine and loading. Ambulance transported the patient to CHOMP.

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## ENCLAVE

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It is hard to imagine it today, but 23 years ago, Licht's beautifully landscaped property was "completely covered with poison oak."



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# POLICE LOG

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**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to Cypress Fire District on Camino del Monte for a medical emergency. On scene of a medical with a patient complaining of hip pain. ALS procedures and preparation for transport to CHOMP Code 2.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Casanova. Found a male in his 80s while sitting at the edge of the road leaning against a car and also being supported by a passerby. Patient had fallen while walking. Firefighters assisted ambulance crew with bandaging, placing the patient in c-spine and loading. Ambulance crew transported the patient to CHOMP.

**Pebble Beach:** The residents of Pebble Beach reported numerous mailbox vandalisms on Mission Road and Sloat Road. Case suspended.

**Carmel Valley:** A parent reported 3- and 5-year-old juveniles found suspected contraband at the playground at Tularcitos School. Item tested positive for methamphetamine.

**Carmel area:** The suspects attempted to take out items from the grocery store on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

**Carmel area:** A Monterey County resident reported a past-tense residential burglary of an Aguajito Road residence with a loss of \$15,000. The reporting Party suspected a baby-sitter of taking property and moving other property around her home. Case continues.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Officer saw a black dog with a short tail running loose in the area of Scenic and Santa Lucia. The dog was unapproachable and was seen as far away as 14th and San Antonio from the beach. On the animal control officer's arrival, an area check was made, and the officer saw the dog unattended on the beach, along the slopes, and the roadways. Officer was able to capture the dog at

Bayview and Santa Lucia at 1512 hours. Transported the dog and secured it into Carmel P.D. kennel at 1526 hours. Attempts were made to contact the owner of the dog. At 1800 hours, the officer transported the dog to Monterey County Animal Services, since no contact with the owner had been made. On the officer's return to the Carmel P.D., the owner was located. Invoice mailed to owner on March 13.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Reporting party saw a subject crouched down in front of her parked vehicle, which was parked in Red Eagle Alley. The RP thought that the subject may have been tampering with her vehicle. There was no indication of any tampering. The subject was identified in the field and interviewed. He was taking a break and happened to be resting in the area. No further action.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a possible coastal incident in which a swimmer was having difficulties coming ashore. The swimmer was fine upon officers' arrival.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male suspect, age 43, arrested at

Carmel Beach on an outstanding warrant out of San Benito County. Subject lodged at county jail.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Neighbor dispute at Eighth and Mission over loud noises coming from the downstairs unit which was loud enough to disturb the peace of the tenant living directly above. Both parties were contacted, counseled and agreed to respect the space of each other and contact the police if further problems arise.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Ocean Avenue. On scene, found a male in his 30s lying on the sidewalk. Patient was intoxicated and had fallen. Assisted with patient care, c-spine precautions and loading. Ambulance transported the patient to CHOMP. Carmel P.D. also responded to take a report of a fall on city property.

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**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Reported coastal incident for five subjects caught in a rip tide at Scenic and 13th. Fire engine, ambulance on scene. With the assistance of Carmel P.D., crews located five children in two separate groups on the beach that had been in the water a reported 20 to 30 minutes and were caught in a rip tide. All five children were rescued from the water via bystanders prior to crews' arrival, with two patients medically assessed and released with patient consent for exhaustion and a bruised nose. Utility stood by at Scenic and Eighth beach access.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to Cypress Fire for a medical emer-

gency. At scene found a patient complaining of syncope, ALS procedures performed, patient prepared for transport. En route to CHOMP Code 3 with patient.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine responded to a reported fire alarm activation on the Niell building, Mission and Fifth. On scene, investigation indicated an intermittent trouble alarm sounding near the corner of the building. As there was no key to access the alarm panel in the locked basement, an occupant of the apartments was to contact the building's manager.

## MONDAY, MARCH 12

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subjects were contacted on Junipero Street for being loud in public. Subjects had been drinking but were able to care for themselves. Damage was noted on a vehicle parked in the street near the subjects,

