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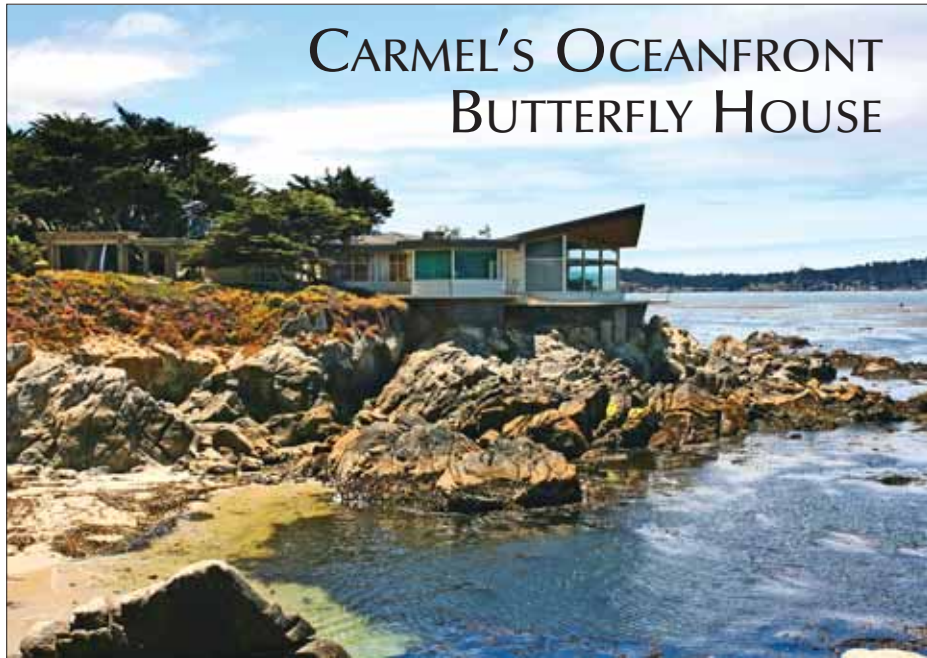
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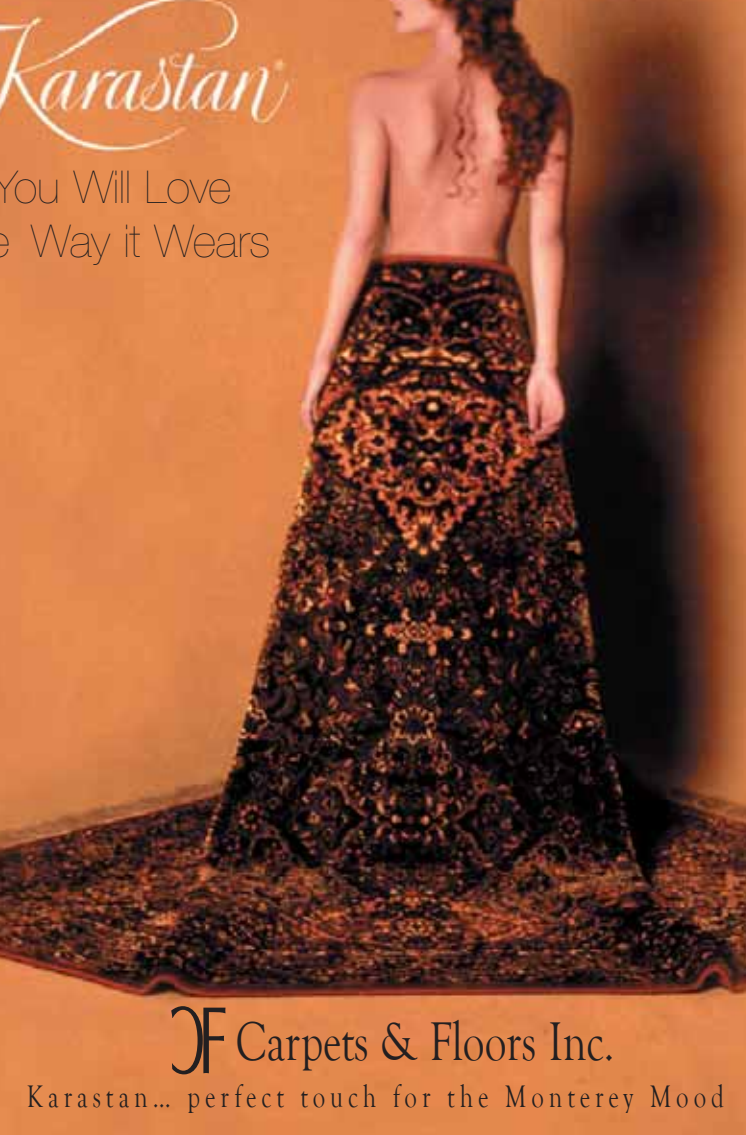
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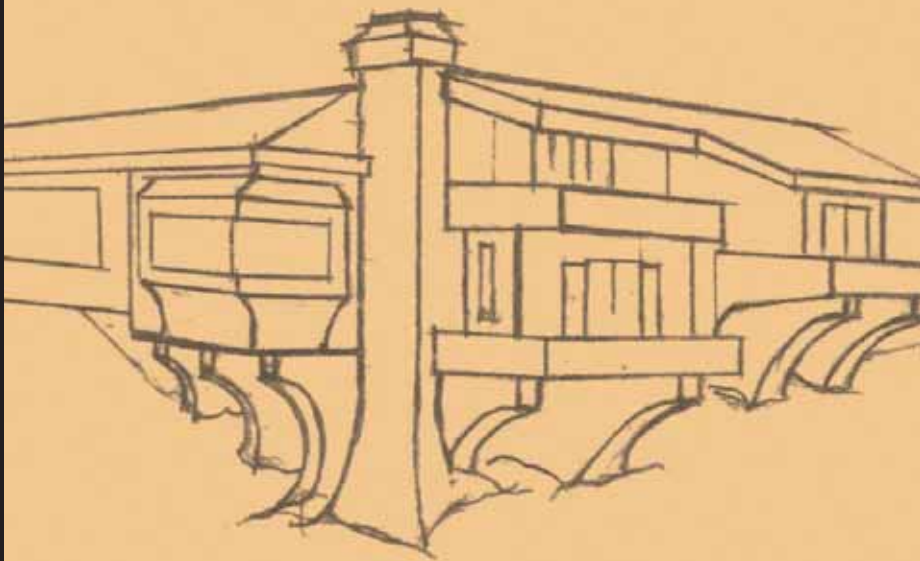


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Designer’s love of Carmel Valley reflected in her creations

By MARY BROWNFIELD

BORN IN the old Carmel hospital on Highway 1 and educated at Monterey Peninsula College, Carmel Valley building designer Marj Ingram Viales professes a special connection with the Central Coast and strives to create homes and workplaces that respect their surroundings.

