

# Lawsuit claims \$36,000 Italian Renaissance clock was a fake

By KELLY NIX

A CUSTOMER who purchased a \$36,000 clock he said was advertised as an antique from the Renaissance is suing the owner of a Pacific Grove store for fraud, alleging the timepiece is a fake.

Theodore Vinther filed a lawsuit Oct. 21 in Monterey

County Superior Court against P.G. developer and Holman Antique Plaza owner Nader Agha, contending the clock was misrepresented when he bought it in October 2007.

Vinther is suing for \$36,000, plus unspecified losses due to his expending "significant time and funds to determine the clock is a reproduction, not a genuine antique," according to the suit.

But Agha, who described the clock as a "very fine, heav-

ily carved, very fancy mahogany grandfather clock," said he never misrepresented it.

"I told him it's probably about 20 to 30 years old," he said.

According to Vinther's suit, the clock was advertised and sold to him as a "genuine Italian Renaissance clock," and that

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## HOUSE FIRE BLAMED ON BAD WIRING

■ Burned for hours before being discovered

By MARY BROWNFIELD

ANTIQUATED WIRING in the kitchen is the suspected cause of a fire that gutted a vacant home on Rio



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

An early-morning fire Sunday destroyed pretty much everything except the adobe walls in this home above the mouth of the valley. Renters were due to move in the next day.

Vista Drive in Carmel Valley early Sunday morning, but the damage was so extensive no one will ever know for certain, a fire investigator said.

Fire engines from several departments rushed to the hillside neighborhood across from Carmel Middle School when neighbors dialed 911 around 4:15 a.m. Oct. 26 to report a vegetation fire, according to Cypress Fire Capt. Richard Lopez.

"The neighbor looked out, and it looked like the trees were on fire," he said.

But it was a 1,500-square-foot adobe house that was actually ablaze, and when the first engine arrived, firefighters saw "fire coming out darn near every window and door," Lopez said. "It took the crews a good hour to get it knocked down to where it was just smoking and smoldering."

In addition to Cypress Fire, engines came from the City of Carmel and Carmel Valley, and several more were en route due to the initial report of a wildfire.

"We had a whole parade coming," Lopez said. In total, 22 people helped put out the blaze.

"The house is a total loss,"

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## Erosion control projects hampered by red tape

■ Rain on the way has Big Sur residents worried

By CHRIS COUNTS

DAVE BRUBAKER wants to install a 480-foot concrete barrier on his property to protect his outbuildings from the mud and debris that promise to rush down Anderson Creek in this winter's storms.

But according to his attorney, he has yet to get a permit for the work due to a bureaucratic slowdown, and he's worried rain will come before he can get any work done.

Recent wildfires, which scorched more than 250,000 acres along the Big Sur coast, stripped Anderson Canyon of much of its erosion-controlling vegetation.

To construct the barrier, Brubaker needs an OK from Monterey County and the California Department of Transportation. Unfortunately, both approvals are contingent on an uncompleted engineering report. Meanwhile, Brubaker

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## Sculptor sued by DMC Construction

By KELLY NIX

A MONTEREY construction company is suing a local sculptor alleging the artist hasn't paid more than \$100,000 in labor and materials for his new gallery at Lincoln and Sixth in downtown Carmel.

DMC Construction filed a lawsuit Oct. 21 against sculptor Richard MacDonald, who the company says has not paid \$117,443.80 in construction costs for his showplace gallery.

In July, DMC Construction filed a lien on the property for the unpaid bills.

DMC and MacDonald entered into a contract in April 2007 to construct the building, a portion of which was to be used as an art gallery and a portion as a residential apartment.

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PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

The new sculpture gallery on Sixth Avenue took two years to build, and the contractor claims it is owed lots of money.

## Anchorwoman seeks damages for emotional trauma over dog's death

By KELLY NIX

IN A lawsuit that seeks to set a new precedent for damages, a local news anchorwoman is suing the owner of a Labrador for emotional distress after the dog mauled her Maltese last year in front of the Pacific Grove post office.

In her suit filed Oct. 20 in Monterey County Superior Court, Olga Ospina, of KCBA and KION TV, asks that the Lab's owners, Donna Bazan and Donald Armstrong, be required to pay her thousands of dollars for veterinary and personal medical bills.

But Ospina is also seeking something California courts haven't awarded before. She wants money for "severe emotional distress" she claims she suffered as a result of her dog being attacked.

Heretofore, "the law limits emotional distress damages to being in the presence of a close human relative who gets



Olga Ospina

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## Neighbor complains, but hot tub shelter OK'd

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHEN CASANOVA Street residents Mike and Nancy Proto-Robinson put a hot tub in their backyard, they decided they wanted more privacy from the two-story house next door, so they constructed an ornate shelter that stands 11 feet tall and covers 100 square feet.

Last week, they received approval for the shelter but were chastised for building it without a permit.

The structure came to the city's attention after neighbor Kurt von Emster complained. He said its roof blocks the view of a "nicely planted area" in the neighbor's yard that had been visible from his home.

"Our home has large view windows into the backyards of our neighbors, and we enjoy the view of ours and our neighbor's trees," he wrote in an Oct. 7 letter to the city.

But the Proto-Robinsons felt their privacy was more important than von Emster's view of their yard.

"The applicants expressed concern about the privacy of their backyard from the northern neighbor's windows," city planner Marc Wiener wrote in a report for the Oct. 22 design review board meeting.

He recommended approval but initially said the couple would have to pay double fees for building the structure without a permit.

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# Anticipating winter closures, county installs gates on Old Coast Road

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE SIGN, "Impassable in Wet Weather," has long warned motorists against taking a chance on the Old Coast Road during winter storms — even though the route has provided a vital alternative for reaching Big Sur when Highway 1 is closed.

But with last summer's wildfires having raised the possibility of mudslides in the coming months, Monterey County is installing gates so the 11-mile Old Coast Road can be closed if necessary.

"The road will only be closed if conditions warrant it," explained Kathleen Lee, aide to 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter.

Officials worry erosion resulting from last summer's Basin Complex Fire — which stripped steep hillsides of vegetation — could inundate the two forks of the Little Sur River, which meet a short distance from a bridge along the county dirt road.

Tom Hopkins, president of the nonprofit Ventana Wilderness Alliance, urged officials to close the road to the public only if it is absolutely necessary. The road is maintained with tax dollars.

"The road needs to stay open to the public," Hopkins said. "It's an alternative route should there be any problems with Highway 1. There's also access to the wilderness off the road."

Hopkins said he was surprised the county is building gates along the road. "The county has always managed to close the road successfully with just barricades," Hopkins observed. "They've never had to build large gates."

For much of its length, the road passes through El Sur Ranch. Mark Blum, an attorney for the ranch's owner, Jim Hill, endorsed the county plan to close the road if it is damaged by storms.

"In the aftermath of the Basin Complex fires, storms are expected to result in a higher than normal amount of erosion, sedimentation and debris flow," Blum explained. "These con-

ditions could force the closure of Highway 1 and place a high degree of reliance upon the Old Coast Road for public safety which will itself become more difficult to pass."

Blum said all it takes is one unprepared motorist to create a dangerous predicament.

"When non-residents of Old Coast Road make casual use of the road following severe storm events, their cars frequently become stuck," Blum reported. "Sometimes people abandon their vehicles in the roadway, impairing or blocking vital emergency access."

Dispelling a rumor that the ranch will control access to the gate, Lee said only the Monterey County Public Works Department will have a key.

## Change clocks, change batteries

SMOKE DETECTORS can be hard to get to, and therefore frequently forgotten, but if their batteries are dead, you might end up that way, too.

Firefighters do not want to see that happen, so they warn people to change the batteries in their detectors whenever they change their clocks. Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, when the clocks fall back to give people an extra hour of sleep and a little more light early in the morning.

Common practice is to turn the clocks back the night before, and the Monterey County Fire Investigators Association urged people to replace the batteries in their smoke detectors then, too.

"Seven residents have died in residential fires without working smoke alarms," in the county during the past six years, according the chiefs. "The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms are worn or missing batteries."

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Margaret Ellen Quinn-Repenning, 79, lovingly known as Maggie passed away on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at home. She was born on June 26, 1929 in Tullysleva, Ballina, County Mayo, Ireland. Maggie became a citizen of this country on March 17, 1959.

She was a resident of the Monterey Peninsula for over 30 years, where she worked in real estate. Known for her beautiful smile and her Irish accent, she was loved by all who knew her and will be missed.

Maggie is survived by her children, Mary Schoultz, Patricia Gomes, Margaret Arreola, Donald Repenning, Elizabeth Gardener, Katie DeSilva, Ellen Vandervort; ex-husband, Roy Repenning; sisters, Bridie Barrett, Norine Chip, Cathy Ripp and Patricia Quinn; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and fond auntie to twelve nieces and nephews.

Memorial Service will be held Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 1 PM. We will gather at the Carmel Lagoon at the end of Scenic and Carmelo; Carmel, CA.

*In lieu of flowers donations in Maggie's name to the Hospice of the Central Coast would be appreciated.*

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# Latest window debate: Is fiberglass OK?

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A CITY planner said wood windows should be required, since they would best fit Matthew Schuss' house on Rio Road, but the Carmel Design Review Board decided last week the fiberglass versions Schuss wanted to install would be just fine.

The two-story house, which the owner said needs a lot of work, is stucco and wood, and contains a mix of vinyl and aluminum windows. "We're trying to make everything uniform," Schuss explained.

He said fiberglass windows, most of which would be recessed in stuccoed walls on the outside and have wood frames on the inside, would be the most durable and attractive option for the house.

But assistant planner Marc Wiener said all-wood windows would be most appropriate and recommended the board deny the application for fiberglass.

"The fiberglass windows appear to be a slight improvement over the existing vinyl windows but still have a synthetic look that is inconsistent with the design guidelines requirement for natural materials," he wrote

in his Oct. 22 report for the board.

Three of the upstairs windows facing the street would be highly visible from busy Rio Road, and he said their style also would not match the wood front door.

But board member Michael LePage disagreed the home's architecture demanded unclad wood windows and said he could support the installation of fiberglass.

In fact, the guidelines allow the choice of other materials if they better match the building's style, he said.

"There's such a combination of windows in this house that if you put everything of the same ilk in there, it would be an improvement," commented board member Mary Bell.

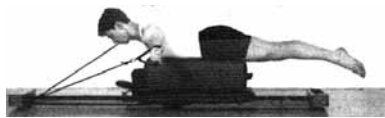
Member Jonathan Sapp agreed but worried about precedent.

"We've already got precedent" for non-wood windows, countered board member Michael Lynch. "We have set it based on aesthetic considerations, and in this case, we get an aesthetic product."

Chairman Keith Paterson agreed, and the board unanimously voted to approve the fiberglass windows.

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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## Water thief left no tracks

HERE'S A look at the significant calls logged last week by the Carmel-by-the-Sea police and fire departments and by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Housekeeper arrived at a house on

Lincoln Street and found that a burglary had occurred.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vandalism reported on Palou.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Officer responded to a report of a loose dog in the roadway that was unapproachable. The officer located the dog in the roadway on Santa Rita. The dog was observed entering a front yard and then returning to the roadway. The officer was able to contain the dog on a deck area, and soon after, the owner returned home. The owner and the dog were visiting the Carmel resident, and information was obtained. The dog was returned to the owner with a warning.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject reported the loss of her prescription glasses while on Carmel Beach. If located, please notify.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen found a California I.D. card and miscellaneous papers near the beach area on San Antonio Avenue. The father of the owner was contacted and advised of the findings. The articles were retrieved and forwarded to the department for safekeeping and return to the owner. The father arrived to claim his son's items. The owner of the property was at home and fine.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance responded to a medical emergency for a woman on Outlook Drive with hip pain. Patient transported Code 2 to CHOMP.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** On-duty crew received a walk-in

patient at the station. Crew assessed and bandaged a 1-inch laceration to the left hand of a construction worker. The patient signed a medical release, electing to go to CHOMP by private vehicle.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine responded to a reported person stuck in an elevator in a building on Dolores Street at Norton Court. Carmel Foundation maintenance personnel were assisting the individual from the elevator.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance responded to a medical emergency at the Crossroads. Crew treated and transported a female in her 80s with facial abrasions as a result of a fall. Patient transported to CHOMP.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Junipero Street restaurant manager requested a civil standby while a former employee returned to the workplace to return store keys and complain about a shortage in his final pay check. The former employee stated he was going to file a lawsuit regarding his payment. The former employee returned the keys and left without incident. Before leaving, the manager told the former employee he was no longer allowed in any of their three restaurants. The former employee stated he understood.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Library staff reported an unwanted person causing a disturbance inside the library by talking to himself, yelling at employees and disturbing the patrons. Subject left prior to officers' arrival. Officer made contact with the person the following day and warned he will be banned from using the library if this type of behavior continues. He agreed not to disturb any staff or patrons in the future.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Traffic collision on private property on Junipero. Property damage only.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Scenic. Crews deployed the quad with paramedic and equipment from Del Mar to assist in locating the subject on the beach. The subject was located near the water line just south of 10th Avenue. The individual stated there was no distress and no medical assistance needed.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Monte Verde Street. Crew assisted with vitals, report information and loading for a male in his 70s with a high fever. Patient transported to CHOMP.  
**Carmel area:** Resident said it was reported to him that someone cut trees on his property.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Responded to a report of an injured cat on Carpenter Street. The officer determined the cat was feral and had suffered injuries to its rear left leg area. The cat was transported to Monterey County Animal Services for further medical attention. Cat was described as a young brown short-haired cat with a short tail.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle collided into a parked vehicle on Monte Verde Street.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male subject contacted regarding a dis-

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# Big Sur watershed quality OK after fires, tests show

By KELLY NIX

**FIRE RETARDANT** used to fight the massive Basin Complex and Indians fires last summer has not elevated nutrient levels in the Big Sur River and other watersheds, according to a test conducted by officials from the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

In the aftermath of the fires, there was concern the retardant would dramatically increase the amount of nitrates and orthophosphates in Big Sur streams and rivers, which eventually reach the ocean.