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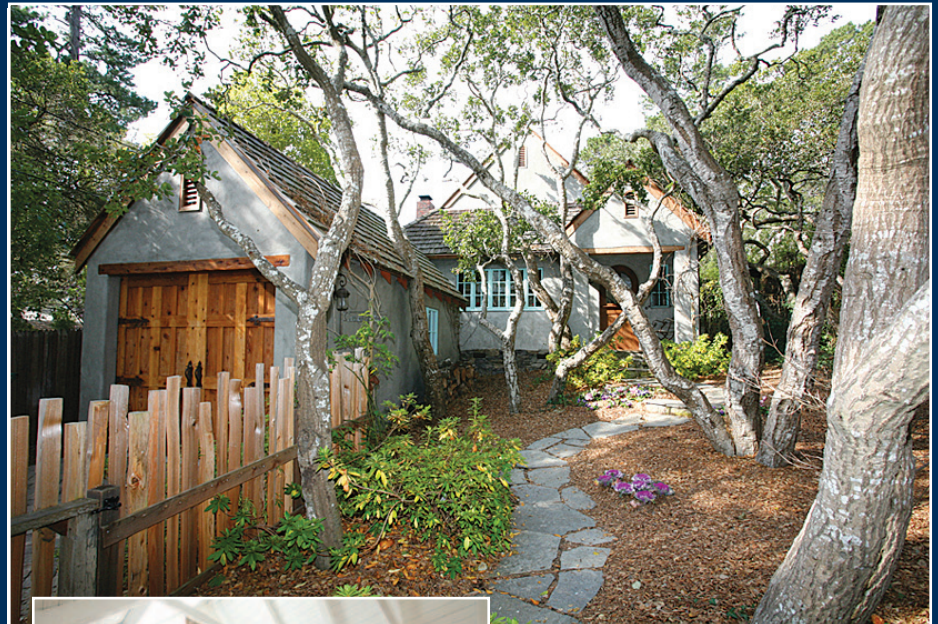
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and an attempt was made to contact the owner to see if any damage was fresh. A responsible was contacted and said they had owner information and would call them in the morning. All subjects field identified and took a taxi home.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Officer responded to a report of two small dogs running loose in traffic at Lobos and Third. On the officer's arrival, the dogs were already returned to the owner with assistance from a citizen. Officer obtained information on the owner and made contact at her residence. Information regarding the dogs' escape was discussed and a warning was given. A previous report earlier in the day was called in; however, the dogs could not be found.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Victim on Seventh Avenue reported the loss of a power drill in area of a construction site. If located, please notify reporting party.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to a medical emergency on 17 Mile Drive for a male who fell off a cliff while operating a lawn mower. While en route, address updated to the 7th Tee box at Pebble Beach Golf Links. On scene for a male who suffered a mechanical fall of 20 to 25 feet while operating a maintenance vehicle. Patient contact made, ALS care initiated and air ambulance requested. Patient flown to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center via air ambulance. Ambulance available and en route to Carmel Hill Fire Station for incident debriefing with battalion

chief.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** On-duty crews assisted a male walk-in requesting a bandage on a small cut on his leg. First aid complete. All units available in the station.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to an unknown motor vehicle accident at 17 Mile Drive and Palmero Way with two vehicles blocking the intersection. On scene with truck and QRV from Pebble Beach station. Patient contact made, BLS care initiated. En route to CHOMP Code 2 with one patient.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to a medical emergency/motor vehicle accident on Highway 1 in Carmel Highlands. Checked for injuries. Patient signed medical release form.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance dispatched to an alarm chirping in a single apartment near the balcony. At scene, laddered the second story balcony at Mission and Fifth and found a battery-operated smoke alarm detached from the ceiling and placed out on the balcony furniture. As firefighters attempted to remove the battery, the occupant came out to investigate the noise and firefighters gave the detector to him. Available and returned to station.

**Pebble Beach:** Sloat Road residents called to report someone vandalized their mailbox over the weekend.

**Big Sur:** Subject on Highway 1 called to



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report an ex-employee in a vehicle returning to the property multiple times after being told to stay away.

**Carmel area:** Found walking cane at Monte Verde and Walker turned in for safekeeping.

**Carmel area:** Victim on Carmel Rancho Boulevard reported suspect disturbed his peace.

**Pebble Beach:** Pebble Beach Security turned in a wallet that was found in Pebble Beach. The wallet was returned to the owner.

**Carmel Valley:** Victim reported softball equipment was stolen from the storage shed at Carmel Middle School on Carmel Valley Road.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 13

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Carmel Fire Department and Carmel P.D. assisted in gaining entrance at citizen's residence after he had fallen and was unable to get up. At scene, ambulance and engine crew were required to force entry through a laundry room door window. Assessed the man and found no need for further medical attention. City maintenance crew cleaned and boarded up the window until the resident could make repairs to the door glass.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a male subject (20s, 6 foot 2, 175 pounds, slim build) wearing a white baseball cap, leather jacket, torn/baggy blue jeans and carrying a black soft guitar bag, who entered the business on Mission Street and accused an employee of stealing his wallet (purple & black). Subject was last seen leaving the store on foot northbound on Mission Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found wallet turned in to Carmel P.D. for safekeeping pending notification to owner.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Reporting party came to the police department to report an ongoing problem with her mother-in-law and husband; however, she left without giving information, stating that she would be back in the morning. Meanwhile, her husband called the P.D. to request a restraining order against his wife. He was advised that he would have to seek one on his own and was given resources to do that. He stated that he and his wife were away from each other at the moment and that the problem was verbal in nature only. He hung up without providing his name. Shortly thereafter, a call came in from a third party reporting loud arguing in front of her house. Parties were gone prior to officers' arrival. RP no contact but confirmed the parties were the same as above. Monterey P.D. conducted a welfare check on the last known address with negative results.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched on a mutual aid for Westmed to a Spruce Way residence for a female in her 80s near syncope and dyspnea. Patient transported Code 2 to CHOMP.

