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Sunset Center lament: 'All I get is socks!'

Students from River School celebrated the holidays with two nights of concerts on the big stage at Sunset Center this week. Monday evening, music teacher Betsy Walsh led the fourth and fifth grade chorus (right) in a rousing Christmas protest song, "All I get is socks!" The concerts drew standing-room-only crowds, and principal Jay Marden especially thanked parents Kath Uyeda and Melissa Kendrick for making the evenings a success.



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McCloud, Hazdovac, Rose seek new terms as Burnett challenges

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL MAYOR Sue McCloud and council members Paula Hazdovac and Gerard Rose said this week they will run for reelection next April. Facing them will be at least one challenger, former EPA official Jason Burnett, who said he plans to seek a council seat.

Michael LePage, the former chairman of the since-disbanded design review board and the sole challenger in the April 2008 race, was expected to run again but announced Tuesday night he had changed his mind.

"After some serious deliberation, I have decided that my time commitments to my family and business will not allow me to pursue a campaign for an elected Carmel position at this time," he said. "I do plan to stay involved and continue to be a voice for our special community."

The three incumbents cited the dire economy and several major pending city projects as reasons for their desire to continue serving.

If elected, McCloud would be embarking on her sixth two-year term — a record — while Hazdovac's next four-year term would be her fifth — another record. It would be Rose's third full term, since he was appointed to the council by McCloud after she became mayor in 2000.

The mayor serves for two years, while council members serve for four. The filing period for the April 13, 2010, election opens Dec. 21 and closes Jan. 15, 2010.

The longest-serving mayor and council member say their expertise is valuable

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Sue McCloud



Paula Hazdovac



Gerard Rose



Jason Burnett

P.G. council votes to undo ban on vacation rentals

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE will allow landlords to rent out their homes on a short-term basis — previously banned in the city — as long as they pay an annual flat tax and register their units, the city council voted Wednesday night.

The council unanimously voted to approve an ordinance reversing the ban on short-term rentals, which the city hopes will generate at least \$200,000 in revenue each year.

The new ordinance requires landlords to obtain a license from the city and pay a 10 percent transient occupancy tax in order to rent out their units for less than 30 days at a time. The ordinance puts homeowners in line with the city's hotels and inns.

"The revenue generated from the license fees and [transient occupancy tax] will help pay for a code enforcement officer," Pacific Grove city manager Tom Frutchey said.

The council fine-tuned the ordinance's requirements based on public comment from Jan Leasure with Monterey Bay Property Management.

Though there was no strong opposition to the ordinance, resident John Fischer and council members Robert Huitt and Lisa Bennett expressed concern about enforcing it.

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Dual investigations ongoing in art heist/fraud case

By MARY BROWNFIELD

INVESTIGATORS ARE keeping mum on the progress of the convoluted Pebble Beach art-heist case, but Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Mike Richards confirmed Wednesday that research into the purported September burglary of a Pebble Beach home — and the resulting disappearance of millions of dollars' worth of artwork — is ongoing.

And the alleged victims, A. Benjamin Amadio and Ralph Kennaugh, are suspected of committing insurance fraud in the same case.

Paucity of facts

Since the Sept. 25 break-in at the men's rental house that resulted in the reported theft of an estimated \$80 million in artwork, including a painting by Jackson Pollock the victims said is worth \$20 million, authorities have decried the men's reluctance to provide useful information on the alleged crime. The pair issued their own press release and continued to communicate with select members of the media — particularly the Monterey County Herald and KSBW TV — while failing to turn over information to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, Richards reported in October.

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Carmel Woods neighbors don't want wells in their backyard

By KELLY NIX

A SMALL group of residents in Carmel Woods has started a campaign against new water wells in their neighborhood, contending they would create a host of problems.


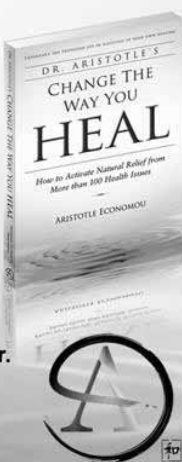
Neighbors of a parcel at 24479 San Juan Road have taken issue with the Nov. 18 approval by the Monterey County Planning Commission of a well applied for by architect Erik Dyar, who represents Chopin Enterprises. The well would supply water for the single-family lot, which cannot be supplied from the Cal Am system because of the water permit moratorium which has been in place since 1995.

Though planners said the well, which has already been tested, would be safe and in compliance with the county's zoning laws, neighbors Steve and Mitzi Dallas, Peter Fallon and others have appealed planners' approval of the permanent well to the county board of supervisors.

The group contends drilling into the lot's fractured granite is problematic because it could mean low water yields and

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Lawsuits to follow as coastal commission rejects hotel plan

By KELLY NIX

THE DEVELOPER who wants to build a green resort on the Sand City coastline may go back to court after the California Coastal Commission unanimously rejected his project Dec. 11.

Sand City — which has no oceanfront development — also plans legal action against the coastal commission.

In 2000, the commission rejected Ed Ghandour's \$300 million hotel plan, claiming it would unduly harm plants and animal on the 39-acre site across Highway 1 from Seaside High School.

But in 2008, a California court of appeal tossed out the habitat argument, citing an earlier coastal commission ruling that the property contained no "environmentally sensitive habitat."

This time, the commission cited other concerns in refusing to approve a permit for the hotel, including coastal views, water supply and erosion.

"I'm very frustrated that the greenest, most environmental project in the country could be thrown out recklessly by the com-

mission without due process," said Ghandour, who is ardently supported by Sand City's elected officials.

"They cannot, on the fly, create their own standards of review and bring them to this site," Ghandour maintained.

Mayor David Pendergrass told The Pine Cone the city will take the coastal panel to court for its decision.

"We intend to file a lawsuit," Pendergrass said. "We have to get the solid facts together first."

Plans for the resort, which would nestle into the sand dunes and barely be visible from Highway 1, include a 160-room hotel, 180 condominiums, a conference center, underground parking and a dune restoration project. The facility would create 500 new jobs, Ghandour said.

Sand City officials, who have already agreed to put most of the city's oceanfront property off-limits to development, also want the tax revenues the hotel would generate.

"The coastal commission gave us a Local Coastal Plan, which we amended three times and they approved it," Pendergrass said.

"The amount of development allowed on that site is 650 rooms, a mix and match of condos and hotel."

But the coastal commission's planners said a "much smaller" project should be considered that protects natural resources such as the Monterey spineflower and Western snowy plover, and minimizes impacts to views and addresses traffic concerns.

While the coastal commission's analysis of the larger project said Sand City's dunes are eroding as much as 6.5 feet per year, Ghandour and Pendergrass said studies show there is actually accretion of sand on the site.

And Pendergrass accused the commission of rewriting the city's coastal develop-

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SWRCB STICKS TO ITS GUNS ON WATER CUTBACK ORDER

By KELLY NIX

STATE WATER officials this week rejected an appeal from Monterey Peninsula property owners who don't like the state's aggressive efforts to reduce the Peninsula's water supply.

The Pebble Beach Company, Quail Lodge, Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley Ranch and the Del Monte Forest Property Owners filed the appeal in November after the State Water Resources Control Board ordered Oct. 20 that Peninsula residents must reduce water use by more than 70 percent over the next six years.

While the hospitality groups and property owners argued the cutbacks would do serious damage to the Peninsula's economy, the SWRCB wasn't convinced.

"The board finds that the petitions for reconsideration fail to raise substantial issues related to the causes for reconsideration," the SWRCB said this week.

The decision wasn't a surprise to Bob McKenzie, government affairs director for the Monterey County Hospitality Association.

"The way they worded the denial indicates they are still stuck in the people-versus-fish mode, and fish are worth more," McKenzie said.

The SWRCB imposed the cutback order because Cal Am's pumping from the Carmel River and its aquifers allegedly harms the river's population of steelhead fish and its riparian habitat.

In its bid to the SWRCB, Quail Lodge argued the cutback order prevents it and other property owners who have long-standing water allocations from actually using them when they need to.

"At significant expense, Quail Lodge voluntarily pursued extensive retrofitting of the golf course irrigation system in the late 1980s to ensure that sufficient water would be available to meet the future needs of Quail Lodge," according to the appeal.

After the SWRCB imposed the cutback order, Cal Am and the MPWMD filed lawsuits against the state agency in hopes of stopping it. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Kay Kingsley stayed the order Nov. 3 pending a trial on their claims.

But the SWRCB wants the trial moved to a "neutral" county such as San Francisco, Santa Clara or Santa Cruz because it believes it would get a fairer trial.

On Jan. 8, Kingsley will hear the motion on the change of venue.

Caltrans' Highway 1 hotline

FOR BIG Sur residents, there are few things more frustrating than encountering a unexpected delay on Highway 1 as a result of maintenance work or repair.

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subsequent to a traffic stop on Seventh Avenue, a 31-year-old male driver was found to be DUI and was booked into county jail. The vehicle was towed and stored.

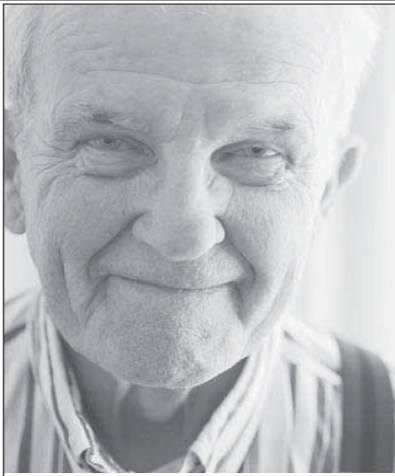
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 22-year-old male was contacted and booked on Scenic Road at 0310 hours for possession of marijuana.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported an incident from the previous day of a dog on

leash in the area of Santa Rita. The citizen reported the dog was acting aggressive toward his cat and had concerns regarding any future contact. The owner of the dog had been seen in the area and was possibly sleeping overnight on a vacant property. At approximately 1625 hours, the officer contacted the dog owner at Junipero and Fourth and discussed the incident. The dog owner acknowledged the incident but said she put her dog on a leash and left the area. Both parties also said there was no contact between the animals. Area checks will be made in the future.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched for a male who had fallen at a residence on Fawn Court. Upon arrival, AMR

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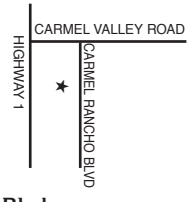
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Mugger whacks man with lumber

A MAN claimed he was knocked unconscious by a thief wielding a 2-by-4 and robbed of nearly \$200 in cash sometime Friday, though police only learned of the crime Sunday morning after the victim took a cab to the hospital and told a physician he had been hit on the head, according to Carmel P.D. detective Rachelle Lightfoot. An official at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, which must notify law enforcement when victims of violence receive treatment, alerted police Dec. 13.

"When the medical staff at CHOMP heard he had been mugged, they called us to report it Sunday morning," she said.

When questioned by police, the victim said he had been downtown when he was attacked.

"He said he was walking down the street and got smacked in the head by a 2-by-4, and he passed out and later made it back to his place," Lightfoot said. "They stole cash that he had in a pocket, but they did not steal his wallet."

The man, who lives in town, had scrapes on his face and shoulder, Lightfoot reported, but she has yet to learn whether his injuries are consistent with being knocked unconscious.

"The victim was uncooperative and did not want to answer my questions," she said. "I have some questions, still."

DARE gets \$2K

THE CITY of Carmel accepted \$2,000 from the Pacific Grove Concours Auto Rally for its police department's DARE program this month. Drug Abuse Resistance Education is a school-based program designed to help kids avoid becoming drinkers and drug users, and the local effort is organized and taught by Carmel police officers.

