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Memoir recalls the Boys of Summer — from a girl's point of view

By CHRIS COUNTS

ON HER first trip to spring training at Vero Beach, Fla., in 1958, Flo Snyder discovered that all baseball players love a practical joke.

"They sent me to retrieve the keys to the batter's box," recalled Snyder, a Carmel resident and former Pine Cone columnist who will sign copies of her new book, "Lady in the Locker Room," Tuesday, Dec. 16, at D.E. Craghead Fine Art Gallery.

For 10 years, Snyder served as a secretary to Red Patterson, an executive with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Patterson was in charge of public relations, so when the Dodgers moved west from Brooklyn to Los Angeles after the 1957 season, he came out early to get a head start on what promised to be an eventful year. He hired Snyder as his secretary, making her the first employee of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Snyder picked an eventful time to work for the relocating team. Just two years before starting her new job, the Dodgers were the toast of the baseball world after defeating the New York Yankees in the 1955 World Series. "The Boys of Summer" were one of baseball's most colorful — and talented — teams ever, featuring Hall of Famers like Duke Snider, Roy Campanella and Jackie Robinson, the pioneer who broke baseball's color barrier.

In 1958, though, the Dodgers were playing in a cav-



Flo Snyder (second from left) picks up baseball tips from Dodgers' slugger Gil Hodges (left) and some of his famous teammates, including Don Zimmer (right).

PHOTO/COURTESY FLO SNYDER

ernous football stadium, the L.A. Coliseum, which was not well suited for a team that relied on hitting a lot of home runs to right field. So the team reinvented itself, placing an emphasis on pitching, defense and speed. Over the next decade, with the dynamic pitching duo of Sandy

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POLICE CRACK FRAUD RING

Stealing mail, forging checks and collecting the cash

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THREE WOMEN and a man accused in a rash of mail theft, fraud and forgery that "has plagued banks and businesses in the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas since September" are being held in Monterey County Jail as the charges against them climb. Pacific Grove Cmdr. Tom Uretsky released the names of the suspects this week but said as the investigation continues, the initial estimate of \$10,000 stolen from individuals, banks and retailers is "just scratching the surface."

Police allege the suspects raided mailboxes in the Salinas and Monterey areas, and forged or altered incoming and outgoing checks they found in the mail. They then opened several personal bank accounts and deposited the stolen checks.

"The suspects then withdrew cash from local ATMs while the checks floated between banks, and prior to the checks' being rejected for insufficient funds or as fraudulent, counterfeit or stolen forged documents," according to Uretsky.

Police started working on the case several weeks ago after a bank teller at Wachovia realized the suspects were trying to withdraw money from an account into which a fraudulent check had been deposited.

"They had made some ATM deposits of checks that were clearly forgeries," he said, and the name on one of the checks belonged to a Pacific Grove resident who is a Wachovia

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Carmel Sands hotel project bound for EIR

By MARY BROWNFIELD

GLOBAL WARMING should be evaluated — along with many other factors — in an environmental impact report for the 58-room luxury hotel, day spa, tapas bar and underground parking garage planned for the site of the Carmel Sands Lodge at San Carlos and Fifth, according to an attorney who is the son of the plan's most vocal opponent. The Carmel Planning Commission listened to public comments and learned about revisions to the project Wednesday night but did not make a decision on whether the proposal should undergo a full EIR, though it very likely will.

John Compagno, who works for a large San Francisco law firm and is the son of Mission Street property owner Catherine Compagno, submitted a Dec. 2 letter calling for an EIR. According to Compagno, the mitigated negative declaration — which identified potential environmental impacts and suggested how to reduce them to less-than-significant levels — "represents an exercise in denial — both of the existing conditions in Carmel, and the potential impacts that would result from the project."

He said it fails to accurately examine effects on views and aesthetics, air quality during construction, operational emissions and climate change. "Although individ-

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A very busy week for the Eastwoods

By PAUL MILLER

"DON'T TALK that way to her when she's with me!" That was President George Bush's

smiling admonishment to Clint Eastwood about a comment the former Carmel mayor made to his wife, Dina, at the White House Sunday evening. The president had Dina Eastwood in a bear hug when he told Clint Eastwood off.

The encounter was part of a whirlwind week for the Eastwoods which included dinner with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Saturday, visits to the White House and Kennedy Center Sunday, and the premiere of Clint Eastwood's latest film, "Gran Torino," in Hollywood on Tuesday.

Dina Eastwood explained Bush's comment and hug this way: "We were waiting in line for our turn to have a picture taken with the president. I was excited and talking nonstop, as usual, and Clint said to me,

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PHOTOS/JEFF SNYDER, FILM MAGIC (LEFT); ALEXANDRA WYMAN, WIRE IMAGE

Sunday night they were at the White House and Kennedy Center (left). Monday Clint and Dina Eastwood flew to Los Angeles for the premiere of his new movie, "Gran Torino," a touching drama starring Eastwood and acting rookies Bee Vang (at left in right photo) and Ahney Her.

Architect gets \$131K for next Forest Theater design phase

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE CARMEL City Council last week unanimously approved conceptual plans for renovating the Forest Theater — which will turn 100 in 2010 — and voted to sign a \$131,000 contract with RFM Architects for a detailed schematic design.

Commissioned by the Forest Theater Foundation, architect Richard F. McCann initially proposed significant changes to the theater and its surroundings, including mov-

ing parking off the property to turn the lot into a park, erecting walls along the perimeter and digging an underground passage from the stage to the control booth at the rear.

After a neighborhood meeting in fall 2007 and a community meeting at the theater last June, city administrator Rich Guillen forwarded several recommendations to McCann based on input from theater users, residents, neighbors and other interested parties.

Guillen requested the design include a 6-foot-high grape-stake fence like the existing fence surrounding the property, onsite parking, a turnout and handicap parking accessible from Santa Rita Street, use of the existing concrete foundation to install new benches and elimination of the center aisle in favor of two new side aisles, improvement of the existing concessions stand, elimination of the ticket and phone booths, new bathrooms in a single building, elimination of the underground corridor, and no change to the the basic dimensions and height of the stage.

“RFM prepared a new conceptual plan that incorporates the public comments received,” city administrator Rich Guillen said in his Dec. 2 report to the city council. He asked the council to review and approve the conceptual plan, and OK the agreement with RFM Architects to begin the schematic phase.

“The revised plan meets the desire to maintain the existing structures and infrastructure in its current configuration,” Guillen wrote in his report. “The upgrades focus entirely on

improving the functionality of the theater and the comfort of the user groups and audience.”

According to a letter from McCann, the schematic work will take about three months and cost \$131,000, with an estimated \$10,000 more for a survey of the property’s boundaries. His proposal incorporated Guillen’s requests and also calls for infrastructure upgrades and ADA-compliant pathways.

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CHS students reach out

TO “ENJOY the holiday spirit by giving back to the community around them,” Carmel High School students have embarked on a number of outreach efforts this fall. From Nov. 17-21, they gathered used clothing, blankets, hygiene supplies and “anything to make the holidays a little brighter for the less fortunate,” to distribute to the needy via Dorothy’s Place in Salinas.

After Thanksgiving, they kicked off an effort to collect new, unwrapped toys “to hopefully bring a smile to a young child’s face and make the season’s festivities even more satisfying for both the giver and the receiver,” according to student Tyler Greenway. The student government “plans to get the whole student body enthusiastic about this event and raise the largest mountain of toys — and therefore gaiety and merriment — that this school has ever seen.”

To help the students achieve that goal, Greenway encouraged community members to add to the pile of new, unwrapped toys as well. But the campaign ends Dec. 12, so people should act quickly. “There are bins for donations in the main office,” he said, adding that they’re easy to find. CHS is located on Highway 1 at Ocean Avenue.

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Accused serial killer asks judge to let him go

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN EL Dorado County Superior Court judge in October ruled accused serial killer Joseph Nissensohn can be tried for the grisly deaths of two teenage runaways in Upper Carmel Valley 27 years ago, but Nissensohn argued in November that the charges should be thrown out. Judge Suzanne Kingsbury is set to rule on the matter Friday.

Nissensohn, who served 17 years in prison in Washington State following a 1991 conviction for the stabbing death of Sally Jo Tsaggaris, is jailed in El Dorado County because authorities believe he also killed 16-year-old Kathy Graves in 1989 in a South Lake Tahoe forest.

In May, deputy district attorney Dale Gomes petitioned to add the June 1981 murders of Tanya Jones and Tammy Jarschke to the charges against Nissensohn. The two girls had reportedly run away from a group home and met Nissensohn and another man, Jesse Prieto, at a Denny's restaurant in Monterey. All four left for a drive and to smoke pot, and accounts vary as to what followed, but the teenagers' bodies were found Sept. 9, 1981, in the woods on Chews Ridge. They had been bound and gagged, and one was tied to a tree with electrical wire.

In October, Gomes asked the judge to try the gruesome cases together, under a section of the California Penal Code that provides for the joint adjudication of crimes connected by an important common element, despite

differences in the victims, times and locations.

The law aims to avoid the expense and time involved in trying the same suspect in multiple counties on similar allegations, and Gomes said the Nissensohn cases qualify due to the age and gender of the victims, the drug use, the "sexually motivated assaults" and the rural locations of the murders.

Public defender Richard Meyer countered that the cases were not sufficiently similar, and were separated by too much time and physical distance, to justify including them in the Graves murder case, but Kingsbury ruled against him.

However, Kingsbury took the defense motion for dismissal under submission and set a new hearing date for Dec. 12. In court Nov. 14, Meyer and Nissensohn also announced a writ for habeas corpus — typically filed by prisoners seeking release on the grounds they are not lawfully imprisoned — had been submitted.

This week, Gomes said Nissensohn's ongoing motions are little more than delaying tactics. The suspect has also refused to enter a plea regarding the Carmel Valley murders, which Gomes described as "tactical" as well.

After Friday, the case could conceivably progress with the setting of a preliminary hearing. "It depends on whether the defense is ready to start scheduling substantive dates," the prosecutor said. "Certainly there are more motions they could file."

MISSION LION SPOTTED AGAIN

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN EMPLOYEE at the Carmel Mission saw a mountain lion on the playground of Junipero Serra School around 9:30 p.m. last Monday, according to the Carmel Police Department, which issued a warning to residents to be watchful.

"The mountain lion moved away from the [man] about 30 feet and then crouched down and stared at him," a police officer wrote in the report of the Dec. 1 sighting. The person then "raised his arms and made noise, causing the mountain lion to walk away out of the playground area."

Officers searched the neighborhood for the cougar but were unable to find it. The incident marked the second recent spotting of a big cat in the area, the first occurring late Nov. 2.

Afterward, CPD issued a release advising people the mountain lion did not appear to be

unusually dangerous, though its appearance was also reported to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and the state department of fish and game.

"Mountain lions rarely attack human beings, and normally hunt at night and early morning," Cmdr. Mike Calhoun said in the CPD release. "This mountain lion did not pose a threat, nor did it appear to be aggressive toward people."

But he suggested residents and visitors resist the temptation to take evening or early-morning walks in nearby Mission Trail park, or leave food out for wildlife that might attract the feline hunters.

He also recommended people be observant, and if they see a lion, not to run away, but to get as big and as loud as possible, and then leave the area slowly. "Be sure to call 911 to report any further sightings to the Carmel Police Department or the California Department of Fish & Game," he concluded.



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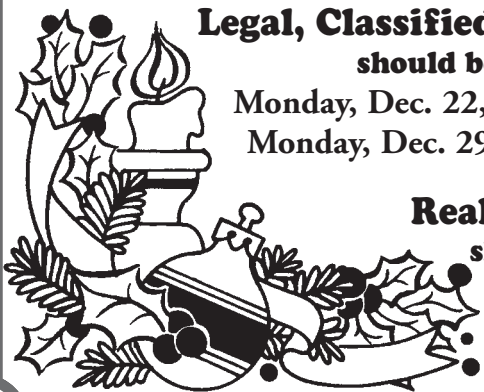
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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Gate crasher nabbed in P.B.

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.

THANKSGIVING

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject came to the station to turn in a camera she found while walking along the Scenic Road path. No information on an owner, and the camera was booked into evidence pending return to owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a residence on Ladera Drive for a chemical spill or leak from a transformer to a utility pole. The leak was due to the utility pole's breaking from rot and being weakened by woodpeckers. Power to the immediate area was disrupted. Firefighters applied absorbent on the downhill side of the spill, containing the chemical. FireComm was advised to have a PG&E rep call the fire crew. The situation was explained to the rep and PG&E hazardous materials personnel were notified. They arrived

in about 30 minutes. A crew was to be assembled to begin repairs.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen reported losing her cellular telephone at Carmel Beach. Unknown person located the phone and made harassing phone calls to the victim, her friends and family, and refused to return the phone. Cell phone carrier contacted and cell-phone service terminated.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to the report of a verbal argument between wife and husband. Wife was upset because she wanted the husband to leave the residence. Husband and wife both concurred they were having an argument over financial issues in the kitchen. Wife added that she tapped husband on the cheek lightly when he was in her face. The argument then stopped. Husband stated his wife never tapped him on the cheek and that both are currently seeing a marriage therapist. There was no signs of injury or trauma on either party, and the residence was clean of any signs of physical altercations. The wife collect-

ed her belongings and peacefully left the property. Both parties were counseled on current domestic violence laws.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of a digital camera in the business district. If located, please notify the victim.

Pebble Beach: Subject at Hermitage and Bird Rock roads refused to be transported by AMR ambulance to CHOMP for minor lacerations to his left arm.

Pebble Beach: Found property on Sunridge Road turned in to Pebble Beach security and returned to owner.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject called to request a civil standby/welfare check while she picked up her children from her ex-husband's house on Torres Street. Officers noted that there may have been a domestic dispute at the residence, but no information was provided.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of a cell phone/PDA. Item was last seen at the person's residence on Carpenter Street on Nov. 29.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to the

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City to hire public services director

AS MANY cities eliminate jobs, especially in management, Carmel-by-the-Sea is adding one. According to a city council decision last week, a new "public services director" will oversee the public works, facilities maintenance, and forest, parks and beach departments for a salary of \$7,482 to \$9,093 per month. The job already has dollars allocated for it in the 2008/2009 annual budget.

According to the job description drafted by Guillen and approved by the council, the person, once hired, will be in charge of the city's parks, recreation programs and special events, enforce relevant laws and codes, create "an effective vision for the future of the forest, beach and open space management" and handle an array of other administrative tasks.

According to Guillen's report, job candidates should have seven years' experience in parks and recreation, including five years of supervisory work, and should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent. If the candidate has not been to college or does not have an appropriate degree, 10 years of professional experience managing a department "that meets a community need for enhanced livability and functional environment" and experience managing forest, beach, parks and infrastructure will suffice.

The city council OK'd the job description as part of its consent calendar last week.

The decision followed the council's creation a couple of months ago of three new firefighter positions, which are close to being filled.

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Thanks to generous donation, C.V. park grows by 9 acres

By CHRIS COUNTS

LOCATED JUST upstream from a populated Carmel Valley neighborhood, Garzas Canyon seems a world away from the hustle and bustle of civilization. Now, thanks to a generous donation by a local family, the canyon is one step closer to remaining a place where the chirping of birds and the croaking of frogs prevail over the noise of traffic and construction.

The Lawrence W. Riddell Family Trust recently donated a 9-acre parcel bordering Garland Ranch Regional Park to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District. Located in the upper reaches of the canyon, the property is accessed through the Santa Lucia Preserve. The parcel is one of five located between the park and the preserve.

According to Tim Jensen, special projects and planning manager for the park district, the acquisition helps provide a buffer zone between the park and preserve — a buffer that

would have been lost if the Riddell family had decided to develop the land.

“So the property owner could have applied for a building permit,” Jensen explained.

While it is doubtful any hikers will actually set foot on the property, Jensen said the acquisition benefits the public because it provides viewshed and watershed protection.

He said because the property overlooks the park, there was a high incentive to develop it.

The Riddell family donated the property because “they felt it was the right thing to do, and it was their way of supporting the park district,” Jensen added. “The property had been in the family for generations.”

Because there was no money involved in the transaction, Jensen said he is unable to place a value on the gift.

The best access point for visiting Garzas Canyon is a trail-head just east of the intersection of Boronda and Garzas roads. From there, a moderate two-mile loop offers a won-

derful snapshot of the canyon, which features a dense grove of oaks, a meandering creek lined by sycamores and an unexpected grove of redwoods located along a tributary of Garzas Creek. Other noteworthy sights included hawks, deer, salamanders (be careful where you step!) and an occasional bobcat.

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Success of Peace Corps-inspired book drive counts on postage

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHEN PARENT Jim Greco read about Carmel residents Dave and Wendy Banks' Peace Corps mission in Tanzania and their need for books to help school kids learn, he decided to organize a major effort to get much needed supplies across the globe. As a result, kids at Carmel Middle and Carmel High will embark on a "Give It Up" fundraiser Dec. 15-19, and Greco is encouraging the rest of the community to do its part.

"We will have a book drive and ask students, parents and teachers to give up something and contribute to the project," Greco explained. "It might be as simple as giving up a slice of pizza, soda or iTunes card and donating the cash instead. Parents might forego a bottle of wine or a cafe latte, or a night at the movies, so that a library could be created."

Their efforts will help place textbooks and other necessary literature in a library the Bankses want to set up in the Mtumbi School in Lushoto. While part of their mission in Africa involves AIDS education and health issues, the couple is also tasked with teaching English and biology.

"Picture a classroom with only wooden desks, blackboard and chalk ... that's it. Oh, and 80 eager-to-learn students jammed into benches, four per bench," the Bankses wrote in their blog in October. (www.travelblog.org/Bloggers/Banks-Duo/) The students are 14 to 18 years old and learn in English. More than 300 attend the school, with 180 more set to join them for the new school year in January.