Recently celebrating 20 years of self-employment, Viales renamed her business Carmel Valley Design and employs four people, including her son and chief draftsman, Luke Ingram.

A lifelong admirer and practitioner of the arts, Viales was the oldest of nine children growing up among a family of craftsmen in their home on Meadows Road just a few miles from her present office in Carmel

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SPECIAL SECTION



This home on Lopez Street (in renderings and photo) was Marj Ingram Viales’ first design in Carmel. “I loved it, because it had lots of levels and was built on a hillside, so I had a chance to be creative,” she says. At right, Ingram with her son and chief draftsman, Luke



IMAGES/C.V. DESIGN (LEFT AND TOP), MARY BROWNFIELD

Historic home offers the best of old and new Monterey

By CHRIS COUNTS

AS AN aficionado of old homes, local realtor Todd Porteous knows a real gem when he sees one. And the James W. Finch House at 410 Monroe St.

in Monterey definitely qualifies as a gem.

“The house has so much character,” offered Porteous, a historic property specialist. “It has a story to tell.”

Constructed in 1870, the 1,900-square-foot house dates from a time when the lines blurred

between functional craftsmanship and artistic adornment. The three-bedroom and two-and-a-half-bath home is, in fact, considered perhaps the finest — as well as the earliest — example of Victorian-style architecture in the City of Monterey.

“It’s so ornate it looks like a gingerbread house,” offered Joyce Haferman, who owns the property with her husband, Jeff. “I love the charm of old houses. It’s the prettiest house on the block.”

The house was built just a generation after

the United States wrested control of California from Mexico. After the Gold Rush, Monterey’s role as an important town faded with the rise of San Francisco and Sacramento as centers of commerce. Not long after the California Constitution was ratified at Colton Hall in 1849, Monterey was relegated to the status of a sleepy, but picturesque, hamlet that would emerge in the coming decades as the home of a thriving fishing industry.

A young man comes west

Born in Connecticut in 1830, Finch came west as a young man in 1854, settling in Monterey, where he opened a fruit store. In 1859, he was joined by his mother and brother, and together, they operated a hotel in Monterey for a year before relocating to Upper Carmel Valley to raise horses, which were sold to the Union Army during the Civil War.

Finch and his brother built the Monroe Street house for their mother. It’s hard to believe it now, but at the time, the property was located on the outskirts of town.

“When he built here, there was nothing else on the hill,” Jeff Haferman said.

After Finch’s mother died in 1881, he and his new bride, Ellen Louise O’Neill Finch, moved in. Ellen’s father, Major John O’Neill, a decorated Civil War veteran and a former Monterey mayor, took up residence there as well. Finch expanded the house, adding a one-bedroom wing to its north side as a honeymoon present to his bride. Their only child, daughter Alma, was born in the house in 1884.

Old home given new life

Alma Finch Fleischer and her husband, Monterey barber Otto Fleischer, converted the house into three apartments in 1921.

The James W. Finch house (left) is one of Monterey most impressive Victorians. The home’s interior (below) blends antique refinement with modern convenience.



PHOTOS/CHRIS COUNTS

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Luke Ingram’s 3-D computer models of the Tehama Fitness Center illustrate how the complex will mesh with its surroundings. Computer modeling is one of his specialties.



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Valley Village.

“My dad was a plastering contractor, as was his dad. My dad helped with the restoration of the Mission, and my granddad worked on the Golden State Theatre — the neat stuff on the inside,” she said. “When I was young and a single mom with three kids, my dad encouraged me to start studying drafting because of my artistic background.”

As a tradesman, her father recognized the need for more people who could draw building plans, and she took his advice.

“Most of my schooling was through MPC, but also the school of hard knocks,” she said. “I also worked for a great teacher, Alan Williams of Carmel Design.”

Williams now runs Carmel Development Company and is perhaps best known for his work on high-profile projects with former Carmel Mayor Clint Eastwood, including Tehama in the hills above Carmel Valley.

Three decades ago, he and his design-build company provided the ideal start for Viales.

“I got to see the things I drew being built — that was very educational,” she said. “Alan was a great mentor, a great builder, a great designer.”

He also allowed her to shepherd project permits through the planning process, a complex set of tasks with which she is now well familiar.

“I worked for him for 10 years [1977-1987] and then started my own company,” Viales said. She ran her solo venture from her home, designing by hand.

The emergence of computers as tools for drawing and drafting freed her to be more creative, and her business grew. She began hiring others to work with her and named her firm Marj Ingram & Associates.

“We’ve had all kinds of jobs, from little fencing jobs, to doing the drafting on the Tehama Fitness Center,” she said. Her company, now located in an airy Carmel Valley Village office with high ceilings, warm wood and stunning artwork by office neighbor Melissa Lofton, handles commercial and residential projects.

In many ways, remodels are more challenging than designing from the ground up, according to Viales, because the new has to mesh well with what already exists.

“What I liked about this one,” she said, paging through a bound book depicting some of her favorite projects, “was that it was a challenge to put a second story addition on it and make it look like it was always there.” The home at 12th and Casanova in Carmel-by-the-Sea “is one of the most challenging second story additions I’ve ever done, because I wanted to keep the Carmel character. I was so happy with it.”

She paused at an early color rendering paired with photos, some black and white.

“This was my first home in Carmel,” she said of the house at the end of Lopez Street. “I loved it, because it had lots of levels and was built on a hillside, so I had a chance to be creative, too.”

The house features a bridge across the entry and open, beamed ceilings.

Some clients ask for little — an interior remodel or a small addition — but many seek out Carmel Valley Design for new creations.

“There are quite a few homes that are all my design, which is the really fun part,” she said. “I’ve been lucky and gotten to design quite a few homes in the valley and Carmel, and in different areas of the Peninsula.”

Wish lists

Building houses in Carmel can be particularly painstaking, considering the extensive restrictions on design elements, size, height and other elements.

“It can be a challenge to not make them all look alike because of the severe restrictions and small lots,” she said.