The P.G. Concours Auto Rally, held during Concours Week each August by Pacific Grove Youth Action and the P.G. Rotary, benefits the Pacific Grove Youth Center, the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Mayor's Youth Fund and the Pacific Grove Unified School District.

Over the years, organizer Jeanne Byrne has presented checks to the city council on several occasions, and the council voted to receive the most recent gift Dec. 1. "Of course, the tour comes through Carmel, and we appreciate the town's cooperation with us," Byrne told the council.

Arrested for trying to back over wife with car

CARMEL POLICE arrested a 61-year-old man Friday for allegedly trying to back his car over his estranged wife in a Salinas parking lot.

Pacific Grove resident Grant Stapleton was taken to Monterey County Jail Dec. 11 on a felony charge of assault with a deadly weapon and misdemeanor spousal abuse for the altercation outside the Social Security Office on East Blanco Road, according to CPD detective Rachelle Lightfoot.

The couple had a fight, and the victim told Stapleton she didn't want to see him anymore, Lightfoot said. Afterward, "she had asked to get some items out of the car, and he told her she could," so the woman walked behind the vehicle to retrieve her possessions.

"And then he changed his mind and got in the vehicle and started backing out," Lightfoot said. A security guard on the premises reportedly pulled the woman out of the path of the moving car, and no one was injured.

They phoned Salinas P.D., but after tiring of waiting for an officer to arrive, everyone involved, including the husband, decided to come to Carmel to report the incident and discuss custody of the couple's child, according to Lightfoot.

They chose CPD because the woman's mother lives in town.

Interviews revealed Stapleton as the suspected aggressor, and he was arrested and taken to jail.

The District Attorney's office did not immediately announce the charges he would face.

Burglars steal \$\$\$ from florist

THIEVES BROKE into Tiger Lilly Florist on San Carlos Street sometime between 5 p.m. Dec. 12 and 10 a.m. Dec. 13, when the owners discovered the burglary, according to detective Rachelle Lightfoot. The culprits had climbed over the iron gate in front of the little courtyard shop and broke in using a pry bar.

"We're not sure whether they did it during the day or at night, but they did go in there and take a cash box," she said. "There are no known suspects."

Balestreri, Packard elected to Business Hall of Fame

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT of Silicon Valley and Monterey Bay, Inc. announced the names of the five laureates who will be inducted into the Monterey Bay Business Hall of Fame next month.

The 2010 Laureates include Ted Balestreri, chairman and CEO of the Cannery Row Company and CEO of the Sardine Factory, and Julie Packard, executive director of the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

The 2010 laureates were selected by a committee of local business leaders and previous inductees to the Monterey Bay Business Hall of Fame.

The other laureates are Dianne Harrison, president of California State University Monterey Bay; Sue Jamiesson, owner of Salinas Toyota Scion Hyundai, and Anne Leach, partner with Ottone Leach Olsen & Ray.

Criteria for induction include business excellence, courageous thinking and actions, vision and innovation, inspiring leadership and philanthropy.

The five will be honored at the 2010 Monterey Bay Business Hall of Fame luncheon on Jan. 22, 2010, at the Inn at Spanish Bay.

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating young people about business, economics and entrepreneurship, and is celebrating its fifth year in the Monterey Bay area. The luncheon is the major fundraising event for school programs in the Monterey Peninsula area.

Tickets are available by calling (831) 251-0671 or visiting www.mbbhof2010.eventbrite.com.

Teddy bears star

THE ALZHEIMER'S Association is holding its annual Holiday Teddy Bear Boutique at Carmel Plaza. The shop, which features teddy bears, cats, pillows, purses and other items, many made from old fur coats, will be open Dec. 18-20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit the association's programs and services in Monterey County.

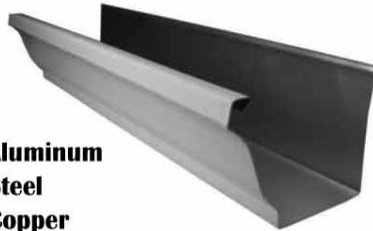
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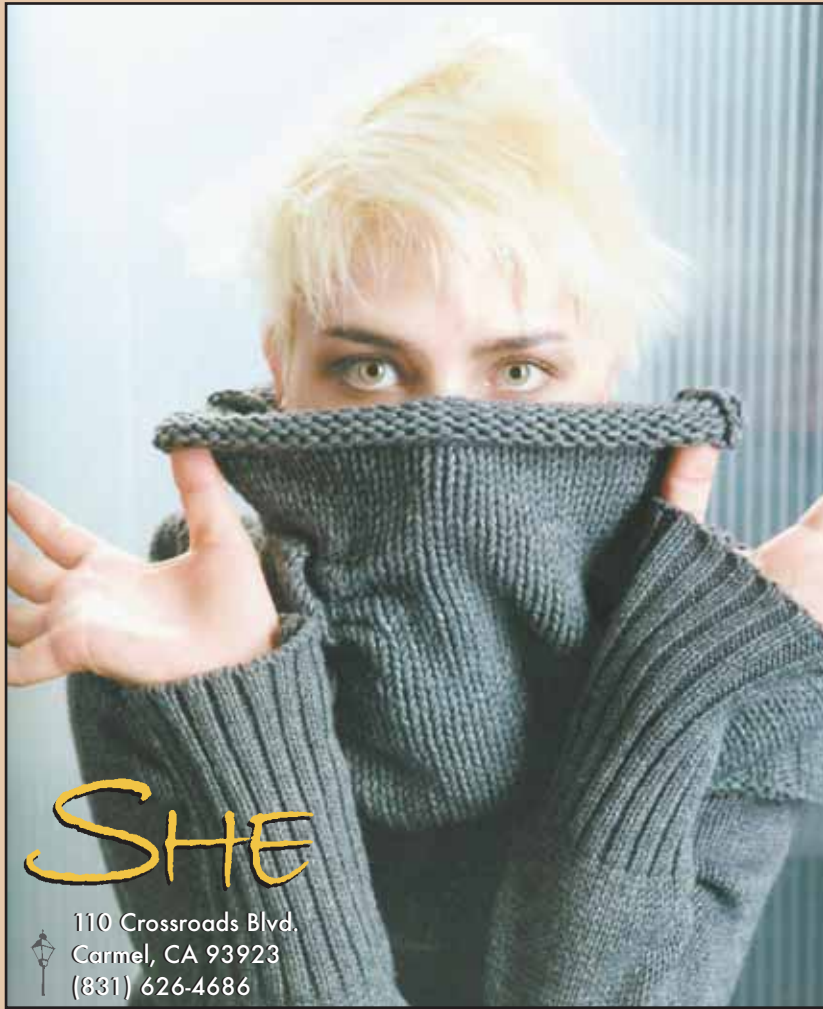
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Cal Am cracks down on water thieves

By MARY BROWNFIELD and KELLY NIX

THOUGH IT'S not as common as shoplifting and isn't as serious as robbery, stealing water from Monterey Peninsula fire hydrants is something California American Water wants to stop.

So Cal Am last week said it's warning contractors and others who illegally tap into fire hydrants they'll be prosecuted if caught.

"We understand there are legitimate reasons for the use of water from a fire hydrant," said Cal Am general manager Craig Anthony. "However, there is a process for obtaining permission to use that water, and we want people to understand and follow the process."

Contractors who need to access hydrants are required to obtain hydrant meter permits from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

After obtaining a permit, the applicant must present it to Cal Am for issuance of a portable meter so the water use can be measured and billed. The permits expire after 60 days but may be extended twice.

Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Bowie told The Pine Cone the company has no idea how much water is illegally taken every year.

"There is really no way of knowing how much it accounts for," she said. "Even if it's 1 percent, or less than 1 percent, it's still too much" on the water-starved Peninsula.

Cal Am workers are in the process of installing message rings — which state in English and Spanish that the illegal use of hydrants will result in criminal charges — on one-third of the company's roughly 3,500 fire hydrants.

"And we are trying to educate people that

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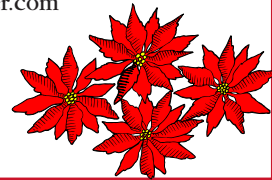
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Bright-eyed and bushy-tailed runners head out on the Rio Resolution Run — restaurateur Tony Tollner's two-decade effort to support the community that has supported him.

By MARY BROWNFIELD

FOR 20 years, restaurateur Tony Tollner has achieved a mean feat: getting a couple thousand people out of bed not long after dawn on New Year's morning — sometimes even in the pouring rain — to go out for his Rio Resolution Run. Tollner, who owns the Rio Grill at the Crossroads in Carmel, launched the event to raise money for charity as a way to give back to the community that supported his restaurant.

He and his partners in Downtown Dining have since opened Tarpy's Roadhouse and Montrio, both of which are going gang-busters as well. Meanwhile, the Rio Run, which offers a 6.3-mile run and 3.1-mile walk/run, continues to draw dedicated athletes and recreational runners alike. Over the years, its proceeds have supported a couple of different charities, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monterey County, which provides mentoring and guidance to children, became the beneficiary a couple of years ago.

The longer run and shorter walk/run will start at 9 a.m. in front of the Rio Grill in the Crossroads at Highway 1 and Rio Road on New Year's Day. The courses are a bit hilly and very beautiful, with participants taking the main trail through Mission Trail park and then heading down through town. The courses split near the ocean, with runners heading down Scenic and around Carmel Point, and walkers taking the shorter route back toward the Mission, where the races end. Afterward, participants walk along Rio Road back to the Crossroads for brunch, which is catered by Rio Grill staff and pancake-flipping volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of Monterey.

Registration for the Rio Run is \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids 12 and under, and includes a long-sleeve T-shirt and brunch. An additional \$20 donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monterey County offers a chance to win a Crossroads shopping spree.

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Matilda was born July 15, 1922 in New England, ND, the daughter of Peter Leo and Gertrude Elizabeth Meyer. Her family had deep roots with ranching and farming. They moved from ND and settled in Carmel Valley, CA.

Tillie is survived by five of her six children, Robert Sinclair, Spanaway, WA; Steve Bispo, Klamath Falls, OR; Ann Wilson, Moses Lake, WA; Joe Bispo, Turlock, CA; and Stuart Bispo, Seaside, CA. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Peter Bispo of Los Gatos, CA; and her husband, Richard B. Meadows.

Tillie loved painting, sewing, gardening, music, and maintaining her home. She will be missed by those who knew her.

*Private family graveside services were held at the Meridian Cemetery, Meridian, ID.
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ELECTION

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■ McCloud

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. That's McCloud's take on the present council, which combines the three longtime members with Ken Talmage and Karen Sharp, who joined in December 2006 and August 2007, respectively.

"We have such a good group working together," she said. "We don't always agree, but we do it with civility."

She touted Hazdovac's business sense, considering she has run a shop with her sister downtown for years and is

heavily involved in that aspect of the community, and Rose's skills and knowledge as a lawyer, which have "been very helpful."

She said residents and business people, including those she doesn't know, have encouraged her to run again.

McCloud listed the economy, the sale of Flanders Mansion — which received voter approval but is mired in a lawsuit — the threat to the water supply on the Peninsula posed by a state cutback order, the possibility of a regional fire department and several major capital projects, including plans for the beach, trails and roads, as priorities.

"The key thing is going to be how we can continue to provide services, keep our expenditures down and try to find new sources of revenue," she said. "And we're the team that knows some of the things we've tried successfully."

■ Burnett

An environmentalist specializing in green energy who worked in Washington, D.C., for the Environmental Protection Agency, Burnett returned to the West Coast last year and launched his own investment business to help companies save on energy costs. He said he wants to give back to his community and decided to vie for a city council seat after talking to people in town and having a friend conduct a telephone poll.