So the Bankses asked for textbooks, magazines and fiction and nonfiction books, as well as magazines. Since then, they've begun receiving donations.

Greco wanted to help and decided he should involve Carmel school kids, since Wendy Banks is a retired public-school teacher who had two of his children in class at Bay School. He also thought young people would benefit from learning that their actions matter.

"I want to energize the community and support not only Africa, but here," he said. "The most powerful lesson kids can get is, 'Wow, we really can make a difference.'" It's also a good reminder of how abundant life in America is, compared with many other parts of the world.

But Greco soon realized that for the effort to really succeed, he would have to raise cash as well as collect books.

"I began looking at how you get them from here to there," he said. Shippers quoted prices of hundreds of

dollars for relatively small boxes, and Greco discovered the lowest was the U.S. Postal Service's bulk rate of \$220 for a 55-pound box.

"Our goal is to come up with 10 boxes," he said.

Clint and Dina Eastwood pledged to match donations up to \$2,500, and Greco reported Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud asked the Friends of Harrison Memorial Library to donate books "and is hoping local individuals and businesses will become sponsors of this effort and be community examples of 'giving up' something with the students to make a difference."

He said Peet's Coffee in Monterey will give free drinks to kids who donate, and Borders Books in Del Monte Center will encourage customers to help.

"We're asking local businesses to donate \$50 or as much as they can to the library fund and help our kids make a significant and lasting difference in the world," Greco said. People who want to pitch in can send checks to APMC (Action Council of Monterey County) — Mtumbi Library Project, P.O. Box 6631, Carmel, CA 93921, or call (831) 783-1244 to pay by credit card.

Rest assured, they will have quick proof of their success via the Bankses' blog.

"You can give thanks wherever you are, and we in Tanzania have so much to be thankful for: generous family and friends who are sending books and money for postage, letters, prayers and encouragement. We thank you all!" the couple wrote Dec. 3. "We have to give thanks to the Peace Corps and the American people for sending volunteers to help all over the world, for it is 'the toughest job you'll ever love.' And, we thank the TZ people for welcoming us and giving us the opportunity to experience their country and culture."

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with Dan Jones

CARPETING TIPS

If you are looking to break up the large expanse of floor space in your great room and make it feel more intimate, try carpeting that features a pattern. Pattern in large areas make the room seem smaller. Large patterns are best reserved for large rooms, which can take more pattern than smaller rooms. Another visual trick involves the use of bright or dark colors in your carpeting, which have the effect of seeming to draw the walls in closer. Also, give some consideration to texture. Carpeting with soft, uneven textures make for increased coziness. On the other hand, if you are looking to stretch a space, smooth it out with plain wall-to-wall carpeting. Avoid area rugs.

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By KELLY NIX

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Though the nonprofit museum opened its new 8,500-square-foot location at 425 Washington St. in Monterey Nov. 25, the museum had existed in a small building on Cannery Row for 11 years.

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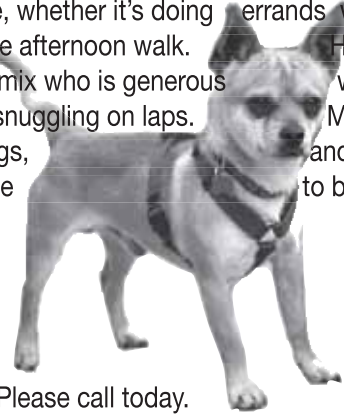
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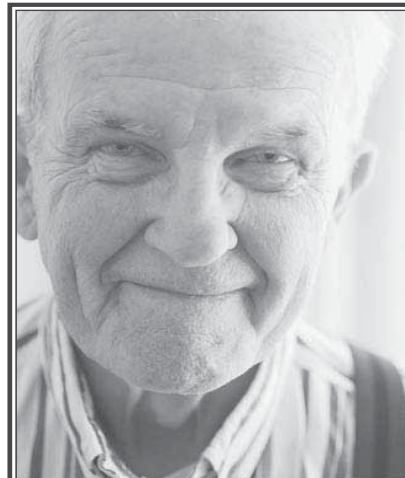
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SPCA in need of holiday donations

WHILE THERE are no shortages of charities to give to during the holidays, the SPCA for Monterey County has two programs that pet lovers might consider for donations.

The Pet Meals program and the Pet Food Bank are both in need of support, according to the SPCA. "It's a very easy way to make a tangible difference for people in our community," said spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser. "Pets are part of the family, too."

The Pet Meals program, which began in 2002 and costs about \$25,000 a year, was started to make sure indigent pet owners who accept Meals on Wheels don't feed their meals to their pets.

"Quite a few people were feeding their Meals on Wheels food to their pets, which is not good for people or the pets," Brookhouser said.

The SPCA buys high quality food at wholesale prices, then delivers it to Meals on Wheels, whose drivers deliver it to home-bound recipients. The program benefits about 100 to 150 pets at any give time.

The SPCA Pet Food Bank, which started last June and has already served about 600 animals, provides pet food to those who can't afford it. Some people are at risk of having to give up their pets because of economic hardship, Brookhouser said.

Pet food is available on a first-come, first-served basis. People are asked to donate unexpired, unopened dog, cat or other pet

food. "Recipients come from every zip code in the county," Brookhouser said. "Some people just come one time to get themselves through the week or month, and others come weekly."

Donated food should be brought to The SPCA, located at 1002 Highway 68, directly across from Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. For other drop off points and other information, call the SPCA at (831) 373-2631. To donate online, visit www.spcamc.org.

Red Cross blood drive Dec. 18

THE RED Cross is looking for community heroes, and all it takes to qualify is 45 minutes and a trip to downtown Carmel. The chapter house at Dolores and Eighth will host a blood drive Thursday, Dec. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to help satisfy a critical need for all types of blood.

One donation can save three lives, and every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood, according to the Red Cross, which urges everyone to "be a community hero" by giving up a pint for a good cause. Eligible donors must not show symptoms of cold or flu. For more information, call (831) 624-6921.

Chorale's unconventional take on carols

A LOCAL choral group is offering something old, something new and something unexpected for the holidays.

The Monterey Peninsula Choral Society presents two performances of "Christmas Quilt," a new production that adds a creative twist to the concept of Christmas caroling. The Carmel Mission Basilica hosts the first concert Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. The following day, the Church in the Forest offers a performance at 2 p.m.

"Christmas Quilt" features a mix of holiday favorites and little known gems. The choral group often takes creative liberty with arrangements, so listeners can expect to be surprised. Highlights from the program include an upbeat version of "A Cowboy Carol," a jazzed-up take on "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent," and renditions of the African-American spiritual, "Jesus, Oh What

a Wonderful Child."

For anyone familiar with the group, perhaps the biggest surprise will be its size. "Two years ago, we were down to about 20 members," explained Jillie Clendon, a board member and the choral society's second soprano. "Now we're up to about 60."

Last week, the society had an opportunity to preview this year's holiday program at the Canterbury Woods retirement community. "We had a terrific reception," Clendon said.

The theme, "Christmas Quilt," refers to a stunning holiday-themed quilt by Colleen Johnson-McEwan that will be raffled off as a fundraiser for the choral society.

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ual sources of [greenhouse gases] may not by themselves be significant enough to contribute to the phenomenon of climate change, together these sources create a substantial impact," he wrote.

He also said it underestimates impacts on trees, fails to call for a geotechnical report, improperly defers analysis of lead and asbestos hazards, incorrectly concludes the hotel will not use more water, inaccurately assesses its consistency with city land use policies, "dramatically understates" noise impacts, and makes "questionable assumptions" about traffic and parking.

Because Carmel caps its number of hotel rooms at 948 and the hotel needs 16 more, those units will have to be abandoned by other property owners in order for Carmel Sands to claim them.

"This requirement could very well force demolition of another facility in the city, with substantial associated impacts," he wrote.

Compagno concluded a thorough environmental analysis will lead planners to decide "that this project, in its current form, is not appropriate for our community."

In addition, opponents sent letters and emails, as well as a petition signed by 113 people stating the Mediterranean-style hotel designed by Pacific Grove architect Eric Miller "is more in keeping with Santa Barbara" and should be scaled down. New Carmel Residents Association President Barbara Livingston and several others spoke against it at the Dec. 10 hearing.

But David How, who owns the hotel, pointed out almost half the signers aren't in Carmel, with some from as far away as Castro Valley, San Francisco and San Diego County. He also noted many signed in November, before plans were modified in response to last month's planning commis-

sion meeting.

How offered his own petition of 113 signatures. "But I could have kept going," he said, adding that he limited his to Carmel residents and business owners who attested to being familiar with the plans.

"Every restaurant within 100 yards of me, with one exception, has endorsed it," he said, as have many business owners. How and Miller also held a community meeting last week attended by about 40 people, many of whom were supportive. Other proponents sent letters and emails, and several, including La Playa general manager Tom Glidden, spoke at the hearing.

Miller presented the latest design changes, including more one-story elements — most notably at the corner of Mission and Fifth — greater variety in building materials, more walls set back off the street, a more inviting walkway to the center courtyard, and a single driveway on San Carlos Street. He also reduced the rooftop deck by 500 square feet, and How said he would limit its hours of use and allow only hotel guests to use it.

Planning and building services manager Sean Conroy recommended commissioners field people's comments but put off any decision for another month or two while planners sift through all the new information.

Commissioners agreed, and while they complimented How and Miller for their willingness to continue changing their design in response to complaints and comments, they also wanted more. Janet Reimers asked for more one-story elements, and Alan Hewer said the structure at the corner of San Carlos and Fifth appears "stark" and "overwhelming."

Chairman Bill Strid said an EIR seemed justified.

"In my many years on the planning commission, this is the largest and most ambitious project that has come before us," he said. "We have required EIRs for lesser projects — projects that had impacts on smaller streets and fewer people."

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BUSY

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'Calm down ... calm down.' That's when the President grabbed me. We were all laughing."

The Eastwoods were in Washington to take part in the induction of a new round of Kennedy Center Honorees, including Morgan Freeman, Barbra Streisand, George Jones, Twyla Tharp, Pete Townshend and Roger Daltry. Clint Eastwood received the honor in 2000.

"We had been to the White House reception before, so we knew it was going to be very lighthearted and fun," Dina Eastwood told The Pine Cone. "The president was a hoot."

After flying to Los Angeles Monday, Clint Eastwood participated in a full day of casting meetings for his next film, "The Human Factor," which will be a biography of Nelson Mandela, with filming beginning in South Africa in the spring.

Tuesday night, the Hollywood gliteratti gathered at Warner Bros. studios in Burbank for the premiere of "Gran Torino," which marks Clint Eastwood's return to a starring role, and it's a surprising role for the mellow star.

"When I saw the script, I didn't like it at all, and I didn't think it was funny a bit," Dina Eastwood said. That's because her husband's character, Walt Kowalski, is a disgruntled Korean War vet who hasn't made peace with his past and can't stand the present. Living in a decaying part of Detroit with an increasingly ethnic population, Kowalski hurls nonstop racial epithets at everyone around him.

But when a Hmong family moves in next door,

Kowalski learns a hard lesson about acceptance of people who are different from you. In the end, he repays his debt to everyone he's wronged.

"When he saw the script, Clint said, 'It's good ... it debunks racism,'" Dina Eastwood recalled. Now, she sees the movie the same way. And Tuesday night's audience agreed.

"It's just a terrific film and very moving — I think it's Clint's best work," said one Warner Bros. employee, who asked that his name not be used because he wasn't sure he was allowed to talk to the media. "It's a tragedy, but it's also very funny."

Two of the Hmong residents who are Kowalski's neighbors are teenagers. They are portrayed by Minnesota residents Bee Vang and Ahney Her. At the premiere — which was attended by a host of Hollywood bigshots and superstars,

including Angelina Jolie and Hilary Swank — the young actors were getting almost as much attention as Eastwood, which must have been quite a shock because they're new to the movie business.

"Actually, I've never acted before," said Vang.

"I've had a little training, but that's all," added Her.

"To cast the film, they put out casting calls in the Hmong communities in Minnesota and Fresno," said Dina Eastwood. "The kids did a fantastic job and only one of them had any acting experience."

During filming last summer in Detroit, the shy Vang was invited to dinner by his co-star and director.

"I wished I'd saved the message he left," Dina Eastwood recalled. "He couldn't believe that Clint would want to have dinner with him."



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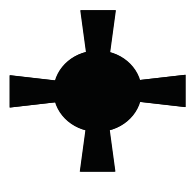
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FRAUD

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client. A bank official contacted the woman, who verified the suspects did not have permission to use checks in her name.

"She realized her mail had been stolen," Uretsky said, and among it were credit-card courtesy checks that had been forged and counterfeited.

Police discovered forged checks belonging to other Pacific Grove residents.

"When we started to contact them, we were able to close a lot of mail theft cases," he said.

Bank surveillance captured the suspects' images, and police identified the culprits, who were also recognized by some of the victims in photo lineups, according to Uretsky.

Officers made their first arrest Nov. 4, tracking 39-year-old Edith Gaskins down at her Seaside home, where she was



Brian Anderson



Leticia Balajadia



Edith Gaskins



Warkiesha Pettis-Gulley

hiding in the closet.

When they interviewed 33-year-old Leticia Balajadia, also of Seaside, "she tried to point a finger at all the others, but it turned out she was very involved in the operation," Uretsky said, and she was arrested Nov. 17.

Downtown surveillance

The other two, 33-year-old Warkiesha Pettis-Gulley and 40-year-old Brian Anderson, a husband and wife who live in Marina, were arrested early this month after fleeing Washington Mutual Bank.

They had entered the Seaside WaMu earlier in day but left, and a bank official issued an alert to other branches in the area, according to Carmel detective Jesse Juarez. In Carmel, Pettis-Gulley walked up to the counter with a forged check to deposit, but the teller recognized her and called police.

"When we got there, she had already left, leaving her personal identification behind," Juarez said. "They fled, but we were conducting a search and found the car parked two or three blocks away."

Juarez set up surveillance and watched the car for more than five hours until Anderson returned around 7 p.m. to retrieve it. After he got inside, Juarez approached and then held him there until officer Josh Plosser arrived in a marked squad car to take him into custody.

"He was ultimately transported to P.G., where we joined them in the investigation," Juarez said.

The following day, P.G. police contacted Pettis-Gulley and talked her into surrendering.

"Cmdr. Uretsky did an outstanding job of convincing her to turn herself in," Juarez said, and Uretsky in turn acknowledged Carmel, Seaside and Marina police for their help, along with the county probation department.

Lock your box

Uretsky initially estimated the money the four allegedly stole at \$10,000 but said it could be much more as investigators uncover additional victims and crimes. He said drug use was a major motive, though he wouldn't specify who was using what.

"Some people have very extensive drug habits, and it gets very expensive to support them," he said. All remain in custody in Monterey County Jail — Anderson, Balajadia and Gaskins on no bail, and Pettis-Gulley on \$60,000 bail.

The four face charges of burglary, forgery, presenting counterfeit documents, negotiating insufficient-fund checks and conspiracy. In addition, Anderson was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, though Uretsky would not say what it was.

He said the case provides ample illustration of why people should protect their identities as much as possible. Residents in Carmel, Pacific Grove and Monterey are most vulnerable to mail theft — especially those with unlocked roadside boxes.

"Someone can just drive up, reach in, take the mail and take off," Uretsky pointed out.

Clinic offers lacrosse tips from top pro

LACROSSE SUPERSTAR Ryan Powell will offer advice and instruction to youngsters when he participates in a clinic Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 29-31 at Carmel Middle School.

Powell, a four-time All-American from Syracuse University, is one of the most talented players in major league lacrosse. He won the league's Most Valuable Player award in his rookie season (2001), and took home the same trophy two years ago. He remains the only the MLL player to win the MVP twice. He now plays for the Denver Outlaws.

The clinic will offer two sessions — a morning session each day from 9 a.m. to noon for boys in grades three through seven, and an afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m. for boys in grades eight through 12.

The cost for each youngster to participate all three days is \$150. For more information, email: tim@timallen1@aol.com.



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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA AMENDING THE LOCAL COASTAL
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 17.30.010
(Demolition of Buildings)

WHEREAS, The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is a unique community that prides itself on its village character; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a General Plan and Municipal Code that strive to protect the village character through clear policies and regulations that guide property owners in the protection of the residential character; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code currently requires approval from either the Design Review Board or the Planning Commission for demolition permit applications; and

WHEREAS, to create a more balanced workload between the Planning Commission and Design Review Board, this ordinance will require the Planning Commission to review all demolition permit applications; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (class 5) as it will not have a significant impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended adoption of the attached amendments to the zoning ordinance on October 8, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea does hereby support the attached ordinance (first reading) revising CMC chapter 17.30.

SEVERABILITY

If any part of this ordinance, even as small as a word or phrase, is found to be unenforceable such finding shall not affect the enforceability of any other part.

EFFECTIVE TIME PERIOD

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after final passage and adoption, or upon certification by the California Coastal Commission, whichever ever occurs last.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA this 2nd day of December 2008 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBER: HAZDOVAC; ROSE; SHARP
TALMAGE & McCLOUD

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER: NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER: NONE

SIGNED, SUE McCLOUD, MAYOR
ATTEST: Heidi Burch, City Clerk

Chapter 17.30 DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS

17.30.010 Demolition or Rebuilding of Buildings.

Except when required for the emergency protection of public health or safety as determined by the City Administrator in consultation with the Building Official, no permit authorizing the demolition of any building within any district shall be issued until reviewed by the Planning Commission or Design Review Board in accordance with the findings established in CMC 17.64.070, Demolition and Conversion of Residential Structures (if applicable). No permit for demolition shall be approved without the concurrent review and approval of replacement construction for the site. If the structure or site is identified as an historic resource, the demolition is prohibited except when approved by the Historic Resources Board and the Planning Commission consistent with the findings established in CMC 17.64.050. All related land use, design review and environmental review approvals and the processes established in Chapter 17.32 CMC, Historic Preservation, also shall be followed. The demolition or relocation of any structure shall require a coastal development permit. (Ord. 2004-02 § 1, 2004; Ord. 2004-01 § 1, 2004).