With so much experience in the permit approval process, Viales advises clients to avoid seeking variances — such as those required for building on slopes steeper than 30 percent — and tries to help them figure out how to best use their properties. And sometimes, she admitted, the best option involves asking planners for special permits.

“They give me their wish list, and I make that work. View is a big thing — whether they like to be awakened by the sun or sleep in late,” she said. “We start with sketches.”

She lays grid paper over topographic maps to show how a house might capitalize on various aspects of the property. “It comes together, like a good recipe.”

Designing a winery and home in Cachagua, she employed “passive solar,” situating windows and eaves so they allow maximum sunshine when the days are shorter and less when they are longer, and installing floors that store heat from the sun’s rays.

For the Dormody family in Carmel Valley, Viales has designed many of the cabins in the

remote San Clemente Rancho, including Mike and Donna Dormody’s house on a ledge over a sometimes-rushing creek.

“The challenge of building over that site was incredible,” she said, but employing unconventional angles while incorporating the Dormodys’ desire for large log construction and steeply pitched roofs yielded one of her favorite designs.

Viales also professed personal connections with many of her commercial projects. She designed the equestrian center at Holman Ranch and was working with its then-owner, Dorothy McEwen, on a winery for the picturesque property east of Carmel Valley Village when McEwen died a few years ago.

“I loved doing that one, because I used to ride at Holman Ranch when I was a girl,” she said. “It was wonderful to come back as an adult, meet Dorothy and design this equestrian center.”

Another Village institution she frequented in her youth and helped revamp as an adult is the Carmel Valley community center and pool

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Marj Ingram Viales was delighted when the new owner of “Rainbow’s End” invited her in to see the home she had designed years ago. Viales says the city’s strict guidelines and codes make creating unique homes a challenge — but a good challenge.



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on Ford Road.

“The community has worked very hard to make that community center what it is today,” she said. “I was really happy to be a part of that. My kids and grandkids have all used that pool.”

Her firm also donated time and effort toward the design of a history museum for the Village. So far, only the restrooms have been built, but Viales hopes construction will begin on the C.V. Historical Society’s main building next year.

Touch on Tehama

Though she’s been on her own for decades, now, Viales has remained in touch with Williams, and he hired her to do the drafting for Tehama, including the fitness center and the home he plans to build there.

“We did complete working drawings for the whole proper-

ty,” she said. “That was the biggest job we’ve ever done and was really interesting because there were lots of unique construction methods,” including the use of innovative energy-saving materials.

Williams’ home, situated among the trees, will incorporate wood and a lot of glass, with separate parts connected by glassed-in hallways.

“He’s trying to bring the pine trees in, with the wood columns and the glassed-in areas, so you feel like you’re in the pine forest,” she said. “That’s the kind of stuff he taught me — just opening your eyes to the nature around you.”

Williams is the only person for whom Viales’ firm will do drafting work on designs not created there.

“Alan taught me so much when I was young that I really wanted to help him with his project,” she said. “And it was great experience for my guys.”

Viales employs two drafters, one permit processor and one bookkeeper.

Among them is her son, Luke Ingram, who recently married a Chilean woman who came to work for the firm a few years ago. A trained architect, Elvira Coe is now serving a two-year internship in Williams’ office with architect Michael Waxer so she can obtain her license to practice architecture in California. Ingram and Coe married Sept. 29 and will visit Santiago for a ceremony

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VICTORIAN

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Finch’s daughter lived in the home until 1970. After she died, the property was purchased by a builder, Conrad Olsen, who returned the home to a single-family residence. He also replaced the electrical system, added a concrete block foundation and installed new copper plumping.

“Conrad was very meticulous and a real stickler for details,” Jeff Haferman explained. “He made the entire house perfectly level, which is unusual for old houses. There’s no creaking.”

The Hafermans purchased the property in

1997 and embarked on an ambitious project to revitalize the home. Joyce Haferman saw the house as a diamond in the rough.

“I’m from the East Coast,” she said. “We treasure our historic houses.”

After buying the property, Joyce Haferman was surprised by how many sunny days she experienced in often-foggy Monterey.

“The house is in a sunbelt,” she offered. From the second floor, a large expanse of Monterey Bay is visible.

“You can see all the way to Santa Cruz,” she said. “Plus, we have a great view of the fireworks on the Fourth of July.”

Victorian Age meets Computer Age

The Hafermans went to great lengths to

Before becoming Viales’ head draftsman, Ingram learned valuable job skills working for his grandfather in construction and interacting with engineers on numerous projects.

“He understands all the complicated technical codes,” she said.

Love of the valley

Two decades after starting her own firm, Viales said she is thrilled to be contributing to the place she has always called home.

“I was 3 years old when Dad started driving us out here [to the Village]. I remember the wide open spaces where Carmel Valley Ranch is, and people who lived in the Village really lived in the sticks,” she said. “And no one had even heard of Cachagua. We lived in the country. I still feel like I live in the country, and in my designs, I’m still thinking about that — the ruralness of Carmel Valley — and want to keep that alive.”

refurbish the house, paying careful attention to historical detail. They filled the house with antiques, even going so far as to recreate Victorian-era silkscreened wallpaper. The home’s well worn hardwood floors, installed in the early 20th century, were brought back to life.

In addition to emphasizing the home’s aesthetic details, the Hafermans wanted the house to be practical and accommodate modern conveniences. But they also wanted to maintain

the property’s historical integrity, so they constructed an adjacent garage that looks like a vintage barn.

“We wanted to make it look like a carriage house,” she explained. “It was patterned after the Cooper-Molera house in downtown Monterey. It looks like a barn, but it’s a two-car garage.”

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there in June.

“I’m not surprised that they fell in love, and we’ve all been drawn together because of this work,” Viales said. “We enjoy working together and have made it a family company.”

After her internship, Ingram’s bride will likely return to Carmel Valley Design.

As head drafter, Ingram specializes in 3-D computer modeling to better illustrate how a building will appear on a site.

“He’s got the most technical mind I’ve ever come across,” Viales said. “He doesn’t get to do much of it, because it’s time-consuming and most projects don’t need it, but it gives you a real idea of what a house is going to look like.”

Ingram prepared such images for Tehama and the Carmel Valley museum.



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After purchasing the Finch house in 1997, Jeff and Joyce Haferman filled the stately Victorian with antiques — including a intricately carved twin bed set and a pedal-powered sewing machine.