"I've had a great time talking with people around town about what matters to them and how we can bring better solutions to Carmel," he said. "I'm excited about the campaign, and hopefully the people will want me to serve on the city council."

In particular, people are concerned about the faltering economy, evidenced by the number of vacant storefronts in the commercial district.

"One thing I've been hearing a lot is that we need to find ways to really revitalize the downtown," he said. "The shuttered businesses are something nobody wants."

Burnett also serves on the overall economic development committee and the board of the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

Beyond the economy, he did not identify issues of concern or state his position on any of the more contentious Carmel matters, such as Flanders Mansion and the formation of a regional fire department. He said he will have more details after making his formal campaign announcement next month.

"I'm taking this very seriously and will run as good a campaign as I know how, because that's what Carmel deserves," he said.

■ Hazdovac

Hazdovac, already the longest serving council member in the city's 84-year history, said people encouraged her to go for another term.

"Obviously, I don't want to wear out my welcome," she said.

She identified the economy as her No. 1 concern. "The state is in such disastrous shape, and it's pretty scary. That's the main focus," she said. "What's going to happen with everything else? How are we going to get through it?"

Hazdovac favors cutting expenses and generating revenues over using reserve funds to survive during economic downturns, and she hopes to come up with creative ways of marketing the city.

Appointed to the political advisory committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District by then-Mayor Ken White in 1995, Hazdovac also cited water as a key issue.

"It's a real moving target," she said. "Being able to be poised to handle these things is really important."

She described herself as "a commonsense person." "That's what I like to pride myself on: basing my decisions on facts, and not just emotions," she said.

Hazdovac would like to see Flanders Mansion sold, as the voters demanded, and is frustrated by the Flanders Foundation's efforts to thwart them.

"When they stop suing us, we'll be able to do something," she said.

As for the future of the fire department, Hazdovac said she is content with the current setup but advocated for letting city administrator Rich Guillen thoroughly research the issue and then bring recommendations and information to the council for consideration.

She also touted the current council's chemistry and said it's the best she has experienced.

"We have a really good team," she said. "If we didn't have a council that communicates effectively, I wouldn't want to do this again. I don't want to see the mean spiritedness creep into city hall."

■ Rose

"I'm basically running again because I think this is a very scary time for Carmel," he said. "The state of the economy and the dangers posed to our infrastructure really cry out for experience and cooperation, and the present council has demonstrated again and again that we are not only willing, but able, to tackle the hard issues and do it in a way that's both cooperative and civil."

He also expressed anxiety over "nastiness that has cropped up over the last few months," particularly a sexual-harassment and age-discrimination lawsuit filed by human resources manager Jane Miller.

"It would be a mistake to walk away from the council when so much more needs to be done," he said.

Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance and the future of the fire department are among Rose's top issues. He has a seat on the ambulance board and said he's "uniquely placed to shepherd it through the next year, which I think will be a real challenge."

CRFA is a joint venture of Carmel and the Carmel Valley Fire Protection District, which is broke. A current yearlong contract has Carmel responsible for much of the administrative aspects of the organization.

"Fire is something that's going to have to be addressed sometime in the next 18 months, and I don't think there's anybody who's more knowledgeable about the ins and outs of that than I am," he added.

Regarding infrastructure, Rose said now is the time to invest in road improvements, retrofit the Forest Theater and figure out what to do with the long-closed Scout House.

"For years we've been postponing some of the heavy duty work that needs to be done," he said. "You don't spend money if you don't have it, but we've been saving for a rainy day, and it's starting to rain. Deciding how to spend money is not a job for amateurs."

He also wants to see the sale of Flanders Mansion come to fruition and said the Local Coastal Program, which he helped draft, carries many mandates that will have to be implemented soon.

"This is very complicated stuff," he said.

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Photographer: 'Landscapes are most expressive in bad weather'

DESPITE HIS affection for cloudy weather, Arup Biswas isn't trying to be a downer. But as a fine art photographer, it's difficult for him to find a good subject on a sunny day.

"I find landscapes are most expressive in low light and bad weather conditions," said Biswas, who will unveil an exhibit of his work Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Majorie Evans Gallery.

A member of Carmel's Center for Photographic Art, Biswas looks upon each of his photographs as a dialogue between himself and the natural world.

"I strive to capture a rare intimate conversation with the landscape," he explained. "Many times I would spend hours in a location before I could listen to the landscape. To create these photographs, I often revisit a location many times until I am happy with the capture."

The gallery, which is located on San Carlos between Seventh and Eighth (at Sunset Center), will host a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. Biswas' work will be on display until Dec. 31.

For more information, call (831) 620-2052.



Like many experienced photographers, Arup Biswas prefers to shoot landscapes under shady or even stormy skies — conditions that give his photos extra expressiveness, Biswas says. A show of his work begins Dec. 19 at Sunset Center.

Foundation offers gifting tips

THE CARMEL Foundation, the venerable nonprofit that serves people age 55 and older by providing low-cost meals, classes, shopping and field trips, transportation to medical appointments and other benefits, is encouraging people to do their holiday shopping there, too.

According to development manager Aimee Cuda, would-be gift givers can purchase memberships or renew lapsed memberships for friends and loved ones.

They can also pick up meal tickets for members, who are invited to partake in low-cost lunches prepared onsite four days per week. The foundation also delivers meals to the homebound.

The nonprofit offers gift cards covering the costs of rides to doctors' appointments and grocery shopping for those who can't drive themselves, and gift certificates for any of the foundation's services and goods are also available.

Finally, she said, supporters can set up memorials or honoraria in the names of friends or family members, with the money helping to support the foundation's myriad efforts on behalf of seniors.

For more information, call Cuda at (831) 624-1588 ext. 45 or email acuda@carmelfoundation.org. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.carmelfoundation.org.

Despite quirks, mission is ideal setting for Christmas concert

By CHRIS COUNTS

CARMEL MISSION Basilica may not be a state-of-the-art concert hall, but it's the perfect setting for the Monterey Symphony's traditional holiday performance.

The symphony presents its annual Christmas concert, In Terra Pax (which means, "And on Earth, Peace"), Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18-19, at the Mission.

Despite the venue's limitations, the holiday concerts at the mission are among the most popular performances the symphony stages all year.

"Our audiences love to come to concerts at the Mission," said Joseph Truskot, executive director for the symphony. "But it's not a concert hall — it's a church. It has its challenges, and we do our best to make accommodations. It's the ambiance that keeps us coming back."

The concert will feature performances of Adolphe Adam's "O Holy Night," Mozart's "Eine kleine nacht Musik" and Horn Quintet, K.407, John Jacob Niles' "I Wonder As I Wander," Tchaikovsky's "Andante cantabile," Gustav Holst's "Personent Hodie" and "Christmas Day," Jules Massenet's "Meditation from Thais," Morten Lauridsen's "O Nata Lux," Gerald Finzi's "In

terra pax" and the traditional hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful."

"The first half of each concert will feature members of the orchestra, and after the intermission, the chorus comes in," Truskot explained.

On Tchaikovsky's "Andante cantabile," principal cellist Robin Bonnell will perform a solo. "He's been with us for about a dozen years and this is the first time he's been featured as a soloist," Truskot noted.

Other soloists include instrumentalists Thomas Yee (violin), Kathleen Theilen (harp), Alex Camphouse (horn) and Eleanor Avila (organ), and vocalists Aimée Puentes (soprano) and Peter Tuff (baritone).

Leroy Kromm will serve as chorus director and conductor, while Yee takes on the role of concertmaster.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$60 for adults, and up to three children can accompany an adult at \$10 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased up to 4 p.m. Friday by calling (831) 646-8511. Tickets are also available online at www.montereysymphony.org. Although the symphony's holiday concerts typically sell out, some tickets may be available at the door.

Both concerts start at 8 p.m. The mission is located at 3080 Rio Road.



If you want your Christmas music performed in an authentic setting, be sure to attend the Monterey Symphony's holiday concert at the Carmel Mission Dec. 18 and 19.

Opera singer brings cheer to gallery

By CHRIS COUNTS

CARMEL'S NEWEST gallery specializes in California art, but for one festive evening, Mountainsong Galleries will celebrate the holidays with an event that showcases not a painter or a sculptor, but a world class singing voice.

Baritone Peter Tuff, who has been featured as a vocalist in more than 100 operas, will present a Christmas concert Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the Carmel gallery.

"He once sang with Pavarotti," gallery owner Lucinda Mountainsong said.

Tuff, who will be accompanied by a pianist, will sing holiday favorites, such as "Sleigh Ride," "Winter Wonderland," "O Holy Night," "I Wonder As I Wander," "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "White Christmas."

A member of the Vienna State Opera for six seasons, Tuff was often featured as a soloist in the Imperial Chapel, where he performed with the Vienna Boys Choir and members of the Vienna Philharmonic. Back in the United States, Tuff spent 10 years in Colorado, where he sang with the Opera Theater of the Rockies, the Colorado Springs Philharmonic, the Denver Bach Society and the Central City Opera Ensemble.

Tuff, who also serves as director of oper-

ations for the Monterey Symphony, will perform in the same gallery where his wife, artist Leanna Tuff, works. "Leanna is a portrait artist," Mountainsong explained.

The concert is free. The gallery is located on the south side of Ocean Avenue just up the hill from San Carlos Street. For more information, call (831) 626-0600.

■ Ric Taylor, Kiki Wow return

Singer-songwriter Ric Taylor returns Saturday, Dec. 19, to Plaza Linda restaurant, where he will team up with Carmel Valley singer-songwriter Kiki Wow, known to many locals as music promoter Kiki Whitman.

"Ric's folk-rock sound weaves a story, engaging the imagination throughout the entire song," Wow said. "His vocals are very similar to Graham Nash, and his lyrics are thought provoking and funny. Ric can put more words in a song that make sense on so many levels than anyone I know."

Wow, meanwhile, embraces an easy-listening sound that pays tribute to many of her musical influences, particularly Karen Carpenter and the Beach Boys.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Plaza Linda is located at 9 Del Fino

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Holiday feasts, bike-friendly joints and one gigantic ginger

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CHRISTMASTIME MEANS decadent dinners, traditional foods, an abundance of treats and a certain amount of overindulgence.

Many restaurants offer celebratory meals for those who don't want to stay home, and the chefs know they can't serve up run-of-the-mill fare. The ideal Christmas Eve or Christmas dinner is creatively presented but evokes sentimentality while being offered in a warm, comfortable and festive place.

At his restaurants in Carmel, Kurt Grasing has his holiday cookery down pat.

On Christmas Eve, he serves a \$42 prix fixe dinner featuring langoustine pasta, prime rib or roast goose at Grasing's Coastal Cuisine. He then closes that restaurant and heads over to Kurt's Carmel Chop House a few blocks away to cook on Christmas day.

"At the Chop House, we're open on Christmas from 3 p.m. on, and will have prime rib, roast turkey and some nice ham available prix fixe at \$42," Grasing said.

He also does the whole shebang to go, with enough to feed eight. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings is \$185, and a prime rib dinner with jus, creamed horseradish, potatoes, vegetables and bread pudding is

\$225. Both include Grasing's crab bisque, too.

"We're always closed for Christmas at Grasing's and always open for Christmas at the Chop House," he said. "And then we've been doing the to-gos for six or seven years, and that's been received really well."

The restaurant crews also work hard to create an atmosphere everyone finds welcoming.

"People who aren't celebrating Christmas but want to come in on Christmas Day can come have the best steak in town," he said. "And those who are celebrating can come in

and have a great Christmas dinner, and they don't have to clean up."

Grasing spends most of the holiday in the restaurant working alongside his staff, starting with turning all the ovens on early in the morning.

"It's kind of hard to ask someone else to work Christmas if you're not working Christmas," he said. He opens gifts with his family early and then goes to work. "I put in a full day but try to sit down and have some family time, too."