Publication Dates: Dec. 12, 2008. (PC 1211)

Your Gardener's Checklist for December 12-18, 2008

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BASEBALL

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Koufax and Don Drysdale leading the way, the Dodgers won four pennants and three World Series.

Bleeding Dodger blue

While Snyder never fell for the key-to-the-batters box trick again, she was the frequent target of jokes. Hall of Fame manager Tommy LaSorda had this to say about Snyder when he wrote the book's forward:

"Did we take advantage of the rookie? Sure! She was a good target. Will she ever forgive us for all the tricks we played on her? I sure hope so ..."

When Snyder joined the Dodgers, LaSorda was working as a scout. Meanwhile, it was another future Hall of Fame manager, the infamous Leo "The Lip" Durocher, who kept Snyder on her toes.

"Every woman was his conquest," Snyder remembered. "He took one look at me and decided I would be his target."

That fact that the controversial and outspoken Durocher was nearing 60 and Snyder was barely 20 did little to deter a man who arguably uttered more swear words at

umpires than any other in the game's history. One time in spring training, he bet her \$10 that he could get a key to her hotel room. Despite her best efforts to hide her key, he somehow acquired another and she lost the bet. In response, she stuffed 1,000 pennies under his covers.

"As was his custom, when he got undressed that night, he didn't turn the light on so he wouldn't wake up his roommate," Snyder recounted.

She got the play-by-play the next day from Durocher's roommate, Dodgers announcer Vin Scully.

"He was furious when his body came in contact with 1,000 cold pennies," she said. "He was screaming."

Her favorite player on the Dodgers was power-hitting first baseman Gil Hodges, who later managed the New York "Miracle Mets" to a championship in 1969.

"Gil was just a wonderful guy," she recalled. "He used to call me 'little one.' He was my guardian."

Snyder was also a big fan of Snider, the silver-haired slugger.

"I married the wrong Snider," joked Snyder, who still uses the last name of a former husband who didn't play baseball.

Along the way, Snyder became a lifelong Dodgers fan.



PHOTO/COURTESY OF FLO SNYDER

At the left, Snyder helps pitcher Sandy Koufax sort through fan mail. At the right, Snyder shares a victory toast with pitcher Don Drysdale and outfielder Wally Moon.

"My blood is almost as blue as Tommy LaSorda's," she boasted.

Her affection for the Dodgers has gotten her in trouble on the Monterey Peninsula, a haven for rival San Francisco Giants fans.

"I get booed when I speak at Rotary meetings," she laughed. "Everybody puts their Giants caps on."

Looking back on it all, though, Snyder

considers herself truly blessed by the opportunity she had to be part of baseball's illustrious history.

"Those years were the golden age of California baseball," Snyder added.

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Livingston elected CRA President

BARBARA LIVINGSTON, who served on the city council for a dozen years and has remained a city hall regular since she stepped down in 2004, was elected president of the Carmel Residents Association this month.

Livingston came to Carmel with her family in 1936, attending Sunset School and Carmel High before heading off to Stanford University. She married, had two sons and ran her own interior design business in Menlo Park before moving to Carmel Valley in 1978, and back to Carmel a decade later.

She soon began attending city meetings, and friends encouraged her run for the city council, which she did in 1992. In 2002, she

made an unsuccessful bid for mayor on a slate with former councilman Jim Wright and former Mayor Ken White.

In 2005, Livingston was named the CRA's Citizen of the Year. She was also the founding president of the Friends of Carmel Forest and played key roles in the Carmel Preservation Foundation and the Flanders Foundation.

This month, Livingston was elected president of a board that includes attorney Skip Lloyd as vice president, Beth Wright as secretary and James Emery as Treasurer. Former Carmel Assistant City Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio also joined the CRA Board of Directors in December.



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Innovative glassworks turn heads on Ocean Avenue

By CHRIS COUNTS

INCH FOR inch, it would be difficult to find a place with more eye candy than the holiday window displays that line Carmel's streets. Yet even in a glittering shopping paradise, a particular display is turning heads.

Gallery i Fine Arts presents an opening reception Saturday, Dec. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. for an exhibit of optical and dichroic glass sculptures by Toland Sand, a onetime local resident who now lives in New Hampshire but maintains a studio in Carmel Valley.

"The first thing people say when they see his work is, 'I've never seen anything like this before,'" gallery director Rohana LoSchiavo said. "People just stop dead in their tracks."

According to LoSchiavo, Sand

uses a unique process to combine multi-colored dichroic glass and crystal grade optic glass. The result is dazzling.

"His work is just delightful," she added.

The exhibit will be on display through the end of the year. The gallery is located on the southwest corner of Ocean and Mission. For more information, call (831) 626-1617 or visit www.galleryifineart.com.

Open house for charity

The D.E. Craghead Fine Art Gallery hosts its 21st annual Holiday Open House Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 4 to 7 p.m., offering art lovers a bounty of holiday merriment and the Salvation Army a generous gesture.

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Gallery i Fine Arts presents an eye-catching new exhibit of glass sculpture by Toland Sand.

Groovelily takes on Christmas classic

■ Hans Christian Anderson as cabaret

By CHRIS COUNTS

EMPLOYING A sharp wit, a lively mix of contemporary musical styles and an electrifying electric violinist, an innovative New York cabaret ensemble offers an updated version of a classic holiday tale.

Groovelily — a trio whose music is featured in Disney's new Broadway production of "Toy Story" — performs "Striking 12" Sunday, Dec. 14, at Sunset Center.

"This is an updated, hipped-up version of 'The Little Match Girl' by Hans Christian Anderson," Sunset Center executive director Peter Lesnik explained. "It's a sad story, but it has such a wonderful message. It's just the perfect show for the holidays."

After watching Groovelily perform in New York last year, he resolved to bring the trio to

Carmel. "These guys are really top notch," he observed. "They just love to perform."

In particular, Lesnik was impressed with Valerie Vigoda. "She's an incredible performer," he said. "She sings and plays the electric violin. She just makes you happy to be in the theater."

Lesnik recommends the show to anyone over 8 years old. "It's not really a kids' show, but kids love it," he suggested.

In fact, Lesnik is so certain you'll like the show he is offering a money-back guarantee. "I'm encouraging people to take a chance and see something new."

Formed in 1994, Groovelily boasts the same lineup 14 years later. In addition to Vigoda on vocals and violin, the group features Brendan Milburn on piano and Gene Lewin on drums. The trio started off playing indie music, but in recent years, it has gravitated toward musical theater.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$35. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For more information, call (831) 620-2048 or visit www.sunsetcenter.com.



Groovelily is fronted by a talented electric violinist, Valerie Vigoda. They'll perform at Sunset Center Sunday.

Gifted soloists get a chance to shine in symphony's holiday concert

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE MONTEREY Symphony's annual Holiday Concert, which will be performed at the Carmel Mission Basilica Friday, Dec. 12, presents a gifted collection of instrumentalists with a great opportunity to showcase their individual talents.

"It's a mix of classical music and traditional Christmas melodies," said Joe Truskot, executive director of the symphony. "I think this is one of the best performances we've done. It really shows off some of the best players in the

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Virtuoso guitarist David Tannenbaum will be featured in the Monterey's Symphony's holiday concert.

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orchestra.”
 Among the highlights of the evening will be a guest performance by guitarist David Tannenbaum, who will play Antonio Vivaldi’s Guitar Concerto in D major. He’ll be backed by the symphony’s string ensemble.
 Tannenbaum — considered one of the finest contempo-

rary guitarists in classical music — will be joined by symphony members Karen Thielen on harp, Peter Thielen on vibraphone and marimba, and the symphony’s chorus for a performance of composer Conrad Susa’s “Carols and Lullabies of the Southwest.” This piece offers three San Francisco Conservatory of Music faculty members — Tannenbaum, Susa and conductor Leroy Kromm — their first opportunity to work together.

Also featured in the program will be a performances of Johann Pachelbel’s Canon in D by Karen Thielen on harp;

Adolphe Adam’s “O Holy Night” by Teresa Orozco Petersen on flute; George Frederic Handel’s Concerto Grosso, Op.6, No.1, by the symphony’s string ensemble; selections from Georg Philippe Telemann’s “Tafelmusik” by Peterson on flute (she’ll be accompanied by the string ensemble); and Alonzo Mudarra’s “Tiento” by Thielen on harp.

The concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$60. No tickets will be available at the door. The Carmel Mission Basilica is located at 3080 Rio Road. For more information, call (831) 624-8511 or visit www.montereysymphony.org.

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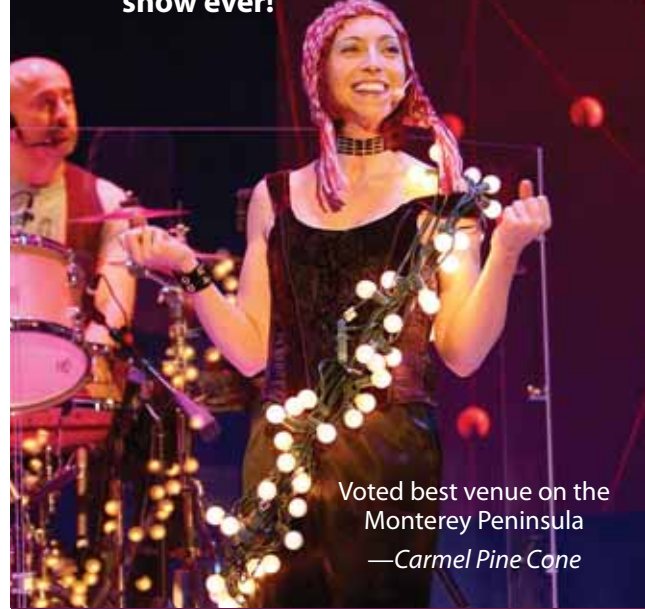
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Fight the economic blues with a little jazz or rock 'n' roll

By STEVE VAGNINI

THE FIREPLACE Lounge in the Hyatt Regency Monterey off Mark Thomas Drive has been promoting live music every Friday and Saturday night for almost a decade and, under the steady hand of drummer David Morwood, has become a favorite venue for local jazz musicians and aficionados. Yet another victim of the slow economy, jazz at the Hyatt has been cut back to one evening a week — all the more reason to go out and support music at your favorite night spot. This week Morwood will be joined by saxophone virtuoso Paul Tarantino and Santa Cruz guitarist Gino Raugi. Tarantino, fresh off of a performance last weekend at the Jazz and Blues Company in downtown Carmel, is a Monterey Bay area jazz fixture and a member of popular hard-bop quintet Along Came Betty. He has also performed with Wally's Swing World and the Cool Jerks. Raugi, was a founding member of the popular Santa Cruz group Straight Ahead and has worked with Nancy Wilson and Earl "Fatha" Hines. The music starts at 8 p.m. Call (831) 372-1234.

Meanwhile, at the recently remodeled Carmel Mission Inn at Highway 1 and Rio Road at the mouth of Carmel Valley, the Fuse Lounge has live music four nights a

week — Wednesday through Saturday. Dec. 12, a popular local group, The Money Band plays all of your rock 'n' roll favorites, and Wednesday, guitarist Ryan Bigio plays solo. The music starts at 7 p.m. For more information call (831) 624-6632.

At Monterey Live, Hattie Catania continues to book live music seven nights a week at the intimate venue on Alvarado Street, with an eclectic and unpredictable format the norm. This week's lineup includes Latino band Mortero De Piedra on Friday; bluegrass band Microtonic Harmonic on Saturday; the Monterey Bay/CSUMB Orchestra on Tuesday; alternative rock 'n' roll band Super Lucky Elephant on Wednesday; and the Saul Kaye Band on Thursday, Dec. 18. Saul Kaye, an emerging San Francisco Bay Area blues artist, is touring the West Coast in support of his latest CD, "Jewish Blues Volume 1." A talented guitarist and songwriter, Kaye's four-piece band plays a mix of blues, rock, pop and funk. The show starts at 8 p.m. with opening acts Aaron Bowen and Derek Evans. For details on all Monterey Live performances, call (831) 373-5483 or visit their website at www.montereylive.org.

At Cibo Ristorante, also on Alvarado Street in Monterey, live music is served up weekly from Tuesday through Sunday. Local

jazz guitar hero Joseph Lucido performs solo every Sunday from 7 to 10:30 p.m. and with his funk band, Lucidology, on Wednesdays from 9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Performing this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12-13, at Cibo, Lisa Taylor and Powerhouse play old school favorites. Vocalist Taylor is backed by a veteran lineup of musicians, including keyboardist Don Pendergrass, bass guitar player Dennis Murphy, drummer Gary Machado, and saxophonist Gary Regina. Call (831) 649-8151 for more information.

Santa Cruz blues diva Kaye Bohler has been busy playing clubs and lounges on the

Central Coast while putting the finishing touches on her latest CD. Her performance this weekend at Sly McFly's was originally scheduled as a CD release party; however, the album is now set to come out early next year. The album is a collection of all new original material and features performances by guitarists Tommy Castro and Chris Cain. Bohler continues to make a name for herself on the Central Coast with her big, brassy, soulful voice and her passion for the blues. The music starts at 9 p.m. Call (831) 649-8050.



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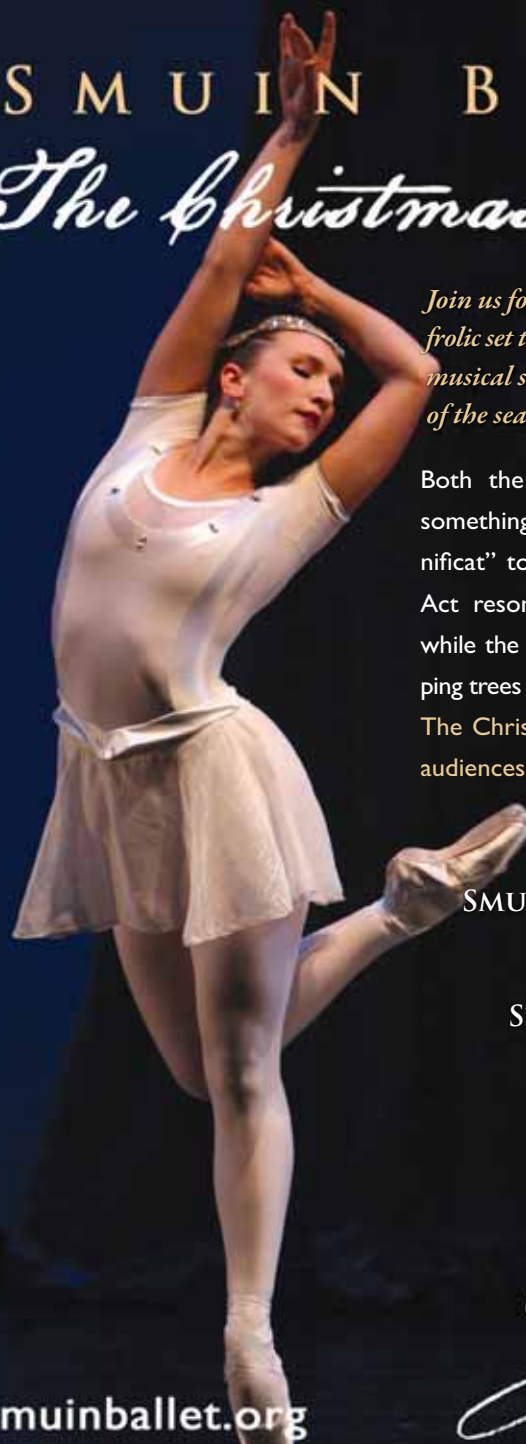
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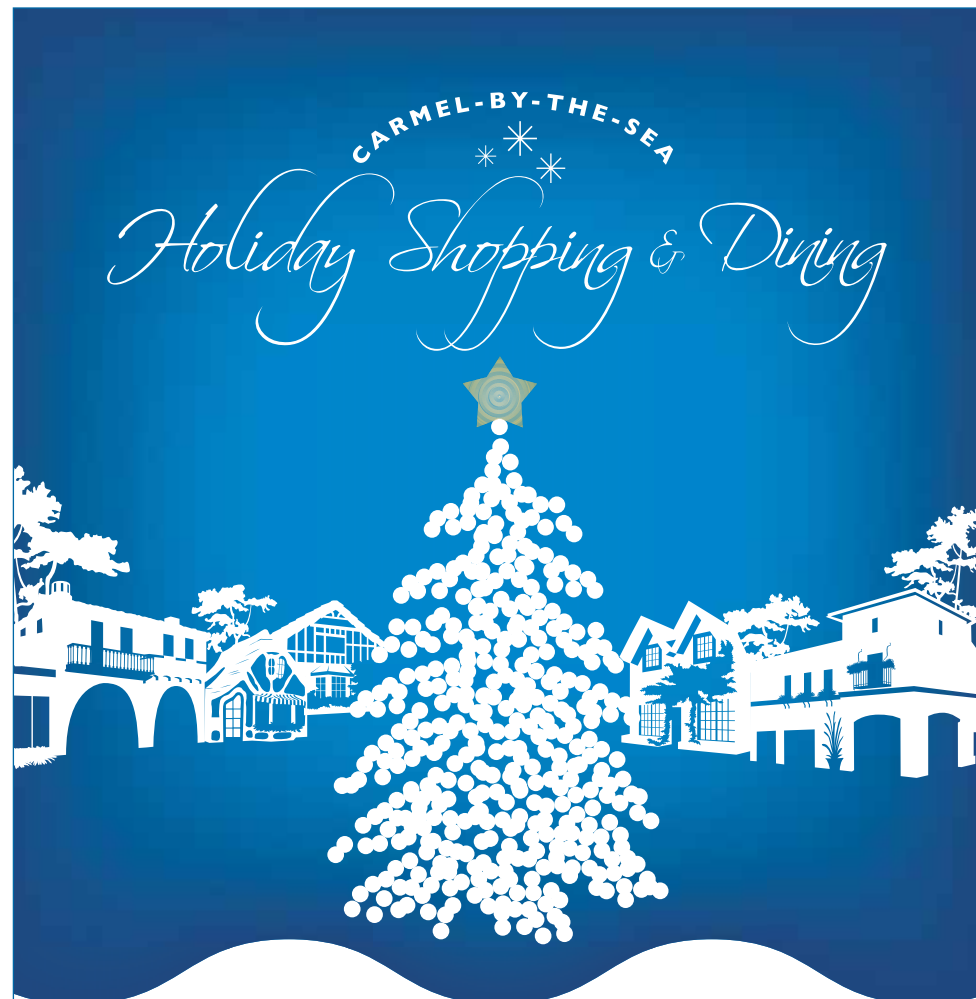
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Food & Wine

All things fresh come through Chef Brandon Miller's door

BY MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

A LOCAL forager appears at the kitchen door of Stokes Restaurant with a tray of beautiful, plump, wild porcini mushrooms, brushed clean, and laid out in appetizing rows.