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Above the barn is a 630-square-foot artist’s studio.
The couple also wired their home for the Computer Age.
“All the systems have been upgraded,” Porteous explained.
“It’s not like living in a time warp.”
The Finch house is on the market for \$1.895 million.
According to Porteous, the City of Monterey is the only city in Monterey County to offer tax benefits under the Mills Act to property owners who maintain and preserve historic buildings. He said the city also has grants available to help repair old homes. The Finch House has been designated historic and its owners are eligible for Mills Act benefits, Porteous added.
“You can end up with huge property savings,” he suggested.
For more details, call Porteous at (831) 277-2380 or visit www.mbayproperties.com.



From the second floor of the Finch House, you can see all the way to Santa Cruz. A great view of Monterey’s Fourth of July fireworks is also included.



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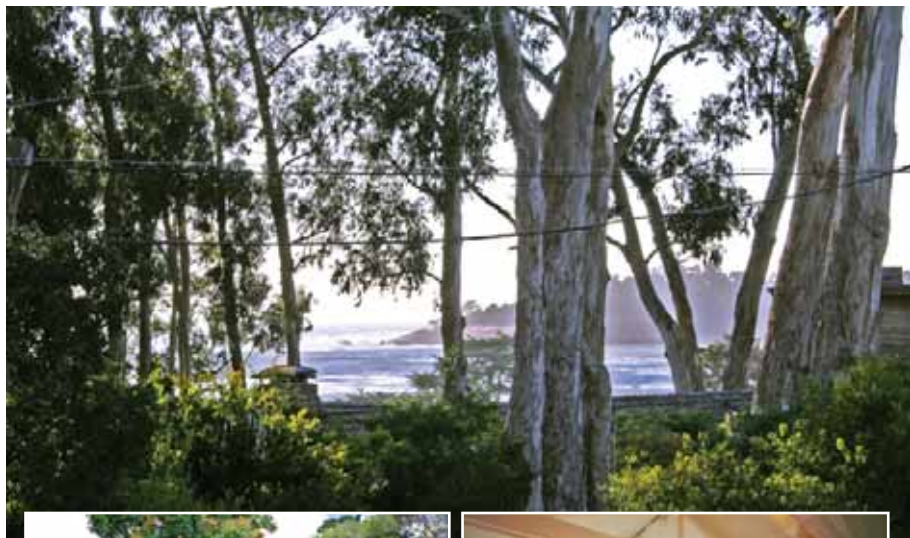
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In Your Dreams

La Roseraie: Designer-turned-landscaper in residence

By **KELLY NIX**

WHEN MAUREEN Simkins first set foot on the property of her Carmel Valley home, “La Roseraie,” 12 years ago, she felt an overwhelming sense of familiarity.

“I looked at three houses to buy,” Simkins said. “When I came to this one, I walked out on the deck and I felt like I had been here before. I knew I was going to buy it.”

Simkins had been a interior designer in Beverly Hills, and when she moved to Carmel Valley, she was ready for a change.

“My soul was tired,” Simkins said. So she shifted her focus on design from indoors to outdoors. “The landscape became my interior,” she added.

A lot of determination, hard work and \$400,000 later, Simkins has created an extraordinary and alluring landscape that’s full of colors, scents and tranquil spaces.

“The garden is full of surprises,” she said. “If you give to it, it gives back. And what it gives back is a thousand-fold. It’s a healing presence.”

All about roses

The most impressive component is an extensive rose garden, home to about 175 plants of 85 varieties. The roses lie in five beds on what formerly was a deer path to the back of Simkins’ two-story home.

“There is a science and art and methodology to raising roses,” she said, “People think it’s complicated, but it’s basically very simple.”

Simkins’ interest in roses began when she visited the Carmel Highlands home of a friend and noticed a gardener pulling a bunch of rose plants from the ground.

“I said don’t throw them away, I want them,” she said. I backed up my truck and got them.”

Not knowing much about the flowers, Simkins took the Cecil Bruner roses home and planted them. The “throwaway” plants grew tremendously.

“I read and I studied, and I read and I grew,” she said. “Then I started planting. One of the roses is now 35 feet and has a companion in a native oak. It all started with these eight plants this gardener was going to throw away.”

Her initial success with roses led Simkins to grow many other varieties including English, bourbon, David Austin, St. Patrick, Gertrude Jekyll and Pat Austin — an appropriate theme for her house.

“La Roseraie gets it’s name from a small village I visited seven years ago in the Dordogne

region of France,” she said. “The entire town has roses growing up 14-inch thick white limestone walls.”

Simkins doesn’t use any chemicals on her rose bushes. Instead, she puts about a half a coffee can of alfalfa pellets on each bush in the spring. Sometimes she’ll put epsom salts on new plants to make their cane grow stronger.

“The alfalfa is a natural nitrogen source and because it’s in pellets, it breaks down over time as you water,” she said. “And it’s an incredible mulch.”

85 varieties of roses — all fertilized with alfalfa pellets and epsom salts

Beyond roses

La Roseraie is also home to Australian fern, rhododendron, salvia, wisteria, cyclium, daisies, seven different lilies and others.

Simkins has also planted fruit trees including fig, lime, orange, Fuji and golden delicious apples, lemon and persimmon.

“The persimmon are beautiful in December,” she said. “The

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Maureen Simkins (above) began creating her lavish garden, La Roseraie, 12 years ago. She is shown sitting in the front of the Carmel Valley property. At the back of the home is an elaborate rose garden (right) with about 85 varieties. A limestone fountain (below) was an animal trough used in the Pyrenees 600 years ago. There is visible wear on the trough from generations of animals drinking from it.



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entire garden looks Asian because everything else is dormant and you see these bright orange fruit ornaments hanging there.”

The garden also has asparagus fern, lobelia, flocks, forget-me-nots, sunflower, hydrangea, camellia, four different types of lavender, basil, thyme, tomatoes and green beans.

The garden is quiet, interrupted only by occasional bird chatter and trickling of water from a fountain that has an interesting history.

“It is a 600-year-old limestone animal trough from the Pyrenees that is now a fountain,” she said. “You can see the wear from animals drinking and feeding from them.”

There are plenty of store-bought garden accessories available but Simkins said the fun part is stumbling upon items good for the garden, Simkins said.

“You take an item that just had a utilitarian function,” she said, “and all of a sudden, it takes on a whole new meaning.”