"That is what is in the fire retardants used to fight the fires," said Bridget Hoover with the MBNMS.

Elevated nutrient levels can cause excessive growth of plants and algae, which in turn can harm marine life by reducing oxygen levels and sometimes producing toxins.

Workers from MBNMS and a group of Big Sur volunteers tested six watersheds within the burn areas and two that were not affected by the fires.

But results of the the first dry-weather testing session in September didn't indicate anything extraordinary or abnormal in the nutrient levels.

"It all looked good," Hoover said.

The results of this year's tests are being compared to data from the past nine years, Hoover said.

The rivers and streams are also tested to determine their temperature, acidity an alkalinity, transparency and total suspended solids — all factors which can influence their health.

Because summer fires denuded many hillsides in Big Sur, if there are heavy rains this winter, "the biggest issue will be erosion and the amount of sediment that comes through the systems," Hoover said.



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### My how time flies

It seems like only yesterday when I wrote my first column as Carmel Chamber Board Chair, giving out my email address and asking that we start a dialogue about the business community in the city we all love. And guess what? In case you haven't noticed, the few trees in our area that actually *drop* leaves are dropping them (mostly on my car) and Halloween/Thanksgiving-related items are jockeying for space with the Christmas decorations sprouting up in local stores. We're almost over and done with 2008, which means Chamber-wise my year's almost done, too. But that doesn't mean I don't still want to hear from you. As a matter of fact, I want to hear from you now more than ever.

In a couple of weeks, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce will have its annual board planning retreat in which incoming, outgoing and current board members will spend the day recapping the successes and failures of 2008, doing strategic planning and prioritizing our goals for 2009. We'll be working with the help of statistics and suggestions supplied by our members through Zoomerang surveys and conversations we've had at mixers, ribbon cuttings, educational seminars and membership luncheons. We'll also be working with information we've gathered at City Council meetings, Economic Development meetings and our newly established Executive Leadership Council in which local business leaders meet to discuss the challenges of doing business in our area.

And if that doesn't sound like enough meetings to cull for direction and inspiration, we recently had a "Meeting of the Minds" luncheon where we met with other area Chamber CEO's and their incoming Board Chairs to establish a relationship for working together in 2009 to help us promote business in our entire region.

And yet still I want more. Man, some people are never satisfied...and I'm one of those people.

So again, I invite you to contact me while the gettin's good and bend my ear with your ideas on how you feel the Chamber can most effectively support businesses in Carmel during these particularly challenging times. We're all in this tough year together and whatever my aspirations at the beginning of my term might have been, it turns out my role has been more "cheerleader" than anything else...which shouldn't surprise anyone who has seen some of the get-ups I've donned when a Chamber event calls for one (hey, if you want me to pull out the pom-poms and lead a cheer for Carmel, you know I will.)

Still, it might be more effective if you type out your thoughts, enter [thompsonlange@msn.com](mailto:thompsonlange@msn.com) in the address bar and hit send.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

*Thompson Lange is co-owner of Homescapes Carmel on 7th and Dolores in downtown Carmel-by-the-Sea. When he's not running all over town and the world, he is also a contributing writer and retail advisory board member for several local and national magazines.*



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### November 2008

- Aug 7-Nov 18 "Return to the Sea of Cortez" Art Exhibition, National Steinbeck Center, Salinas, 775-4721
- Oct 2-Nov 4 Peggy Olsen's New Show "Almost Abstract", Carmel Art Association, Carmel, 624-6176
- Oct 4-Nov 30 "Jeffers & Steinbeck: Habitat of Thought", National Steinbeck Center, Salinas, 775-4721
- Oct 18-Jan 11 Kay Villalobos' Auspicious Spirits, National Steinbeck Center, Salinas, 775-4721,
- Oct 30-Nov 30 "Sunset of the Dead - Atardecer de los Muertos", National Steinbeck Center, Salinas, 775-4721
- Oct 31-Nov 30 "Petrified Forest", Children's Experimental/Staff Players Theatre, Indoor Forest Theatre, Carmel, 624-1531
- Nov 1-Mar 28 "Let's Go Outdoors!" 2008-2009 environmental outdoor programs, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, various locations, 372-3196
- Nov 1 The All-American Boys Chorus benefits EARS at Wild Things, Salinas, 455-3180,
- Nov 2 Honoring the Faithful & Beloved Departed, Candlelight Evensong, All Saints Episcopal Church, Carmel, 624-3883
- Nov 4 "California Employment Essentials (HR-101)", TPO's Professional Development Center, Monterey, 800-277-8448
- Nov 7 Free Star Party!, MPRPD, Garland Ranch Regional Park, Carmel Valley, 659-6065
- Nov 7-16 "Curtain Call", Pacific Repertory Theatre, Circle Theatre, Carmel, 622-0100,
- Nov 7-9 12th Annual Great Wine Escape Weekend, 375-9400
- Nov 7-23 "The Clean House", Studio Theater at Western Stage, Hartnell College, Salinas, 755-6816
- Nov 7 Big Sur Marathon Health & Fitness Expo, Monterey Conference Center, Monterey, 625-6226
- Nov 7 "Route 66 Railway" Talk & Book Signing, National Steinbeck Center, Salinas, 775-4721
- Nov 8 David Dalton, One Man Show, Simic Galleries of Carmel, Carmel, 624-7522
- Nov 8 U Theatre's "Sound of the Ocean", Sunset Center, Carmel, 620-2048
- Nov 8 Just Run! Just Kids 3K and Run Forest Run 5K, Cannery Row & Pacific Grove Coast Trail, 625-6226
- Nov 9 2008 Big Sur Half Marathon, Monterey, and Pacific Grove, 625-6226
- Nov 11 "California Employment Essentials (HR-101)", TPO's Professional Development Center, Monterey, 800-277-8448
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Ceremony at Devendorf Park, Carmel, 624-9941
- Nov 13 CCC Member Orientation, Carmel's Bistro Giovanni, 8 am, 624-2522
- Nov 15-17 Guitarist Angel Romero, Monterey Symphony, 624-8511
- Nov 15 NBC-TV's "Last Comic Standing", Sunset Center, Carmel, 620-2048
- Nov 28 CCC Ribbon Cutting, Scheid Vineyards, Cannery Row, Monterey, 624-2522
- Nov 22 38th Annual Homecrafters' Marketplace Arts & Crafts Faire, Carmel, 620-2020
- Nov 22 Takacs Quartet, Monterey Symphony, Sunset Center, Carmel, 625-9938
- Nov 26-Dec 28 "It's a Wonderful Life", Pacific Repertory Theatre, Circle Theatre, Carmel, 622-0100
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CCC Chair Thompson Lange, Homescapes, Carmel, Chris Iatesta, wife Heidi and CCC CEO Monta Potter celebrate the opening of Iatesta Design offices located in Heather Glen Court, NW Corner Mission & 8th.



David Fink (middle with scissors) got help celebrating the new "Petite Bouchee" menu from (L-R) CCC Ambassador Dominique Gallet - Shanklin (Dominique Skin Care), CCC CEO Monta Potter, Carmel City Council Member Ken Talmage, Bouchee Restaurant Manager and Wine Director Thomas Perez, CCC Ambassador Gary Courtwright (Carmel Kitchens & Baths) in back, CCC Chair Thompson Lange (Homescapes, Carmel) and CCC Ambassador & board member Vicki Lynch, Eclectic Embroidery.

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# Potter thinks PBC plan minus golf course is 'logical'

By KELLY NIX

ABANDONING THE idea of a new golf course in Del Monte Forest — which a planner for the California Coastal Commission said last week is part of ongoing negotiations between the state agency and the Pebble Beach Co. — is a step in the right direction, according to Monterey County Supervisor and California Coastal Commissioner Dave Potter.

Last fall, the coastal commission rejected the plan for the new golf course, hotel rooms and relocated equestrian center in Del Monte Forest, citing the danger to a Monterey pine forest where the golf course would be built. The commission's rejection came despite widespread local support for the P.B. plan, which capped development in the upscale community, and would have dedicated hundreds of acres of pine forest as open space preserves.

"I think [giving up on the golf course] is a much more logical way for them to go," said Potter. "This is the more practical way of doing this by sitting down with [coastal] commission staff and finding out what's doable."

Dan Carl, manager of the commission's central coast district office in Santa Cruz, told The Pine Cone that an 18-hole golf course couldn't be part of the Pebble Beach plan.

The latest version of the development plan could be unveiled by the Pebble Beach Co. by the end of the year, Carl said.

In addition to the golf course, the original plan included 33 luxury homes, 160 new hotel rooms, expansion of the Inn at Spanish Bay, 60 new employee housing units and the relocation of the equestrian center to the Sawmill Gulch area.

Carl told The Pine Cone last week that representatives from the county and the Pebble Beach Co. have met with commission staff "infrequently," but that talks have been going well. Carl said the project would also likely be smaller than originally proposed.

"I do think sitting down and trying trying to come up with a project that ends the debate about Pebble Beach development is a good idea," Potter said. "Is it going to make every single person in the community happy? I doubt that day exists. But is it going to be a reasonable development? I think there is such a creature."

## Mildred Anne Augustitus

CARMEL VALLEY — Mildred Anne (nee Harrington) Augustitus, 93, was born on May 29, 1915, and went to heaven on October 21, 2008.

Mildred graduated Cum Laude from the University of California at Berkeley. She was one of the first teachers (along with Mrs. Tarver) at the elementary school in Corral de Tierra. She also taught in Salinas, Monterey (San Carlos school) and the old Cowan school in Carmel Valley. She, at times, had over 50 children in her class and she was an excellent teacher. She loved all children whether they were her own, in a classroom or on a school bus.

Mildred discovered Carmel Valley in the early 1940's and settled with Albert Augustitus to raise a family in Robles del Rio. Her life dream was to have a house full of children and God answered her hearts' desire. She worked briefly in 1943-1944 at Rosie's Cracker Barrel Store, serving ice cream and waiting on customers who would also get their mail, as Rosie's was then the Carmel Valley Post Office. She would sometimes drive Rosie into Monterey to order the food for the store.

Mildred held the dual position of secretary for Bishop Harry Clinch for the Diocese of Monterey, and school bus driver. For 17 years she drove the school bus for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church from Carmel Valley, delivering children to Junipero Serra School, Carmel, and Junipero Memorial High School, Monterey, where she would then perform her duties as secretary.

Mildred loved her family and all the people who made up the small tight-knit community of Carmel Valley. She loved the beauty of Carmel Valley and the outdoors and took her children on numerous walks all over the Monterey Peninsula. She loved reading, gardening, singing in the choir at Our Lady of Mount Carmel church, and annual camping trips with her family to the Sierra (Highway 88, Silver Lake and Thunder Mountain).

Mildred is preceded in death by her parents Walter and Lena Harrington, her brother Walter Harrington, sister Fontaine Weitzel, Albert Augustitus and her son Peter. She is survived by her children Jon Augustitus, Beth Augustitus Williams, Charlie (Susan) Augustitus and Tom (Rhonda) Augustitus of Carmel Valley and Maryann (Charlie Bivens of Fallbrook; her grandchildren, Yvonne Cravens Chapman, Rachel Heinle, Ben Bremer, Jason and Laura Augustitus and great-grandson Zion Weaver. Other relatives include Margarit and Ehrling Carlsen, Ruth and Warren Hogan, Marg Harrington (sons David and Damon) and the Carl and Ken Dobler families.

Mildred suffered with Alzheimer's Disease for nearly 15 years. She was hospitalized for the past 13 years at Pacific Coast Care in Salinas, where she outlived most residents who are afflicted with this disease. The Augustitus family would like to thank the entire dedicated staff who cared for Mildred as their own family member.

A private family gathering will occur at a later date, however, condolences may be sent to P. O. Box 21, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

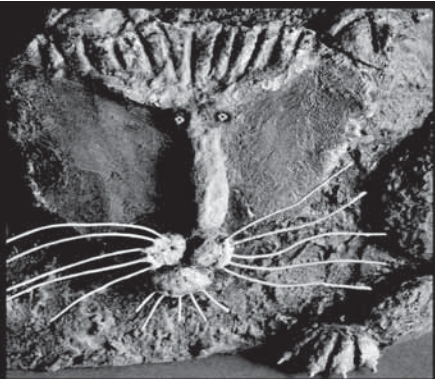


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The Second Year Annual Report for the Monterey Regional Storm Water Management Program (MRSWMP) will be discussed. We welcome your input on the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program being undertaken by the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside, Sand City, Del Rey Oaks, Carmel-by-the-Sea, and Marina, the County of Monterey, Pebble Beach Company, and several organizations and school districts.

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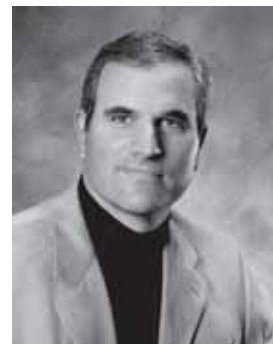
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## Case proceeding against accused in fatal Big Sur wreck

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE MEN charged with the DUI hit-and-run wreck that killed 17-year-old Rachel Wiesjahn in Big Sur Aug. 28 will appear in Monterey County Superior Court Judge Terrance Duncan's courtroom next week so their attorneys can set a date for a preliminary hearing.

Christopher Tindall, 27, and 45-year-old Mark Hudson stand accused of vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, and hit-and-run involving death. Allen Duarte, 20, has been charged as an accessory for helping Hudson leave the scene. All three live in Big Sur.