"Stop the presses," Executive Chef Brandon Miller says. "These go on tonight's menu!"

New menus are printed daily at historic Stokes Restaurant & Bar in Monterey, reflecting the day's fresh, seasonal produce, seafood, meat and fowl brought to his kitchen by local suppliers. Chef Miller can

spontaneously create dishes from the incoming bounty.

In his head, he is already planning to marinate thickly sliced porcini in thyme and extra virgin olive oil before putting them on the grill, then moistening them with a little veal broth. Further, he plans to create a spiced yam purée as a compatible accompaniment, and arugula to mitigate the richness of the dish.

It's because of the availability of organic ingredients that Miller thrives on chefing here. He refers to the Monterey Peninsula as the "California Riviera — where artichokes

meet the sardines." Readers who have traveled Highway 1 know just what he's talking about.

Purveyors come to his kitchen door throughout the week from local small farms: Serendipity, Happy Boy and Mariquita, to name a few.

Jim Bishop of TLC Farm supplies him with organic eggs and naturally raised Gloucester Old Spot pigs from which Miller creates "whole pig dinners."

He has an avocado-and-asparagus guy, a spot-prawn guy, a line-caught-fish guy, and other you-name-it guys who bring their products through his back door.

Three times a week Miller phones in orders for organic vegetables and fruit — such as Bloomsbury spinach, tomatoes and purple cauliflower — to farmer Mark Marino at Earthbound Farm on Carmel Valley Road.

"The ingredients in our food are as fresh as you can get daily — and it goes on the table that night," Chef Miller said.

Miller came to Stokes in 1996 when it had been closed for a year after almost 41 years of continuous business. He reopened the restaurant with co-owners Kirk and Dorothea Probasco.

His culinary training began as a teenager with hands-on experience in shucking oysters, cracking crab and "barking at tourists," selling crab

cocktails on Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, his hometown.

With this finger-numbing shellfish experience,

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chef profile



Executive Chef Brandon Miller has reigned at Stokes Restaurant & Bar for 13 years.



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rience, he was hired, at the age of 20, by the Oyster Bar and Grill in Pacific Heights.

This gave him the restaurant seasoning he needed to be hired by Chef Cindy Pawlsyn of San Francisco's Fog City Diner, where he commenced work in 1985, first as pantry cook then as sous chef under Pawlsyn.

Two years later, his boss saw fit to send Miller to St. Helena's Tra Vigne restaurant. There he would learn all he could from Exec Chef Michael Chiarello. Miller was made executive sous chef and under his guidance learned the fine points of traditional Italian cooking. Miller considers Chiarello his greatest mentor.

In 1990, wanting to expand his European cooking, Miller obtained a work visa to go to Amsterdam, where he was hired to cook in the opera house restaurant. From there he cooked at Pastini, a tiny 23-seat restaurant.

Then on to France, where, just 16 km north of Lyon, he worked for three months at the three-star Restaurant Vonnas for famed Chef George Blanc, father of nouvelle cuisine.

Following this stellar experience, Miller traveled around Italy for a month, "just eating," getting to know regional cuisine.

It was time to return home, so Miller signed on as sous chef with Jan Birnbaum at San Francisco's Campton Place. "We served five-napkin dinners there," he said. "The food and service were fabulous."

Three years later, he left Campton Place to work for Reed Heron at LuLu's Bis restaurant, cooking exclusively the cuisines of Spain, Southern France and Italy's Ligurian

Coast.

This continued for two years until he connected with Paragon, another San Francisco restaurant, where, as executive chef, he could utilize all his experience with seafood and the various cuisines of Europe.

With this focused experience in many kitchens, Miller came to the attention of Kirk and Dorothea Probasco of Stokes Adobe who invited him to be their executive chef. Miller accepted; he loves the Monterey Peninsula, considering it a lot like the French and Italian rivieras. It seemed a perfect match.

The Probascos and Miller concur in their philosophy of cooking: Everything must be made from scratch. It must be rustic Mediterranean/California cuisine, and as fresh and organic as possible. They put in a wood-burning oven (Miller prefers almond wood), and wrote a killer menu.

After two years, the Probascos gave Miller 10 percent of the business — a thank you for his sweat equity.

Chef/Partner Miller is aided by Sous Chef Brian

Christensen of Carmel and has five line cooks in the ample kitchen.

Now 44, and with 13 years directing all things culinary at Stokes, Miller's enthusiasm and energy are ongoing. He also creates dinners for large groups served on the second floor of the adobe. Dec. 12 he will be guest chef at Gardiner's Resort's YuleFest at Carmel Valley, where he will oversee a five-course dinner with a wine tasting of 15 premiere wines to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County.

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By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHEN BERNARDUS Lodge hosts its Chocolates and Desserts Cooking Demo each December, organizers worry whether people will be safe to drive when they leave — not because of too many cocktails (though bar manager Zole Andahazy's

deceptive chocolate eggnog can be a bit dangerous), but because they're inclined to be hopped up on caffeine and sugar from eating so much chocolate.

The chocolate class, led by executive chef Cal Stamenov and pastry chef Ben Spungin, has become so popular that it's now held on the first two Saturdays of December, and

people still end up on waiting lists. Gina Martin, Stamenov's assistant and event coordinator, said the lodge might add another chocolate class around Valentine's Day, considering its popularity.

Every year, the class is a little different. People like to be interactive with chocolate, rather than watch someone else have all the fun, so students don protective aprons and take turns at various stations. Saturday's class featured lessons in using melted chocolate to make ornaments, making impressions of wrenches and other hardware in cocoa and

filling them with melted chocolate that eventually hardens into cocoa-covered edible tools, and dipping and coating cookies, pretzels, dried fruit and graham crackers. Following the hands-on fun, attendees sat back down at their tables — which were abundant with a variety of cookies, cocoa, chocolate eggnog, chocolate cake, wine and other goodies — to watch a cooking demonstration.

Spungin, who is very funny and would be

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great on TV (but don't tell him, since his leaving for fame on the little screen would deprive Bernardus and all its guests of a wonderful and creative pastry chef), made chocolate crepes.

As he finished and some students tried their hand, similar crepes were brought out from the kitchen, filled with a thin layer of chocolate-hazelnut ganache, folded neatly and topped with whipped cream. By the end of the afternoon, everyone's creations were boxed and bagged, ready to go, and topped off with a card signed by Andahazy, Stamenov, Spungin and Martin.

The chocolate demo is just one example of the Bernardus crew's skill at creating and implementing fabulous events and traditions. Its over-the-top truffle dinner, during which Stamenov works alongside a well known guest chef to create several courses showcasing the black and white fungi, sell out no matter the price, and its holiday dinners, harvest party, summertime events and other gatherings are successful as well.

A creative addition this year is the Wine & Wrap Evenings, during which guests pay \$30 for wine, snacks, and all the wrapping paper, tissue, boxes, ribbons and creative inspiration they need to get their holiday gifts wrapped. The last Wine & Wrap will be held Wednesday, Dec. 17, and guests can drop in with their presents any time between 4 and 7 p.m. The event is held in the Meritage Ballroom in the lodge at 415 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley. (831) 658-3550

■ A very doggie Christmas

Even the holidays are going to the dogs. In this canine-crazy county, the parties sometimes cater to the four-legged as much as they do to the two-legged, and The Barnyard's Deck the Howls event Saturday, Dec. 13, is a prime example.

The free party, which will run from 2 to 5 p.m., will provide opportunities for snapping holiday photos (\$12 each, available from noon to 5 p.m.), taking carriage rides, listening to (and barking along with) carolers, and tasting Cima Collina's Howlin' Good Red wine, the sales of which benefit the SPCA for Monterey County. The SPCA will also bring adoptable dogs who might find a happy, permanent home just

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POLICE LOG

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report of an infant left unattended in a motor vehicle in the downtown area on San Carlos Street. Before units were forced to open the vehicle, the mother returned. The mother reported that she had been shopping with her infant all day and after she returned to the vehicle and strapped the child in, she realized she forgot her credit card in the last store she was in after making purchases. Mother stated she only left the child for long enough to retrieve her credit card from the store located across the street. Mother counseled about child endangerment laws.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: The officer observed a dog unattended in the Del Mar parking lot. The owner was located and the dog was returned to the owner with a warning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to the report of a past-tense vandalism to a resident's vehicle. Resident suspected that a former acquaintance wrote obscene remarks on the dusty driver's-side window with his finger. Victim suspects it was him because she saw him walking on the beach prior to the incident and watched him exit the beach in the general area of her vehicle on San Antonio Avenue. She said this acquaintance has committed this similar type of act before, but not in an obscene way. Acquaintance was contacted and admitted he wrote the comment. Both parties were counseled not to have any further contact.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hotel guest from an inn on Junipero checked in on Nov. 25 and were checking out Dec. 2. They

reported the loss of two rings somewhere in the Carmel or Pebble Beach area. If located, please notify.

Carmel area: Found wallet at Highway 1 and Valley Way belonged to a Carmel Valley resident.

Big Sur: A small hand cart was taken from Treebones resort near Gorda. An employee located the hand cart at Willow Creek recreation area and returned it to the resort.

Pebble Beach: Suspect had crashed his vehicle into the electric gate at the Pebble Beach lodge. The driver and two other suspects fled from the accident. Pebble Beach Security officers located and detained a 16-year-old male who had been a passenger in the vehicle. The suspect hit the security officer twice, had been very intoxicated on beer, was in possession of beer and was hiding in the yard of a residence. The driver and other passenger had fled the area. The other two subjects had been identified but the California Highway Patrol took over the rest of the investigation because of the driver's fleeing the scene of the accident. The juvenile was cited and released to his parents.

Carmel Valley: Sheriff's office personnel received information about a possible cockfight that was going to occur in the area of East Carmel Valley Road. Sheriff's deputies, with the assistance of the sheriff's helicopter, SPCA and sheriff's K-9, raided the cockfight. Upon arrival, 150 to 200 people began to run from the area, and deputies gave chase. At the conclusion of the investigation, 11 people were detained, and three were transported and booked into Monterey County Jail. Sixty-six alive and/or injured birds were seized by the SPCA, and 12 birds were

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Carmel Valley

THEATER

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He also predicted seeking input from a surveyor, a civil engineer, a landscape architect, a structural engineer and an electrical engineer. Mayor Sue McCloud recommended McCann use local professionals.

According to Guillen's report, construction would begin by April 2009 and be done by May 2010 in time for the centennial theater season.

While comments on the design were few — with just Carolyn Hardy reiterating the desire for grape-steak fencing and preservation of as many trees as possible — the estimated construction schedule raised concern among theater users.

Pacific Repertory Theatre executive director Stephen Moorer said starting work next April would require cancellation of the PacRep and Forest Theater Guild seasons for the year, and elimination of some major Children's Experimental Theater productions.

"This would create severe economic hardships for all three companies," he said, speculating it would also cost the city more than \$20,000 in theater rent and downtown hotels, restaurants and stores about \$1 million in lost patron business.

Moorer also pointed out his company has already initiated advertising, mailings and ticket sales for its 2009 productions.

Instead of breaking ground next spring, he suggested beginning after the curtain drops on the final production in October, which would provide seven months before the start of the spring 2010 season.

Architect Safwat Malek, a Forest Theater Guild board member, highlighted the need for early action on the timing.

"The reason we're speaking now is we're all making commitments, selling tickets and scheduling fundraisers," he said. "So we can not wait a few months to hear you are going to start construction and curtail our season. We would like to get consideration into the timing much sooner than later, please."

Following a brief discussion, in which Mayor Sue McCloud asked Guillen to see if some of the costs could be whittled down, the council voted unanimously to sign the contract with RFM Architects. Other than McCloud's commenting that no schedule had been set beyond the completion target of spring 2010, the council did not talk about the timing.

Since the budget estimate for the contract was \$65,000, the other half will come from reserves, according to Guillen, who also reminded the audience people would have plenty of time to comment on the design as it wends its way through the city approval process.

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Sandy Claws

By Margot Petit Nichols

T.J. MUTTSY Moore, 2, likes that dramatic wind-blown look, as he demonstrated Tuesday morning on a rock overlooking Carmel Beach.

Muttsy is a Coton de Tulear and lives part of the year in Carmel-by-the-Sea and part of the year in Vancouver, B.C.

The "T. J." in his name is for his Daddy, Tuk Jr., but he prefers to be called Muttsy, according to Mom Patricia and Dad Rick.

Muttsy has one sibling, a golden Persian cat named Purrcy who accepted Muttsy into the family fold the first time she saw him. Purrcy likes to sneak up on

Muttsy and grab his tail, hoping he'll chase her. He always does – then they reverse roles and she chases him. Mom suspects they carry on like this when she and Dad are out because when they return, Muttsy and Purrcy are sitting like little angels, but there's golden fur still floating in the air.

The two curl up for naps together, but at night they retire to their own separate spaces – Purrcy on mom and dad's counterpane and Muttsy in his own zipped-up pup-tent beside the bed.

Muttsy is well behaved and is always eager to learn. He came in first in obedience class in Vancouver (it was his second time around), and was even honored as the star pupil by having his photo displayed on the class's website. He plans to start agility training when he gets back to Vancouver.

The morning we ran into Muttsy and his mom by the beach, he was sporting a brand new Christmas scarf with a candy cane and wreath design. He picked it out himself at Diggidy Dog, his favorite shop in town.



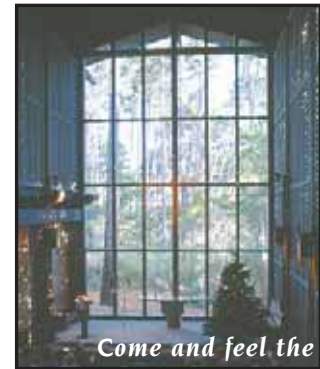
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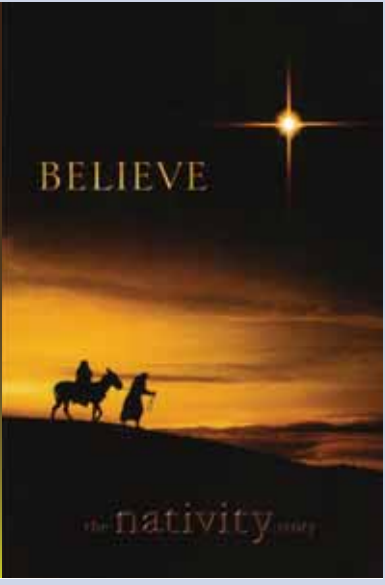
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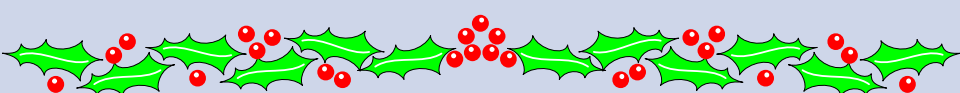
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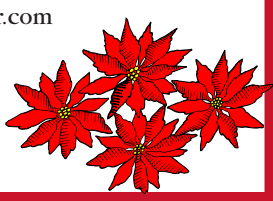
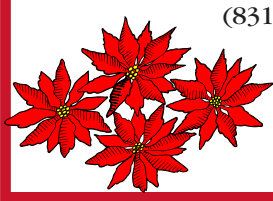
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Editorial

You're not helping!

MSNBC talk show host Chris Matthews has made no secret of his distaste for President George Bush over the years. During the recent election campaign, he also didn't try to hide to his admiration for Barack Obama, famously saying at one point that he "felt a thrill going up my leg" while Obama made a speech. And after Obama was elected, Matthews said he felt a responsibility to do everything he could over the next four years to make Obama's administration "a success." That's fine with us.

In fact, we wish more reporters and opinion-makers would take the same attitude about the nation as a whole. Instead, they usually seem to be trying to make the United States look as bad as they can, exaggerating its faults whenever possible. And when a problem is on the horizon, they seem to want to hurry its arrival, exacerbate its effects and extend its life.

Take the economic slowdown that's hitting the country right now. The other day, a reporter for CBS News said on KCBS radio that "oil prices have collapsed as the worldwide economy has come to a standstill." A standstill? Does that mean nobody is supposed to go to work in the morning? He might as well have said that oil prices were falling because the sun didn't come up.

Similarly, a journalist on CNN recently reported that Christmas retail sales were slow "because people don't have money to spend." But, with unemployment having increased from 5 percent a year ago to just 6.7 percent today, wouldn't it be more accurate to say that most people have about the same amount of disposable income today as they had one year ago? With all the scary headlines and hyperbole in the news media, maybe the reporter should have said, "People aren't shopping as much because they're afraid ... and I'm doing my best to make them even more fearful."