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Over the hill in Pacific Grove, Pierre and Marietta Bain at Fandango will be serving Christmas-inspired specials in addition to their already extensive menu.

On Christmas Eve, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Bains will offer a \$14.95 holiday lunch that includes roasted tom turkey, chestnut gravy, mashed potatoes and giblet gravy.

"I always love turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce ...," Marietta Bain said. "Thanksgiving is not often enough."

For dinner, which will run from 5 to 8 p.m., guests can select turkey and all the traditional accompaniments (\$26.75); Peking Duck a L'Orange (\$29.95), Beef Wellington (\$42.75) or broiled Australian cold-water lobster tail (\$75).

On Christmas, Fandango will be open from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and offer the same specials. The Bains' chocolate Bûche De Noël will round out the evening.

As a chef and restaurant owner, Pierre Bain said, "You look forward to Christmas, because the menu includes things you don't have all the time."

The couple will also decorate their charming restaurant, which has several warm and inviting rooms, and will play Parisian Christmas music throughout. Fandango is located at 223 17th St. in Pacific Grove. Call (831) 372-3456 for reservations.

■ **Xmas dinner of a different stripe**

The Monterey Fairgrounds will host a free holiday event, complete with a feast, live music, face painting, toys and gifts, and a visit from Santa Claus, on Dec. 25. The 24th annual community Christmas dinner will be offered from noon to 3 p.m. in the Monterey Room, and is open to anyone and everyone with an appetite.

"It's a Merry Christmas pageant of friends and volunteers, all coming together to celebrate the bounty of the county," according to organizer Rich Hughett.

Volunteers interested in helping prepare, set up and serve the meal are welcome and should contact Shirley Thompson at (831) 384-7193, while anyone who would like to contribute a ham, a turkey or cash should call Hughett at (831) 757-5709.

■ **Dinner on the edge**

The Highlands Inn will serve a Christmas feast Dec. 25 and celebrate New Year's Eve in its dramatic Pacific's Edge restaurant, which offers fabulous food and breathtaking ocean views.

From 2 to 8 p.m. Dec. 25, a four-course prix fixe menu will include seared scallop with foie gras "brûlée," grilled

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Tasmanian salmon with caramelized celery root and bacon cream, spice-roasted pork tenderloin with dried fruit and Calvados reduction, and gingerbread soufflé with milk chocolate ice cream. Prices are \$85 for adults and \$40 for children ages 5 to 12, plus tax and tip. Children 4 and under free.

On New Year's Eve, the restaurant will offer a 5:30-to-7 p.m. first seating — which will feature a three-course dinner for \$85 per person — and an 8-to-9:30 p.m. second seating that will include a four-course prix fixe menu. Guests for the second seating, which costs \$175, will also enjoy a Champagne toast, party favors, goody bags and live music by Cocoa Beat.

The inn and restaurant are located at 120 Highlands Drive in Carmel. For reservations, call (831) 622-5445.

More New Year's fun

Cannery Row may be the place to be to ring in 2010, with the famous Sardine Factory restaurant and little Bistro Moulin offering special menus.

From 5 p.m. until closing Dec. 31, the Sardine Factory will serve a prix fixe dinner of Maine lobster truffle bisque, classic Caesar salad, and entrée choices of roasted USDA Prime filet mignon and wild Pacific prawns with pommes Anna, baby carrots, green beans and forest mushroom chive sauce; butter-poached Maine lobster with lobster risotto, sautéed asparagus and tarragon sauce; or roasted four-bone New Zealand rack of lamb with sautéed spinach, roasted fingerling potatoes, port sauce and mint jelly. A classic Napoleon will be served for dessert.

The cost is \$59.95 per person, and the restaurant's regular and children's menus will also be available. The Sardine Factory is located at 701 Wave St. To reserve, visit www.opentable.com or call (831) 373-3775.

Just down the block at 867 Wave, Bistro Moulin will showcase a three-course prix fixe for \$55 per person that will include Dungeness crab bisque or butter leaf hearts with caviar dressing, followed by jamon Serrano with celery remoulade, roasted peppers and mâche, or petite steak tartare. The main-course options will be *Saint-Jacques au Beurre de Truffe* — seared sea scallops, cauliflower purée and truffle beurre blanc; *Cannelloni alla San Remo* — lobster, shrimp and spinach cannelloni in a pink vodka sauce; *Faisan au Calvados* — roasted pheasant with foie gras and Calvados sauce, and red cabbage; or *Filet de Boeuf au Poivre* — filet mignon flamed with Cognac, crushed Yukon Gold potatoes and forest mushrooms.

For reservations, call (831) 333-1200.

Have helmet, get discount

Last month, avid cyclist Mari Lynch launched a promotion intended to get more people bike riding. HER Helmet Thursdays — which have nothing in particular to do with women, since HER stands for “hotels, entertainment and restaurants” — feature such businesses offering discounts to cyclists who ride there, carry their helmets in and mention the discount program.

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■ One gigantic ginger

The Ginger People — the prolific local company that peddles all things ginger, from soothing drinks, to candy chews — unveiled a 16,000-pound tribute to the spicy tuber Thursday. According to company founder Abbie Leeson, the granite statue, which she believes is eligible for the Guinness Book of World Records for being the largest ginger statue ever, took more than two years to create and is a gift from the company's Chinese business partners.

"It's in honor of the new building," which the company purchased on Reindollar in Marina two years ago, she said. "And it's also

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THIEVES

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Cal Am also asked local law enforcement agencies for their "cooperation in treating water theft as a serious crime."

unless they are with the fire department, hydrants are off-limits," Anthony said.

Residential theft also a problem
In addition, several homeowners have

reported suspected water theft from their residences, possibly by contractors working at nearby building sites.

In October, Carmel homeowner Elizabeth Williams told police someone used 31,000 gallons of water at her Carpenter Street house — which is vacant and for sale — between Sept. 3 and Oct. 7.

She received a \$675 bill from Cal Am, which confirmed the loss was not due to leakage. She decided to have the water to the property shut off.

And last week, Sand Dunes Road homeowner Carolyn Rudolph notified the Monterey County Sheriff's Office that someone had stolen 38,000 gallons of water from her Pebble Beach property. Cmdr. Tracy Brown said Cal Am is investigating the case.

In the meantime, Anthony said law enforcement and contractors are inclined to help reduce theft from hydrants.

"We've received a positive response," he said. "Everyone appreciates how important it is to save water on the Monterey Peninsula."

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"Don Chapin Co. was absolutely professional and did a fabulous job," she said. "It's so precious to us."

She said the Chinese partners, who are quite superstitious, liked the name of the street for its reference to "raining dollars."

"If we were on 888 Reindollar, we'd really be doing well," she said, referring to the Chinese belief that the number eight is good luck.

MUSIC

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Place. For more information, call (831) 659-2629.

Also performing this week are the following:

■ Big Sur pianist Dick Whittington performs jazz interpretations of standards from the Great American Songbook Friday and Saturday from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Cypress Inn, which is located at Lincoln and Seventh in Carmel.

For more information, call (831) 624-3871.

■ Rocker Mike Beck performs a solo acoustic concert Friday at the Ice Cream Shoppe, which is located at 708 Lighthouse

Ave. in Pacific Grove. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information, call (831) 642-9789.

■ The Shillelahs play folk Friday at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur. The music starts at 9 p.m., and there's no cover. Fernwood is located on Highway 1 about 25 miles south of Carmel.

For more information, call (831) 667-2422.

■ I Cantori di Carmel, a local choral group, presents a holiday program, "Follow a Star," Saturday at Canterbury Woods Auditorium, which is located at 651 Sinex Ave. in Pacific Grove. For more information, call (831) 657-4193.

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P.G. to charge 60 percent more for rent at poet's perch

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE'S next poet-in-residence will be paying a lot more to rent out the Poet's Perch, the name of the home the city allows writers to live in while they fulfill their poetic duties.

In exchange for organizing one poetry-related event per month, such as a reading or workshop, the city will allow a poet to live in the cottage at 140 18th St., for one year. But the "reduced" rent the city expects from its poet will climb from \$565 — the price the last poet, Garland Thompson paid — to a \$900 per month.

To move in, the new poet will also have to fork over \$2,700, which includes an \$1,800

security deposit and the first month's rent. Poets will also have to submit a current credit report.

Though a rental increase was expected, the city hadn't announced how much it would be until recently, when it posted the application for the program online.

The chosen poet will be able to occupy the small home from June 1, 2010, to May 31, 2011. The city is accepting poets' applications for the program in January.

Besides being able to make more money by raising the rent, the city believes the increase will open up the poet program to more applicants.

That's because in previous years, poets who did not have low-income status were

excluded from applying for the program.

And there hasn't exactly been a flood of applicants for the poet-in-residence program — only three poets applied in 2007.

Though poets with low incomes can still apply for the program, they might not be able to afford the higher rent.

Applicants must show the city they are qualified, either by being a published poet, having studied poetry or having taught the subject.

The rent increase and other changes were made because the city's cultural arts commission, which oversees the program, believed the city's poet should do more to earn his keep.

At its Aug. 10 meeting, the commission concluded that since the program's inception in 2002, "the amount of poetry-related community service had not consistently met the expectations of the commission, nor the intent" of the will.

The poet-in-residence program began when Whitney Latham-Lechich, a P.G. resident and poet, willed her home to the city for the purpose of maintaining the small house for poetry-related purposes.

Since then, three poets have held the position, receiving reduced rent in exchange for providing poetry-related community services, such as conducting poetry workshops and teaching poetry to high school students.

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CHOMP diabetes program cuts costs, improves health of workers

By KELLY NIX

A PROGRAM at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula that helps employees with diabetes better manage the disease is trimming health plan costs while improving the health of workers and their families.

Launched last year, Life Connections teaches CHOMP workers with diabetes how to make easy lifestyle changes to reduce blood sugar levels.

The program includes 10 hours of classes and at least four 30-minute one-on-one coaching sessions per year. "People walk away knowing how to manage their diabetes day to day," Tricia Vincent, CHOMP outpatient nutrition and diabetes program manager, said of the Life Connections program.

Provided by CHOMP at no cost, the program is also open to family members of employees enrolled in the hospital's health insurance plan.

During the diabetes course, the nearly 100 participants of the program have learned how to test their blood sugar and learn what foods can cause a spike in blood sugar levels.

"Pretty soon, they're able to identify, 'Oh, this type of food can affect my blood sugar,'" Vincent said.

Other Life Connections programs help those with high blood pressure, cholesterol management and coronary artery disease.

CHOMP Vice President Tim Nysten said there were two reasons the hospital began the Life Connections program.

"We wanted to improve the health and the quality of life of our employees," he said. "Also, we are self-insured, and it's a significant expense on an annual basis for us."

Since the diabetes program began, there have been a 60 percent reduction in hospital admissions and a 39 percent reduction in emergency department visits among its participants, according to CHOMP.

That's because those enrolled in Life Connections are in better health, with improved blood sugar levels and cholesterol measurements, Vincent said.

Besides offering health education and personalized coaching, Life Connections waives copayments for certain prescription drugs and reimburses patients for some diabetes-related supplies. And the program is saving the hospital \$40,000 to \$50,000 per month in group health costs from the diabetes program, Nysten said.

CHOMP based its Life Connections program on a similar effort started by Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C.

"We did a site visit and met with their team and talked about potentially building our own program here," Nysten said.

Because of its success, CHOMP may open up the program to the public sometime next year, Nysten said.