In a short stair climb above the beds of roses sits a bench Simkins placed there for relaxation and reflection.

“It’s healing,” she said of the garden. “I can go out there for what I think is an hour and it’s six. I have no concept of time when I’m there.”

Cold weather trees in Carmel Valley

On a trip to the Sierra six years ago, Simkins acquired four Aspen tree seedlings that were losing their leaves. She went to a general store and packed the tiny trees in ice and native soil and brought them to La Roseraie. But she was told they’d never make it in Carmel Valley.

“When I asked the local nursery people, they said you can’t get Aspen trees to grow here because it’s too warm,” she recalled.

But she planted the Aspens in a wine barrel and by the next spring they were getting leaves. Today, they’re six feet tall and thriving, to the surprise of those who said it couldn’t be done.

“If you are passionate about what you do and you have God and nature, and there is a synchronicity, I believe your dream will come to be,” Simkins said.



Next to the lush grass lawn surrounded by flowers is a tranquil resting place (top) at La Roseraie. The sound of a trickling fountain adds to its ambiance. Maureen Simkins said she doesn’t use any chemicals on her roses, only alfalfa pellets and occasionally epsom salts. She was an interior designer in Beverly Hills before moving to Carmel Valley.



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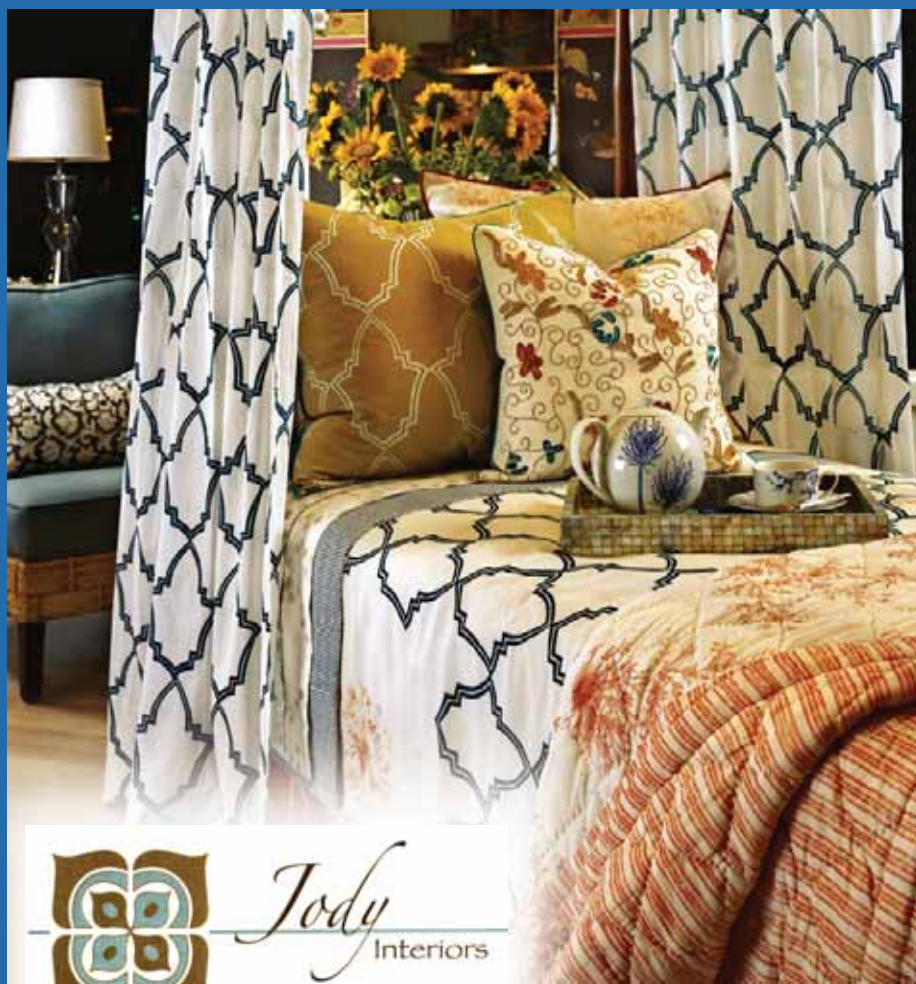


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loading for a female in her 80s with right shoulder and chest pain. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to 19th Street in Pacific Grove. Ambulance canceled by Fire at scene prior to arrival.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine responded to a request for assistance for subjects stuck in an elevator at an inn at Dolores and Eighth. Engine on scene. Crew investigated a situation where two individuals were trapped in the hotel's elevator between the first floor and the garage. Several attempts were made to reset/restore

the elevator and allow for removal of the occupants which were unsuccessful. The elevator was lowered manually to the garage level, and the doors eventually forced open with hydraulic rescue tools due to the distress of the trapped occupants and the wishes of the hotel. Elevator was last serviced in December 2005 and found to be low on hydraulic oil.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Guadalupe Street. Engine and ambulance on scene. Crew assisted with assessment, report information and loading for a female in her 80s who had fallen of complained of pain to the left groin area. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel Valley: Victim on Carmel Valley Road reported money had been stolen.

Pebble Beach: Reporting party stated her mother attempted to kill herself by overdosing on prescription drugs.

Case suspended.

Carmel Valley: Victim on East Garzas Road stated that an unknown suspect burglarized her vehicle.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an alarm activation at a residence. The alarm monitoring company did receive a reset on the alarm; however, they could not verify who was on scene. Contact was made with the responsible, and her identification was confirmed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to a past-tense peace disturbance between the husband of a recently terminated employee and the ex-employer on Dolores Street. Report for documentation purposes only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Accident. Traffic collision on private property on Third Avenue. Vehicle was drivable.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a ongoing barking dog complaint on Guadalupe Street. Barking heard over the phone, none on arrival. The owner was contacted and advised of the situation. Information was obtained and a warning for barking complaint and dog license given. Will follow up on dog license.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: On Saturday, Oct. 6, a citizen reported a missing cat. The cat was last seen Wednesday, Oct. 3. On that date at approximately 1300 to 1400 hours, a loud cry was heard by the cat owner. The cat was found deceased on Sunday, Oct. 7, by the owner. It appeared to have been killed by a wild animal.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party said she thinks she had her passport stolen in the city on Sunday, Oct. 7.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost wallet in the City of Carmel, possibly at Tor House.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported a possible physical domestic altercation in a vehicle in front of an inn on Junipero Street. Upon arrival, it was determined no physical altercation had taken place. Both subjects admonished and FI'd.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance dispatched to a medical emergency on Carpenter Street. En route, both units canceled by Carmel P.D. on scene.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance responded to a motor vehicle accident on Palo Colorado Canyon Road. Ambulance on scene of a vegetation fire. Ambulance was told to stage and wait. Patient was with two other medics and was being airlifted. Ambulance released by incident commander.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance responded with Cal Fire to a medical emergency on Highlands Drive for a woman with a complaint of pain. Transported Code 2 to CHOMP.