The accident occurred shortly before 2 a.m. Aug. 28 when, after leaving a bar in Big Sur and heading south on Highway 1, Tindall reportedly lost control of his 2006 Chevy HHR near Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, swerved off the road, struck an embankment and overturned.

Moments later, Hudson, who was also allegedly drunk behind the wheel of his 2007 Ford F-350 pickup truck, didn't see the overturned SUV in the southbound lane and ran into it, causing major damage to the pickup.

Tindall's two passengers — Wiesjahn and a 26-year-old man — were trying to get out of the SUV when the collision occurred, according to the CHP, and the teenage girl was killed. Authorities reported finding her body underneath the overturned SUV. The other passenger sustained an injured left leg but refused an ambulance ride to the hospital.

Officers said Hudson left the accident scene with Duarte, who hooked a chain to the incapacitated Ford and hauled it down the road, where it was later found abandoned.

Tindall was the first to be arrested, about eight hours after the accident, and Hudson turned himself in that night. Duarte was later found at a Big Sur business.

Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Doug Matheson said he doubted any plea deals would be made at the meeting.

"The defense attorneys will probably want to have a preliminary hearing, because the charges are very serious," he said. "I don't think they're interested in entering a plea at this point, and we're not offering anything attractive to them."

Although each defendant has his own attorney, the court proceedings will be handled jointly in order to eliminate unnecessary duplication of effort and waste of time, according to Matheson.

"Mr. Hudson and Mr. Tindall face similar charges," he said. "They were driving separate cars, and because of the nature of the accident — the timing of it — our theory is they both contributed to Rachel's death."

Tindall remains in custody, though Hudson is out on bail. Duarte, who was charged with accessory after the fact because he "came along after all this and helped Mr. Hudson get away," is also out on bail.

The investigation into the fatal wreck is being handled by the CHP, according to Matheson.

"We still have some facts to gather and stones to overturn," he said.

## Cal Am below water limits

CALIFORNIA AMERICAN Water Co. announced its pumping of the Carmel River and Seaside aquifer were well below state and local regulatory limits during the water year that ended Sept. 30 — an achievement the water company credits to its customers.

"Their efforts have protected the community from fines and made a big difference to the environment," said Cal Am general manager Craig Anthony.

In 1995, the State Water Resources Control Board ruled that California American Water Co. did not have the right to nearly 70 percent of the Carmel River water used to supply Peninsula homes and businesses, and ordered strict cutbacks while a new water supply is developed.

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# EROSION

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is prepared to start work on the barrier.

"He is ready to go," attorney Aengus Jeffers said.

But the need for a site-specific engineering plan was not identified by county planners until three weeks ago, Jeffers noted. "If we had just known that we needed an engineering plan back in September, the debris diversion could have been completed before this weekend's rains."

According to Lisa Kleissner, secretary of the Coast Property Owners Association, at least 21 other Big Sur property owners are seeking approval of erosion control projects, including seven who want federal funding to offset construction costs.

Jeffers praised 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter and assistant planning director Carl Holm for trying to accelerate the process.

"Dave and Carl have been putting in mad hours trying to push this thing through," Jeffers explained. "These folks have made a heroic effort to try to expedite the construction, but when you have to coordinate with as many as eight other regulatory agencies, the process inevitably attracts red tape as you get closer to the finish line."

Brubaker's barrier — specifically known as a k-rail or

Jersey barrier — will cost about \$55,000 to build. The Natural Resources Conservation Service, a federal agency, has agreed to provide 75 percent of the project's cost from its supply of taxpayer dollars, while Brubaker will cover the balance.

According to Potter's aide, Kathleen Lee, help is on the way for at least some property owners. In an effort to accelerate the permit process, a "rapid review permit team" will be on hand at the county government building in Salinas every Thursday from 8 to 9 a.m.

"We will have all the appropriate agencies in one room ready to approve projects that don't require engineering," she explained. "All applicants not seeking federal funding should have their permits within 24 hours."

Lee said she sympathized with property owners. "I know it is frustrating, but if you look at the jurisdictions that are working together, things are moving as quickly as they can," she added.

Jeffers just hopes his client can have the work done before disaster strikes.

Reports from the National Weather Service indicate this weekend's storms have the potential to trigger mudslides, particularly if it rains more than half an inch an hour for several hours, he added.

For directions to where the rapid review permit team will meet on Thursdays, or for more information about erosion control projects, call (831) 755-5025.

# CLOCK

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it had been purchased from an estate.

Agha, who hadn't seen the lawsuit, said he told Vinther the clock was acquired from an auction house in Oklahoma. Agha said he never made the claim it was a Renaissance collectible.

"I don't know whether it's antique or not, but you have to be satisfied yourself," Agha said he told Vinther.

Originally priced at about \$75,000, Agha said he slashed the price more than 50 percent and sold it to Vinther for less than he's suing for.

Vinther, according to Agha, looked over the clock thoroughly before purchasing it.

"I spoke to him only when he wanted to cut the price," Agha said.

Though the clock appeared new, Vinther's lawsuit claims Agha told him it looked that way because it had been refinished. "Defendant's clock was not a genuine antique, but was a contemporary reproduction," according to the suit. "The clock appeared new because it was newly made, and was not an antique."

Vinther could not be reached for comment. His Berkeley-based attorney, Yolanda Huang, did not return a message left this week.

"We did not make any guarantees and warranties," Agha said. "We have a sign at the front door: You must inspect everything, and all sales are final."

# SHELTER

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Mike Proto-Robinson told the board he had inquired at the planning department and was told he would not need a permit since it would be smaller than 120 square feet. "I didn't knowingly undertake this project in contradiction to city rules," Proto-Robinson said, adding that a building official also visited the site and reiterated no permit was needed.

"I'm not sure who told him that," Wiener said. According to the code, storage sheds smaller than 120 square feet without permanent foundations do not require building permits, but he said the footings in which the shelter's posts are set

constitute a permanent foundation.

Proto-Robinson objected to the doubled permit fee, considering he had to pay \$380 for a volume study. "I would submit that is financial penalty enough," he said. (Wiener later waived the fine, Nancy Proto-Robinson said Thursday.)

Board member Jonathan Sapp characterized the disagreement over permit requirements as an unfortunate misunderstanding. "This is possibly one of the nicest hot-tub enclosures I've seen," he commented.

"I take the applicant at his word about the mixup in the permit on this," board member Michael Lynch said.

The board unanimously agreed the Proto-Robinsons had justifiable concern for their privacy and also supported the shelter, which was unanimously approved.

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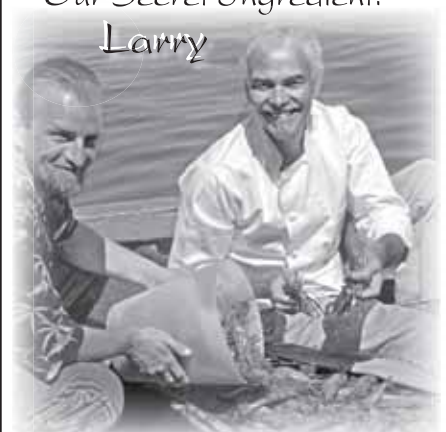


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# After surviving budget cuts, coastal park gets new protections

By CHRIS COUNTS

SIX MONTHS ago, Big Sur's Limekiln State Park was on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's chopping block. But not only did the Big Sur campground and day use area survive the budget crisis — a large portion of the park was also recently granted further protection from development.

This month, the governor signed a bill that designated 413 of the park's 716 acres as a State Wilderness Area. The action marked the first time in three decades that the state Legislature used the California Wilderness Act of 1974 to protect parkland.

The bill was introduced by Assemblyman John Laird at the encouragement of the Ventana Wilderness Alliance, the California Wilderness Project and the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club.

While state parks are off-limits to development except for campgrounds and other recreational facilities, VWA President Tom Hopkins said Limekiln State Park is worthy of additional protection.

"We don't know what the future will bring," he said.

Hopkins believes Limekiln park, which encompasses the lower portion of Big Sur's steepest coastal canyon, possesses an extraordinary landscape worth preserving.

"Once wildlands are gone, it's pretty hard to make them again," he said.

The state wilderness designation prohibits the construction of roads and the use of motorized vehicles, motorized equipment and motorized transport within its boundaries.

According to Hopkins, the designation would essentially prevent the expansion of the park's 33 campsites, although he said it might be possible to build a "low-impact trail."

The park, which is located 52 miles south of Carmel, features the remnants of an extensive lime mining operation from the late 19th century. The headwaters of Limekiln Creek are located on 5,200-foot Cone Peak, the second highest mountain in the Santa Lucia range.



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# A cornucopia of Halloween shindigs

By STEVE VAGNINI

**ALL SAINTS** Day falls on a Saturday this year, and Halloween parties are in abundance on the Monterey Peninsula and down the Big Sur coast.

At the **Fernwood Resort**, local reggae band **Jonah and the Whalewatchers** performs at a Halloween Reggae party that begins at 9 p.m. and continues until midnight. Monterey Bay's premier reggae and world music group, the Whalewatchers were formed in 1990 by Jamaican bassist **Alex "Bammy" Shirley** and some Carmel and Monterey locals through a series of friendly jam sessions. The popular band today includes guitarists Tracy Chesebrough and Jay Burriss, drummer John Tallon, steel pan and percussionist Cary Lowney, and trumpet, keyboard and percussionist Bill Steacy. Call (831) 667-2422.

A bit farther down the coast, another popular local band, **The Chicano All Stars**, will play its infectious brand of Latin tinged rock 'n' roll at the traditional Halloween Bal Masque at Nepenthe. A benefit for the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade, the evening features all the Ambrosia Burgers you can eat and prizes for best costumes — but don't get your hopes up, organizers say. The competition is fierce, with Big Sur artists coming out of the woodwork in their most macabre and fanciful attire. The evening kicks off at 6 p.m. Call (831) 667-2347.

Halloween parties to choose from on the Monterey Peninsula include an Exotic Costume Party at **Sly McFly's** on Cannery Row featuring Bay Area funksters **Big Cat Tolefree and his Hipnotic Blues band**, reggae superstar **Tony Miles** at **Cibo Ristorante** on Alvarado Street, local rock 'n' roll favorites **Cheeky Spanks** at **Baja Cantina** in Carmel Valley, and the **Darktown Rounders** featuring vocalist Sunshine Dynamite headlining an alternative rock 'n' roll triple bill show at **Monterey Live**.

With the election less than a week away, Small World Productions is throwing an "Election Anxiety-Release Party" on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Monterey County Fairgrounds from noon to 9 p.m. Dubbed **BaRock the Peninsula**, the all-day event features an impressive and eclectic lineup of music, including the **Original Wailers** (composed of members of Bob Marley's backup band), Americana duo **Laurie Lewis & Tom Rozum**, San Francisco Bay Area funksters **Forrest Day**, up-and-coming hip hop artist **Alex Lee**, and hometown heroes **Rushad Eggleston and the Tornado Riders**. In addition, there will be speeches by local politicians including U.S. Rep. Sam Farr and state assembly candidate Bill Monning. For more information call (831) 899-1005.

Performing this week at **Monterey Live**, the **Hackensaw Boys** are a Charlottesville, Va., bluegrass band that has been touring the United States for the past seven years. The six-man collective (which sometimes doubles in size) plays bluegrass music with frenzy, adhering to the roots of traditional Appalachian bluegrass while at the same time introducing a host of modern elements. The group's latest CD, "Look Out," is a passionate mix of bluegrass, pop, electronic and rap. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Call (831) 375-5483.

The **Monterey Hyatt Regency** goes Latin this weekend with the return of Conguero **Mario Flores** to the Fireplace Lounge. A former resident of the Monterey Peninsula, Flores moved to the Central Valley several years ago.

The Mario Flores Latin Jazz Band performs jazz, pop and original arrangements as well as Afro-Cuban classics presented in the best of the "tropo-bopo" style. The group is made up of Flores, pianist/composer Mark Gee, bassist/flutist/vocalist Joel Nixon, Mike Miller on drums and timbales, Rod Harris on sax, Stu Reynolds on sax, Brian Stock on trumpet, and John Ulloa on percussion. The music starts at 8 p.m. Call (831) 372-1234 for more information.

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## Groundbreaking dance troupe brings its wild imagination to Sunset

By CHRIS COUNTS

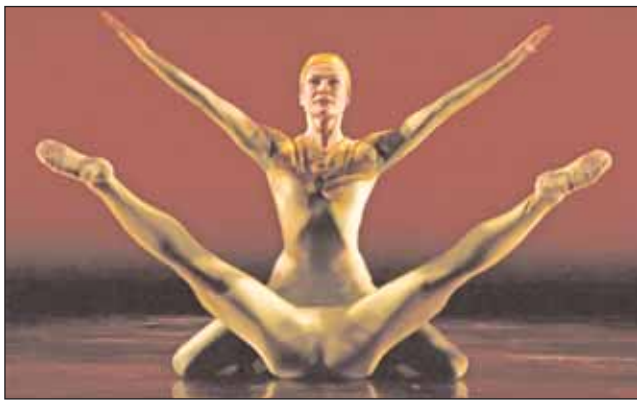
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"I've presented them three or four times, and they have always surprised me," said Peter Lesnik, executive director.

For more than 25 years, audiences have watched spellbound as choreographer and artistic director Moses Pendleton has created a seemingly weightless surreal world where dancers are transformed into pieces of moving sculpture, flowing gracefully from one illusion to another.

See **MOMIX** page 18A



When it performs at Sunset Center Saturday, Momix will present a "greatest hits" mix of original pieces the dance company has performed over the past three decades.