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PLANNING COMMISSION OF TWO MINDS ABOUT METAL

■ Metal roof nixed, garage OK'd — sort of

By MARY BROWNFIELD

BART ROBERTSON can have the garage at his Santa Lucia Avenue house situated so he doesn't have to blindly back his car out of the driveway, but he can't have a metal roof, even if it would withstand the elements better than typical wood shakes, the Carmel Planning Commission unanimously decided last week.

Planner Marc Wiener told commissioners the now defunct design review board had

approved several changes to the house, including construction of a detached garage at the front of the lot, installation of an elevator tower and the replacement of siding and windows, last May.

But it had denied designer Dana Annereau's application for a metal roof, which would have been highly visible from the street since the house is below the road.

City design guidelines state that roofing materials should be consistent with the architecture of the home and the surrounding area, and "metal, plastic and glass roofs are inappropriate in all neighborhoods." Wiener also raised concerns about glare and recommended the commission deny the roof.

At the Dec. 9 meeting, Annereau presented a sample of the metal and hoped to convince commissioners to approve it.

"What we're trying to do is create a building they can live in and enjoy," he said of his clients. "They want to spend the money now so they don't have to spend the money later on maintenance issues." He said the roof would be a dark "weathered copper" color.

Commissioner Victoria Beach asked if he had considered copper, but he said it was too costly. Annereau also mentioned solar panels could be installed on the roof.

"I'm perplexed why the guidelines say, 'No metal,'" Beach commented. "Metal is a natural material — it's mined in the earth — and we allow metal windows." She also wondered why glass roofs are forbidden.

"I would support a metal roof if it was not painted and would weather naturally," she said.

"Carmel is not trendy, and they encourage us to use natural materials, so I don't think I can support the roof," commissioner Steve Hillyard commented.

Wiener also recommended denial of the request to locate the garage farther from the

street by cantilevering it over the edge of the upper level of the home, because it would exceed height limits.

"Moving the garage four feet makes a huge difference in being able to maneuver, specifically because when you're backing out, you can't see over the back of your car," Annereau argued.

Beach agreed with the need for a safe exit from the driveway but said cantilevering the garage should be the last resort.

Commissioners unanimously decided the designer should look at other options for the garage, but if all else fails, they would approve it as designed. Either way, Annereau will have to return to the planning commission for a vote.

■ Commissioners OK aluminum-clad windows in fire zone

A house in fire-prone Pescadero Canyon can have aluminum-clad windows, the com-

See METAL page 31A

Planning commissioners voted down a metal roof for this Santa Lucia home, in part because it would be so visible from the street. Story poles indicate the owner's desired location for a garage.



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On 5 January 2010, the City Council will conduct a public hearing and consider first reading of the ordinance described in this Notice. Final adoption of the proposed ordinance would occur at a subsequent, regular City Council meeting and the ordinance would take effect 30 days thereafter.

The proposed ordinance would abandon and discontinue use of the Flanders Mansion Parcel as parkland. The Flanders Mansion Parcel (APN 010-061-005), consists of an approximately 1.252-acre parcel improved with a single-family residence and located within the Mission Trail Nature Preserve in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California.

The proposed ordinance is consistent with the results of the election on 3 November 2009 wherein the voters of Carmel-by-the-Sea approved Measure I, calling for the abandonment and discontinuance of use of the Flanders Mansion Property as parkland, and authorizing sale of the property. Persons interested in this matter may obtain additional information at Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall.

The hearing will be held at 4:30 p.m., in City Hall, East Side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, in Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. The City Council will receive oral comments from the public at the hearing. Anyone interested in this matter also may submit written comments prior to the meeting to:

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FRAUD

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There were also conflicting stories about the discovery of a ransom note found after the burglary, as well as questions about its genuineness.

While investigators accused the men of stalling and failing to furnish any useful information, including verification that the stolen pieces even existed and were in their home in the first place, Amadio and Kennaugh accused the sheriff's office of corruption and ineptitude.

But news on what had been described as the second largest art heist in history has been quiet for the past couple of months.

"We don't have much to say right now," Richards said. "This is still an ongoing investigation of the original reported burglary of the residence, and now a second investigation involving fraud on the part of the victims. Yes, they are still considered suspects, and we are still actively investigating that."

He said detectives suspect the men of insurance fraud and reported they continue to be uncooperative and have not provided any information to validate the existence of the pieces and their ownership of the originals.

SAND

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ment guidelines to suit its no-growth stance.

"You can't have a level playing field when Peter Douglas' personal philosophy is, 'No development on the coast,'" he said.

Monterey Bay Shores is planned across from Seaside High School west of Highway 1. The site was a sand mine and garbage dump.

"Our coast is not Monterey and Pebble Beach," Pendergrass said.

Ghandour said development plans would include stabilizing the dunes and returning native plant species, which have been overrun by nonnative vegetation.

RENTALS

From page 1A

Though the city has identified some landlords who rent illegally, enforcing the law has proved difficult and requires extensive administrative efforts, according to the city.

If landlords don't register their units, they could face stiff fines, including forfeiting past rent made while the tax was in place.

Besides the extra revenue, the city contends regulation of short-term rentals will help protect residential neighborhoods. Some P.G. residents have complained about problems with vacation-rental tenants.

The city wants the new ordinance in place before the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in February 2010 and the 2010 U.S. Open Championship in Pebble Beach in June, golf events that likely draw people to P.G. vacation rentals.

The second reading of the ordinance and adoption is set for the Jan. 6, 2010, city council meeting, and the ordinance is expected to take effect immediately after that.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, the council approved changes to streamline the city's architectural and historic

review process, and to increase permit fees, one of several ways the city is trying to close its budget gap.

The council also approved hiring a new assistant planner and made staffing changes in several departments to improve customer service, increase revenue and reduce overtime costs.

In 2007, the city underwent a reorganization, eliminating two dozen employee positions and replacing them with 20 lower paid positions in order to save about a half million dollars.

"Since the reorganization, the city staff is really a skeleton crew," P.G. senior planner Sarah Hardgrave told The Pine Cone. "And it appears that there are some adjustments being made to support us."

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Roger E. Larson

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Roger E. Larson - visionary architect, unwitting mentor to many young people and protector of old trees - died peacefully November 12, 2009, following several years of suffering from progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP).

Roger Eugene Larson was born in 1935 in Cresco, Iowa. He graduated from St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, in 1957 and from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Architecture in 1962. He and his family lived in Philadelphia, PA, and Berkeley and Carmel, CA, during most of his architectural career. He and his wife, Janice T. Larson, moved to Port Ludlow, WA, in 1991 where they built their own post and beam house. They moved to Maiden Rock, WI, in 2007, where they were living at the time of his death.

During his years in Carmel - 1966 through 1990 - Roger was employed by the architectural firms of Wallace Holm and of Will Shaw before he and David Allen Smith, who also worked in Will Shaw's firm, formed the partnership of Smith and Larson, Architects. Roger later opened his own firm, Roger E. Larson, Architect/Planner.

Roger E. Larson, Architect/Planner, was honored with awards and the publishing of his work in newspapers, magazines and books during his career. The project of which he was most proud was the design of a modular post and beam building system for houses of moderate cost. He was also proud of receiving a patent for the manufacturing process of building panels, made from recycled newspaper, to be used with the building system. In order to further make his houses affordable he earned a contractor's license so he could build as well as design the houses for his clients. He insisted, always, that architects make houses - people make them homes.

Roger's focus on architecture and the environment led to his becoming an accomplished architectural and landscape photographer in the field and in the darkroom. He was also a skilled player of liars dice (often at Whitney's) and an award-winning sandcastle builder (the Golden Shovel one year, Honor Award another year). He was a determined, active opponent of the proposed Hatton Canyon Freeway project. He presented CalTrans and the public with graphic evidence of damage to the environment and landscape that would result from the overpass and from the freeway being built in the canyon. Throughout his life he maintained a keen interest in music and the arts, football and basketball, hiking and camping, picnicking in Carmel Valley and on the beach, travel in the U.S., Canada and Europe and good food. His occasional forays into the kitchen were always major messy events which, with one notable exception (the concrete Napoleans), successfully concluded with wonderfully delicious repasts.

Roger's survivors include his wife, Janice, son Dana, daughters Kari and Maria, their partners Lisa Schultz and David Miller, brother Paul Larson, in-laws Jim and Carol Thomson, nieces, nephews and cousins. He also leaves extended family members Daniel, Ruth, Christine, John and Muoi, Kap, Greg and Jimbo.

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WELLS

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reliability and water-quality issues.

"The risk of environmental impact on the neighborhood and the community ... is not merely speculation on the part of the neighbors who are in opposition to granting a permit for a permanent well," according to a letter sent to the planning commission from Scott Hislop, who also opposes the Chopin

Enterprises well.

The Dallases made a presentation Monday before Monterey Peninsula Water Management District directors, urging them not to approve the water well.

"They told us we shouldn't process and approve the system because they saw problems with it," MPWMD general manager Darby Fuerst told The Pine Cone Thursday.

The group contends that, among other things, if wells fail, homeowners will ask Cal Am to hook them up to its water system.



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

This well was drilled on Serra Avenue earlier this year. Without it, the property owner could not use his land.

"These failures could result in a situation where increased demands are placed upon the Cal Am system to bail out property owners," according to Hislop's letter.

But aside from safety reasons and taxing Cal Am's water supplies, there may be another motivation behind opposing the wells: They could mean more development of vacant lots.

"The issue ... does not concern only Chopin Enterprises' application for a well permit" Hislop's letter reads. "It concerns 60 other undeveloped parcels, which are on the wait list to acquire a water service connection through Cal Am."

Fuerst said his agency has halted processing Chopin Enterprises' water distribution permit until the appeal is resolved by the supervisors.

But Fuerst acknowledged some fear wells could be employed to develop property that otherwise would be undevelopable because of the lack of water.

"In general ... there is this sense that more and more people will develop wells on individual lots," he said.

Though Monterey County Supervisor Dave Potter couldn't be reached for comment this week, his aide indicated Potter is heeding the concerns of the concerned neighbors in Carmel Woods.

"Dave's concern is that these wells might have a detrimental impact on surrounding properties by drying up the underground water, negatively impacting the surrounding environment," according to aide Kathleen Lee.

Fuerst said because of the worries, the district could thwart efforts by property owners to dig wells.

"We may be looking at developing an ordinance that would suspend processing permits for wells in fractured systems," he said. "It would be a temporary suspension."

Wells that tap water in fractured granite are very common in mountainous parts of California.

According to a Nov. 18 Monterey County Planning Commission report, the Chopin well lies on 6,144 square feet. Planners and the county health department determined the property's well water was safe for drinking and did not need treatment.

When considering approving a well application, the MPWMD looks at water supply issues and whether the supply is sufficient to meet the demand. The county makes sure wells do not affect residents within 1,000 feet and don't significantly impact the environment.

"Basically, they are leaving no stone unturned in challenging this," Fuerst said of those opposing wells in Carmel Woods.



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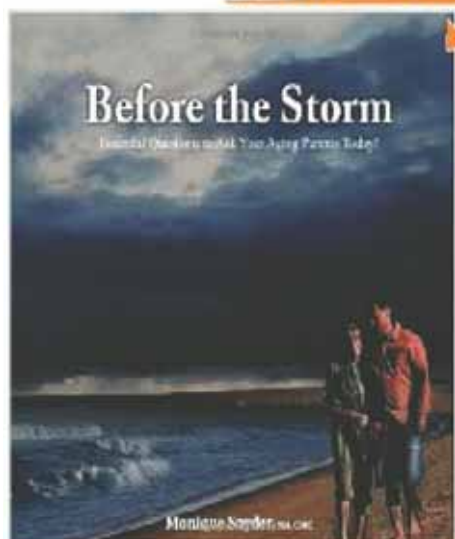
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HENRY LEE WENNER
Case Number MP 19750

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WILLIAM B. WENNER, JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that WILLIAM B. WENNER, JR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held on in this court as follows:
Date: January 29, 2010
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Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 15, 2009.