Big Sur: At approximately 1242 hours, a rural structure fire off of Ray Ridge Road spread to the surrounding forest. Fire service units from the Mid-Coast Fire Department, Cal Fire, Los Padres National Forest Fire Service, Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District, Carmel Valley Fire Protection District, and Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade responded to fight this fire that had so far consumed approximately 50 acres. The sheriff's office responded with

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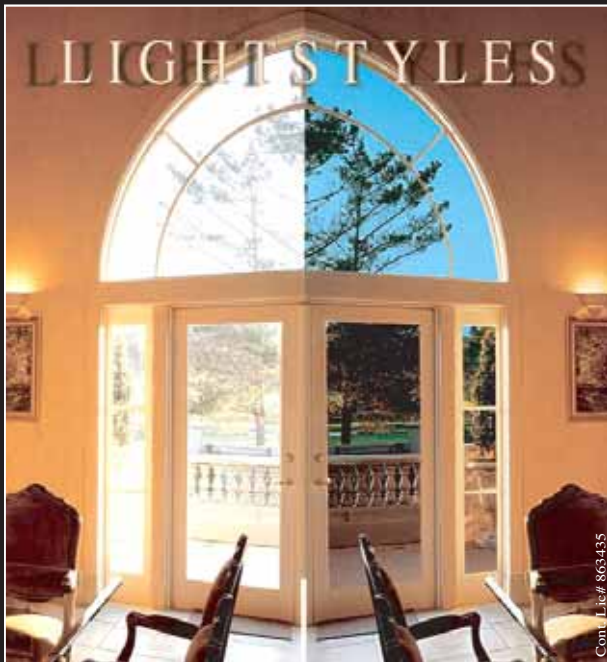


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La Playa Hotel: An unusual history and fabulous gardens

By **CHARYN PFEUFFER**

WHEN NORWEGIAN artist Chris Jorgensen built La Playa as a wedding present for his bride, Angela, daughter of the famous Ghirardelli family of San Francisco, in 1905, he had no idea his gift would eventually become “The Grand Dame” of Carmel.

Jorgensen had happened upon charming Carmel-by-the-Sea during a horse and buggy adventure to paint every one of California’s 21 missions, when he produced 80 watercolor studies.

Having decided to make his home in Carmel, he built the mansion, just two blocks from the water, of brick and mortar, also using Carmel stone extensively – modeling his architectural style after the historic Mission San Carlos in Carmel. Jorgensen even included a stained glass star window near the entrance.

The elegant property also boasted Carmel’s very first swimming pool – quite a luxury back in the day.

The artist was most noted for his paintings of Yosemite and, decades later, prints of those pieces adorn many of the guest-rooms.

Viewed from the air, La Playa Hotel (below) is a sea of red roofs highlighted by a sparkling swimming pool. But on the ground (right), the scene is one of Mediterranean buildings complemented by expanses of neatly trimmed lawns, carefully tended hedges and flourishing beds of many varieties of flowers.

PHOTOS/PAUL MILLER (BELOW) LA PLAYA HOTEL 9(RIGHT)

Shortly after setting up their homestead, local folklore says the drowning of Chris and Angela’s favorite niece in Carmel Bay prompted the couple to move to Pebble Beach. They then leased their Carmel property to Agnes “Alice” Signor, who operated it as a boarding home for many years before eventually purchasing the property in 1916 and adding 20 rooms. In the early 1920’s, Signor brought her two favorite nephews – Harrison

and Fred Godwin — on board to learn the ropes of the hotel business. (Fred Godwin was a city councilman and Mayor of Carmel from 1946-1950.)

The nephews shortly thereafter took over ownership of the

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property and decided to transform it into a full-service hotel. At the cost of \$34,500, they added 30 more rooms and, in 1925, officially opened La Playa Hotel. Rooms started at \$2.50 a night and featured amenities not common in those days, such as running hot water, a tennis court, a putting green in the gardens and some rooms with private bathrooms.

Fifteen years later, Fred bought out Harrison and added a restaurant to the facility, plus the final 10 rooms, bringing the total to 80. He operated the hotel for just over a decade, before famed hotelier Ashton Stanley leased the property.

Fast forward to 1968 when “Bud” Allen bought La Playa. (His full name was Howard Ethan Allen. His son, Tim, is a well known local realtor.)

Allen was a bon vivant on the Carmel social circuit and a natural born promoter. Along with local restaurateur Csaba Ajan, he helped create the Monterey Wine Festival. Allen also offered a unique ten-cent martini promotion: At 4:50 p.m. every day, patrons could order bargain-priced martinis for ten minutes.

The only hitch?

The cocktails could only be paid for with dimes.

The beginning of an era

It was during the illustrious Bud Allen era that Sara Henderson came on the La Playa scene. The Monterey Peninsula College student took on a summer position at La Playa sweeping sidewalks for \$3.50 an hour. Captured by the outdoor beauty of the coastal property, Henderson started taking horticultural classes. In addition to her formal educational efforts, she admits she learned a plenty of practical knowledge about gardening from “the school of La Playa,” and credits her initial love of the hotel to Allen, whose enthusiasm was as quirky as it was infectious.

Extremely fond of the holidays, Allen would have Henderson decorate the gardens with 200 pumpkins at Halloween and 200 poinsettias at Christmas.



La Playa's dining room is especially romantic at sunset, when the orange glow from the west drenches the hotel's walls while the gardens are subsumed into the deepening shade.

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His peacocks roamed the gardens – to add a splash of color – until their squawking drove one too many sleeping customers to complain.

Instead, he acquired an iguana named Cortez which swam in the hotel pool.

Henderson recalls fondly how Allen retained full flower picking rights well after he'd sold the property to the Cope family in 1983.

In recognition of the Carmel's area's native flora, Henderson planted La Playa with pine and cypress, as well as lupine, California poppies, Shasta daisies and Indian paintbrushes.