## After surviving fire, Big Sur artist finds inspiration in 'Smoke and Ash'

By CHRIS COUNTS

AS A homeowner, longtime Big Sur photographer and artist Cynthia Bianchetta was understandably horrified as she watched a wildfire sweep down Burns Canyon



Big Sur photographer and artist Cynthia Bianchetta presents "Smoke and Ash" — a collection of photographs, abstract paintings, monotypes and encaustic work — at El Caminito Studios in Carmel Valley.

last summer. Yet, as an artist, she also found the blaze utterly fascinating.

"I watched for weeks the strange beauty that consumed our forests and canyons and some of our neighbor's homes and art studios," recalled Bianchetta, whose fire-inspired new work will be featured in a week-long exhibit opening Sunday, Nov. 2, at El Caminito Studios in Carmel Valley Village.

As Bianchetta and her husband, photographer Danial Bianchetta, prepared to defend their home, they discovered the wildfire had ignited their creative impulses.

"When we weren't clearing brush, cutting trees and protecting our property, we used our cameras to document what was happening," she said.

The Bianchetts' home survived, although their water line was destroyed. Once the threat had passed, Bianchetta set to work on a diverse collection of projects, including photographs, abstract paintings, monotypes and encaustic work. With the memory of the fire still vivid, she incorporated ashes from the blaze into her paintings and monotypes.

"My palette was definitely influenced by the charred landscape," she observed.

As she immersed herself in her work, Bianchetta was inspired by the Phoenix of Greek mythology. She had witnessed the death of the Big Sur landscape, but she knew she would also watch its rebirth.

See **ART** page 18A

## Halloween bashes bring out the spooks in Big Sur

FOR ALL of its scenery that takes your breath away in the sunshine, Big Sur is a really spooky place at night, so it seems only reasonable that one of its biggest annual social events is a Halloween party.


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## Chocolate is life, financial relief is fun, and coffee is king

By MARY BROWNFIELD

IF CHOCOLATE needed a local ambassador, Scott Lund would be an ideal candidate.

"I love chocolate," Lund told several dozen fans who assembled in the Scheid Vineyards Wine Lounge on Cannery Row Friday evening to sip wine and learn everything they could from the Lula's Chocolates founder. "Chocolate has

saved my life."

Lund named Lula's for his grandmother, who made and sold confections in Salt Lake City for three decades before deciding to reserve them for friends and family. She finally taught him the art when she was 93 — and four years later, when she "realized she wasn't going to live forever," she sold the contents of her candy kitchen to Lund for \$500. The mixers, trays and other implements stayed in storage until a

friend encouraged him to go pro. Lund, who had worked for Shell Oil in Houston and then owned coin-op laundries in his home state of Utah, never looked back.

At the Scheid Epicurean Series Friday evening, Lund explained how chocolate is made and said only 12 companies in the United States create chocolate from raw ingredients,

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## Chef Overhauser a master of pairing food to San Saba wines

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

NOT EVERY chef works his or her magic in restaurant kitchens. A few lucky ones get to do it in wineries.

This not-too-well known tradition began in the Napa Valley in the 1970s, when wine writers were treated to luncheons or dinners at various wineries, with menus selected to showcase their offerings. This writer did just that at Napa Valley's Oakville Vineyards Winery and Souverain Cellars in Rutherford back in the day.

During the last 30 years, the art of pairing food with wine has become much more developed, as Chef Brian Overhauser demonstrates with flair, impeccable taste and extensive culinary and vinous knowledge at San Saba Vineyards in Soledad.

While setting up a commercial kitchen at San Saba, where he has been employed as director of hospitality for the past six months, Chef Brian struck upon a brilliant way to present San Saba wines paired with outstanding cuisine by hosting a dinner at the best of the best restaurants.

This past weekend he orchestrated a six-course harvest dinner for the Friends of San Saba Vineyards in the atmospheric, baronial wine cellar at Bert Cutino and Ted Balestrieri's Sardine Factory on Cannery Row in Monterey.

He wrote the menu, conferring with the Factory Executive Chef Jacques Wilson on the fine points, and tasting the wines with him to make sure they concurred on the pair-

ings. They did.

The first course paired sautéed foie gras with 25-year aged balsamic glaze and day boat scallop with San Saba Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2007. The award-winning wine's high acid, was, as Chef Brian said, "so aggressive no food can kick it around." The foie gras' high fat was mitigated by the wine's good acid, which was balanced perfectly.

The second course continued with the Sauvignon Blanc and was composed of a miniature poached pear, frisée and gorgonzola terrine with a dressed micro greens petite salad and candied walnuts.

Third course: Grilled sole and lobster with Nantua reduction. This splendid dish was served with an exceptional San Saba Estate Chardonnay 2006 which was given a year of oak.

Then followed an intermezzo of raspberry ice presented in The Sardine Factory's signature ice swans illuminated by a tiny battery-operated light hidden under each swan. When they were served, overhead lights were dimmed to further the dramatic effect.

The entrée was pan roasted duck breast with truffled polenta and lingonberry sauce with baby asparagus. "Pinot Noir and duck are synonymous," Chef Brian said. The duck was prepared pink in the middle (not rare), because that's the way Chef Brian likes it.

San Saba's big Pinot Noir is "a feminine varietal but masculine in style," according to the winery's winemaker, Sabine Rodems, who just completed the fourth harvest in her five years with San Saba. Rodems is follow-

ing in the tradition of Napa and Sonoma County women winemakers in the '70s, notably Zelma Long of Semi Winery.

There are definite hints of various herbs and spices in this delectable Pinot Noir. The predominant herb that came through to this writer's palate was cumin.

The penultimate course was a selection of artisanal cheeses with dried fruit, pistachios and blanched, roasted almonds.

For this autumnal plate, Chef Brian selected the San Saba Estate Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc 2005, the sweetness of which carried over to a dessert of beautifully created petit fours.

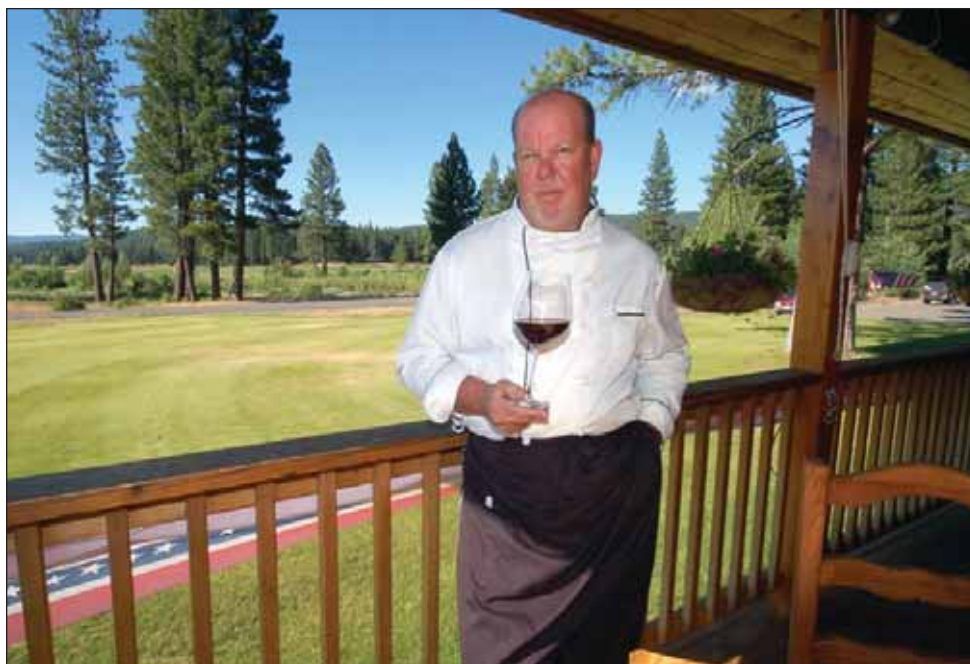
This was a unique, thrilling repast.

Scripted in retro classic style by Chef Brian with Chef Jacques' discerning input, prepared by Chef Jacques and Executive Sous Chef Gaspar Catanzaro, San Saba wines were showcased to best advantage in the elegance of the Wine Cellar.

All the wines are big, complex and well balanced with true varietal characteristics. By comparison, they make ordinary wines seem one dimensional.

San Saba Vineyards has only 95 acres, its wines created with 100 percent estate fruit producing a mere 3,000 cases of wine a year. These are wines from exceptional grapes handcrafted by a very talented and courageous winemaker.

*chef profile*



Chef Brian Overhauser stands on the verandah of San Saba's tasting room, where he is in charge of hospitality, wine tastings and special dinners.

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## FOOD

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beginning with imported cocoa beans. Guests learned to gauge chocolate's quality by noting the texture as it melted on their tongues, and actually took the time to taste it — as opposed to simply chewing and swallowing in the typically hurried American fashion.

Lund did not endorse chocolate for its health benefits. ("Are eggs good or bad right now?" he asked.) Instead, he advised, eat it because you enjoy it. But people can also indulge "to save the world," since cocoa plantations do not lead to clear-cutting or high pesticide use.

Guests also heard what sets Lund apart: his devotion, knowledge, unwillingness to cut corners, and insistence upon only making delectable edibles difficult for the casual cook, such as toffee and caramels.

Look for Lula's Chocolates — the dark chocolate almond toffee, rocky road and GiGi's Caramels are especially good — in quality markets like Nielsen Bros. and Bruno's in Carmel, and Grove in P.G., as well as in the wine lounge, which carries his custom-created truffles made with Scheid wines. Tours of Lund's Harris Court kitchen are also available. [www.lulas.com](http://www.lulas.com)

### ■ Caffeine on wheels

Anyone craving a cuppa as the evening chill sets in over



PHOTO/COURTESY ROGER VANDEVERT

Roger Vandevent's charming Moto-Espresso Coffee Cart can be counted on for hot chocolate and steaming espresso on chilly Monterey nights.

Monterey Bay should search out Roger Vandevent's diminutive Coffee Cart, also known as Moto-Espresso. A Vespa fanatic who founded the local scooter club, Vandevent is an MST supervisor by day and a proprietor by night.

Inspired by the Vespa Club's caffeine intake during local meetings, Vandevent built his mobile coffee shop on a 2005 Ape (a Vespa constructed in India and pronounced "ahp-ay") that he found at a Modesto dealership. He now makes the rounds in well traveled spots after most of the daytime coffee joints have shut their doors.

"It seems everyone loves the Coffee Cart. They can relate to the small business, entrepreneur, 'How cute' ... 'What a great idea' theme it just naturally takes on," Vandevent reported last week. "I have all but abandoned the early mornings in favor of an untapped market — nights! There are plenty of folks who desire a good-tasting, hot cup of coffee while they are strolling, fishing or just driving around."

Vandevent displayed Moto-Espresso at a business symposium in Monterey last Thursday and received much positive feedback, including that of a county official who encouraged him to seek a full-time permit to sell at the courthouse and government center in downtown Salinas.

"Gotta think on that one!" he exclaimed.

To learn more about Vandevent and his Moto-Espresso Coffee Cart, visit [www.motoespresso.com](http://www.motoespresso.com).

### ■ Bahama Halloween

Among all the Halloween-inspired tricking and treating Friday will be a little canine celebrating in the Barnyard at

Bahama Billy's. From 4 to 6 p.m., costumed dogs and their humans will party at the island steakhouse, with people partaking of cocktails and appetizers — all \$4 each and created with a Halloween theme, of course — and dogs downing grilled chicken breast treats made just for them.

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# Carmel Valley concert showcases gifted pianist, piano gift

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO YEARS ago, pianist Jonathan Feldman planted a seed. This weekend, he'll get a chance to savor the harvest.

When he performs at the Hidden Valley theater Saturday, Nov. 1, with vocalist Nicolle Foland and the Hidden Valley String Quartet, Feldman will play a piano he selected two years ago for the Carmel Valley performing arts center. The instrument, a 9-foot Steinway concert grand piano, was purchased by donors to honor the memory of the late Randall Behr, a successful conductor and former student at Hidden Valley.

And, according to Peter Meckel, director of Hidden Valley Music Seminars, the Steinway should be at its best.

"It takes a couple years for a piano to really bloom," explained Meckel. "It's really a magnificent instrument."

At Hidden Valley Saturday, Feldman and the string quartet will perform the Schumann Quintet for Piano and Strings. Foland will join the quartet for a performance of Respighi's "Il Tramonto" for mezzo soprano and string quartet. Feldman will also offer a surprise piano piece.

Feldman has performed with an impressive collection of artists, including Nathan Milstein, Itzhak Perlman, Gil Shaham, James Galway, Joshua Bell, Kyung Wha Chung, Zara Nelsova and Sarah Chang. He serves on the faculty at the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara.

After completing the San Francisco Opera Center's Adler Fellowship program, Nicolle Foland began her career with the San Francisco Opera, taking on roles such as Musetta in

"La Bohème," the Countess in "Le Nozze di Figaro," Tatyana in "Eugene Onegin," Rosalinde in "Die Fledermaus" and Hanna Glawari in "The Merry Widow."

"She's a wonderful, intelligent singer," said Meckel of Foland.

Led by violinist Roy Malan, concertmaster of the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra, the Hidden Valley String quartet

also includes Jenny Bifano on violin, Darcy Rindt on viola and Vanessa Ruotolo on cello.

The concerts starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20. The theater is located on Carmel Valley Road near the intersection of Ford Road, just west of Carmel Valley Village. For reservations or more information, call (831) 659-3115 or visit [www.hiddenvalleymusic.org](http://www.hiddenvalleymusic.org).

## MOMIX

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Pendleton was a co-founder of the acclaimed Pilobolus Dance Theatre, which was formed in 1971 by a group of students at Dartmouth University to explore on stage the possibilities that exist between sports and art. The troupe remains one of the most successful dance companies.

The beginnings of Momix can be traced to the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y., where Pendleton performed a well received solo piece, "Momix,"

which served as part of the event's dramatic closing ceremonies, which he choreographed. He formed Momix the following year. Based in Washington, Conn., Momix has performed in 22 countries on five continents.