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Sandy Claws By Margot Petit Nichols

BAXTER BROOKS, 3, is now the second Cavalier King Charles spaniel in the Brooks' household. Mom Barbara and Dad Steve didn't know they needed another dog until Baxter showed up. Mom said she almost named Baxter Potato Chip, because "you can't have just one Cavalier."



Already ensconced in the Brooks household were Victor, 12, a border collie mix, and Blossom, 6, a Cavalier who joined the family 5 years ago. Blossom immediately fell in love with Baxter. She licks his face, and he tries to bite her tongue during the licking, so it seems they're mutually enamored.

Victor puts up with all this Cavalier nonsense, but as he's odd man out, and top dog at that, Dad Steve gives him special attention and extra time on his lap.

To welcome Baxter to the family, Mom bought him a bed similar to Blossom's and Victor's. He slept in it happily for two nights. On the third night, when it was time for lights out, he found Victor had taken over his bed as a none-too-subtle protest from the

senior dog in the house. When Baxter turned to occupy Victor's old bed, Blossom beat him to it.

Mom Barbara diffused this highly charged political situation by buying elder statesman Victor a brand new bed in keeping with his family status. That night, Victor slept in his new bed, Blossom slept in her old one, and newbie Baxter resumed possession of his. Once again, all was right with the world.

Now at night, when they're snug in their respective beds, and after Mom and Dad have turned out the lights, Baxter waits awhile and then comes stealthily up from the foot of the bed "like a soldier under fire," as Mom puts it, to claim territory between his new folks.

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Jan. 6 - The Luncheon Meeting of the Monterey Bay Republican Women's Federated Club will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, at Rancho Canada Golf Club, 4860 Carmel Valley Rd. The speaker is Gregory D. Lee, Nationally Syndicated Columnist & Criminal Justice Consultant. His topic:

"Why Osama Bin Laden Has Not Been Captured." Social time is at 11:30 a.m., and luncheon starts at noon. \$20 per member and their guest, \$25 for non-members. RSVP: (831) 375-3573 or visit www.mbrwf.org for more information.

Jan. 8 - Friends of Joyce Porter Charity Benefit to help with hospital costs and time off work to recover from surgery. Music by Victory Lane, Belly Dancing by Masha Loukianenko, live drumming by Craig Holding, Silent Auction at the Fuse Lounge at the Carmel Mission Inn, 3665 Rio Road, Carmel. \$25/person. (831) 624-1841

Writer's grandson inspires new book

CARMEL AUTHOR Lori Howell will sign copies of her new children's book, "An Adventure with Joshua and Hoppy Frog," Saturday, Dec. 19, at Thinker Toys.

"Adventure" tells the story of a young boy who meets a frog while visiting the beach with his family. The frog, sadly, has a low opinion of himself. The two strike up a friendship, and along the way, they learn some important life lessons.

"I'm teaching children about self-worth,"

explained Howell, who has lived in Carmel for nine years.

The book was inspired by Howell's 9-year-old grandson, Joshua, and features illustrations by Virginia Holbrook.

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Editorial

The trial should stay

WE COULD understand it if lawyers for the State Water Resources Control Board went to court to keep Pine Cone readers off the jury that will render a verdict on the SWRCB's boneheaded decision to slash the Monterey Peninsula's water supply by 70 percent.

After all, for more than 10 years, we've been highlighting the bizarre circumstances that led to the Peninsula's never-ending water shortage, warning of the dire circumstances the shortage would invariably create for the public's health, not to mention the local economy, and criticizing the myriad of local, state and federal officials whose callousness or incompetence (or both) got us where we are today.

In fact, if the jury on the SWRCB's "cease and desist" order comprised Pine Cone readers, at the end of the trial, the verdict wouldn't be whether the order should be allowed to take effect, but how much hard time the people who passed the water cutback order in the first place should serve.

So we agree with the logic behind SWRCB's motion for a change of venue, in the sense that the cutback order doesn't stand a chance of being upheld if the verdict is to be rendered by people with even a smidgen of understanding of how our water problems came to be and what should be done about them.

The only way the order could ever have been proposed, much less approved by an august state agency, would be if the people behind it didn't have the slightest idea what they were up to. And now, in asking that the trial on the cutback order be moved to another county, SWRCB officials are apparently hoping to find a dozen people in San Francisco, Santa Cruz or San Jose who are as clueless as they are.

And therein lies the truly insulting nature of the change-of-venue motion the SWRCB filed last week.

In the motion, the attorney general, representing the SWRCB, argued the agency would be seen as an "outsider" in Monterey County, and that county residents who would suffer the consequences of the 70 percent water cutback order would therefore be "prejudiced" against the state officials who promulgated it.

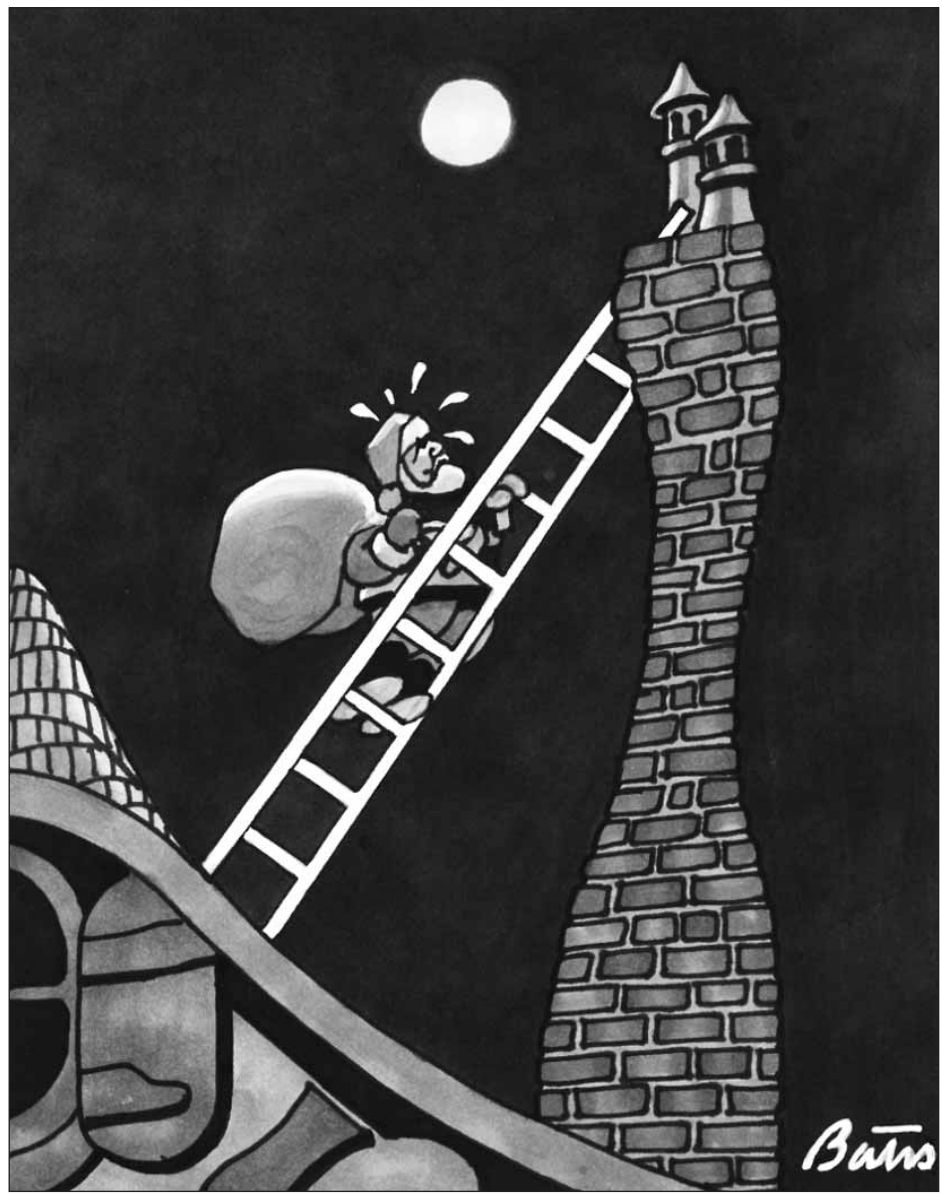
That's like saying residents of a community where a murder happened couldn't serve on a jury to try the accused, because all those residents would probably don't like murderers, and certainly prefer not to have them on the loose in their neighborhood.

Or that bank robbers could never be tried in the county where they committed their crimes, because potential jurors would tend to harbor ill feelings against people who robbed their local banks.

Rather, the only reason for a change of venue for any trial is if publicity about the case has been so extensive as to irreversibly prejudice the jury pool against one of the parties. Likewise, individuals can be excluded from a jury if they have personal stakes in the outcome or have already made up their minds about what the verdict should be. But members of the community at large are not ineligible from jury service simply because they have a general interest in the outcome or would like to see justice done.

So while the SWRCB's lawyers might understandably want to ask prospective jurors, "How often do you read The Carmel Pine Cone?" there is simply no basis for moving the entire trial to another county.

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Letters to the Editor

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An 'era of mistrust' Dear Editor,

An era of mistrust is spreading throughout our county. Take, for example, our jury system. I was called for my (pretty much annual duty) in October. I had been the foreman before and thought I knew what to expect. Wrong. I was subjected to a search and seizure, much like at the airports. County bureaucrats took away my Victorinox pocketknife and said I could not have it back. I don't get it. I could be trusted to determine the fate of somebody, but I could not be trusted with a 1-inch-blade pocketknife. Huh?

This attitude of distrust has spread to the SPCA. I am a returning customer and wanted to support our SPCA first. Wednesday, I walked in with my little Maltese to see how he and a prospective adoptee would get along. I was told that first I had put the Maltese back in the car and fill out more paperwork. Then I could look at the dogs. Then I would have to leave my driver's

license with them before I could take the prospective adoptee for a walk. Then I would need an SPCA employee to introduce their dog to mine. In any case, I would not be bringing any dog home today because I would need to bring all my family members back.

I gave up in frustration, thinking that any other place would be better to find a dog. Maybe adopting a baby would be easier.

I have successfully adopted pets here before and have a good history with the SPCA. But it counts for nothing. I was made to feel unrespected and untrusted. Surely there are better ways to deal with returning customers. Maybe successful adopters could go onto a "preferred list" so we could bypass these frustrations. I have sent a note to Gary Triscornia of the SPCA with my suggestions.

Craig Vetter, Carmel

'Deride and condemn' Dear Editor:

For some time now, it has appeared to us that there are some members of the Carmel community who make comments and write letters that go beyond discussing their concern and instead use the communication to deride and condemn the mayor and the city council.

We have been disheartened by such communications, as it seems that honest differences can occur and be discussed without the additional hostile and disrespectful tone.

In a village as small as Carmel-by-the-Sea, we would hope that future dialogue could be respectful and honest. It is long overdue, but we take our hats off to the mayor and members of the city council who put in endless hours and hard work on our behalf. We appreciate and thank them.

Jan and Niels Reimers, Carmel

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City defends Flanders vote against latest lawsuit

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE CITY of Carmel-by-the-Sea filed a 42-page response to the Flanders Foundation's lawsuit Dec. 14.

The document outlines the many reasons attorney Richard Harray and city attorney Don Freeman believe Monterey County Superior Court Judge Susan Dauphine should dismiss the suit that seeks to stop the city from selling the historic Flanders Mansion, which sits on a hillside parcel in Mission Trail park. A hearing has been set for Feb. 10, 2010.