The soft-spoken gardener also planted marigolds, nasturtiums, and heliotrope in the lavish courtyards and bordered the perimeters with drought-tolerant varieties.

During her nearly three-decade tenure (and counting) as one of Carmel's most accomplished resident green thumbs, Henderson has honed her skills in landscape design, as well as creating and maintaining meticulously cared for perennial gardens and terraces that bring bursts of colorful beauty to La Playa throughout the year.

Henderson feels the mature landscape is a valuable companion to the magnificent old building.

Months of preparation

For La Playa's annual June garden party (2008 will mark its 18th celebration) Henderson starts preparing months in advance to ensure the garden is looking its best for the festive afternoon of al fresco wining, dining, music and food.

Nowadays, Henderson has the help of a handful of full-time people to assist in executing her creative vision of the gardens and lawns surrounding La Playa's main property and nearby five quaint cottages.

Its maintenance and care is a physically demanding, never-ending labor of love and the ambitious perfectionist still insists on sweeping the entire property several times a week by hand (as to avoid the unpleasant sounds and

negative environmental impact of a leaf blower).

Also, the garden's iron gazebo has become a favorite spot for weddings, situated within earshot of the rolling waves of the bay, smack dab in the center of the manicured lawns among the fragrant flower beds.

In 1983, Newton Cope, owner of the historic Huntington Hotel on Nob Hill in San Francisco, snatched La Playa Hotel off the market. With the help of his two sons, Cope commenced on a \$2.5M project to bring “The Grande Dame” La Playa back into the Carmel limelight.

Nine months and more than \$5 million later, the re-shaped property conveyed a refreshed and renewed image.

Henderson continued to expand, adapt and grow her beautiful gardens to fit with the newer Spanish/Mediterranean feel of the space.

Buildings were connected with window-filled corridors, 10-foot ceilings in the public areas were elevated with architectural beams and exterior spaces were excavated and replanted with English gardens.

Despite all of these improvements, the hotel almost didn't re-open due to a dispute with the city about its peachy/pinky hue.

Nevertheless, it opened with a frenzy of fanfare and Cope's son, John, described the renovation in a way that is still very much fitting: “Carmel is a cottage town – and La Playa was fashioned as Carmel's grandest cottage.”

Since 1925, La Playa has welcomed more than 3 million guests and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places (by the U.S. Dept. of Interior), as well as the Historic Hotels of America (by the National Trust for Historic Preservation).

La Playa Hotel's elegant ambiance and romantic gardens make it a tranquil setting for romantic weekend getaways, picture-perfect nuptials, or for locals, an impromptu stroll through Henderson's ever-changing, but always breathtaking gardens.

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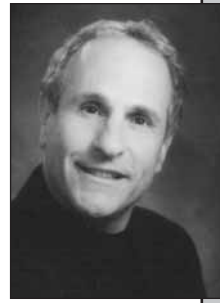
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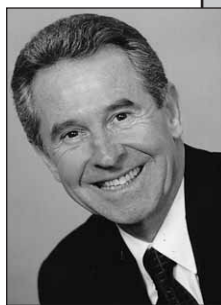
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deputies to assist with traffic and pedestrian control along Palo Colorado Canyon. A roadblock was set up at Highway 1 and Palo Colorado Canyon to prevent unnecessary vehicles from traveling up this narrow roadway. Residents were allowed past this roadblock only on foot. The Monterey County Sheriff’s Office Search and Rescue Team along with the Sheriff’s Advisor Councils Search and Rescue Team responded to assist with the evacuations of 16 homes off Garrapata Road. The Red Cross as well as a representative

from PG&E was also requested by the fire service.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party stated that he was being chased by subject No. 1 and subject No. 2 from Pacific Grove. Apparently, subject No. 1 and No. 2 stated that the RP was driving recklessly, nearly causing a collision. The RP felt that he was not driving as stated. Both parties were counseled concerning the situation. No further action desired.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim on Ocean Avenue reported two fur coats were taken between a 10-day period. No known suspects.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet in the City of Carmel turned in to Carmel P.D. and returned to owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported a past-tense verbal disturbance with a mutual combatant from a prior battery in which he was told to “watch his back.” Reporting party did not wish to prosecute but requested documentation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to Carmelo Street for the victim of a fall. On scene with Cal Fire. Transported patient to CHOMP Code 2.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance responded to a medical emergency at a restaurant in the Crossroads. On scene with Cal Fire; no medical.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Ribera Road for a female patient with a nose bleed. On scene with Cal Fire. Transported Code 2 to CHOMP.

Carmel Valley: Resident reported being threatened by his neighbor.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim reported the loss of approximately \$200 in cash somewhere in the business district. No further leads available.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to a reported unattended death on Carpenter Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person called the police to report a past-tense verbal dispute. Victim was in her store when she heard a female (later identified) yelling at an elderly female in a walker. She asked if everything was all right out of concern. Female answered that her mother was deaf. She thought the yelling was excessive. Subject took off her shoes and slapped them together and walked away. Female then received a message from her on the store answering machine in essence telling her to mind her own business. The officer spoke with the subject today and got her side of the story. Subject said that she was under a lot of stress at that time and thought the female should not have even talked to her. The officer told her that the phone message was out of line. She agreed. No further action.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer observed a dog walking unattended on the west side of Dolores Street north of Fifth Avenue. The dog entered the Norton Court complex. The dog was located inside the courtyard, and a friend of the dog owner was contacted. Information was obtained and he was advised of the violation. No prior contacts and a warning was given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units were dispatched for a welfare check on Santa Fe Street. The reporting party asked police to check on his elderly landlord, whom he had not spoken with for some time. Officers spoke with the subject and she was in good health.

Carmel area: Report of possible restraining order violation. The order could not be found. Case continues.

Carmel Valley: Victim reported the theft of cash and checks from her business on East Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur: Partington Ridge resident wanted to report that her neighbor came onto her property.