When the group performs at Sunset Center, Momix will present a "greatest hits" mix of original pieces the dance company has produced over the past three decades, combining the best pieces from five themed shows.

The shows begins at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$45 to \$55. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For tickets or more information, call (831) 620-2048 or visit [www.sunsetcenter.org](http://www.sunsetcenter.org).

## ART

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"The landscape has definitely changed, but the spirit of Big Sur that so many people feel and love remains," she added.

Bianchetta's studio is located at 8 El Caminito Road.

The artist will host a reception at 2 p.m. Nov. 2. A portion of the proceeds from the exhibit will benefit the Coast Property Owners Association Big Sur Fire Relief Fund. To RSVP or make an appointment to see the art, call (831) 594-3232.

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"He created each piece from scratch, sculpting them in clay, making the molds and casting them in materials he deemed best," explained Chris Love, his longtime partner. "He endowed each character with part of his own quirky nature and love of life."

Ryan's disturbing marionettes should fit right in at the Alternative Cafe when the gallery unveils "Hallows," a Halloween-themed group exhibit that also features the work of Butch Mobley, Paxton Mobley and Ray Magsalay.

A Pacific Grove resident, Magsalay is a retired parks supervisor who worked for the City of Monterey for nearly four decades. He's also widely recognized as a bonsai specialist, and his collection ironically boasts the largest specimen in California.

As an artist, his specialty is creating three-dimensional assemblages, which he adorns with his own quirky mix of found objects, both natural and manmade.

The gallery, which is located at 1230 Fremont Blvd., will present a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. on Halloween. The exhibit will be on display though Dec. 8. For more information, call (831) 583-0913 or visit [www.thealternativecafe.com](http://www.thealternativecafe.com).



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# FIRE

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he said. "It's adobe, so all the walls are up and most of the roof is there, but everything on the inside was burned."

Fortunately, the home, which is owned by a Seaside couple and used as a rental, was empty, except for a few kitchen appliances, the hot-water heater and the furnace. The 1950s-era house was set to be occupied by a new tenant the next day, according to Cal Fire investigator Cliff Williams.

"I can't say exactly what caused it," he said Wednesday. The hot-water heater was off, and the valve was closed, so that wasn't it.

Williams removed the furnace and dismantled it in the front yard to search for signs of fire or flaws, but he found none. The kitchen appliances were located across the room from where the fire started.

Williams said "the big problem" was that the fire burned for a long time before finally shattering the windows and becoming visible to nearby residents. "I'm guessing four or five hours."

Because the fire burned so hot for so long, all the subtle clues fire investigators usually use to determine the cause of a blaze were destroyed as well.

"The area right where the fire originated is totally gone," Williams said, so he could conclude no more than that the blaze was caused by a short in the home's electrical wiring, which was old and insulated with fabric rather than the less flammable plastic used in current construction.

Lopez did not have a damage estimate, but according to the Monterey County Assessor's Office, the property is worth \$447,572, and the house was valued at \$179,047.

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# OSPINA

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injured," said Ospina's Monterey attorney, Chuck Warner. "This is unique."

Courts in most states, including California, view pets as personal property and limit compensation to the fair market value of the pet — including the pedigree of the animal, the purchase price and other criteria.

Ospina was walking her Maltese, Lulu, on Lighthouse Avenue in front of the post office July 25, 2007, when Samson, an 8-year-old Labrador, and another dog jumped from Bazan's parked SUV.

Ospina, whom Warner said received a bite to the forearm in the melee, contends Samson was the dog that mauled Lulu, who died days later after being treated by a Santa Cruz veterinarian.

"It's a lawsuit against them for failing to control their dog," Warner said.

According to Michigan State University College of Law's Animal Legal and Historical Center, there have been instances in which courts in states that normally don't award damages for the loss of pets have done so.

In one case, a city employee hurled a trash can at a miniature dachshund while collecting the trash. The dog died. The court allowed damages based upon the nature of the conduct.

In another case, where a neighbor intentionally shot a plaintiff's dog, a court awarded damages because the actions "were outrageous, showed reckless indifference for the rights of others, and to deter [the defendant] and others from like conduct," according to MSU.

## Second lawsuit

This is Ospina's second lawsuit over the dog attack. In November 2007, Ospina asked a Monterey County judge to overturn a decision by a Pacific Grove official that the dog that killed Lulu didn't have to be destroyed.

But Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert O'Farrell upheld the city's decision that Samson could be returned to his owners in Rancho Palos Verdes. In addition to 18 other conditions, the city required the Lab to undergo behavioral training courses.

Bazan was across the street getting coffee when the dogs leapt from the SUV.

According to Ospina's recent suit, Armstrong, who was sitting in the front seat of the SUV, did little to stop the attack.

"He was on the cell phone and didn't do a damn thing to interfere," Warner said.

Lulu was disemboweled in the attack, according to the suit.

Warner said he has sent letters to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes to find out if Samson's owners have complied with the conditions of Garcia's ruling.

"I never received a response from them," he said.

Though Bazan had said she would pay the roughly \$21,000 Warner said Ospina racked up in vet and personal medical bills, Ospina has been paid nothing, he said.

He said Ospina's arm has healed but that she still experiences emotional trauma from the attack.

# SPOOKY

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Carmel. For more information, call (831) 667-2345.

Just two miles north along Highway 1, Fernwood Resort presents a Halloween party featuring the popular Monterey Peninsula-based reggae band, Jonah and the Whalewatchers. For nearly two decades, the Whalewatchers have brought the sound of the Caribbean to our foggy shores. In addition to reggae, other island influences, such as calypso, soca and the steel drum, have been incorporated into the the band's back-beat-driven and highly danceable sound.

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# GALLERY

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According to the lawsuit, throughout the course of construction, the artist modified the original plans and specifications.

MacDonald "significantly delayed the progress of the construction by failing to make decisions in a timely manner" and made continuing changes to plans, which increased the costs, the suit indicates.

And the MacDonald Family Partnership, also listed in the suit, made "unreasonable demands to DMC beyond the scope of the contract, communicating with DMC's employees in an unprofessional manner and falsely accusing DMC of wrongdoing," according to the lawsuit.

DMC Construction general manager Mark Lord said he was unable to discuss the matter because of the pending suit. Messages left at MacDonald's offices this week were not returned.

The lawsuit also seeks interest that has accumulated on the unpaid amount since July 25. DMC stopped work on the project this summer.

According to the suit, the contract requires MacDonald to pay reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in any lawsuit filed by DMC to collect money owed.

When the city's planning commission approved the original design of the MacDonald gallery in November 2005, the building was hailed as a means of revamping a sagging Sixth Avenue and drawing more art buyers to a street filled with galleries and shops.

But as construction dragged on for two years, some businesses on the street complained about the disruption, which they said cost them customers.

MacDonald's website calls him one of the most collected figurative bronze sculptors today.

In 2000, he created the 15-foot-tall "Momentum," depicting a golfer mid-swing, for the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach. Even larger was the "Flair Across America" he created for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Ga.

"Richard MacDonald has achieved this stature through a consuming passion for his work and an unrelenting dedication to its quality and integrity," according to his website.

# Actor, poet pays tribute to Jeffers

LOCAL ACTOR and poet Taelen Thomas presents, "Taller Than Pico Blanco," a reading of Robinson Jeffers' poetry, Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Pacific Grove Library. The event is part of a month-long celebration that honors Carmel's greatest literary figure.

For nearly four decades, Thomas has toured the country performing one-man shows that pay tribute to many of America's greatest literary and historical figures, including John Steinbeck, Mark Twain, Daniel Boone, Theodore Roosevelt and many others.

"He's a wonderful interpreter and performer of Jeffers' poetry," said Carmel Highlands poet Elliot Ruchowitz-Roberts.

The title of the event refers to a 3,600-foot Big Sur mountain that looms over Point Sur and the Little Sur River watershed.

The reading starts at 7 p.m. Admission is free. The library is located at 550 Central Ave. For reservations, call (831) 648-5760.

# 'Hot Vents and Great Surf'

THE GUY who claims he might possess "the coolest job in the world" will speak during the Friends of Harrison Memorial Library Literary Tea and Lecture set for Sunday, Nov. 2, at 2 p.m. Hans Thomas is in charge of developing and operating unmanned underwater vehicles for the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute in Moss Landing, and researchers use them to map the geology and biology of deep ocean basins and canyons.

During the free lecture, entitled "Hot Vents and Great Surf — a Year in the Life of an Undersea Robot," Thomas will discuss recent efforts to map canyons off the California coast and underwater volcanic ridges in the Pacific Northwest, as well as how scientists are striving to understand the algal blooms that occur in Monterey Bay.

The event will be held in the Church of the Wayfarer, Seventh and Lincoln, in downtown Carmel. Refreshments will follow in the church library.



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## Highlands Inn holidays

Give a gift to yourself. Through Dec. 15, the stunningly situated Highlands Inn is offering half-price rooms to Monterey and Santa Cruz county residents. An Ocean View King Room, for example, costs \$199 Monday through Thursday, or \$249 Friday and Saturday, and includes breakfast. Just be prepared to show I.D. proving you're local.

Its famed restaurant, Pacific's Edge, will prepare holiday prix fixe meals fit for royalty (and the in-laws), including a four-course Thanksgiving menu for \$80 per person, four-course Christmas Eve and Christmas Day menus for \$85 per person, and an indulgent, seven-course New Year's Eve fete for \$250 per person. Call (831) 620-1234.

## New financial relief

The new Fuse Lounge in the recently remodeled Carmel Mission Inn is offering Happy Hour drink specials and a buffet of free appetizers during weekly Financial Relief Wednesdays, which launched this week.

The restaurant bills itself as "Carmel's newest venue for drinks, food and fun," and its Wednesday Happy Hour(s) run 5 to 7 p.m. The Fuse is located in the inn at 3665 Rio Road

## Survivors recount World War II tales

A FIGHTER pilot, a British naval officer, a torpedo man on a destroyer, a resident of a Japanese internment camp and others involved in World War II will share their memories and stories during a free event in the California State University Monterey Bay Alumni and Visitor Center Saturday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m. The World War II Living History Symposium is being organized by the Fort Ord Alumni Association of CSUMB.

The panel of speakers will include Pierre Delfaisse, a member of the 10th Mountain Division, who fought in Italy and Austria; British Naval Officer George Howling; Japanese-American Frank Inami, who was forced out of UC Berkeley's engineering program to be interned in Arkansas; P-38 pilot Robert Littlefield, who was shot down in France, sheltered by a farm family and returned to England via the French Underground; infantryman Don Young; and Destroyer 509 torpedo man Harold Martin, who launched depth charges and escorted landing craft invading islands in the Pacific Theater.

For more information, email [FOAA@csumb.edu](mailto:FOAA@csumb.edu) or call (831) 582-4723. The center is located on the corner of Gen. Jim Moore Boulevard and Inter-Garrison Road on the former Fort Ord.

## SPCA offers Halloween tips for pets

THE SPCA for Monterey County urges pet owners to take simple steps to make sure their pets are safe during Halloween.

■ Pets should be kept indoors and preferably confined to an area of the home where they cannot escape. Strangers in costume at your door can be very stressful for your pet. Pets might slip out the front door unexpectedly or become frightened and bite.

■ Keep pets safe by confining them indoors on Halloween night.

■ Pets should always have a current license, ID tag and microchip so they can be returned in the event they are frightened and escape from the home.

■ Keep lit pumpkins, candles and decorations away from animals. Companion animals can knock them over and cause fires or injure themselves.

■ Candy should be kept away from curious pets and should never be given to animals. Chocolate can be deadly to pets, and tin foil and cellophane wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.

For more information on how to have a safe and happy Halloween for your pets, contact the SPCA at (831) 373-2631 or (831) 422-4721, or visit [www.spcamc.org](http://www.spcamc.org).

across from the Crossroads shopping center.

## T-day pigskin

Why slave over Thanksgiving feasts while missing all that great football? The Hyatt Regency Monterey urges people to hang up their aprons and let the chefs at TusCA Ristorante do the work while everyone else takes in the games in high-def.

The restaurant will offer tradition dishes alongside those with an adventurous Italian twist, a (somewhat incongruous) sushi bar, a mini-buffet for kids, and live jazz all day. Reservations are available from 2 to 8 p.m. for \$48 per adult, \$24 per kid aged 5 to 12, and free for the little ones. Call (831) 372-1234.

Meanwhile, Knuckles sports bar will be showing every game imaginable on its 18 televisions, including four 63-inch HD TVs.

The Hyatt is located on Old Golf Course Road next to Del Monte Golf Course in Monterey.

## Foodie fundraising

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**Nov. 1 - Attic Sale and Art Auction** at the Monterey Museum of Art, Saturday, Nov. 1, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 2, 1 to 4 p.m. with the live auction at 2 p.m., MMA La Mirada, 720 Via Mirada, Monterey, [www.montereyart.org](http://www.montereyart.org), (831) 372-5477 x 106.

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**Nov. 8 - The Monterey Peninsula Choral Society** continues its "Vocal Boot Camp" series. The upcoming workshop will be led by vocal instructor David Gordon at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Monterey on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. \$10 per session for currently enrolled MPCs members/\$15 per session for all

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**Nov. 15 - David Domeniconi, author, and Pam Carroll, illustrator, of "G is for Golden: A California Alphabet,"** will be in Carmel Saturday, Nov. 15, to discuss and sign copies of their latest

book, "Golden Numbers: A California Number Book." The event, which is a part of the Carmel Public Library Foundation's Arts & Literary Series, will begin at 2 p.m. in the Youth Services Department at the Harrison Memorial Library/Park Branch, Sixth and Mission. Free. Doors open at 1 p.m.