And with so many people being forced out of their homes by foreclosure over the last two years, isn't it a fact that they got they way because they stopped making their mortgage payments? A few of them may have stopped because they had no money at all to send to their lender. But for many, the question needs to be asked: What did they do with the money they didn't send to the bank? Maybe they're spending some of it on Christmas presents.

If this country is going to come out of its economic doldrums, first the news media have to quit acting like the apocalypse is at hand.

BATES



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

The hotel's too big Dear Editor,

This letter follows my attendance at the community meeting Dec. 10 and discussions with residents and business owners who would be directly affected by the Carmel Sands Lodge project. It was helpful to hear the opposing views from residents on the project and to see the presentation by investor David How and architect Eric Miller. The perspective projections were especially helpful and gave a better (and more favorable) visualization than the flat technical drawings that were presented earlier. The more recently installed orange boundary flags and ribbons also help to visualize what it is they want to do. That is where the hotel begins to appear too large and visually obstructive!

After learning more, seeing more and listening more, I am of the opinion that the project as proposed is oversized. I do not believe a comment offered by David How that Waste Management may have a smaller truck that could go internal to the underground garage and pick up trash. I therefore wonder where the trash pickup would really be and hope it could be concealed.

Bottom line: Carmel would greatly benefit from the introduction of a new and fresh hotel in the neighborhood chosen, if the hotel would be reduced in size and perhaps be redesigned. I believe the architectural style is generally acceptable but wonder why the hotel is camouflaged with the clustered box-like units. I believe we are missing an opportunity to introduce into the community a drop-dead beautiful, stylish boutique hotel that looks like a hotel. Why try to hide it unless someone is trying to camouflage a project that is too large?

Leon H. Cooper, Jr., Carmel

Bravo for Dance Kids Dear Editor,

Bravo to Peter Lesnik, director of Sunset Center, for bringing back to Sunset Theater after a hiatus of too many years, the Dance Kids production of "The Nutcracker." It has been too long absent from our local stage. Mr. Lesnik recognized the importance to the community of this holiday treat and worked out the details with Carol and Alan Richmond, directors of Dance Kids, for a three-day performance that drew capacity houses. This year's Dance Kids production of "The Nutcracker" was better than ever.

Barbara Livingston, Carmel

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Mayor's holiday message —

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On behalf of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the City Council, we wish all of you (residents, visitors, business owners) the joys of this holiday season.

While these days are more challenging than in the recent past, we count our blessings that we live, work and visit in the city rated first in the United States for its ambiance by Conde Nast. It has also been called the greatest meeting of land and sea.

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Similarly when you consider end of the year donations, please remember the many non-profit organizations within our one mile square. They are all worthy and need your continued support so that they in turn may help those who depend on them.

— Sue McCloud

KEEPING IN TOUCH

ART

From page 15A

scape painter Donald Craghead, the gallery showcases the work of a wide variety of artists, including Michael Albrechtsen, Lindy Duncan, Paul Ferney, Jerry Inman, Lana Rak, Paul Reingold, William Selden, J. Ken Spencer and Tal Watson.

The yuletide party was once a tradition at the Craghead home, but technical challenges with the family's kitchen shifted the event to the gallery five years ago.

Donald Craghead's wife, Jackie, encourages guests to come by Wednesday to enjoy the festivities. And while they're at it, she's hoping they'll bring a little something for those less fortunate.

"We often fill four or five barrels with toys and canned goods," she said.

The gallery is located on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln. For more information, call (831) 624-5054 or visit www.cragheadgallery.com.

Seaside gallery 'pieces together' new show

An eclectic collection of 17 local and not-so-local artists, including photographer Jennifer Hugo of Carmel and Sam Hise and Jillian Rose of Pacific Grove, will be featured in an exhibit, "Pieced Together" that opens Friday, Dec. 12, at The Alternative Cafe in Seaside.

According to gallery director Maya Freedman, the exhibit was "pieced together" by artist/curator Emily Brown, who is showcasing some of her favorite artists.

"This is our first show of this nature and it will be absolutely amazing," Freedman predicted.

The gallery, which will host a reception from 7 to 9 p.m., is located at 1230 Fremont Blvd. Peter Be will serve as DJ. The show will be on display until Jan. 19.

For more information, call (831) 583-0913 or visit www.thealternativecafe.com.

Underground artists come up for air

The Bohemian Underground Artists are a group of local women who love art, but it was their love of dance that brought them together.

"Most of us met in dance class," explained painter Christine Brown, whose work and that of her fellow "Bohemians" will be displayed in an exhibit opening Friday, Dec. 12, at the Encore Boutique in Pacific Grove.

Also featured in the show will be works by Lin Simmons, Lana Loukianenko, Jenny Nelson Cain, Marie O'Rielly and Olga Perry. All six women paint, and Perry and Simmons also work as sculptors.

"Twice a week we get together and work on our projects," said Brown of the group. "We also come together for shows, where we bring together a variety of techniques and styles."

The boutique, which is located at 125 Lighthouse Ave., will host a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Jamaica Sinclair will belly dance. The exhibit will be on display until Jan. 12. For more information, call (831) 402-0922.

FOOD

From page 21A

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Bigtime Santa alert

One night each year, people in towns throughout the land dress up as Santa Claus and go out drinking in the name of raising funds for charity. This year's Santa Pub Crawl is slated for Saturday, Dec. 13, when Santas of all shapes, sizes and genders will take to Peninsula pubs to gather donations. Santas from Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca will collect funds for the Food Bank for Monterey County while enjoying a few frosty mugs.

Their journey will begin at the Ol' Factory Café in Sand City, followed by libation at Peter B's Brewpub, Characters Sports Bar & Grill, Crown & Anchor and The Mucky Duck, ending at the Hippodrome Nightclub & Lounge. Along the way, these festively attired devotees will ask passersby for donations to the cause, so if you see a stumbling Santa looking for handouts for the Food Bank for Monterey County, trust him and be generous.



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Jane Charlotte Woodward, 65, of Loveland, CO, died on November 30, 2008 at Good Samaritan Village in Loveland. She was born on August 21, 1943, in Hayward, California to Harry and May (Clifford) Hedgpeth. She graduated from Weed High School in Weed, California and attended Southern Oregon University.

Jane worked as a homemaker and a mother. In October of 1999, she married Clark Eugene "Gene" Woodward in Carmel California. He preceded her in death in October of 2007.

Mrs. Woodward has lived in Loveland since 2007, moving here from Medford, Oregon. Prior to that she lived in Carmel, California, and Fort Collins, Colorado for 27 years before that.

She was a past member of the Presbyterian Churches in Timnath, CO, Carmel, CA and Medford, OR. She loved traveling, was an avid reader, and enjoyed exercising, especially swimming.

Jane is survived by her sons; Grant Brunner and wife Stephanie of Berthoud, CO, and Greg Brunner and wife Diana of Centennial, CO. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Ava, Gavin, Jack, and Nolan Brunner.

Memorial services will take place at 11AM, Friday, December 5, 2008 at the Timnath Presbyterian Church in Timnath, CO. Cremation has been completed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Association in care of Kibbey Fishburn Funeral Home.





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By MARY BROWNFIELD

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See GIFTS page 4GG



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At Carmel's tree lighting ceremony Dec. 5, lots of happy youngsters were appropriately attired, including a reindeer who found a frog to hug (left), a boy who decorated his crutches, and two CMS students who were thrilled to smile for the camera (right).

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Cover photo: Fr. Serra all dressed up for the holidays

THEY MAY be best known for surreptitiously adorning Jo Mora's statue of Father Junipero Serra with poinsettias during the Christmas season (see cover), but the people who make up the Carmel Woods Neighborhood Association work year-round to keep their neighborhood north of Carmel's city limits beautiful. This spring, the group will launch an adopt-a-corner campaign to landscape and take care of bedraggled inter-

sections. "The philosophy is citizens taking responsibility, rather than relying on government, because government is stretched with costs and businesses are cutting expenses," explained association founder Richard Warren. "So it's community pride to enhance an already beautiful area."

Carmel Woods encompasses more than 600 homes in a hilly neighborhood bordered by Pescadero Canyon, Highway 1 and the northern city limits of Carmel-by-the-Sea. The roughly 100 members of the association pay \$25 per year — if they want to, according to Warren — to help pay for mailings, special projects and the group's annual holiday party.

"We're going to focus this

year on touching a lot of people. We've worked hard on community togetherness and want to continue that," he said. "It's come a long way in the last 15 years. It's a beautiful bit of paradise."

Anyone interested in joining can call Warren at (831) 626-1516 or write to the Carmel Woods Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 4032, Carmel, CA 93921.



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a forest by the sea.

■ An uncommon scent

Ajne apothecary and parfumerie provides a tantalizing, tiny slice of France right in the middle of town, and its founders live just down the road in Carmel Valley. Jane Hendler and Rex Raumbach own one of the world's only 100 percent natural parfumeries and have blended custom scents for the rich and famous, as well as for those fortunate enough to discover the

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picturesque shop on Ocean Avenue just above Dolores Street. The capable staff at Ajne also know how to find the perfect off-the-rack scent for anyone, and the store offers lotions and other body care products, as well as ambient aromatics to liven up (or soothe) any room.

"We're one of only five natural perfume houses in the world," said Kristi Reimers, a longtime Carmel native who works in the store but also handles sales and seeks out national and international clients, mostly spas, to carry Ajne products. (The first was the Four Seasons in Maui which sought a scent

that would be fused throughout the entire hotel.)

Most mass-produce perfume companies use artificial chemicals to reproduce scents, but Ajne's come from natural sources, including the owners' organic lavender field.

"We work with plant extracts," Reimers said. Ajne's 250 essential oils — "many more expensive than gold" — contain no plant pollens, so people need not worry about allergies.

While custom blending (such as the scents made for celebrities) costs \$300 to \$1,500, "we're really trying to pro-

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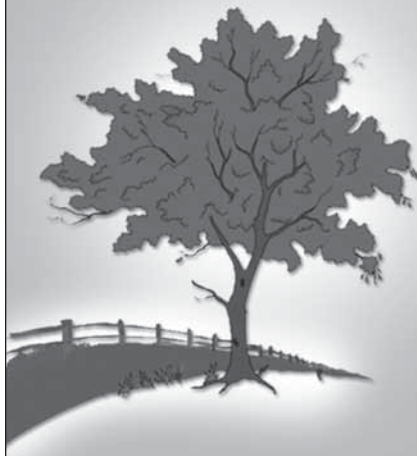


At The Carmel Hat Company in Doud Arcade, manager Amy Felsing (left) not only keeps track of an impressive inventory of hats, she also models them. Among the offerings at Wittpenn's Antiques on San Carlos Street (right) is a very handsome stained-glass window.

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mote our ready-to-wear fragrances and matching what we have to people's personalities," Reimers said. The price tags for those are \$75 to \$250, and Ajne offers scents for women, men or both.

The process of buying perfume at Ajne is an experience in itself, and Reimers suggested gift certificates so friends can enjoy the process as well as the result. Reimers said scents can be matched with people even over the phone, though in person is more fun.

In the shop, a customer undergoes a short or long

analysis, by sitting down at a computer and answering questions covering everything from where she would most like to be and what sort of music she likes, to what she draws while doodling and areas of life she would like to improve. Scrutinizing the answers, an Ajne employee selects scents which are the best fit.

"We like to say they smell like you, just better," Reimers said. "We truly enjoy customer service, sometimes spending an hour or more with someone to help them find or create the perfect item for themselves or a loved one."

Ajne Rare & Precious is located on the north side of Ocean Avenue just east of Dolores Street. Store hours

are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. On Mondays or Tuesdays, the staff might be blending for a private client or working in the Fragrance Vault beneath the showroom, and customers are advised to call (831) 624-2100 x250.

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something completely different: whites, reds, pinks and bubbles from the Southern Hemisphere countries of Chile, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and

Argentina. Not only are these wines interesting and different, they're often surprisingly affordable.

Opened four years ago by Annalisa Wood and Kerre Dubinsky in a lovely, airy space next to the Pine Inn on Lincoln Street, Southern Latitudes also offers daily tasting and has a wine club for those who would like to regularly explore Southern Hemisphere wines, and Wood and Dubinsky are happy to make gift suggestions. Even their pup, Max, has his Beagle Gift Pack.

The one thing they ask of customers,

especially when they spy the 15-year-old shop dog reclining in his bed in the window: Do not sing, "How Much is that Doggy in the Window?" (They've heard it before.)

The pair travel Down Under once a year for a few weeks to find new and interesting vintages to bring back to Carmel, and they've tasted almost everything the store carries. Prices range from \$8 to \$400, and most of the bottles you won't see on the shelf at the grocery store. While the shop carries a lot of well known varietals such as Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz (known as Syrah in many other parts of the world) and Malbec, some are made with grapes less familiar to Americans: Pinotage, Carmenere, Torrontes and sparkling Shiraz.

To help folks shopping for others, they ask pointed questions about the intended recipient: What wines does the person like? How much do you want to spend? And, in case, you have no clue about the tastes of the person, they recommend wines popular with other customers.

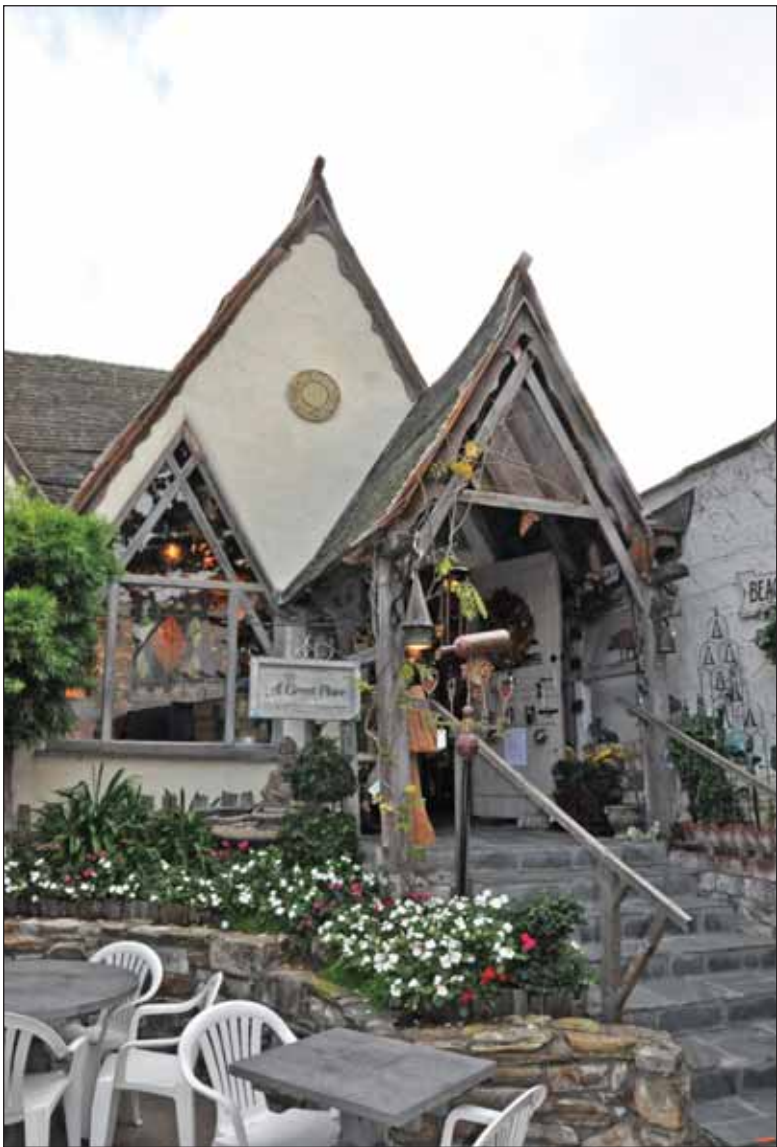
Wood and Dubinsky also help customers find the right wines to match their holiday meals. A crisp, dry Riesling, for instance, will pair well with foods with spice.

Southern Latitudes is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except Tuesdays and is located on Lincoln Street between Sixth and Ocean avenues, across from Harrison Memorial Library. For more information, call (831) 622-7652.

■ A treasure trove

Antique stores may be a familiar sight in Carmel, but Wittpenn's Antiques on San Carlos Street is different. Owner Chip

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One of Carmel's cutest shops, A Great Place (left), on Dolores Street behind the Tuck Box, is also located in one of its quaintest cottages (designed and built by Hugh Comstock). The store's clever holiday gifts include a charming set of choir figures (right).

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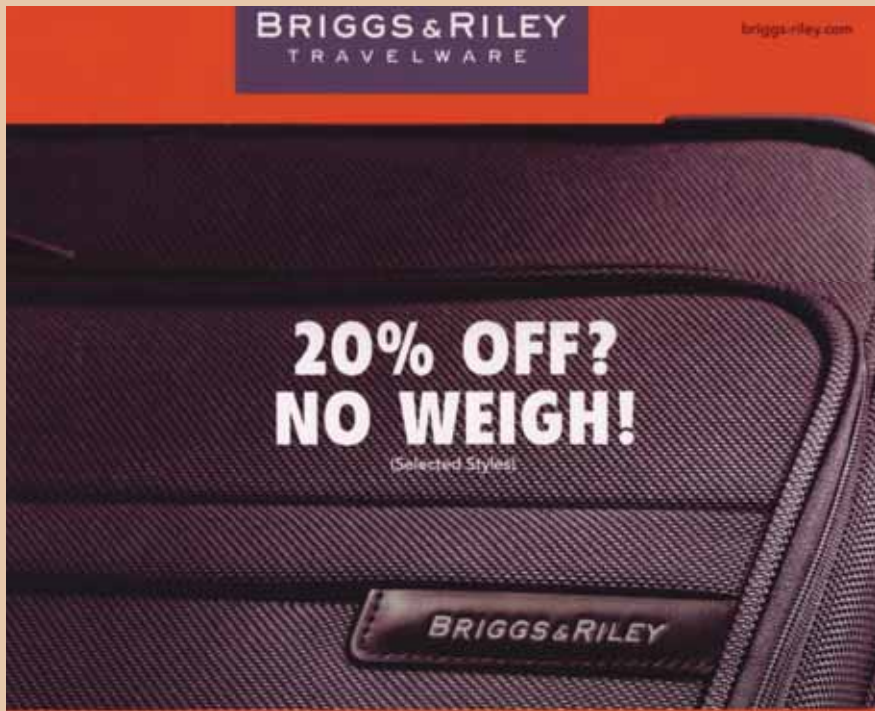
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Wittpenn said he doesn't carry anything he wouldn't want to live with.