Big Sur: Victim reported that she forgot her laptop at a restaurant on Highway 1. When she returned for it, somebody had already taken it.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: The officer contacted a citizen on a followup report of a barking dog complaint. On the day of the complaint, the dog owner could not be contacted and no barking heard by a community services officer. Information was obtained and given to the new resident. Dog license application given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A female subject, age 63, was arrested for shoplifting items from a market on Junipero Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted subject on Rio Road regarding a broken rear windshield. Upon speaking with the subject, she stated unknown individuals have been following her and were controlling her vehicle by remote control for the last two years. She also stated these same individuals were putting caustic chemicals in her soap and keeping her from getting a job. Subject was evaluated for her mental well being and determined not to meet the criteria for further evaluation. Subject FI’d and released.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party came into the sta-

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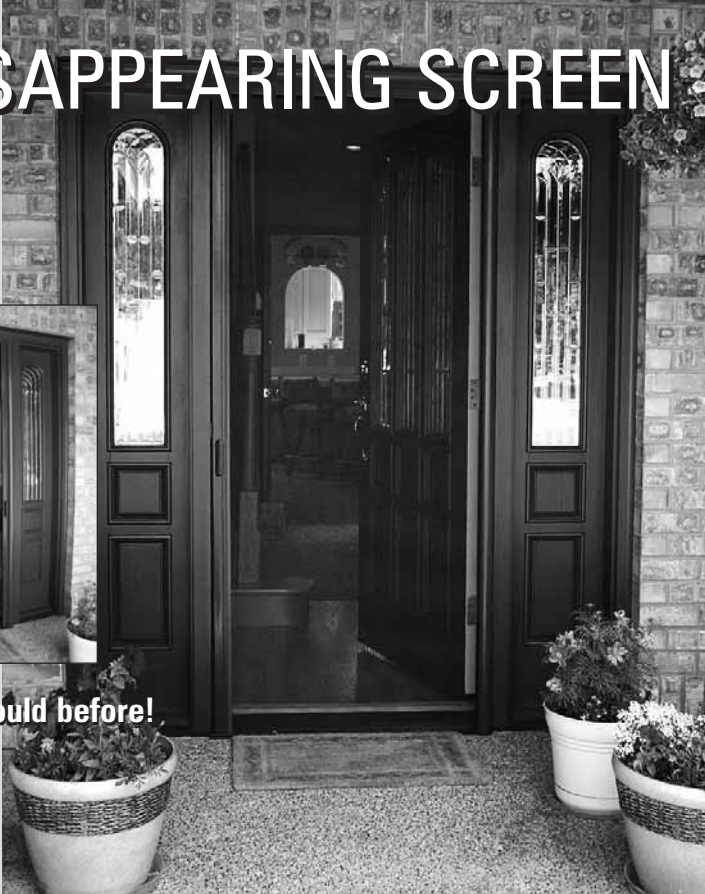
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tion at 1625 hours to report an ongoing civil issue with neighbor on Santa Fe. Neighbor occasionally will go into a rampage and throw rocks and other debris into her yard. At

this time, the RP does not want a formal report but wants to have the information documented for future reference.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An 18-year-old male driver was stopped for a mechanical vehicle code violation, and the driver was found to be driving with a suspended license. He was released on a citation and his vehicle impounded for 30 days.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 49-year-old male subject was

arrested on Torres Street for DUI during the investigation of a domestic violence incident involving his vehicle.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched on a mutual aid for Westmed on Camino del Monte for a male with difficulty breathing. Patient transported Code 2 to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to Cypress Drive in Pebble Beach for an elderly male with chest pain. Patient transported Code 2 to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency at a bank on Dolores Street. Fire engine on scene. Crew performed patient assessment, vitals, report information and loading for a female in her 40s with a possible allergic reaction. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency in the parking lot at the Mission. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel with diagnostics and gathering information on a female in her 40s who had abrasions on her left hand and had a possible alcohol overdose. The patient was transported by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine responded to a medical emergency at Carmel Police Department. Firefighters provided first aid of bleeding control to a male in his 40s who had sustained a laceration to his face near the left eye. The patient was also possibly intoxicated. Ambulance from mid-valley also responded, but no patient contact was established. The patient was left in the custody of police personnel, signed a medical release as he refused further treatment and transport and all units returned to quarters.

Carmel area: Deputy assisted Carmel police at a medical call in front of the Mission.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Conducted a traffic stop on vehicle at Ocean and Mission. Upon contact, smelled an odor of marijuana from the vehicle. Driver, a 24-year-old male, stated he had some marijuana inside the vehicle. After a records check, it came back the driver had a no-bail warrant out of Texas. Driver was arrested and transported to county jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male said that he was in his girlfriend's Mission Street apartment putting up some window blinds. While he was doing this, he heard a female

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subject talking to a painter on the second level. He then heard her whistling as she walked in front of his apartment. The whistling stopped and then he heard scratching on the exterior wall. A few minutes later, he found that dirt had been scraped on the freshly painted wall near the apartment. He said that the dirt was not on the wall previously and that the subject was the only person near the apartment. The dirt could be easily removed and there is no permanent damage.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to a medical emergency in the pro shop at Spyglass Hill. Ambulance arrived and treated patient for an allergic reaction. ALS procedures provided and patient prepared for transport. Ambulance Code 2 with patient.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a reported vehicle vs. pedestrian at San Carlos and Fifth. Engine on scene. Crew performed patient assessment of a male in his 70s who had been bumped in the thigh by a passing vehicle. The subject claimed to not be injured and signed a medical release. Ambulance canceled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Dolores Street. Fire engine and ambulance on scene. Crew assisted with vitals, EKG, report information and loading for a male in her 50s with possible syncope. Patient transported to CHOMP.

Pebble Beach: MCSO Search and Rescue dive team was called out for a sailing vessel that had gone aground at Stillwater Cove in Pebble Beach.

Carmel area: Father and daughter in a verbal domestic dispute on Camino del Monte.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: The power of attorney for an estate requested a cousin to enter a residence to remove perishable items from the refrigerator. The cousin requested a civil standby. The officer met with him and watched him remove the perishable items. He left and secured the front door. He took both sets of keys to return one to the county coroner and the other he mailed to the power of attorney for the estate.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim came in to Carmel P.D. to report the loss of his Nokia 2125a cell phone at the public restrooms located near Devendorf Park. The cell phone was lost at an unknown time on Oct. 10. Reporting party is requesting a report for insurance purpose only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to a medical emergency on Highlands Drive. At scene, found patient complaining of hypoglycemia. Patient checked for injuries and

complaint. Patient alert and oriented, refusing services or transport. Ambulance cleared scene after patient signed AMA refusal.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to a medical emergency on Viscaino Road.

Pebble Beach: A victim on Palmero Way reported her intoxicated husband committed battery against her. Case continues.



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