**Nov. 18 - The Central Coast Writers' Branch of the California Writers' Club** presents award-winning science writer John Moir, author of "Return of the Condor: The Race to Save Our Largest Bird from Extinction." Mr. Moir will speak at the monthly CCW meeting to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18. The meeting will be at Casa Munras Hotel, 700 Munras Avenue, Monterey. Dinner and social hour commences at 5 p.m., and the program starts at 6:30. Dinner entrees run between \$10 and \$20. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit our website: [www.centralcoastwriters.org](http://www.centralcoastwriters.org)

## CPD wants help in search for suspect

CARMEL POLICE are asking for the public's help in finding Michael Schlaick, a 48-year-old man suspected of stealing from cars in the Norton Court underground garage on Dolores Street, as well as violating his parole and committing burglaries outside the city. Chief George Rawson described Schlaick as a white male adult, 6 feet tall,

weight 175 pounds, with brown hair and green eyes. He might be wearing glasses and have a mustache.

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# Carmel Valley

## Rescuers get gadget that makes getting patients down stairs a cinch

By MARY BROWNFIELD

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS in Carmel Valley raised enough money to buy a “stair chair” that makes carrying sick and injured patients down flights of stairs much easier, volunteer firefighter Mike Cappetti said this week. The



PHOTO/COURTESY MIKE CAPPETTI

Volunteer firefighters get acquainted with their new stair chair, which community members helped buy.

Stryker Stair-PRO, which costs about \$2,800, allows rescuers to move patients weighing as much as 500 pounds up or down stairs without danger of dropping them.

The chair’s rubber treads grip the edge of each step, making it possible to steadily push a patient up stairs without lifting them one step at a time. And the trip downstairs is much more controlled.

“The rubber traction wheels are incredible,” he said. “You have a very good hold on the patient going down the stairs.”

The new piece of equipment is carried on the Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance stationed in Carmel Valley Village, a community with numerous upstairs apartments, including many of the units used by elderly and disabled residents of the Rippling River public housing development.

The stair chair even comes in handy during emergency calls that don’t involve stairs. “We don’t have wheelchairs on our ambulances, and sometimes people don’t need a gurney

or another patient is on the gurney, so we can use it just to move people around,” Cappetti explained.

The Valley Volunteers decided to raise money for a stair chair after one of them saw it in use at another department, according to Cappetti. The group’s well attended pancake breakfasts the first weekend in August, the bowls of chili and chili dogs sold during September’s Fiesta, and a swim party and barbecue at the community pool helped raise the necessary funds, as did the year-round sale of T-shirts. Cappetti said the 26 Valley Volunteers, “would like to thank the people of Carmel Valley Village for their generous donations and participation in our fundraising activities, which allowed the Valley Volunteers to purchase the stair chair.”

He does not believe any other agencies on the Peninsula have one.

“It’s an incredibly well engineered piece of equipment,” he said. “It’s amazing how well it works.”



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Editorial

Healthcare promises

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Back here on planet earth, this idyllic arrangement has never been tried, because no society has achieved anywhere near the wealth that would be required to build it. Even the richest countries, with the most advanced systems, are forced to limit access one way or another.

In countries which are reputed to have free universal healthcare, such as Canada and England, the rationing is carried out by forcing people to wait.

A routine colonoscopy to check for potentially cancerous polyps is recommended in the United States for everyone over 50. Someone deciding to have one almost anywhere in the United States can usually get an appointment in just a week or two. In many parts of Canada, however, the wait is a year. And in England, colonoscopies to screen for pre-cancers aren't even done for most people until they are 80.

An EKG to check for heart abnormalities is readily available to most Americans. In Canada and England, the wait is several months, and patients who are aware they may have heart trouble sometimes die of heart attacks while waiting for a chance to see a cardiologist.

In the United States, free or very-low-cost medical care is given to the elderly, the poor, prisoners and (in California, at least) illegal immigrants. The rest of the population is stuck with the bills, not only for themselves, but for everybody else.

Yes, every healthcare system ever invented has had its major drawbacks. And that's why neither presidential candidate in this year's election is offering any realistic solutions.

Barack Obama promises to "provide affordable, accessible health care for all Americans," but the word "affordable" belies the fact that it will still cost something — and what if people decide not to participate?

Obama also promises to "lower healthcare costs by \$2,500 per family" but at the same time says he'll require insurance plans to cover "preventive services, including cancer screenings." He'll have to be a magician to make both those promises come true.

John McCain wants to make it easier for people to buy private health insurance by offering a \$5,000-per-family tax credit to help pay insurance premiums. As with Obama's plan, a rather obvious question arises: What if people still won't participate?

One thing is inescapably true, no matter which candidate wins. If you are a working person who pays your taxes and supports the massive government we already have, the bill for any expansion of the availability of free or low-cost healthcare is going to be handed to you. Because the government doesn't have any money of its own. So when you hear candidates promising to give things to people — things like inexpensive healthcare, tax credits or whatever — please understand that what they're really promising is to make you pay more than you already do.



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'Keep it local in challenging times'

Dear Editor, The Oct. 24 issue of The Pine Cone contained an article titled "Get the right bra, help fight breast cancer" that described a free, one-day bra-fitting event that Macy's at Del Monte Center hosted. Macy's pledged to donate a portion of sales proceeds for that one day toward breast cancer research.

Considering October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I can appreciate the publicity. However, I would like your readers to be aware that my boutique, Intima European Lingerie, here in downtown Carmel (Mission between Ocean and Seventh), has always offered free bra-fitting service, year-round, seven days a week. And, likewise, has pledged 10 percent of sales proceeds for the

entire month of October to the American Breast Cancer Foundation for the last couple of years. Printing an article without looking locally first is exactly how one draws business away from our small town of Carmel.

Although I can appreciate Macy's fundraising efforts, I think I speak for other small retail shop owners in town when I say that during these difficult economic times, your readership's support of local businesses is as important as ever and, ultimately, will foster a greater sense of community in our unique little town.

Sylvie How, Carmel

'Reelect Dan Cort'

Dear Editor, Times are hard everywhere. Like many other California cities, Pacific Grove has had to make some hard decisions to maintain the city's economic life and character. In P.G. we have been fortunate to have a mayor who not only does the day-to-day hard work of being mayor, but also looks to our future as well.

Three cheers for our mayor, Dan Cort, who is partnering with our schools to install solar panels in our public buildings!

Hurray for our mayor, who has brought us the P.G. farmers' market!

Hurray for our mayor, who is working to utilize the David Avenue Reservoir to irrigate our parks, cemetery and golf course!

Hurray for our mayor, who created partnerships to sustain our natural history museum and library!

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Best of all, hurray for our mayor for organizing the planting of 2,000 trees to keep Pacific Grove, Butterfly Town U.S.A., green!  
**Kate Miller, Pacific Grove**

**'Legislation based on religious beliefs'**

**Dear Editor,**  
 It is a shame these days when people can attempt to pass legislation based on their religious beliefs without consideration of the beliefs of others. Prop 8 is discrimination against those who are of different beliefs, not just falling in with the Christian conservative crowd. There are candidates running on "Yes on 8" as the majority of their platform. They claim they want to "protect marriage." How is "marriage" in jeopardy? It's not — they just want to impose their narrow-minded beliefs on everyone else. They believe they are the only ones who are right.  
 If I were to marry another man, how would that have any effect on the marriage of a heterosexual couple? It wouldn't.  
 But it would allow me all of the rights and privileges of married couples. Everyone is

entitled to their happiness.  
 This is why I must call for people who believe in freedom and free choice to vote No on Prop 8. Let everyone have the ability for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.  
 Also, please vote against Jeff Taylor. His platform is narrow, claiming to protect family values. This is a farce, the only values he is protecting is his own. His hate speech cannot be tolerated especially when he is hiding behind God.  
**Eric Gates, Carmel**

**The importance of 'local experience'**

**Dear Editor,**  
 A lot of times it's impossible for voters to know much about a candidate for judge, aside from the many campaign signs that plaster the highways, shopping centers and fences around Monterey County.  
 Some voters may turn to "party lines" and vote Democrat or Republican simply because it doesn't require any thought to who the candidates really are, what their experience actually is here in Monterey County courts. Of the candidates running, there's only one with Monterey County court experience: Todd Hornik.

For the past 17 years, Hornik has worked in and knows the Monterey County courts. The other candidate, Mark Hood, works in Santa Clara County courts, a whole different universe, as different as San Jose is to Pacific Grove.  
 Todd Hornik knows the ins and outs, the local law enforcement efforts, local judges, local law clerks, local defense attorneys, local prosecutors, and has been endorsed by many of them. This local experience is criti-

cal in getting things done, applying law and serving the community that Todd Hornik has been part of for nearly 20 years.  
 To us, having a judge with local court experience is vital, someone in tune with the Monterey courts and the people here. The most experienced with local Monterey County courts, Todd Hornik, gets our vote for Monterey County Superior Court Judge.  
**Robert S. and Michelle Harmon, Monterey**

**Eastwood's latest opens in Monterey, P.G.**

IT'S EVERY mother's worst nightmare: Her child suddenly disappears. But for Angelina Jolie in Clint Eastwood's latest film, "Changeling," the shock only deepens when the police return her son several months later, and he isn't the same boy.  
 After premiering in New York Oct. 4 and in several other cities last week, "Changeling" is opening on Halloween at Century Cinemas in Monterey and Lighthouse Cinemas in Pacific Grove.  
 "Changeling" was filmed at Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank and at various locations around Southern California last fall. Hundreds of extras were used in a scene at Los Angeles City Hall. For other scenes, an exact replica of the 1930s-era insane asylum — where Jolie is committed after complaining that her real son is still missing — was built on a sound stage.  
 It was completed last spring, but the film was held for release until now to give it the optimum chance at an Academy Award or two.  
 "Angelina Jolie is in Oscar-caliber form, and looks great in flapper-style clothes, as a woman who takes on corrupt cops in 1928 Los Angeles in

Clint Eastwood's very dark, fact-based and beautifully crafted 'Changeling,'" raved the New York Post.  
 After getting "Changeling" in the can, Eastwood also directed (and, in this case, stars in) another movie to be released this year. "Gran Torino" tells the story of a grizzled, bigoted Korean War vet who tangles with gang members and drug dealers in a very scary Detroit. Filmed last summer and already completed, the movie is the eighth Eastwood has directed this decade.  
 "I can't help but marvel how prolific Clint Eastwood is," said online critic John Serba.



Clint Eastwood directs Angelina Jolie on the set of "Changeling." The movie premieres locally this weekend.

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# Sandy Claws

By Margot Petit Nichols

VINNI MOZINGO, a handsome 8-year-old Shelty, lives in Carmel Woods with Mom Cynthia, Dad Glen and Sister Sophie, a tuxedo long-haired cat who runs the house. Dad is president of the Carmel Woods Homeowners Association.

Sophie may run the house, but Vinni guards her and herds her. He also herds large groups of dogs he assembles on Carmel Beach, which he visits daily with Dad. When he has the dogs all organized to his satisfaction, he releases them to go their own way. A herder with a heart.

When out for a walk with Mom and Dad, Vinni watches them closely. If one steps into the street, he immediately tries to herd the offending party back

onto the sidewalk.

Vinni has a large collection of stuffed animals, which he keeps at the foot of Mom and Dad's bed. If they remove them, Vinni finds them and brings them back, thinking grumpily, "Don't they know they belong here?"

Of the fluffy hoard of stuffed animals, his favorite is a sea otter which he carries around by the nape of the neck, puppy-style, when he's not carrying around his ball.

A walk through town leads inevitably to Diggidy Dog where he makes a personal selection from among the profusion of dog treats. He loves to go where everybody knows his name.

Described by Dad as "loyal and loving," Vinni is in charge of bringing Sophie home when she's off wandering the neighborhood. Mom has only to say, "Get Sophie," and Vinni is off on his mission, which he accomplishes almost immediately.

When Mom and Dad go out, they frequently come home to find Vinni and Sophie curled up together in a nap.



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# Real Estate

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## ALMOST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE! 1226 Bristol Lane, Pebble Beach

This elegant French style home offers 3 bedroom suites, a two story entry, formal living room with high ceilings and arched windows with French doors to the patio and greenbelt beyond. There is also a spacious great room with wet bar, ice maker, bar frig and fireplace creating a warm and cozy space. The kitchen is light and bright and features a breakfast area that also has French doors to the patio and greenbelt beyond. The master suite is a spa in itself with a spacious walk-in closet, a two-sided fireplace, jetted tub, sauna and steam shower - all you need are candles! Other features of the home include a separate laundry room, formal dining room, separate office and numerous other designer features throughout. The lot is over 1/3 of an acre and is centrally located in the neighborhood of Spyglass Hill Golf Course and Robert Louis Stevenson School and is in the Carmel School District. The seller must sell quickly and has the property currently priced more than \$800,000 less than the most recent appraisal done less than a year ago.

