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Jury convicts doctor in bizarre stalking case

By MARY SCHLEY

A MONTEREY gynecologist is facing more than four years in state prison after being found guilty this week of engaging in a bizarre campaign of stalking, trespassing and vandalism against her ex-husband — including releasing three rats and a python into his Carmel Valley home.

Jurors convicted Mary Kay Brewster at the end of a two-week trial presided over by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Mark Hood, and she's set to be sentenced Jan. 13.

According to prosecutor Steve Somers, the stalking began after Brewster split with her husband — who was referred to as “John Doe” throughout the trial but is orthopedic surgeon Chris Clevenger — amid allegations of infidelity in 2013, after which she “began a pattern of harassment which included entering his workplace and destroying property, sending thousands of harassing and profane text messages, calling his cell phone repeatedly throughout the night, and defacing his

mail with obscene writing.”

Brewster also vandalized his car, poisoned his plants, assaulted him by kicking him when he was moving boxes out of their home, and “repeatedly threatened to inform his children and mother of vile stories about him,”

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Surveillance cameras installed by a stalking victim captured images of gynecologist Mary Kay Brewster lurking around the victim's car in the middle of the night.

Expert says Allan House isn't worth saving

By CHRIS COUNTS

OPponents of a plan to demolish pioneer A.M. Allan's stone house near Point Lobos State Reserve were dealt a blow this week when an expert offered his opinion that the structure can't be considered historically significant “due to lack of historic integrity,” a county official said this week.

The assessment came from Anthony Kirk of Santa Cruz, a county-approved historical consultant.

“Although the house was lived in by A. M. Allan for 30 years, the house does not resemble the house he lived in, due to many structural alterations,” county planner Dan Lister explained. “The report does indicate that the house is in very poor condition. Because the report does not find the house historic, there are no discussions [in the report] regarding the rehabilitation of the dwelling.”

In other words, as far as the consultant is concerned, the building could be torn down.

The current owners, Richard and Daryl Larsen, say they want to remove the house so they can build a new home, along with a second dwelling and an addition to an existing barn, on the highly scenic property across from the reserve.

Report: Pioneer's home has been altered too much

Pioneering preservationist

A successful racetrack designer and builder, Allan bought land at Point Lobos in 1898 and lived there for more than 30 years — in the house which was built by a whaler in 1878. He also recognized the need to protect the area's unique environment.

Three years after he died, his family sold 348 acres to the State of California, a deal that created Point Lobos State Reserve.

Allan's legacy is considered so important that some want to name a state park after him. The park would be established on the 1,300-acre Point Lobos Ranch, which was acquired for \$13 million in a series of transactions ending in 2006 — and is located just steps

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City updates ban on marijuana stores

■ But planning commission wants medical use protected

By MARY SCHLEY

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS last week updated the city's ban on marijuana dispensaries, to conform with

new state laws regulating them.

The updated ban, which goes before the city council next week, has to be in effect by March 2016, or the state will take control of regulating marijuana businesses in the city, according to a trio of Assembly bills known as the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act that were recently signed by Gov. Jerry Brown.

“My understanding is the Assembly bills opened the door to allow more marijuana activities throughout the state,” senior planner Marc Wiener said at the Nov. 18 meeting. “The [old] ordinance adopted by the city didn't cover the language of the Assembly bills and might be inadequate legally.”

The Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act established a state licensing scheme for commercial medical marijuana uses while protecting local control by requiring that all such businesses obtain local permission in addition to the state license, according to Wiener. If the city doesn't update its laws by March 1, 2016, the state will take charge.

“The MMRSA allows the city to completely prohibit commercial medical marijuana activities; however, the city's municipal code must be revised to address the language contained in the MMRSA,” he said.

Wiener said city attorney Don Freeman drafted municipal code amendments to outlaw dispensaries, commercial cultivation, delivery and other business activities related to marijuana.

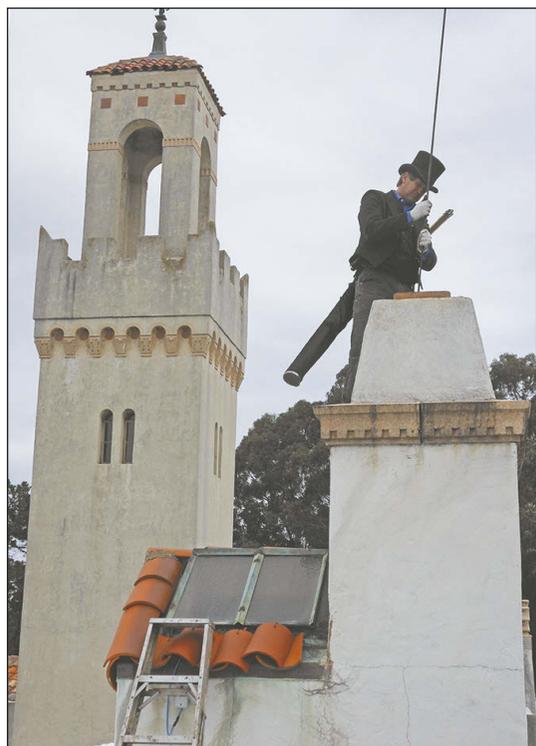
According to the new city ordinance, “no medical marijuana or cannabis dispensary or distribution facility” can be opened in town; commercial “cultivation, possession, manufacture, processing, storing, laboratory testing, labeling, transport, delivery, dispensing, transfer, distribution, or sale of medical cannabis or medical cannabis products” is forbidden; and “no person shall establish, operate, conduct or allow a commercial cannabis activity anywhere within the city.” Growing pot is also expressly banned in the new ordinance, including by people who use it for medical purposes.

‘Making criminals’

Commissioners struggled with the conflict between federal law — which classifies marijuana as an illegal drug under all circumstances — and state law, which

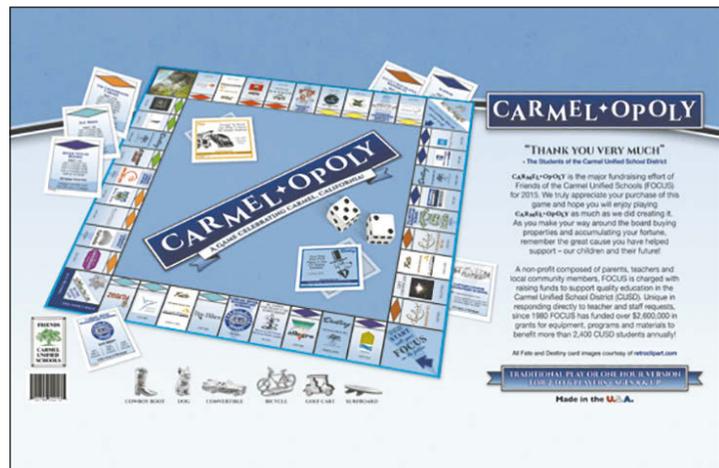
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A fire fighter in top hat and tails



That guy on the rooftop isn't wearing a red suit and won't drop any gifts down the chimney, but he might be able to save it. See page 8A.

CARMELOPOLY UNDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE?



THE FRIENDS of Carmel Unified Schools will hold a launch party for the group's Carmelopoly game at Falktale Winery in Carmel Valley Saturday, Dec. 5, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Based on the popular Monopoly board game, Carmelopoly's spaces are filled with local references and sponsors, who contributed to the nonprofit's efforts to support Carmel's public schools by purchasing spaces on the board.