**Pebble Beach:** Stevenson Drive resident reported what she felt was a crime but may only be a civil issue. Pending contact with second party.

**Carmel area:** Report of possible probationer seen in an unauthorized area on Monte Verde Street near 15th Avenue.

**Carmel Valley:** Civil dispute in Cachagua over residency.

**Pacific Grove:** Sheriff's deputies assisted Pacific Grove Police Department with a perimeter for a stolen vehicle suspect. Case suspended.

**Pebble Beach:** The suspect entered a house and took the victim's property from a residence on Founders Lane.

**Pebble Beach:** The suspect at the Forest Lodge Road residence was possibly mentally abusing the victim.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male subject (father) reported having a verbal dispute with his 14-year-old daughter, who refused to get back into his vehicle at Torres and Ocean. Both parties were counseled without any further incident.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen reported a white and brown dog loose in the area of Lincoln and Fourth. On

arrival, the reporting party had secured the dog and telephoned the number located on the collar. A message was left. Officer obtained the dog and information from the RP. While beginning the transport of the dog, Party 2 approached to claim the dog and explained that the dog escaped through a fence. Information/warning was given, and the dog was released to the owner.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Traffic collision on private property on Rio Road. Vehicle was drivable.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Grand theft on Carmel Beach. Visitors from Europe reported a camcorder valued at \$400, an iPod valued at \$350, a cell phone valued at \$200 and approximately \$45 in currency were taken when the items were left unattended.


**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched on a mutual aid for Westmed to a Highway 1 residence for a female in her 70s with right hip pain. Patient transported Code 2 to CHOMP at 1146 hours.

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with right hip pain. Patient transported to CHOMP Code 2.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on the west side of San Carlos Street at a restaurant. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel with patient assessment, diagnostics, oxygen administration, monitor hookup, IV setup, packaging and gathering information on a female in her 90s who had experienced a possible syncopal episode. After placing the patient in the ambulance, fire personnel witnessed a vehicle back into the vehicle parked behind it, causing minor or negligible damage. Police were dispatched to investigate. The patient was transported to CHOMP by the ambulance and the engine returned to the station.

**Big Sur:** At approximately 2003 hours, the Monterey County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team was dispatched to the area just south of Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park in Big Sur on a report of seven hikers stranded on a ridge above Highway 1. The rescue team members were able to blaze a trail up to the hikers and assisted them to safety. No injuries were reported. The hikers, three women ages 18 to 20, and four men ages 19 to 22, all from Claremont College, had lost their trail and attempted to access Highway 1 by going cross country. When they were unable to access the road due to steep terrain and thick vegetation, they began yelling for help. A resident in the area heard the cries for help and called the sheriff's office.

**Carmel area:** Conducted a civil standby in the Carmel Riviera area of Carmel Highlands.

**Carmel area:** Mother and daughter had an argument at a Flanders Drive residence.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 15

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Resident reported an unknown elderly male subject entered her residence and appeared disoriented. It was found the male subject suffered from Alzheimer's and had walked away from a location on Mission Street. Contacted the

caregiver, who confirmed the subject had walked away. Officers transported the male subject back to his residence. Information only.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury accident counter report taken regarding an incident on Mission Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found digital camera on San Antonio Avenue.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Civil standby on Junipero Street. Subject requested to drop off property from a past relationship. Property sheet was filled out and both parties signed the property list. Male half dropped off property and female party picked it up on March 16 at 1600 hours.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Junipero Street. Female in her 80s was experiencing dizziness and weakness. The patient was transported to CHOMP by ambulance and the engine returned to the station.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Suspicious circumstances on Monte Verde Street. Person reported an unattended "bread box" in front of city hall. Upon arrival units observed what appeared to be a rusted bread box with a "free" sign on top. Soon after, the owner of the bread box arrived on scene and notified responding units that she had put the box there for someone to pick up.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Welfare check on Santa Rita Street. Welfare check at residence after and a loud bang sound was heard in the area. Resident was contacted and found to be safe. Unfounded.

**Carmel area:** Reporting parties on San Pedro Lane had a verbal argument over child custody issues.

**Carmel Valley:** Reporting party stated that he had been in an argument with his wife; he had been drinking. He recently lost his father. There was no physical violence.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Civil issue on San Carlos Street. Subject reported his estranged wife may attempt to harass him because his business had moved.

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