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## Carmel

**5th Avenue, 3 SE of Perry Newberry — \$860,000**  
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**Mission Sreet SW corner of 12th — \$900,000**  
Roger and Lana Hall to Peter and Douglas Johnson  
APN: 010-163-001

**26276 Camino Real — \$2,700,000**  
Richard and Elizabeth Moley to Michael and Mary Ann Pietro  
APN: 009-395-009

## Carmel Valley

**Carmel Valley Road — \$2,600,000**  
The Village Ranch LLC to Timothy and Sharon Andrews  
APN: 197-231-009

## Monterey

**11175 Union Circle — \$325,000**  
Selcon, Inc., to Ilker Bayraktar  
APN: 030-033-012



930 Coral Street, Pebble Beach —

**11600 Union Street — \$325,000**  
Selcon, Inc, to Ilker Bayraktar  
APN: 030-033-016

**16 Tanglewood place — \$355,000**  
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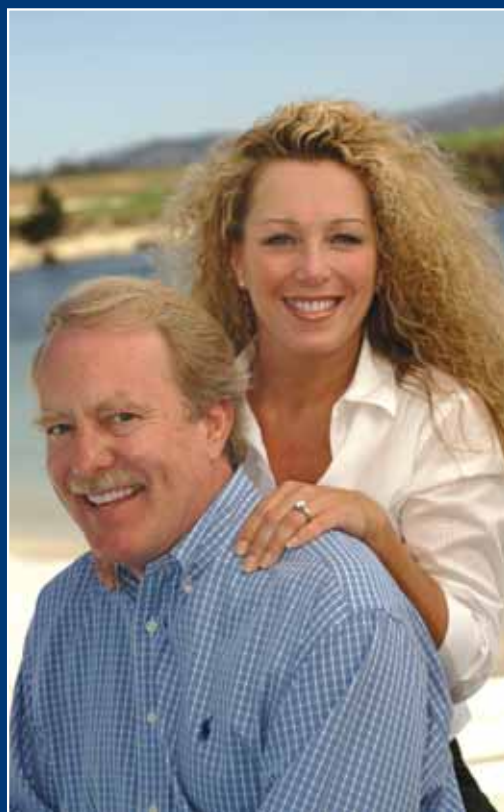
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# Seaside, Marina, Del Rey Oaks hot while other markets struggle

## ■ Third Quarter Report

WE HAVE long argued that barring a major economic meltdown, real estate values in the high-end markets on the Monterey Peninsula would hold their value. Considering the extent of the current economic problems, they are doing relatively well.



## House Talk

By Paul Brocchini and Mark Ryan

The entry-level markets of Seaside and Marina, however, have plummeted from their price peaks — but they are also now the hot markets, with investors competing to buy up distressed properties.

We remember in flusher times an old joke that went like this: “How do you feel when you come home at night and realize your house made more money than you did?”

That was funny when home prices were

soaring, and how homeowners would like a return to those days. The flip side is that lower prices are giving buyers fresh opportunities, provided they can get financing.

In many parts of the state, prices have fallen dramatically and thousands of homes are sitting unsold. Although things aren't all that rosy here, we are not facing a free-fall.

### Foreclosures Are Selling Fast

Since at least the middle of the summer, the most active market has been the furious acquisition of distressed real estate: foreclosures and short sales. In the Monterey Peninsula, Seaside is the hot market, with investors are gobbling up what they feel are bargains.

Consider these numbers: During the 3rd quarter 2007, Seaside had 20 home sales; in the 3rd quarter of 2008, it had 89, an increase 345 percent. And the total value of homes sold in the third quarter was almost as dramatic — \$12,212,500 last year, versus \$30,226,290 this year, in spite of much lower prices. Median prices in Seaside fell 43 percent, from \$566,000 last year to \$320,000 this year.

### Market Barometer & Dollar Volume

The Market Barometer, a great tool for short term forecasting, shows that 41 percent

of Seaside listings were in escrow Oct. 1. Another relatively affordable local town, Del Rey Oaks, had 67 percent of its listings in escrow Oct. 1, while Marina had 34 percent. All three towns will have excellent fourth quarters.

But the high-end markets of Carmel, Pebble Beach, Carmel Valley and South Coast are weak, and the Market Barometer shows that the weakness will continue in the fourth quarter.

Pebble Beach, which had a terrific second quarter this year, fell on hard times in the third quarter, with dollar volume half of what

it was last year.

Carmel dollar volume also fell sharply — a 37 percent decline from last year — while Carmel Valley was off 34 percent from last year. The South Coast market is in hibernation, with only one closed escrow in the third quarter and a Market Barometer reading of 2 percent Oct. 1.

### Prices

In the high-end markets, prices have not cracked, but they have softened. A year-to-

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### Median Sales Prices (dollars)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2007 (Q3)	2008 (Q3)
Carmel	1,295,000	1,575,000	1,525,000	1,550,000	1,675,000	1,457,500
Carmel Valley	1,000,000	1,162,000	1,198,500	1,295,000	1,410,000	1,195,000
Del Rey Oaks	615,000	725,000	715,000	735,000	689,000	538,000
Marina	567,500	675,000	669,000	580,000	540,000	400,000
Monterey	700,000	875,000	835,000	795,000	750,000	619,059
Pacific Grove	762,500	882,500	865,000	805,000	870,000	697,500
Pebble Beach	1,300,000	1,660,000	1,657,500	2,312,500	2,225,000	1,366,250
Salinas Highway	825,000	1,002,000	925,000	932,500	950,000	860,000
Seaside	549,000	660,000	670,000	619,000	566,000	320,000
South Coast	1,675,000	2,400,000	2,450,000	2,215,000	2,700,000	1,800,000

### Number of real estate sales (by quarter)

	2007 (Q1)	2007 (Q2)	2007 (Q3)	2007 (Q4)	2008 (Q1)	2008 (Q2)	2008 (Q3)
Carmel	49	57	43	41	28	42	36
Carmel Valley	19	16	28	16	9	18	16
Del Rey Oaks	2	2	3	2	1	2	9
Marina	20	19	21	20	17	32	34
Monterey	20	29	25	20	20	18	25
Pacific Grove	23	26	27	21	17	21	34
Pebble Beach	22	10	22	15	20	22	18
Salinas Hwy	29	33	35	20	14	25	27
Seaside	27	20	20	20	28	56	89
South Coast	5	5	5	4	3	9	1
Totals	216	217	229	179	157	245	289

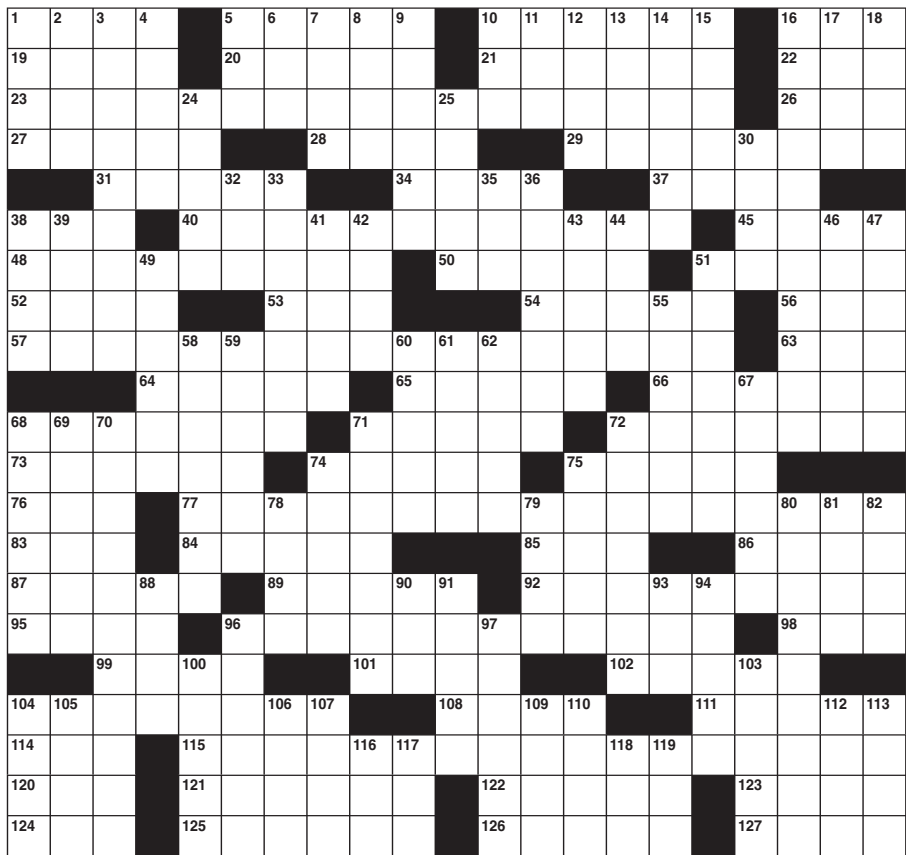
### Distribution of home sales — 3rd quarter 2008

	up to \$699	\$700-\$799	\$800-\$899	\$1M-\$1,299	\$1.3M-\$1,699	\$1.7M-\$1,999	\$2M and up
Carmel	2	4	7	3	7	6	7
Carmel Valley	1	0	3	5	2	1	4
Del Rey Oaks	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marina	34	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	14	2	4	5	0	0	0
Pacific Grove	17	3	5	6	2	0	1
Pebble Beach	1	1	2	4	5	2	3
Salinas Highway	10	3	4	0	3	2	5
Seaside	84	3	2	0	0	0	0
South Coast	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	172	16	27	23	19	12	20

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  - 98 Org. for 86-Across
  - 99 Composer Dohnányi
  - 101 Blackthorn
  - 102 Author Zora --- Hurston
  - 104 African nation founder Jomo ---
  - 108 Inside pitch?
  - 111 Traditional symbol of friendship
  - 114 Devon river
  - 115 Go-go club?
  - 120 Turn down
  - 121 Hero pilot
  - 122 Result of some sandbagging
  - 123 Whistler's whistle, maybe
  - 124 Trough site
  - 125 Key of Bach's best-known Mass
  - 126 J.F.K.'s "Why England ---"
  - 127 They ring in a ring
  - Down
  - 1 Clinches
  - 2 Bible reading
  - 3 Let win
  - 4 Franz who composed "You Are My Heart's Delight"
  - 5 French approval
  - 6 Part of E.S.L.: Abbr.
  - 7 Stead
  - 8 Spoils
  - 9 --- terrible
  - 10 Bermuda hrs.
  - 11 Swab
  - 12 Milo's title partner in a 1989 film
  - 13 El ---
  - 14 One opening up a can of worms?
  - 15 Everyday disinfectant
  - 16 Add new connections between floors?
  - 17 Whitaker played him in a 2006 film
  - 18 Nukes
  - 24 Menotti role for a boy soprano
  - 25 Actress Belafonte
  - 30 Pout
  - 32 Curly conker
  - 33 "The Naked and the Dead" star, 1958
  - 35 All the rage
  - 36 Longtime D.C. delegate to Congress --- Holmes Norton
  - 38 PX users
  - 39 Spider-Man's --- May
  - 41 "Delish!"
  - 42 Graf ---
  - 43 Loaded with fat
  - 44 "The Time Machine" people
  - 46 Distances in Canada
  - 47 Force in the ocean
  - 49 Costume designer Danilo ---
  - 51 Another name for 28-Across
  - 55 Soda fountain supply
  - 58 Gourmet
  - 59 Gene variant
  - 60 Word origin: Abbr.
  - 61 Crepes
  - 62 Kid's comeback
  - 67 Meadows of comedy
  - 68 Certain Himalayan
  - 69 Anatomical cavity
  - 70 Dieter?
  - 71 Needing a lift?
  - 72 Reveal to, as a secret
  - 74 Grouse
  - 75 Serf
  - 78 W.W. II Axis leader
  - 79 Leman and others
  - 80 American suffragist honored with a 1995 stamp
  - 81 Desires
  - 82 Genesis creator
  - 88 Cowboy actor Calhoun
  - 90 Jug capacity: Abbr.
  - 91 A deadly sin
  - 93 Saturn S.U.V.
  - 94 Les ----Unis
  - 96 Cry upon an arrest
  - 97 Is honest (with)
  - 100 Old Indian V.I.P.
  - 103 Numbers game
  - 104 Some sneakers
  - 105 Way out
  - 106 --- Polo of "Meet the Fockers"
  - 107 Galway Bay's --- Islands
  - 109 Explorer Tasman of Tasmania fame
  - 110 Messenger of Noah
  - 112 "Rule, Britannia" composer
  - 113 Sleep indicators
  - 116 "Baudolino" author
  - 117 Thrice, in Rx's
  - 118 "You betcha"
  - 119 Collector's goal



Answer to puzzle on page 15RE



# HOME SALES

From page 2 RE

## Monterey (con't)

**303 Del Robles Avenue — \$515,500**  
Citibank to William Bodensteiner and Jennifer Barbot  
APN: 013-092-027

**228 San Bernabe Drive — \$760,000**  
McKillop Trust to Kathleen Ventimiglia  
APN: 001-463-014

**1106 West Franklin Street — \$1,010,000**  
Deutsch Bank to Dana and Barbara Supernowicz  
APN: 001-244-027

**7 La Playa Avenue — \$1,200,000**  
Ann Benson and Iris Harrell to Stanley Sanders  
APN: 001-811-007

## Pacific Grove

**Ransford Avenue — \$1,340,000**  
Belinda Taluban and Eddie DeCarli to Piedmont Building LLC  
APN: 007-613-037

## Pebble Beach

**Los Altos Drive — \$585,000**  
Donald and Barbara Buzdon and Robert and Sally Gaillard to Nicholas and Ann Valentine  
APN: 008-582-022

See SALES page 8RE

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- 1111 Surf, PG \$1,145,000
- 211 Chestnut, PG \$1,037,500
- 401 Junipero, PG \$990,000
- 954 Sea Palm, PG \$725,000
- 901 Ruth Ct, PG \$720,000
- 556 Spencer, MTY \$700,000
- 411 Cypress, PG \$650,000
- 621 17th St, PG \$590,000
- 1975 Grandview, SEA \$424,000
- 141 Caledonia, PG & \$575,000
- 142 19th St, PG \$575,000
- 3NE Carpenter & Ocean CAR \$645,000



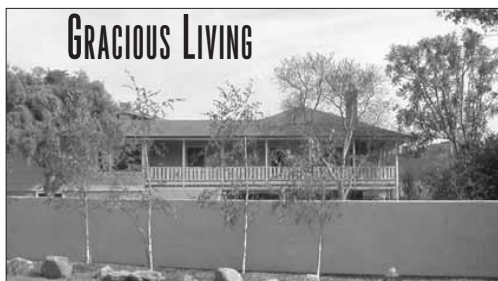
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**CARMEL VALLEY** 4BR/4BA home in the Santa Lucia Preserve w/open floor plan, gourmet kitchen & guest suite. \$3,795,000. WEB 0471829