"We wanted to make our store charming," he said, like the town itself. "That's the way I remember it when I came to Carmel in the '70s."

Tucked into a split-level shop underneath La Dolce Vita restaurant, Wittpenn's is "off the golden triangle" business center, and lower rent means lower prices for antique gems, he said.

"It's been overwhelming — a joy to have a business at the Stonehouse Terrace," said Wittpenn, who is entering his fourth year as a Carmel antiques store owner and just signed another three-year lease. "We have many return customers, and many become really good friends."

Wittpenn says he acquires new (old) items almost daily, as people bring him collectibles and rarities. Artfully displayed silver, old books, pharmaceutical bottles, furniture, jewelry, knives — hundreds of finds too numerous to list — beg perusal. Wittpenn uses his keen eye and a set of standards to decide what to buy and sell.

"The item should possess high quality and distinction, and the mellowing of age and fascination that accompany antiques," he said. The treasures in his store range from \$20 to \$15,000, and Wittpenn's personal favorites include English wood and brass items; antique guns, telescopes and barometers; and fine Georgian furniture.

"We get to enjoy them for a little while before passing them on," Wittpenn explained. "I buy every day, get to practice my mandolin every day, see friends and eat well."

Wittpenn and his wife, Kathy, who works at Safeway, own the store together. Carmel Valley residents since 1979 and married 31 years, the Wittpenns have always enjoyed exploring flea markets and antiques fairs, and had a booth together at the Cannery Row Antique Mall. After that single booth grew to four, they made the move to Carmel.

"If you're buying something, you can almost always count on the money catching up with the antiques," Wittpenn said. And then there are the jackpots: "I make mistakes all the time, and people get great deals."

Wittpenn's is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays and 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the rest of the week except Wednesdays, when he takes a day off. If nothing else, walk by and admire Wittpenn's store windows. Stonehouse Terrace is located on the west side of San Carlos between Seventh and Eighth avenues, across from the Coachman's Inn. (831) 624-1336.

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While choirs sang at Friday's tree-lighting ceremony on Ocean Avenue, Red Cross volunteers kept the cider flowing (top), and Mrs. Claus comforted children waiting to meet Santa Claus, including one very startled baby and his nervous sister (bottom).

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Mike Moulton and Laurence Chess since May 2006, A Great Place was founded more than a decade ago and has grown to become a favorite for finding something unusual. Staged in the small home behind the Tuck Box, its layout invites people to explore, picking their way among the glass ornaments hung on tiny trees in one corner, admiring large clocks (many of which chime every hour) displayed on a nearby wall and venturing upstairs to examine scarves and other delicate items hidden in the nook. A door to the rear opens onto a lovely garden, where heart-shaped pavers lead people through the ornaments, benches, statuary, colorful mushrooms and other works of art designed to enliven the outdoors. Even those heart-shaped paving stones are for sale.

"The store was well established as a home and garden store when we purchased it and," Moulton said. "We definitely put our own mark on the store but stayed true to the premise."

Moulton regularly goes to a trade show in Atlanta, where he spends up to five days buying for the store and discovering new artists.

"Larry also enjoys hitting the occasional choice estate sale or auction, and that's how he finds so many of our vintage pieces — the unique, special antique pieces," he added. "That's his niche."

A Great Place sells interesting items crafted by artists, not just from throughout California, but from all over

the country and beyond.

Moulton strives to create a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere in which shoppers are invited to linger and can get assistance when they need it but are not overwhelmed by eager salespeople.

"Every person who comes through our door, we try to make feel welcome," he said. "I think the first and best thing you can do when someone comes through the door is acknowledge them."

While finding ideal gifts at A Great Place is hardly a challenge, considering its eclectic inventory and price range of \$3.50 for a yard sculpture or several thousand dollars for an original oil painting, Moulton helps people narrow their choices by asking about the person's interests. He'll even send customers to other stores if his doesn't carry what they need.

"We always refer to other businesses — we believe very strongly that is the thing to do," he said. "We all help each other out."

A Great Place is open daily from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Look for it on the east side of Dolores just north of Seventh, behind the Tuck Box restaurant.

■ Put a lid on it

If only the hat would come back to the extent it was worn in the 1930s, when a topper was as common a clothing item as a pair of shoes. Even if it never does, The Carmel Hat Company is one of the most fabulous stores in town.

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■ Small groups party at La Playa

In advance of Santa's official visit, hotels, wineries and galleries are stepping up to provide local residents and out-of-town guests with the same, or better, Santa-like cheer.

"Special offerings will become very important in the weeks and months to come. Value is the watchword for any business this coming year. And support of our locals is critical, so we'll be catering to our neighbors, for sure," said Tom Glidden, General Manager of La Playa Hotel.

One good example of the hotel's effort to respond to the current economic conditions is its offering of "Carmel's Biggest Little Christmas Party" Dec. 18. At this event, many small businesses will be able to come together in a more affordable way to celebrate the holidays, explained Glidden.

Accommodating groups up to 12, La Playa will be laying out the best stuff — prime rib, champagne, salmon, live music and more — all for \$45 per person. For more information, call (831) 624-8900 or www.laplayahotel.com

■ Wineries' special holiday offerings

With a soaring 20-foot Douglas Fir in the French-inspired Great Hall, Chateau Julien Wine Estate on Carmel Valley Road uncorks a beautiful setting for holiday photos and complimentary wine tastings for

locals, seniors, and military through the end of December. "We are fortunate that we have a varied portfolio of wines and price points — ranging from \$15 to \$125 a bottle — so we can help customers choose wines that best fit their budget for the holiday season,"

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Carmel's La Playa Hotel, long known for its stately elegance and incomparable gardens (above) is making it easier this year for small businesses to afford a holiday dinner party.



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says Kristin Horton, director of wine estate marketing at Chateau Julien. The winery is also offering special Vintner Salon tastings, which cost \$25 each — but locals can purchase one reservation and get the second one at no charge through the end of December. Call (831)624-2600 or go to www.chateau-julien.com

■ Ringing in the holidays

Owner Tom Lee and winemaker Gianni Abate of Morgan Winery will be at their tasting room, Taste Morgan, in the Crossroads Shopping Village, Dec. 13 to sign bottles, with the accompaniment of live music. For each case of wine purchased, customers will receive their choice of a hat or a map of the Santa Lucia Highlands. Also, through the end of December, Taste Morgan will host "Library Sundays," where older, cellar wines will be available for tastings and sale in limited quantities, along with "Fromage Fridays," where Morgan wines will be paired with cheeses. Both events require no reservation or additional tasting fees. See www.morgan-winery.com or call (831)626-3700.

■ Galleries aid charities

"Biscotti and Biscuits" is the theme of holiday event at the artists'-owned-and-operated Gallery North.

"Biscotti is for people and biscuits are for the dogs," explains Barbara Kreitman, award-winning artist and

spokeswoman for Gallery North, which is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Benefitting the Monterey Food Bank, guests can donate \$2 for a biscuit or biscotti, and enter a raffle to win an earth-inspired, hand-painted gourd by Santa Cruz artist Liza Muhly Hunter.

Local artist Kevin Courter will sign and give away posters of his work, titled, "At Lands End, Point Lobos," to people who give to the toy drive, sponsored by New Masters Gallery. Toy bins have been placed throughout the peninsula to collect toys for The Boys and Girl Club, The Salvation Army, Kinship Center, and Women's Rape Crisis Center. New Masters Gallery is located on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh. www.newmastersgallery.com or (831)-625-1511

Also, shoppers can open their hearts and wallets to benefit The Salvation Army at D.E. Craghead Fine Art Gallery's open house Wednesday, Dec. 17, 4 - 7 p. m. This is the 21st year of the annual event where toys, food and donations will be collected. Ten percent of all sales will also benefit The Salvation Army, according to Don and Jackie Craghead, owners of the gallery that is located on Sixth between Dolores & Lincoln. (831)-624-5054 or www.cragheadgallery.com

Marine life artist Robert Wyland, who has a gallery on Ocean Avenue near Mission Street, achieved fame last summer by being selected the official artist for the 2008 Olympic Team. This fall, the gallery is offering 49er tickets with purchases. In addition, during December, the gallery will donate 10 percent of sales to the Wyland Foundation, which benefits the promo-

tion and protection of the world's oceans. Visit www.wylandgalleries.com or call (831) 626-6225.

After the fires in Big Sur, the Gallery at Ventana moved to the "Big Sur Gallery" in the Carmel Rancho Shopping Center, where it will hold an open house with refreshments and have artists at work each weekend during the

holidays, featuring jewelry, pottery, glass, spa products, robes, clothing, and in addition to paintings. www.bigsurgallery.net or (831) 624-1172.

Renowned fine-art master Toland Sand will unveil his newest collection Dec. 13, 5 - 8 p.m. at Gallery i Fine Art on Ocean Avenue. RSVP is required to (831) 626-1617.



Students from Junipero Serra School added to the festivities at the tree-lighting ceremony, in their matching sweatshirts and Santa hats.

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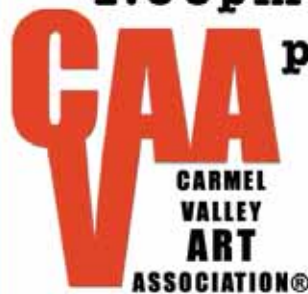
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That's when the Carmel Municipal Code Grinch steps aside, allowing a temporary reprieve from the usual no-lights rule — provided people stick to a few simple rules:

■ "Lights are not permitted on trees which have a trunk diameter of less than 3 inches, measured 4.5 feet above the ground."

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

■ "Lights shall be removed if, in

opinion of the forest, parks and beach director, they are damaging a tree."

■ "Tracer or flashing lights are not permitted."

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

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

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



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GIVING

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Mary and Chris San Marcon, who live in Santa Cruz, opened the store 16 years ago and also design hats under the label bearing their last name. The diminutive store (less than 400 square feet) in the Doud Arcade is packed tight with all sorts of hats, from hand-woven Panama hats from Ecuador, to soft hats of recycled silk woven by monks, but nothing goofy and no gag hats. Many are made in the United States, with several designs specially created for the store, which even carries hard-to-find

XXL hats. Prices range from \$10 to \$290.

Amy Felsing, the San Marcons' only employee, confessed to owning more hats than she should — if such a thing were possible.

"I think I got my first fedora when I was a teenager," she said. "I think hats are so fun, because it's one of the best ways to completely change your look without doing anything permanent."

When Felsing hears someone comment, "I already have a hat," she's tempted to respond, "You don't have just one pair of shoes."

Buying a hat as a gift is not as difficult as it might sound, according to

Felsing. "There are a few hats that come in 'one size fits most,' and look good on most people," she said. "You could find a nice gift for \$20, and something really amazing for \$30 or \$40."

Felsing is also adept at figuring out which hat will be the best choice for a gift, and inquires whether the person is younger or older and when the hat might be worn.

"If it's something for work, you don't want to put them in a fur felt fedora," she explained. "As soon as I start asking questions, the person starts to realize what they like, what they want it for."

She's a "huge fan" of the soft Flex cap that looks great on men and

women, is simple and comfortable, is made just for the Carmel hat shop and costs a mere \$19.95. "And you can never go wrong with a beret," she added.

Shoppers seeking a one-of-a-kind hat will likely stumble on a San Marcon creation that fits the bill, and the wearable works of art are also very affordable.

The Carmel Hat Co., located in the Doud Arcade accessible from Ocean Avenue or San Carlos Street, is open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. (831) 625-9510.

Be merry, be generous — and shop locally to give gifts that keep on giving.



Stephen Moorer (at right in left photo) was master of ceremonies at the Carmel tree-lighting ceremony again this year. During a break, he shared a laugh with Bob Mulford. While Mayor Sue McCloud (at left in right photo) waited for her chance to throw the switch, she was joined by city manager Rich Guillen and chamber of commerce CEO Monta Potter. One young man's hat (center) seemed to be inspired by Dr. Seuss.


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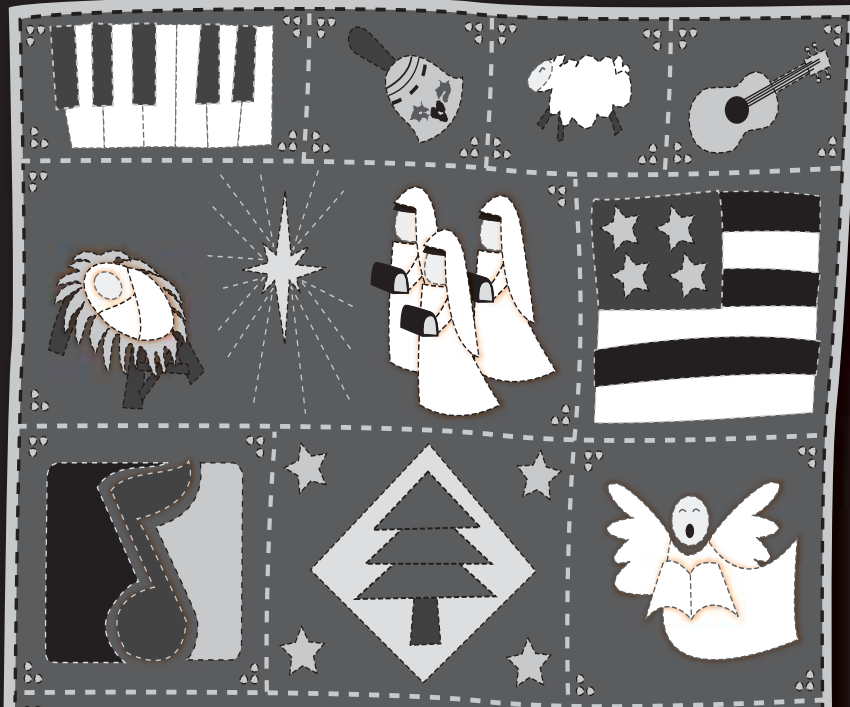
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26255 Ocean View Avenue — \$3,210,000

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Bruno to James and Wendy Howells

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411 Cedar Street, Pacific Grove — \$510,000

Carmel Valley

26275 Rinconda Road — \$1,637,500

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Richard and Kathleen Boyd to

William and Donna Shewchuk

APN: 013-105-002

1260 Eighth Street — \$660,000

Eric and Valinda West to

Michael Freeman and Julia Schwarz

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251 Clay Street — \$690,000

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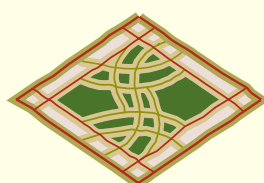
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1872 Darwin Street — \$240,000
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 APN: 012-842-001

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 US Bank to Peter Dew
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 HSBC Bank to Lubica Alberty
 APN: 012-211-023

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person located unattended dog running through Mission Trail park and brought it to Carmel P.D. Dog lodged in kennel pending notification of the owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Necklace found on San Carlos Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance, assisted by Monterey Fire, Pacific Grove Fire and state parks lifeguards, responded to a coastal incident on Carmel Beach. A broken surfboard was seen floating in the surf, and a search was conducted, but no victims were found in the water. The surfboard was retrieved.

Big Sur: At 1115 hours, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team was paged to help rescue a 41-year-old female paraglider who crashed into a tree shortly after takeoff, fracturing her pelvis. The launching site was situated on a ridge which is about 3,000 feet above sea level in Los Padres National Forest. MCSO helicopter responded from the Salinas Airport to the Monterey Airport to pick up three members of the SAR team. They landed by helicopter above the victim while a CALSTAR helicopter (air ambulance) landed below the victim. Three members of the SAR team made their way to the victim to assist rescuers from the U.S. Forest Service and Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade. They placed the victim in a Stokes litter and carried her down to the CALSTAR helicopter, which flew her to the hospital.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20081995. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PASSA TEMPO** 535 Foam Street, Suite 201, Monterey, CA 93940. Monterey County, **ANTHONY M. COSENTINO**, 3154 Fergusson Lane, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: April 3, 1998. (s) Anthony M. Cosentino. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 26, 2008. Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2008. (PC 1128)

ment pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12/08 **CNS-1467890#**
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2008. (PC 1122)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20082167 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Fix My Blinds and Shades, 817 Portola Drive, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940
Reginald Cortez, 817 Portola Drive, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2001.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ Reginald Cortez, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey on October 22, 2008.
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Original Filing 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12/08 **CNS-1471002#**
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2008. (PC 1121)

SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW CASE NUMBER: DR 48019
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: CHRISTINA TZINTZUN
You are being sued.

PETITIONER'S NAME IS: ALFREDO B. TELLEZ
You have **30 CALENDAR DAYS** after this *Summons and Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your *Response* on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form.

If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE: The restraining orders on page 2 are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

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

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is: **ALFREDO B. TELLEZ P.O. Box 734 Castroville, CA 95012 633-3394**

RONALD D. LANCE 11 W. Laurel Dr., Suite #205 Salinas, CA 93906 (831) 443-6509 Reg: #LDA5 County: Monterey
NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual.
Date: Oct. 30, 2008 (s) Connie Mazzei, Clerk by Marti L. McKim, Deputy Publication Dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2008. (PC 1124)

SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW CASE NUMBER: DR 48017
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: CHERI WEAVER
You are being sued.