For the past several years, city officials have sought to put the 86-year-old Tudor-style house on the market. The city council voted for the sale in 2005, but was sued by the foundation for violating the California Environmental Quality Act and the laws requiring municipalities to put the matter to a public vote and offer the property to government agencies before selling it to a private buyer.

The city lost the suit and responded by preparing a new EIR and holding an election last month, when almost two-thirds of the electorate decided in favor selling the house.

But the foundation filed a second suit before the Nov. 3 election was held, arguing the city had again violated state laws, its own general plan and CEQA by failing to thoroughly analyze the potential purchase of the house by a public agency.

In its Dec. 14 response, the city argued the court had already ruled on the complaints made in the foundation's newest lawsuit.

"Petitioner is trying to relitigate sale issues that were litigated in the first round," the attorneys wrote.

In addition, the EIR is adequate and complete — including analysis relating to the Surplus Lands Act that dictates the sale of public property — according to the city, and the EIR accurately responds to comments and questions submitted in response to the draft report.

Furthermore, the analysis of the economic feasibility of lease versus sale and public versus private ownership was legally independent of the EIR, according to the response, and the analysis conducted by C.B. Richard Ellis thoroughly evaluated all options before concluding sale to a private owner was the only viable option. The foundation has argued an economic study must be included in the EIR and questioned the validity of the CBRE study.

Finally, substantial evidence supports the statement of overriding considerations — which outlines the reasons the benefits of selling Flanders would outweigh any resulting environmental impacts — according to the city's response. The foundation contends the city council broke the law when it reached that decision.

"It is not the city's intention to impugn the integrity of

petitioner's multiple challenges to the city's attempts to divest itself of the mansion parcel," Harray and Freeman concluded. "Indeed, the city understands and accepts that such challenges are an inexorable aspect of CEQA and environmental protection in California."

Instead, they quoted another court case, *Citizens of Goleta Valley v. Board of Supervisors*, in seeking to remind the court that "the wisdom of approving [the divestment of the mansion parcel], a delicate task which requires a balancing of interests, is necessarily left to the sound discretion of the local officials and their constituents who are responsible for such decisions."

A hearing is set on the Flanders case for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, in Dept. 17 of the Monterey courthouse on Aguajito Road.

Toy drives a success

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE 23RD annual Jennifer Hill Toy Drive — held by New Masters Gallery in Carmel — has gone gangbusters, according to organizer Heather Howe, largely in thanks to the Marines.

"I have been running a toy drive to benefit four different local nonprofit organizations that had a much longer list for Santa this year," she reported Thursday regarding the gallery's effort to support the Boys and Girls Clubs of Monterey County, Kinship Center, the YWCA and The Salvation Army. "I was beginning to get discouraged, as the barrels were only half full, and time was running out."

Then she received a phone call from Sgt. Ben Brasher, who represents the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. He told her the group had collected an additional 500 to 1,000 toys that she could have her drive, and she could pick them up from the Presidio Dec. 18.

"Without this partnership with the Marines and our drive, we would not have met our goal," she said. "I am amazed by the generosity of people in such a tight economy. Thanks to

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Shop local, eat local, celebrate local

THE CITY'S official holiday tree is lit, the Ocean Avenue median is sparkling, and the shops, restaurants and inns throughout downtown Carmel are brightly decorated in celebration of the season. Although the weatherman is not calling for a white Christmas (no surprise), the village still has all the characteristics of a shining winter wonderland.

There is a definite December chill in the air, and with all the walking required for holiday shopping, appetites are certainly going to increase. Happily, Carmel has a wealth of great spots in which to dine. But two new restaurants recently opened, both on Dolores Street, and would be well worth a try.

The first one actually isn't new — in fact, it's a 30-year Carmel legend, but it's undergone a big change. **Jack London's** in Su Vecino Court on the west side of Dolores between Fifth and Sixth avenues has new owners, who are already beginning to transform the place. Co-owners Kevin Kosick and Paul Owen took over in November and are in the midst of adding new features, including a larger bar, bamboo floors, historic photographs and a piano.

Although some of the menu favorites will be retained, the fare will feature more local seafood, Angus beef burgers and the addition of pizza. The renovations are expected to be complete by early spring, but the restaurant will remain open throughout the construction period.

Also recently opened on Dolores, between Ocean and Seventh, is **Le St. Tropez**. Many residents and visitors will remember this as the spot that housed the long-running Tutto Mondo, and more recently, the Siam Orchid Thai restaurant.

Le St. Tropez is owned by the husband and wife team of Jean and Mary Hubert. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner, from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily except Tuesday, and features cuisine from southern France.

Converting the restaurant from its former Thai motif took some time, but diners at Le St. Tropez will be enticed by the warm, sunny colors and comfortable French country feeling.

At this holiday time, as you are making out your gift list, remember to shop at the local businesses, and please thank the owners and their employees who do so much to make Carmel-by-the-Sea so special.

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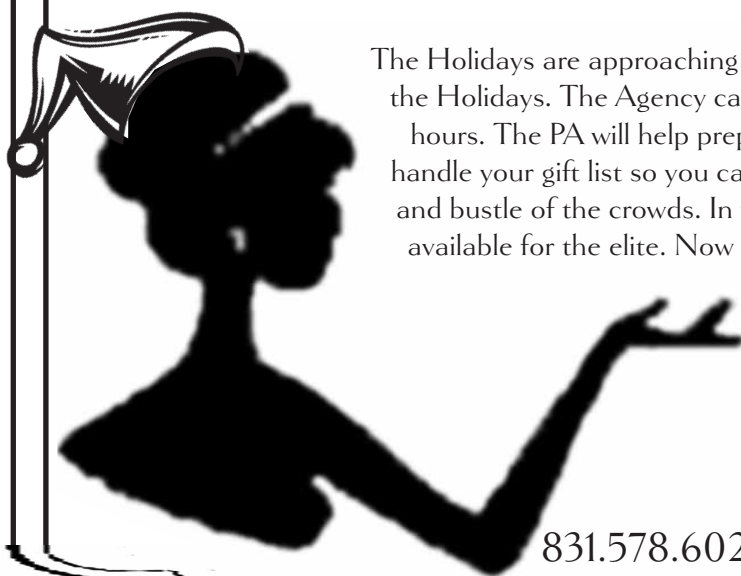


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TOYS

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the community for giving back this year — many children will have a much brighter Christmas!”

More toys

Last Thursday, the Monterey Bay Chapter of the California Society of Professional Engineers held its annual U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots luncheon at La Playa Hotel, according to former public works director Jim Cullem.

Along with gifts contributed by La Playa employees, the engineers collected three barrels of toys for the Marines to distribute to needy children. Marines from the Defense Language Institute attended the luncheon and discussed the origin and purpose of the Toys for Tots program, as well as their language training at DLI and their Marine Corps assignments, according to Cullem. The Marines are collecting toys at Del Monte Center until Dec. 18.



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METAL

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mission also decided Dec. 9, despite Beach's protest that fire risk was not a justifiable reason for approving them.

Samuel and Gabriel Fonte received permission last February to demolish a house on Second Avenue between Casanova and Monte Verde and replace it with a traditional-style stucco cottage with stone veneer, according to Wiener. The original plans called for unclad wood windows, but last week, they requested permission to install aluminum-clad windows instead.

'Very high fire hazard'

The home is located in an area classified as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, he pointed out. The rules for building there require noncombustible materials, though they make no mention of windows.

"While wood windows may be the most appropriate for the architecture, aluminum clad windows might be the most appropriate for the fire hazard area of the site," Wiener said in his report.

Commissioner Robin Wilson quickly moved for approval, based on the fire hazard, but Beach objected.

"I don't think the high fire thing is an argument," she said. "I think the entire town is a high fire zone."

Beach also said she could easily tell the difference between the samples of wood and clad windows, and she disagreed with the manufacturer's claim they could be painted and would weather similarly.

She also questioned the commission's somewhat frequent dismissal of the city's design guidelines calling for unclad wood windows.

"I'm not sure why we have them and then undermine them on a case-by-cases basis," she said.

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APN: 012-266-042

1081 Hilby Avenue — \$300,000



190 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove — \$550,000

Alyssa Bruno to Eric and Yukiko Robinson
APN: 012-353-023

1071 Douglas Court — \$325,000
Timothy Hroblak to Philip and Ligia van Pelt
APN: 012-431-016

4777 Paradise Cove — \$635,000
GMAC Mortgage to Mary Barker
APN: 031-232-077

Compiled from official county records.

POLICE LOG

From page 4A

medic was on scene performing CPR. Ambulance requested CRFA medic to assist during transport to CHOMP code 3.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to an unknown injury accident at Mesa Drive and Highway 1. Canceled as non-injury by FireComm.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to a Mesa Drive residence for a female with chest pain. Patient transported precautionary Code 3 to CHOMP.

Carmel area: An unknown subject broke a window with a golf ball.

Carmel Valley: A 61-year-old male was found deceased.


Carmel area: Woman stopped for a traffic violation. It was determined her license was suspended.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone found on San Carlos Street in the business area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported a suspicious vehicle on Torres Street with three occupants. A close patrol was requested due to past-tense peace disturbance involving a former employee.


See LOG page 5 RE



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Which positive outcomes are most likely in the New Year 2010?

- A. A final water solution for the Monterey Peninsula
- B. Better leadership in Sacramento
- C. An improving economy
- D. All of the above

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LOG

From page 4RE

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman came into the station to report the loss of one of the stones from her wedding ring. The stone was lost somewhere during a walk on the beach, and was part of a three-stone setting. She requested a report for insurance purposes and in the event the stone was recovered. She also provided a photo showing the ring setting with the lost stone.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on Second Avenue reported his dog had gotten loose and was most likely headed toward the beach. At approximately 1801 hours, a man located the dog on the beach and brought it to the police department for safekeeping pending owner notification. Dog returned to owner, who paid a kennel fee.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unknown driver backed into a parked vehicle on Mission Street and left the scene.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject requested an attempt to contact her 10-year-old daughter. Subject's daughter was staying with her sister somewhere in Carmel. She was not sure of where her sister and daughter were staying but believed they were staying at an inn on San Carlos Street. Subject was unable to provide a room number. An attempt to contact was made and met with negative results.

Big Sur: A married couple had a verbal dispute.

Carmel area: A bank reported theft by credit card fraud and false pretenses that occurred in April at the Carmel Center Branch. Suspect identified and prosecution requested. Loss of \$8,000. Case continues.

Carmel area: Carmel High School student found to be under the influence of an intoxicating substance while at school. The 15-year-old

was cited for public intoxication and released to his mother.

Big Sur: Victim reported unknown suspect(s) broke into the office in an attempt to burglarize it.

Big Sur: Person reported unknown male was peeping. Upon investigation, the call was determined to be unfounded.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalism on Mission Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A truck pulled alongside a vehicle while it was stopped at a traffic light on Highway 1 and dumped motor oil all over its hood. Victim called police and followed the truck in order to obtain a license plate. CHP was advised, and a courtesy report was taken.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on San Antonio Avenue reported someone entered his backyard and poured what smelled like paint thinner on his pine tree. Person stated he was having issues with a neighbor and felt the neighbor may be involved. Upon arrival, the officer could smell a foreign substance but could not ascertain the origin. The tree in question appeared to be healthy. Person stated he watered the tree last Thursday and noticed the ground was wet today and could smell a foreign substance. The neighbor was contacted and relayed he was not involved since they were out of town and had just returned as of Nov. 30.

Carmel area: Person reported his fence was cut. Damage estimated at \$50. No suspects.

Carmel Valley: Commercial burglary overnight at office and small business center in the Village in which approximately eight

offices were broken into by pry tool. Some computer equipment, a digital camera and a small amount of petty cash were taken. Approximate loss due to theft and damage was \$10,000. Latent fingerprints and other evidence obtained. Case continues.