**CARMEL** Minutes from the gatehouse this 29 acre lot has a 5.87 acre homeland + main and guest house permits. \$1,595,000. WEB 0471946



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- **Lot 187**, 49 acres; Potrero Valley views, main, guest and caretaker's allowed. \$1,695,000
- **Lot 196**, 16 acres; close to gate; views of Potrero Canyon; main & guest house. \$1,595,000
- **Lot 52**, 38 acres; close to amenities; main and guest house allowed. \$1,495,000
- **Lot E14**, 10 acres; close to gate; full-time equestrian, main, guest & sr. units. \$2,195,000
- **Lot F3**, 11 acres; close to all amenities; main & guest house. \$2,650,000
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**Monterey Peninsula  
Home Sales  
Market Barometer**

Date	in escrow /listed	%
<b>Carmel</b>		
10/1/08	24/156	15%
7/1/08	17/160	11%
4/1/08	20/147	14%
1/1/08	12/128	9%
10/1/07	21/190	11%
<b>Carmel Valley</b>		
10/1/08	16/148	11%
7/1/08	13/123	11%
4/1/08	8/108	7%
1/1/08	7/88	8%
10/1/07	9/123	7%
<b>Del Rey Oaks</b>		
10/1/08	6/9	67%
7/1/08	8/17	47%
4/1/08	2/12	17%
1/1/08	1/10	10%
10/1/07	1/11	9%
<b>Marina</b>		
10/1/08	35/104	34%
7/1/08	29/96	30%
4/1/08	20/116	17%
1/1/08	9/92	10%
10/1/07	10/126	8%
<b>Monterey</b>		
10/1/08	24/140	17%
7/1/08	18/116	16%
4/1/08	9/91	10%
1/1/08	14/88	16%
10/1/07	10/111	9%
<b>Pacific Grove</b>		
10/1/08	17/109	16%
7/1/08	16/118	14%
4/1/08	11/103	11%
1/1/08	8/85	9%
10/1/07	9/107	8%
<b>Pebble Beach</b>		
10/1/08	12/118	10%
7/1/08	6/107	6%
4/1/08	9/98	9%
1/1/08	11/81	14%
10/1/07	10/113	9%
<b>Slns/Mtry Highway</b>		
10/1/08	25/175	14%
7/1/08	24/179	13%
4/1/08	18/163	11%
1/1/08	11/140	8%
10/1/07	10/173	6%
<b>Seaside</b>		
10/1/08	70/170	41%
7/1/08	57/180	32%
4/1/08	23/167	14%
1/1/08	16/154	10%
10/1/07	11/178	6%
<b>South Coast</b>		
10/1/08	1/62	2%
7/1/08	2/57	4%
4/1/08	7/52	13%
1/1/08	4/51	8%
10/1/07	4/49	8%

**REPORT**

From page 4RE

year comparison shows that all four of the luxury markets are down: Carmel in the third quarter of 2007 had a median sales price of \$1,675,000; this year it was \$1,457,500, down 13 percent. In Pebble Beach, the same comparison shows a 39 percent drop from \$2,225,000 to \$1,366,250, and Carmel Valley fell 15 percent from \$1,410,000 and \$1,195,000.

There are a number of high-end areas along the Salinas/Monterey Highway: Pasadera, Bay Ridge, the area around York School and Corral de Tierra. Median sales prices there declined from \$950,000 last year to \$860,000 this year.

**Anyone's guess**

Usually, we like to suggest a direction for the market. At present, our crystal ball is clouded. We know we are in for some difficult times in all sectors of the economy, and that price deflation is the order of the day in real estate and stocks. When a change for the positive will come is anyone's guess.

What we will do is to continue to provide a quarterly look at local real estate so that we all have an idea of what is going on. Our year-end report, always the most valuable as we have true year-to-year comparisons, should be exceedingly interesting. We look forward to it and hope you do, too.

The silver lining for us is that we live in a place of limited real estate availability, almost no prospects for growth (zero in Carmel), and vast potential demand. Many people are putting their dreams on hold at present, but the dreams are still there.

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**Gross sales volume**

	2007 (Q3)	2008 (Q3)
Carmel	\$86,962,243	\$54,422,500
Carmel Valley	\$43,416,500	\$28,688,500
Del Rey Oaks	\$2,044,640	\$4,962,000
Marina	\$12,073,400	\$13,832,400
Monterey	\$18,965,500	\$17,531,559
Pacific Grove	\$26,466,000	\$29,334,500
Pebble Beach	\$60,510,189	\$30,305,500
Salinas Highway	\$41,435,200	\$35,424,624
Seaside	\$12,212,500	\$30,226,290
South Coast	\$21,860,000	\$1,800,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$325,946,172</b>	<b>\$246,527,873</b>

**Average days on market**

	2007 (Q3)	2008 (Q3)
Carmel	108	152
Carmel Vly	119	207
D. Rey Oaks	136	121
Marina	137	80
Monterey	147	66
P. Grove	96	132
Pebble Bch	260	193
Salinas Hwy	108	202
Seaside	147	72
South Coast	174	114

**POLICE LOG**

From page 4A

turbance at a market on Junipero Street. Subject was warned about his behavior and then advised by employees that he is not allowed in the market at any time. The same subject was also advised that he is no longer allowed in a local coffee house. Male subject stated he understood and would not return to either again.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** While on an area check on Scenic, officers located a subject's sleeping bag, bike and other personal effects. Items were taken as found property and held at the department until the owner could be located.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Resident reported that unknown person(s) spilled a small can of white latex paint on his front driveway on Lincoln Street sometime during the night between 2000 hours and 0700 hours the next day. Resident does not suspect anyone and has no idea why the unidentified person(s) would do this. Resident reported that the paint had not dried and he was able to clean it off his driveway. Several neighboring homes were checked but nothing suspicious reported. No suspect information.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Mother reported her ex-husband picked up their 6-year-old daughter from school yesterday and spent the day with her without the mother's knowledge. Mother has custody and reported she is not comfortable

with her ex-husband doing this, and it's becoming an ongoing problem. Mother was advised to attend mediation to work out an amicable solution with her ex-husband regarding the custody and visitation of her daughter. Mother only wanted the incident documented for her records.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Realtor reported the possible theft of water from a Carpenter Street residence that she is overseeing the sale of. Realtor maintains the grounds once in a while, and one day found the hose had been removed. The homeowners that reside out of state also reported that their water bill had increased nearly \$40 in one month. The perimeter of the home was searched but nothing was found to indicate persons stealing water. Realtor was advised that the home may have a water leak. Realtor was also advised to purchase a faucet locking device.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a reckless vehicle driving southbound on Carpenter Street at Serra. The person followed the vehicle to Santa Fe and Third, and the reckless driver looked at her in a threatening manner. She provided a description of the vehicle. Information provided to patrol.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject vehicle was hit by an unknown vehicle on Scenic Road.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Dog found running loose in the residential district on Carmelo Street. Owner notified and responded to CPD for the return of the animal

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Battery on a person on Santa Fe at Third.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to a fitness center on Carmel Rancho

See POLICE LOG page 14 RE



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# SALES

From page 5RE

## Pebble Beach (con't)

**930 Coral Drive — \$4,725,000**  
Nyal and Betty McMullin to Ernest and Gunde Posey  
APN: 007-255-001

## Seaside

**1899 Waring Street — \$245,000**  
US Bank to Gerardo and Maria Duenas  
APN: 012-833-017

**1662 Luzern Street — \$265,000**  
Downey Savings and Loan to Natalie Harris  
APN: 012-723-016

**1711 Waring Street — \$330,000**  
Aurora Loan Services to Say Sy and Yen Tran  
APN: 012-765-015

**2000 Lassen Street — \$428,500**  
John Mohler to Gregory and Sandra Sullivan  
APN: 011-472-010

**1899 Lincoln Street — \$430,000**  
John and Judith Jones to John Lewellen  
APN: 012-621-057

**17 Primrose Circle — \$470,000**  
Accredited Home Lenders to Markus and Laura Hubrich  
APN: 011-063-007

**4205 Peninsula Point Drive — \$800,000**  
Ernesto and Maria Fernandez to Bennie and Linda Schulman  
APN: 031-241-029

**1020 La Salle Avenue — \$2,400,000**  
Joseph and Diane Rossi to Royal Solutions LLC  
APN: 011-523-009

**1274 Virginia Street — \$2,999,000**  
Gus, Jean and Frank Permutati to Ruth Donohugh  
APN: 012-361-013/031

## Soledad

**West Street, corner of Gabilan — \$4,800,000**  
Gabilan Plaza LLC to Nieto LP  
APN: 022-351-008

## Spreckles

**124 Second Street — \$649,500**  
Standard Pacific Corp. to Janis Pursel  
APN: 177-055-017

## Watsonville

**Gonda Street — \$1,870,000**  
Carla Handley and Kathleen Oliver to Antonio Esposito and Patrick and Adarna Olivolo  
APN: 117-371-011

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- Corner lot conveniently located
- Light open living area w/view deck
- 3 bedrooms and 2 baths
- Inside laundry
- Offered at **\$590,000**

"Bay Views"

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**Carmel** "Street to street lot"  
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**Pacific Grove** "A lot of house"  
Offered at **\$595,000**

**Monterey** "Walk to Beach"  
Offered at **\$514,900**

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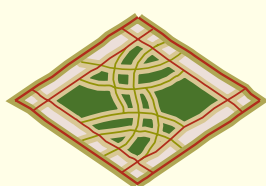
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**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on the beach at Del Mar. Crew assisted ambulance with splinting, vitals, report information and loading for a female in her 60s who had twisted a right ankle while approximately 100 feet off the end of Ocean Avenue, on the beach. Patient transported by ambulance to CHOMP. Police officers responded to take a report of a fall on city property.

**Carmel Valley:** Report of past-tense embezzlement by check forgery done by former employee over the period of approximately one year, approximately \$6,000. Case continues.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Received from Digital Dog Auto Recovery via U.S. Mail a notice of repossession of a motor vehicle at a residence on Carmelo Street. The vehicle was entered into the stolen vehicle system as a repossession. No further action needed. Report is for informational and tracking purposes.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen on Camino del Monte reported concern with a neighbor's dog who barked and rushed toward her while she opened her door to exit onto a shared patio with the dog owner. The mix-breed dog was with the dog owner's roommate on the patio off leash. The roommate took control of the dog and placed the dog inside the house. Both parties discussed the incident that had occurred on Sunday, Oct. 19. The resident wanted information on how to protect herself, and for the owner to be contacted regarding prevention of future incidents. All parties were contacted and information obtained. Advised the dog owner to seek training.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 45-year-old male was booked at Junipero and 13th for DUI. The driver was stopped for an unsafe and illegal U-turn on Rio Road, where it is posted "No U-turn," and found to be DUI with a BAC of .12 percent. He was also charged with misappropriation of found property. He was lodged at county jail.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen found a dog loose in the roadway on Dolores Street. The citizen transported the dog to the police department. The dog was placed in the department kennels for safekeeping until the owner can be located.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person called in regards to a subject causing a peace disturbance. The caller was interviewed and stated that she felt uncomfortable with the subject. There was no further action taken. All parties counseled.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person reported an open front door to a residence on Mission Street. An interior check was made and nothing was missing or disturbed. Parties counseled.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded

to a residential fire alarm activation on Dolores north of Santa Lucia. Engine and ambulance canceled by alarm company. Alarm activation due to construction at the residence.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Lasuen. Crew assisted with assessment, vitals and report information for a female in her 90s who had fallen and complained of pain to the left hip. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency at the bus stop at Mission and Sixth. Crew assisted with vitals, report information and loading for a female who had suffered a seizure. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to a report of smoke in the area of Camino Real and Ocean. On scene, found an active chimney fire. Crews laid a 5-inch supply and deployed a 1.75-inch multi-footage attack line. Crews extinguished the fire using two Chimfex and removed burning wood from the fireplace. Additionally, crews laddered the roof to check for extension and embers, with no damage caused to the structure. Cypress engine and second ambulance stood by on scene for additional assistance if needed.

**Carmel Valley:** Person reported a juvenile patient might have been sexually assaulted last summer.

**Carmel area:** A Carmel resident reported an older male in a white full-size pickup truck attempted to lure her 11-year-old daughter to his truck. Sheriff's deputies and Carmel P.D. checked the area with negative results.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

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**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person found a cell phone in the sand while visiting Carmel Beach.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male spoke with an officer about a custody problem between his ex-wife and him. He said that he might need a civil standby in order to pick up his child in Carmel. He stated that he felt the ex-wife would not let him have the child when he showed up. He admitted that the custody agreement is vague and allows him to have the child two nights

a week. Officer spoke with the ex-wife, who said that the male became angry over an incident that occurred at the child's school. She added that he then sent a couple of vulgar text messages and argued with her on the phone. She asked that the police call him and tell him not to send such messages or call her cell phone. She added that he could call the child after 2000 hours on the house line. The male was re-contacted and agreed to do so.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to Scenic and 11th for a female in her 60s who had fallen on the walkway. She was examined by the ambulance crew but refused all treatment and transport to the hospital. Firefighters gathered information, and the woman was advised by the paramedic to see a doctor if any discomfort should arise as a result of this incident. The woman signed a medical release. Police responded to take a report of a fall on city property.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance responded to a hotel on Camino Real on report of a female in her 60s who found herself unable to speak for approximately 20 minutes. She experienced a stroke about one year ago. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel with patient assessment, packaging and gathering information, and the patient was transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

**Answer to This Week's Puzzle**

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