PETITIONER'S NAME IS: MICHAEL R. SCHOLLER
You have **30 CALENDAR DAYS** after this *Summons and Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your *Response* on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the

clerk for a fee waiver form. If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

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

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is: **MICHAEL R. SCHOLLER 1450 N. First #111 Salinas, CA 93906 210-4547**

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NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual.
Date: Oct. 30, 2008 (s) Connie Mazzei, Clerk by Marti L. McKim, Deputy Publication Dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2008. (PC 1125)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-08-177740-CH Loan # 2000237858 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/24/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): JOSE MANUEL RUIZ, A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 11/1/2006 as Instrument No. 2006096855 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County, California; Date of Sale: 12/18/2008 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the front of the main entrance of the Administration Building located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$620,546.15 The purported property address is: 801 ADAIR PLACE DEL REY OAKS, CA 93940 Assessors Parcel No. 012-571-013-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary

within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.5 (c), the beneficiary or authorized agent declares as follows: See the attached Declaration marked as Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 11/20/2008 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: (888) 325-3502 Carmen Mata If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 2934520 11/28/2008, 12/05/2008, 12/12/2008 Publication Dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2008. (PC 1131)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-08-193000-ED Loan # 3062193820 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/21/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): RHOMMEL D LOPEZ, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND ELEANOR D. LOPEZ, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AND JOSE A. LOPEZ AND EUGENIA D. LOPEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE ALL AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 4/7/2006 as Instrument No. 2006031738 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County, California; Date of Sale: 12/18/2008 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the front of the main entrance of the Administration Building located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$623,881.68 The purported property address is: 1100 AMADOR AVE SEASIDE, CA 93955 Assessors Parcel No. 012-268-001-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any,

shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.5 (c), the beneficiary or authorized agent declares as follows: In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 11/23/2008 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 x3704 Erik Rasanen If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 2922763 11/28/2008, 12/05/2008, 12/12/2008 Publication Dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2008. (PC 1132)

STREET SEASIDE, CA 93955-0000 APN #: 012-695-003 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$526,841.82, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. ETS Services, LLC Date: 11/20/2008 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Digna Del Fonso, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 2934701 12/05/2008, 12/12/2008, 12/19/2008 Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2008. (PC 1201)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 08-0069305 Title Order No. 3791500 Investor/Insurer No. APN No. 012-268-005 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/02/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JORGE L. BRACAMONTES, AN UNMARRIED MAN, dated 08/02/2006 and recorded 08/08/06, as Instrument No. 2006069582, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey County, State of California, will sell on 01/05/2009 at 10:00AM, At the front of the main entrance of the Administration Building located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1136 AMADOR AVENUE, SEASIDE, CA, 93955. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$678,683.45. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 10/01/2008 RECONTRUST COMPANY 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., SV2-202 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 2935448 12/05/2008, 12/12/2008, 12/19/2008 Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2008. (PC 1202)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. GM-161744-C Loan No. 0359288086 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/22/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): RHOMMEL D LOPEZ, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND ELEANOR D. LOPEZ, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AND JOSE A. LOPEZ AND EUGENIA D. LOPEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE ALL AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 4/7/2006 as Instrument No. 2006031738 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County, California; Date of Sale: 12/18/2008 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the front of the main entrance of the Administration Building located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$623,881.68 The purported property address is: 1100 AMADOR AVE SEASIDE, CA 93955 Assessors Parcel No. 012-268-001-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any,

To buy or rent? – Insights on a common real estate question

By RITA LEWIS
Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty

‘SHOULD I buy or rent?’ With decreasing home prices in most parts of the country, this is a question that is no doubt running through the minds of many. The decision to rent an apartment, condo or house as opposed to buying is complex and worth some analysis.

There are many misconceptions when weighing the options to rent or buy. One of the biggest may be the notion that renting is simpler. When the refrigerator in a rental needs repair, the responsibility falls on the landlord. But once new homeowners sign their name on the dotted line, the responsibility is theirs. Unfortunately, stating that renting is the “simpler” choice takes a narrow view on the total set of issues that go into the buy-versus-rent decision. Here are a few other possible misconceptions:

■ **The tax benefits derived from purchasing a home take too long to offset all the other costs involved.** You likely know that the tax write-offs of mortgage interest are among the biggest financial benefits of home ownership. But some question whether this benefit is really great enough to offset the “big picture” cost of ownership. Homes typically appreciate in value over time. That’s why you should carefully evaluate how long you expect to stay in your new home. If you anticipate staying for several years, the scales should tip in your favor and the value of all that you will gain financially

from homeownership is likely to outweigh those initial costs to get in the door.

■ **Renting a home isn’t all that different from owning.** If you are renting a house, you may already feel like a homeowner by making routine repairs, gardening or cleaning the gutters. But there is one fundamental difference. Unlike equity built with each monthly mortgage payment, the rent you are paying is producing zero future financial benefit. In fact, you are essentially paying the landlord’s mortgage and likely additional utility costs. Since most homes increase in value over the long term, a home not only provides a place to live but will ultimately provide return on your original investment.

■ **It’s better to rent and wait for the market to bottom out.** By the time we will recognize the true bottom of the market, prices will already be on their way up. Buying a home should always be approached as a good long-term investment, providing equity accumulation, cost appreciation and tax benefits over time. The reason why many point to now as a smart time to buy is that historically low interest rates are coupled a the buyer’s market in most communities. When purchased with the longer term in mind, housing is one of the historically safest investments consumers can make.

See RENT OR BUY page XXRE

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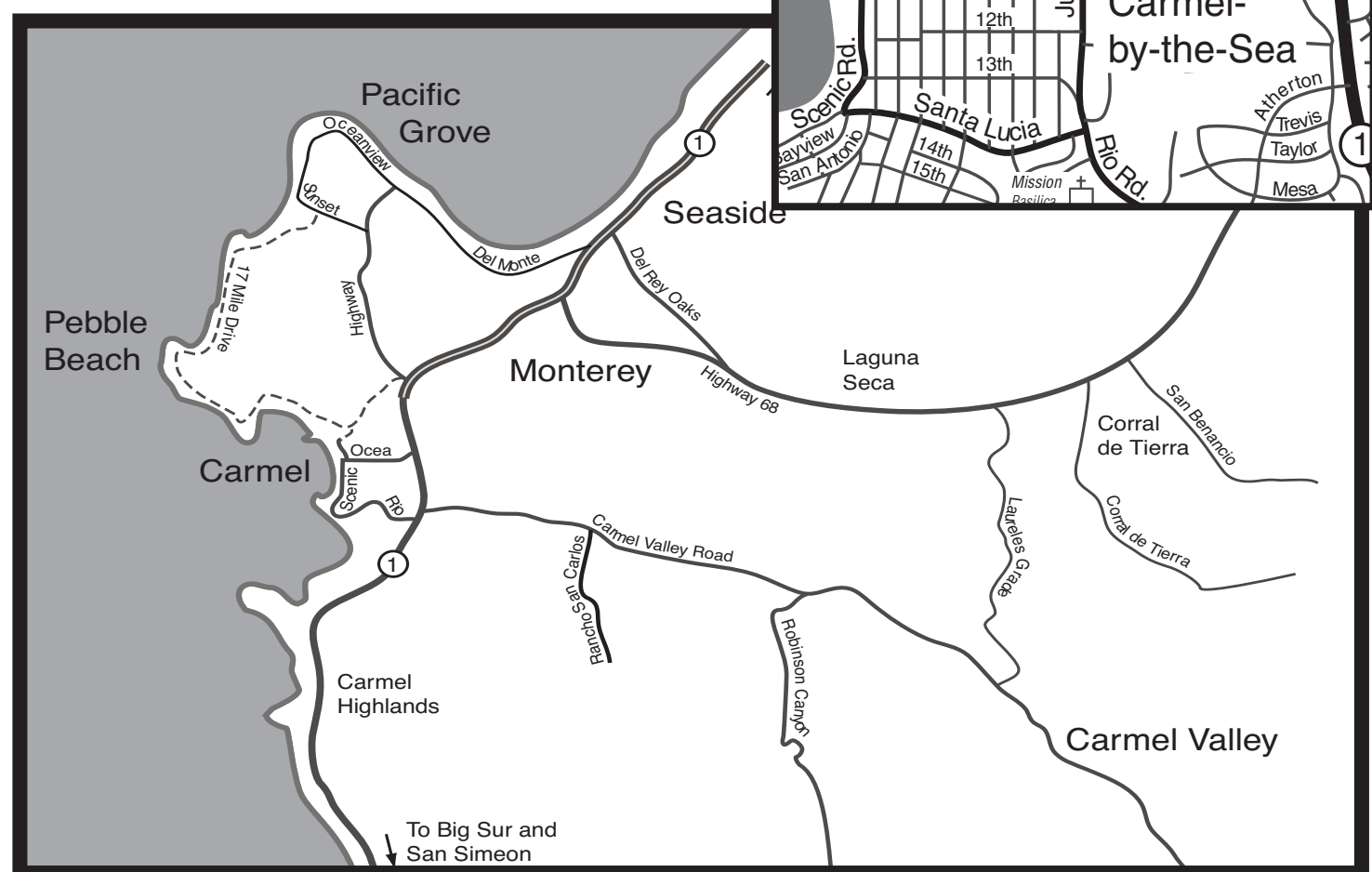
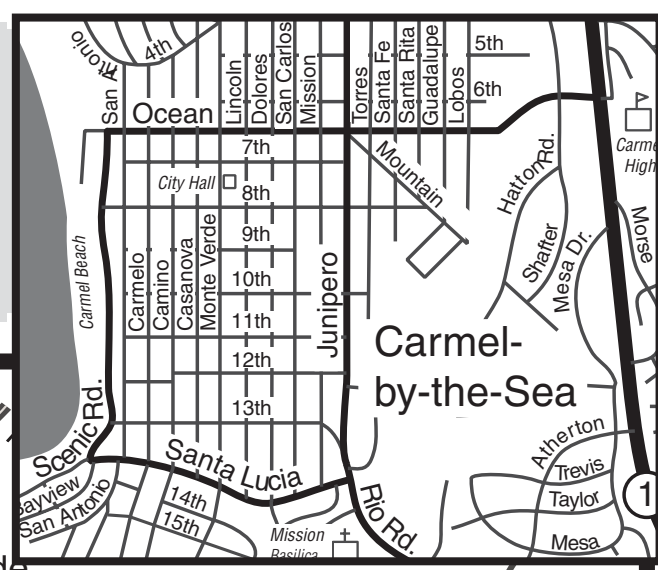
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- \$589,000 1bd 1ba** **Su 12-3**
SW Corner Mission & 3rd #B-2
Coldwell Banker Del Monte Carmel
626-2222
- \$625,000 3bd 2.5ba** **Sa 1-4**
3850 Rio Road Carmel
Keller Williams-Jacobs Team 596-1214
- \$629,000 2bd 2ba** **Sa 1-3**
4000 RIO RD #44 Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$629,000 2bd 2ba** **Su 1-3**
4000 RIO RD #44 Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$645,000 2bd 2ba** **Sa 2-4**
4000 Rio Road #50 Carmel
Keller Williams Realty 238-0067
- \$645,000 2bd 2ba** **Su 2-4**
4000 Rio Road #50 Carmel
Keller Williams Realty 238-0888
- \$689,000 3bd 2ba** **Su 2:30-4**
26572 Fisher Drive Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136
- \$699,000 2bd 1ba** **Su 11-1**
24534 S San Luis Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136
- \$799,000 2bd 1ba** **Sa Su 1-4**
Carpenter Street 2 NE of 1st Carmel
Intero Real Estate 624-5967
- \$899,000 2bd 2ba** **Su 1:30-4**
82 High Meadow Lane Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040
- \$995,000 4bd 3ba** **Sa 1-3**
24800 Lower Trail Carmel
Keller Williams Realty 901-7176
- \$1,095,000 3bd 2.5ba** **Sa 11-1**
24764 Pescadero Carmel
Keller Williams Realty 595-7633
- \$1,125,000 3bd 2ba** **Sa 11-3**
NE Cor 6th/SANTA RITA Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$1,165,000 3bd 2ba** **Sa 1-3**
2 NE 2ND/Carpenter Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$1,180,000 3bd 2ba** **Sa 12-2 Su 1-4**
Monterey St 3 NE Valley Way (Heavy Rain Cancels) Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136
- \$1,349,000 4bd 3.5ba** **Su 1-3**
23830 Fairfield Place Carmel
John Saar Properties 236-8909
- \$1,439,000 4bd 2.5ba** **Sa 12-2**
3508 Ocean Ave Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136
- \$1,450,000 2bd 2ba** **Sa 1-3**
2 SE 9TH/Monte Verde Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221
- \$1,499,000 3bd 3.5ba** **Su 2:30-4:30**
24305 San Juan Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

This Weekend's
OPEN HOUSES
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- \$1,595,000 3bd 2ba** **Sa 1-4**
3 SW SAN CARLOS/12th Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$1,595,000 3bd 2ba** **Sa 1-4**
2 NE SAN CARLOS/CAMINO DEL MONTE Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2223

- \$2,695,000 3bd 3ba** **Su 1-3**
25W 9th & Monte Verde (Rain Cancels) Carmel
John Saar Properties 236-8909
- \$2,695,000 5bd 2.5ba** **Sa 1-3**
24936 Valley Way Carmel
Keller Williams Realty 596-1949
- \$2,695,000 5bd 2.5ba** **Su 11-1**
24936 Valley Way Carmel
Keller Williams Realty 596-1949
- \$2,895,000 3bd 2.5ba** **Su 2:30-4:30**
4 SW MISSION / 13TH ST Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2226
- \$2,995,000 3bd 2.5ba** **Sa 11-4**
Carmelo 2 SE of 13th Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040

- \$2,790,000 3bd 2.5ba** **Sa 2-4**
156 Spindrift Road Carmel Highlands
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040
- \$7,250,000 4bd 4.5ba** **Sa Su 1-4**
232 Highway 1 Carmel Highlands
John Saar Properties 238-6152



- \$7,950,000 4bd 3ba** **Sa 1-4**
86 Yankee Point Drive Carmel Highlands
John Saar Properties 622-7227

- \$1,689,000 5bd 5ba** **Su 2-5**
208 Vista Verde Carmel Valley
Keller Williams Realty 905-2842
- \$1,789,000 3bd 3.5ba** **Su 1-3**
8001 RIVER PL Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2223
- \$1,895,000 3bd 2.5ba** **Sa 2:30-4:30**
25535 Tierra Grande Dr (Heavy Rain Cancels) Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE 659-2267
- \$2,795,000 4bd 3ba** **Sa 12-3**
103 Village Lane Carmel Valley
Keller Williams Realty 277-6649

DEL REY OAKS

- \$429,000 3bd 1ba** **Su 1-4**
1029 Via Verde Del Rey Oaks
John Saar Properties 236-8909
- \$499,000 2bd 2ba** **Sa 2-4**
442 PHEASANT RIDGE RD Del Rey Oaks
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222

MARINA

- \$479,000 3bd 2ba** **Sa 11:30-1:30**
3153 SHULER CT Marina/Former Fort
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222

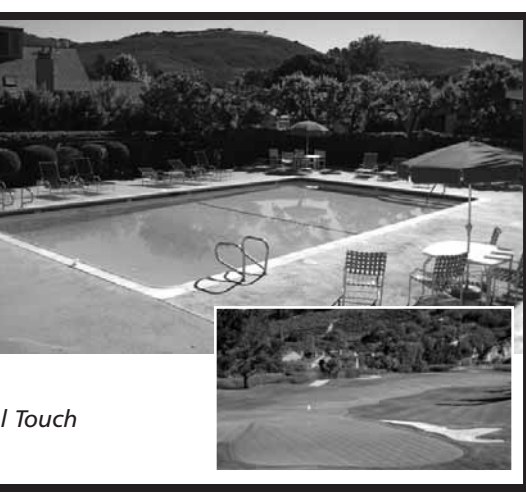
MONTEREY

- \$379,900 1bd 1ba** **Sa 12-4**
116 MAR VISTA DR #104 Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2226
- \$379,900 1bd 1ba** **Su 12-4**
116 MAR VISTA DR #104 Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2226
- \$499,000 4bd 1.5ba** **Sa 1-3**
898 ARCHER ST Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$549,000 2bd 1.5ba** **Sa 12-4**
116 MAR VISTA DR #162 Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2226
- \$549,000 2bd 1.5ba** **Su 12-4**
116 MAR VISTA DR #162 Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2226
- \$579,000 3bd 2ba** **Sa 2-4**
759 Lobos Street Monterey
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040
- \$667,000 4bd 2ba** **Sa 2-4**
59 Wellings Place Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136
- \$695,000 2bd 2ba** **Sa 1-3**
125 SURF WY #436 Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$775,000 6+bd 4+ba** **Su 2-4**
261 MAR VISTA DR Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$799,000 3bd 2ba** **Fr 4-6 Sa 2-4**
125 Surf Way #433 Monterey
John Saar Properties 622-7227
- \$799,000 4bd 3ba** **Sa 2-4**
7 Wyndemere Vale Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136
- \$849,000 3bd 2ba** **Sa 2-4 Su 2-4**
5 Black Tail Lane Monterey
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040
- \$889,950 3bd 2ba** **Su 2-4**
18 SKYLINE CS Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$969,000 4bd 3ba** **Sa 1-4**
901 Irving Avenue Monterey
Intero Real Estate 224-2746
- \$981,000 4bd 2ba** **Su 1-4**
504 Larkin Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136
- \$1,099,000 4bd 2ba** **Su 12-2**
1490 IRVING AV Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2226