Carmel area: Person reported being threatened and harassed.

Carmel area: The victim reported a basket was taken from her unlocked vehicle. The basket contained a \$10,000 ring and various personal effects.

Carmel area: A 14-year-old was cited and released to his parent for being in possession of alcohol at Carmel High.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Pedestrian check conducted on a subject on Ocean Avenue at 0018 hours, and he was found to be intoxicated. The 54-year-old male subject was arrested for 647(f) PC [public intoxication].

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Animal control officer responded to a report of a loose dog on Dolores Street with a leash attached. On arrival, the dog owner was contacted, and the dog was returned to her. The owner had tied the dog while inside a restaurant. Dog owner was warned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject on San Antonio Avenue was contacted and warned for using a gas leaf blower.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a subject

selling wares on Dolores Street. The subject was interviewed and warned, since there was no business license on file with city hall.


Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine dispatched to a hotel at Lincoln and Seventh for an alarm activation. A heat detector activation occurred in room 120 due to excessive heat from the fireplace. The gas fireplace was shut off and the alarm reset by hotel staff.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine dispatched to a Santa Lucia residence after report of a natural gas odor in the kitchen. Inspection with gas detection equipment indicated no natural gas present in the residence, and the occupant was advised to contact PG&E for inspection of the gas appliances.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine dispatched to Junipero and Eighth for a person in distress in a residence. Arrived on scene to find a male in his 80s on the floor of his bedroom and unable to get up. The man said he was not injured and only wanted to be helped up off of the floor and into his bed. Firefighters did so and, after a secondary evaluation, and respecting the man's wishes, left him in the care of his wife.

Carmel area: Person on Rio Road wanted to report possible domestic violence between his girlfriend and her ex-husband. Female stated nothing occurred.



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 3850 Rio Road #40 Carmel
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 3583 Oliver Rd Carmel
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 26424 Mission Fields Road Carmel
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 Lincoln 4 NW of 3rd Carmel
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 Alta 3 SW Mission Carmel
 San Carlos Agency 624-3846

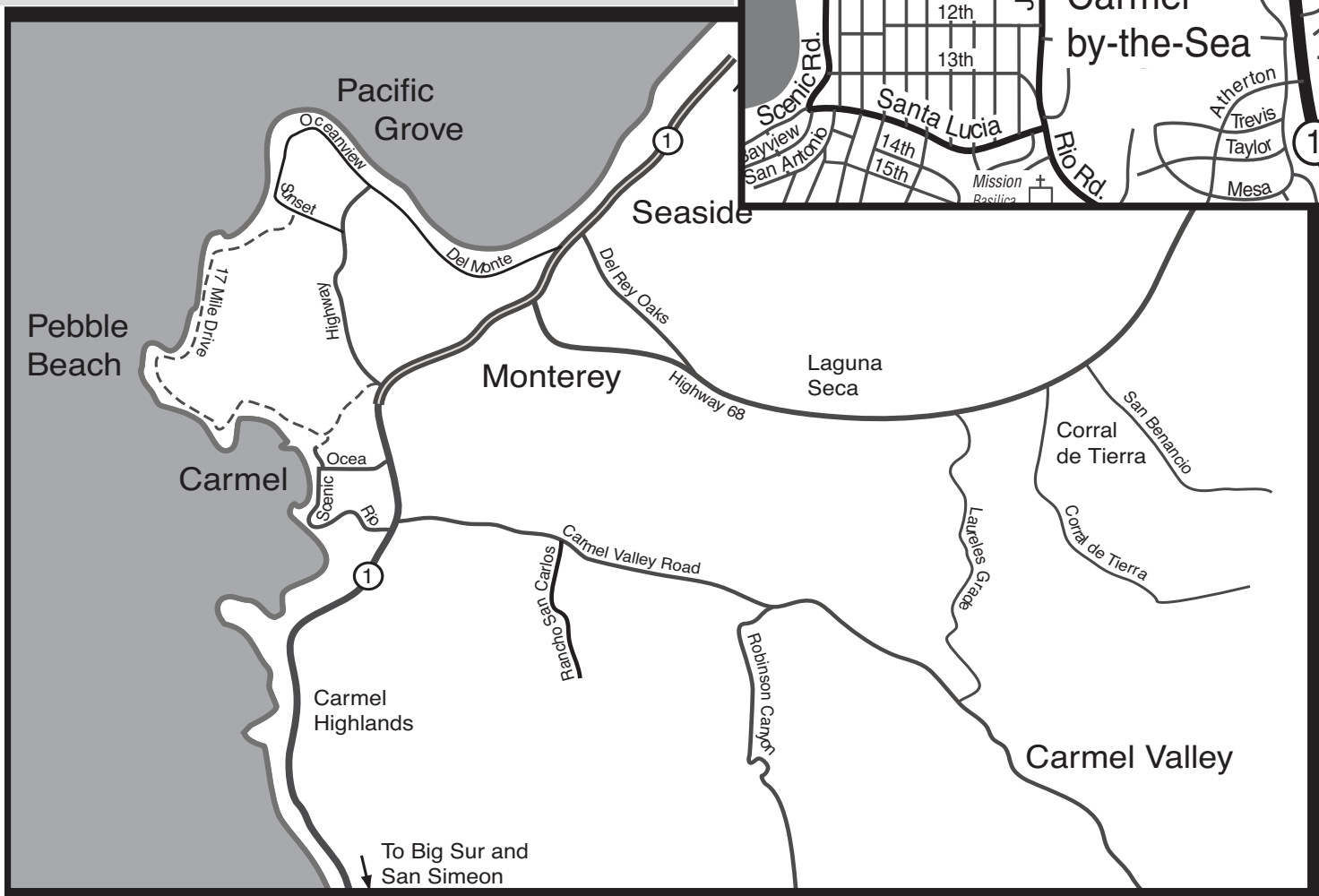
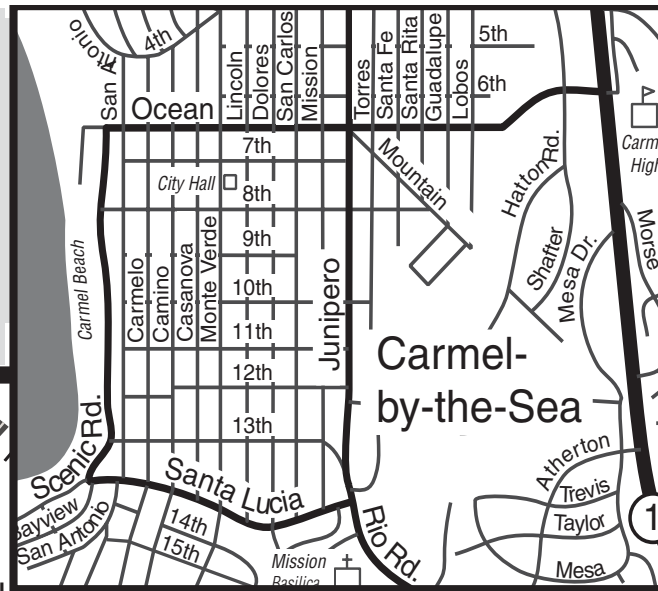
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 5 Calle De La Paloma Carmel Valley
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\$499,000 3bd 2ba Sa 12-2 Su 1:30-3:30
 175 Calle De La Ventana Carmel Valley
 Sotheby's Int'l RE 659-2267

\$645,000 2bd 2.5ba Su 1-3
 121 White Oaks Lane Carmel Valley
 Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2221

\$695,000 3bd 2ba Sa 1-3
 18 Asoleado Carmel Valley
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\$695,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa 11-1 Su 12-3
 25435 Telarana Way Carmel Valley
 Sotheby's Int'l RE 659-2267

\$750,000 3bd 2ba Sa 2-4
 134 Country Club Drive Carmel Valley
 Carmel Realty Company 372-7788

\$994,000 2bd 2.5ba Sa 2-4
 7020 Valley Greens Drive # 19 Carmel Valley
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\$1,195,000 4bd 3ba Su 1-4
 6435 Brookdale Drive Carmel Valley
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\$1,350,000 4bd 4ba+views Sa 1-3
 104 Laurel Drive Carmel Valley
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\$1,395,000 3bd 2.5ba+views Sa 1-3
 13379 Middle Canyon Carmel Valley
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\$1,395,000 4bd 2.5ba Su 1-4
 30 Via Milpitas Carmel Valley
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\$1,395,000 5bd 4.5ba Sa 1-3
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\$4,250,000 4bd 3.5ba Sa 12-3 Su 1-3
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 Scenic 3 SE of 9th Carmel
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\$5,995,000 4bd 5ba Sa Su 2-4
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 971 Paloma Road Del Rey Oaks
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\$469,000 3bd 1ba Sa 1-3
 70 Work Avenue Del Rey Oaks
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MONTEREY SALINAS HIGHWAY

\$975,000 4bd 4ba Sa 1-4
 25207 Casiano Drive Mtry/Sins Hwy
 John Saar Properties 236-8909

\$2,295,000 3bd 4ba Sa 2-4
 103 Via Del Milagro Mtry/Sins Hwy
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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/ Linda Ross, Member

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey on December 01, 2009.

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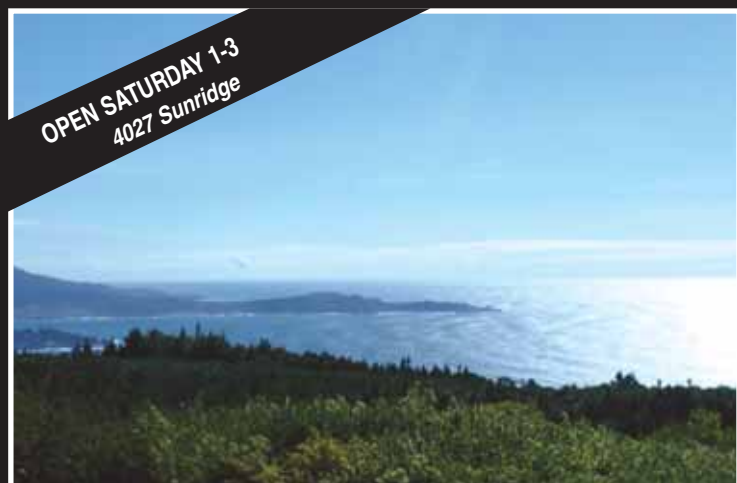
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From page 5RE

Carmel area: Unknown person(s) kicked in doors to storage units at a closed hospital. It appeared nothing was taken.

Carmel Valley: Suspect was arrested for trespassing at the Carmel Valley Community Chapel at Village Drive and Paso Hondo.



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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Three subjects were contacted in the residential area on Crespi. One subject was found to be in possession of a useable amount of heroin. A further search of one of the subject's vehicle yielded marijuana and alcohol. The 19-year-old male subject was cited and released at the department.

Carmel area: A 17-year-old male juvenile at Carmel High School was issued a citation for possession of marijuana under 1 oz. Juvenile released to parent.

Carmel area: Cypress Fire engine was dispatched from the Rio Road station to a sprinkler activation at a Morse Drive residence. Upon arrival at the residential care home in Flanders Court, there was no fire present, with only sprinkler activation noted. Further investigation revealed a sprinkler head had activated in a rear studio. Employees of the care home stated a resident had hung a hanger in the opening of a sprinkler head which broke the internal liquid bulb, causing water to flow out of the sprinkler head. The sprinkler system's water supply was temporarily shut off, and salvage operations immediately took place. Additional personnel were called in to help with the cleanup. The furniture was removed, and water vacuums, squeegees, push brooms and bathrooms towels were used to remove the water.

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