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- \$1,595,000 3bd 2ba** **Sa 1-4**
2 NE SAN CARLOS/CAMINO DEL MONTE Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2223
- \$1,595,000 3bd 2ba** **Su 1-4**
3 SW SAN CARLOS/12th Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$1,599,000 3bd 2ba** **Sa 2-4**
NE Corner 10th at Junipero Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040
- \$1,695,000 3bd 2ba** **Su 1-4**
2767 Pradera Road Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040
- \$1,749,000 2bd 2ba** **Sa 12-3**
2SW CAMINO REAL/11th Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$1,795,000 3bd 2ba** **Sa 1-4**
SE CNR SANTA RITA & 4th Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$1,795,000 3bd 2ba** **Su 12-3**
SE CNR SANTA RITA & 4th Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221
- \$1,795,000 4bd 3ba+art studio** **Su 2-4**
26283 Atherton Drive Carmel
The Jones Group 238-4758
- \$1,977,000 3bd ba** **Sa 1-3 Su 2-4**
25515 Hatton Road Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040
- \$1,990,000 3bd 3ba** **Su 1-3**
4 NW LINCOLN/13th Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221
- \$1,999,000 4bd 3ba** **Sa 1-4**
24422 Portola Carmel
Preferred Properties 917-3970
- \$2,400,000 3bd 2ba** **Sa 12-4 Su 1:30-4**
Camino Real 2 NE of Ocean Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040
- \$2,495,000 3bd 2ba** **Su 12-2**
3 NW Forest/7th Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222

- \$2,995,000 4bd 4+ba** **Sa 1-3**
3533 GREENFIELD PL Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221
- \$2,995,000 4bd 4+ba** **Su 2-4**
3533 GREENFIELD PL Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221
- \$2,995,000 5bd 3.5ba** **Su 1-3**
25691 Mesa Drive Carmel
Keller Williams Realty 595-7633
- \$3,495,000 3bd 2.5ba** **Su 2-4**
Lincoln 4 NE of Santa Lucia Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040
- \$3,550,000 3bd 2.5ba** **Sa 12-4 Su 12-4**
Monte Verde 2 SE of 9th Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040
- \$3,749,000 3bd 2.5ba** **Sa 11-4 Su 12-4**
San Antonio 3 SE of 9th Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136
- \$3,775,000 3bd 2+ba** **Su 11-3:30**
SE Corner of 4th & Santa Fe Carmel
Keller Williams Realty 236-5931 / 596-1949
- \$4,469,000 4bd 3.5ba** **Sa 1-4**
SE CNR SAN ANTONIO & 10th Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$4,469,000 4bd 3.5ba** **Su 1-4**
SE CNR SAN ANTONIO & 10th Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$5,650,000 4bd 4ba** **Sa 1-5 Su 1-5**
NE Corner Monte Verde & Santa Lucia Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040
- \$7,295,000 3bd 3.5ba** **Sa 12-4**
SE CNR SCENIC & 11th Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

- \$2,198,000 3bd 3ba** **Sa 1-3**
164 Carmel Riviera Dr Carmel Highlands
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

CARMEL VALLEY

- \$599,000 2bd 1.5ba** **Su 1-3**
32 WAWONA RD Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$630,000 2bd 2ba** **Su 12-2**
42 DEL MESA CARMEL Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040
- \$785,000 2bd 2ba** **Su 1-4**
254 Del Mesa Carmel Carmel Valley
Keller Williams Realty 277-4917
- \$790,000 3bd 2ba** **Su 2-4**
185 El Caminito Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE 659-2267
- \$795,000 1bd 1ba 2 studios 15+acres** **Su 1-4**
41 Trampa Canyon Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE 659-2267
- \$799,500 2bd 2.5ba** **Su 1-3**
125 White Oaks Ln Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE 659-2267
- \$899,000 3bd 2ba** **Su 11-1**
37 Paso Hondo Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE 659-2267
- \$949,000 3bd 3.5ba** **Su 12:30-2:30**
28000 OAKSHIRE DR Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$970,000 4bd 3ba** **Sa 2-4**
85 Laurel Drive Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE 659-2267
- \$975,000 2bd 2ba** **Sa 1-4**
112 White Oaks Lane Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040
- \$1,119,000 3bd 2.5ba** **Su 2-4**
13280 Middle Canyon Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE 659-2267
- \$1,155,000 3bd 3.5ba** **Sa 2-4:30**
9524 BAY CT Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2223
- \$1,395,000 4bd 3.5ba** **Su 2:30-4:30**
25375 Tierra Grande Drive Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE 659-2267
- \$1,445,000 3bd 3ba+gsgst hse** **Su 1-3**
65 E. Garzas Rd Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE 659-2267
- \$1,449,000 4bd 2.5ba** **Sa 2:30-4:30**
27161 Prado Del Sol Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE 659-2267
- \$1,495,000 3bd 2.5ba** **Sa Su 12:30-4:30**
10715 Locust (CV Ranch) Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE 659-2267
- \$1,595,000 5bd 4+ba** **Sa 2-5**
11671 HIDDEN VALLEY RD Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$1,595,000 5bd 4+ba** **Thu 12/11 9:30-12**
11671 HIDDEN VALLEY RD Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222

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MONTEREY

\$1,495,000 4bd 2ba **Su 1-3**
 207 Dunecrest Lane Monterey
 Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136



\$2,995,000 4br. 2ba **Sa Su 2 - 4**
 17 Spray Avenue Monterey
 John Saar Properties 622-7227

MONTEREY SALINAS HIGHWAY

\$749,000 4bd 3ba **Sa 2-4**
 253 SAN BENANCIO RD Mtry/Slns Hwy
 Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222

\$895,000 5bd 3ba **Sa 11-1**
 23055 Guidotti Drive Mtry/Slns Hwy
 Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

\$1,395,000 4bd 3ba **Sa 2-4**
 27853 Crowne Point Mtry/Slns Hwy
 Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

\$1,495,000 4bd 2.5ba **Su 1-3**
 23675 DETERMINE LN Mtry/Slns Hwy
 Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222

\$1,595,000 4bd 4+ba **Su 1-4**
 24648 Avenida Principal Mtry/Slns Hwy
 Keller Williams-Jacobs Team 596-1214

\$1,793,353 4bd 4.5ba **Sa 2-4**
 23503 Belmont Circle Mtry/Slns Hwy
 Keller Williams-Jacobs Team 238-0544

\$2,995,000 3bd 4.5ba **Sa 2-4**
 103 Via Del Milagro Mtry/Slns Hwy
 Keller Williams-Jacobs Team 236-7976

\$2,995,000 3bd 4.5ba **Su 12-2**
 103 Via Del Milagro Mtry/Slns Hwy
 Keller Williams-Jacobs Team 238-0544

\$3,450,000 5bd 4.5ba **Su 2 - 4**
 25663 Montebella Drive Mtry/Slns Hwy
 John Saar Properties 238-7034

PACIFIC GROVE

\$529,000 2bd 2ba **Sa 1-4**
 1108 HEATHER LN Pacific Grove
 Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222

\$549,000 2bd 1ba **Sa 1-3**
 108 20TH ST Pacific Grove
 Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2226

\$575,000 2bd 1ba **Su 1-3**
 219 WILLOW ST Pacific Grove
 Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222

\$610,000 2bd 2.5ba **Sa 2-4**
 70 Forest Ridge Road Pacific Grove
 The Jones Group 236-7780

\$679,900 3bd 2ba **Su 11-1**
 216 1st Street Pacific Grove
 The Jones Group 241-3141

\$749,500 3bd 2ba **Sa 2-4 Su 1:30-4**
 1009 Olmstead Drive Pacific Grove
 Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040

\$768,000 2bd 2ba **Sa 10-12:30**
 414 Monterey Avenue Pacific Grove
 The Jones Group 233-6068

\$795,000 3bd 1ba **Sa 10:00-1**
 191 DEL MONTE BL Pacific Grove
 Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222

\$795,000 2bd 2ba **Sa 1 - 4**
 119 Fountain Avenue Pacific Grove
 John Saar Properties 236-8909

\$795,000 3bd 2ba **Sa 11-1**
 709 Granite Street Pacific Grove
 The Jones Group 241-3141

\$869,000 3bd 2.5ba **Sa 1-4**
 2902 Ransford Avenue Pacific Grove
 Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040

\$869,000 5bd 2ba **Su 1:30-3:30**
 561 Junipero Avenue Pacific Grove
 The Jones Group 241-3141

\$995,000 2bd 2ba **Su 1:30-4:30**
 136 19th Street Pacific Grove
 The Jones Group 915-7473

\$999,000 4bd 4+ba **Sa 1-4**
 135 5TH ST Pacific Grove
 Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040

\$1,050,000 4bd 2ba **Su 1:30-3:30**
 112 16th Street Pacific Grove
 The Jones Group 917-4534

\$1,099,000 3bd 2.5ba **Sa 2-4**
 1038 JEWELL AV Pacific Grove
 Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2226

\$1,147,500 4bd 3ba **Sa 2-4**
 208 Ridge Road Pacific Grove
 The Jones Group 917-4534

\$1,395,000 3bd 2ba **Sa 2-4**
 1027 Jewell Avenue Pacific Grove
 The Jones Group 241-3141

\$1,485,000 3bd 2ba **Sa 1:30-3:30**
 1140 Ripple Pacific Grove
 Keller Williams Realty 402-9451

\$1,549,000 3bd 2ba **Sa 1-3:30**
 227 Willow Street Pacific Grove
 The Jones Group 233-6068

\$2,095,000 3bd 2.5ba **Sa 2-4**
 928 SHELL AV Pacific Grove
 Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221

\$2,395,000 3bd 2.5ba **Sa 2-4 Su 11-4**
 1015 Del Monte Blvd Pacific Grove
 Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

\$2,450,000 4bd 2ba **Sa 1-4**
 209 Monterey Avenue Pacific Grove
 The Jones Group 917-8290

PEBBLE BEACH

\$745,000 3bd 3ba **Sa 12-2**
 37 OCEAN PINES LN Pebble Beach
 Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2223

\$808,000 2bd 2ba **Sa 11-1**
 4184 CREST RD Pebble Beach
 Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040

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ALAIN PINEL *Realtors*



CARMEL

Fabulous remodeled 2BR/2BA ground level move in ready Riverwood condo! New dual pane windows, new wood shutters, cherry kitchen, sprinkler system in patio, new carpet, paint, etc. Unit also has vaulted ceilings, skylights, fireplace in Living Room and a sunny patio. Close proximity to all amenities! Come and see this great value for the price!

Offered at \$610,000

CARMEL MEADOWS

Fabulous 5 bedroom, 3 bath residence only steps to the beach in Carmel Meadows. This 2600+ sq.ft. home has an open floor plan with double sided fireplace that opens both to the living & dining room. Kitchen, Master & 3rd bedroom gives access to a private courtyard. Home has hardwood floors, skylights, lush garden areas & large windows to enjoy the views.

Offered at \$1,749,000



CARMEL MEADOWS OCEANFRONT

Imagine listening to the sound of the crashing surf or watching the whales and the ever changing sunsets of the world reknown Point Lobos and Monastery Beach. This unique Polynesian style home boast an open floor plan, post/beam construction with 20 ft. ceilings and full wall of windows affording your own 110 ft. sand beachfront. Main house is 1107 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and tram from garage level.

Offered at \$9,000,000



CARMEL

"Chasing rainbows" Carmel cottage. Large lovely, totally remodeled and ready for your Carmel lifestyle to begin. Professionally designed & decorated featuring custom finishes throughout. Cobblestone paths lead to enchanting private garden & patio area for outdoor living/dining. Very functional floor plan - master on main level with large master bath & closet plus French doors to back yard.

Offered at \$1,850,000



CARMEL HIGHLANDS

Exclusive location, exquisite home, exceptional price! This magnificent home is located on Spindrift, one of the most prestigious & sought after oceanfront roads on The Peninsula. Enjoy white water, mountain & Point Lobos views. The scenery is reminiscent of The Amalfi Coast. Enjoy a quality lifestyle in this private & convenient location. The .94 acre lot offers room for expansion or simply play.

Offered at \$2,790,000



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NW Corner of Ocean & Dolores
 Junipero between 5th & 6th

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PEBBLE BEACH

\$979,000 3bd 2ba Sa 12-2
4181 Crest Rd Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

\$1,100,000 2bd 2ba Su 1-4
3062 Lopez Road Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker del Monte 626-2222



\$1,189,000 3bd 2ba Sa 2 - 4
987 Coral Drive Pebble Beach
John Saar Properties 622-7227

\$1,195,000 3bd 2ba Su 1-4
2876 Sloat Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

\$1,195,000 3bd 3ba Sa Su 1-3
2862 Lasauen Road Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

\$1,295,000 3bd 2ba Sa 2-4
2999 BIRD ROCK RD Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2223

\$1,595,000 3bd 3ba Sa 11-2 Su 1-4
1214 Bristol Lane Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040

\$1,595,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa 1-4
2980 COLTON RD Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 277-3843

\$1,700,000 4bd 3ba Sa 11-5 Su 11-5
987 CUSTOMS RD Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040

\$1,995,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa 1-3
1091 Oasis Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

\$2,425,000 4bd 3ba Sa 1-3
1092 Oasis Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

\$2,550,000 3bd 3.5ba Sa 1-3
34 Spanish Bay Pebble Beach
Keller Williams Realty 383-9810

\$3,195,000 4bd 4+ba Su 1-3
1439 LISBON LN Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 277-3843

\$3,395,000 3bd 3.5ba Su 1-3
1010 Ocean Road Pebble Beach
duMont Properties 655-0422

\$3,695,000 4bd 3.5ba Sa 2-5 Su 1-3
1205 Benbow Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

\$3,700,000 6bd 4ba Sa 1 - 3
1011 Rodeo Rd Pebble Beach
John Saar Properties 622-7227

\$4,195,000 3bd 2.5ba Su 1-4
1016 RODEO RD Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2223

\$4,200,000 2bd 2ba Su 1-4
3399 17 Mile Drive (Rain Cancels) Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

\$4,500,000 4bd 3.5ba Sa 2-4
3195 Forest Lake Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

\$4,750,000 3bd 3.5ba Su 1-4
990 Coral Dr (Rain Cancels) Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE 624-0136

SEASIDE

\$329,000 2bd 1.5ba Su 2-4
1031 Highland Street, Bldg E Seaside
Intero Real Estate 277-5936

SOUTH COAST



\$5,800,000 2bd 2ba Sa 12 - 3 Su 1 - 4
35800 Highway 1 South Coast
John Saar Properties 622-7227

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim on Dolores Street reported that she had parked her car in her driveway on Nov. 29 and left for the weekend. On Dec. 1, she got into her car and noticed that someone had thrown black paint on her car. The victim spent most of the day getting the paint off of the car. She reported that this type of vandalism has happened to her before and felt that the same subject may be responsible for this incident. She added that she had contacted a possible suspect in a theft from her

vehicle about a year ago. She later found out that this subject did not steal anything from her car. The victim felt that it was possible that this subject might hold ill will against her. Officer advised her that a close patrol would be placed in her area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject came into the station to report her daughter missing. Daughter is suspected to be a runaway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported seeing a mountain lion on the playground area of Junipero Serra School at 2139 hours. The mountain lion moved away from the person about 30 feet and then crouched down and stared at him. The person raised his arms and made noise, causing the mountain lion to walk away out of the playground area. Area checked by officers. Unable to locate lion.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20082289

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MediaGrid, 4760 Seacrest Dr., Seaside, CA 93955

Medgen Aldrich, 4760 Seacrest Dr., Seaside, CA 93955

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ Medgen Aldrich

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey on November 13, 2008.

NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Original

12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/08

CNS-1476799#

CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26 2008. (PC 1205)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M95140.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, MARTIN QUINTERO & YOLANDA PEREZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: VIRGINIA QUINTERO

Proposed name: VIRGINIA QUINTERO PEREZ

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:

DATE: January 9, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

DEPT: ROOM:

The address of the court is 1200 Agujajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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

(s) Susan M. Dauphine Judge of the Superior Court

Date filed: Nov. 24, 2008.

Clerk: Connie Mazzei Deputy: M.C. Gilbert

Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2008. (PC1208)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20082355

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Unforgettable, 1131 Cobblestone Street, Salinas, CA 93905, Monterey County

Gloria Avila, 1131 Cobblestone Street, Salinas, CA 93905

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ Gloria Avila

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey on November 25, 2008.

NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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Original

12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2/09

CNS-1480557#

CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication dates: Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2008 and Jan. 2, 2009. (PC 1213)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. GM-160634-C

Loan No. 0307663254

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Recorded 2/2/2006 as Instrument No. 2006010244 in Book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, Date of Sale: 1/9/2009 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the front of the main entrance of the Administration Building located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901 Property Address is purported to be:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Date of Filing Application: December 2, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

The Name of the Applicant is: NOMA FOOD AND WINE LLC

The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:

SEAN CARLOS WS BTW OCEAN & SVENTH CARMEL, CA 93921

Type of license: 41 - ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20082327

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

1. CONSTRUCTION INSIDER

2. LONE WOLF MARKETING

39-A Calle De Los Ositos, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. Monterey County.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20082371

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

ULTIMATE AUTO CONNECTION, 1815 Contra Costa St., Suite E, San Diego, CA 93955. Monterey County.

JOHN DAVID CHUDACOFF, Ocean Ave. 5 SE Forest, Carmel, CA 93921.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on:

Oct. 1, 2008. (s) John David Chudacoff. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 26, 2008. Publication dates: Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2008 and Jan. 2, 2009. (PC 1215)

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

of JOHN WALTER STEINKE

Case Number MP 19307

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN WALTER STEINKE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE

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RENT OR BUY

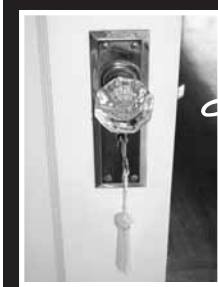
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■ **It's cheaper to rent.** This may or may not be so. Because of the current state of the housing market, many are foregoing homeownership and turning to rentals. This influx of renters may be having an impact on the supply and demand of rentals and driving rents higher. On its website (www.coldwellbanker.com) Coldwell Banker offers a handy rent-versus-buy calculator to help break down basic money questions.

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Monday, Dec. 29, 5:00PM (for 1/2/09 issue)

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Monday, Dec. 22, 5:00PM (for 12/26/08 issue)
Monday, Dec. 29, 5:00PM (for 1/2/09 issue)

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