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John Kenney gives his house to his lawyer

Attorney asking \$625,000 for home with 'inspiring views'

By PAUL MILLER

THE ONE-ACRE property and three-bedroom home at 80 Southbank Road in Carmel Valley were the scene of an infamous double murder.

Last week, the man convicted of shooting his neighbors gave the house to the attorney who unsuccessfully defended him. And the attorney immediately put it up for sale.

At the Monterey County Jail, where he is at the beginning of what promises to be a life sentence without the possibility of parole, John Kenney signed a deed last Thursday giving his former home to Thomas J. Nolan of the Palo Alto law firm, Nolan, Armstrong & Barton LLP. And the attorney promptly listed it with Sotheby's International Realty for \$625,000.

Kenney was convicted Sept. 17 of murdering Mel and Elizabeth Grimes after a long-running dispute over a shared driveway. He is to be sentenced Nov. 3.

According to a Sotheby's website, the listing of the Kenney home is "new this week." It describes the three-bedroom, two-bath house as a "mountain side retreat" with "inspiring views" and a "spacious master bedroom with sunroom addition and office."

According to testimony at the trial — which ended with Kenney convicted of second-degree murder for shooting

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Internet advertising for the former home of convicted murderer John Kenney was launched this week after Kenney gave the home to his defense attorney.

Mel Grimes, and first-degree murder for gunning down Elizabeth Grimes as she tried to help her mortally wounded husband — it was also where Kenney waited in January 2007 for his neighbors to come home after he placed a boulder on part of the driveway he claimed was his, but which the Grimeses routinely used to access their carport.

According to the prosecutor in the case, Berkley Brannon, a title search showed the Grimeses had an easement to use the disputed part of the driveway.

Kenney, 73, testified he asked Monterey County Sheriff's deputies, along with several personal advisers, to

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State official: P.B. revised plan won't have golf course

By KELLY NIX

A REVISED version of a plan by the Pebble Beach Co. that called for a new equestrian center, hotel rooms and employee housing could be unveiled by the end of the year, but without its most contentious component — an 18-hole golf course — according to a senior staff member with the California Coastal Commission.

The project, called the "The Del Monte Forest Plan: Forest Preservation and Development Limitations," was unveiled eight years ago. It included a cap on building in the forest and would have created large open-space preserves.

The plan was embraced by residents and county officials as it made its way through a lengthy permit process, but was rejected by the coastal commission last year after the agency decided the golf course would do too much damage to "environmentally sensitive habitat" — especially Monterey pine forest.

To appease the commission, while still getting some use of its land, the Pebble Beach Co. will likely abandon the golf course proposed for the site of the equestrian center, a coastal commission planner told The Pine Cone this week.

"We have been discussing an option that wouldn't have a golf course," said Dan Carl, manager of the commission's central coast district office in Santa Cruz.

The golf course the company wanted to build would have involved cutting thousands of Monterey pines — one of the world's most plentiful tree species, but which the commission decided needs special protection in its native range.

"We said that, from our perspective, a golf course wouldn't be part of the package, at least of that scale," Carl said. "And they said they're not interested in a smaller scale."

Though nothing has been formally submitted, in addition to eliminating the golf course, the revised plan will probably also be scaled down in other respects.

"It may not be as big an expansion as they had pro-

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Voters and county officials liked the original plan, but the coastal commission vetoed it

TAMC concedes Hatton Canyon trail needs EIR

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE COST of a hiking and bike path through Hatton Canyon, which opponents have dubbed "The Trail to Nowhere," just went up.

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County agreed this week to pay for a full environmental impact report before it tries to construct a 1.7-mile bicycle and walking path between Canyon Drive and the Carmel River. Before agreeing to fund the EIR, the agency estimated the project would cost \$3.8 million.

A group of neighbors living near the proposed trail — calling itself "Save Hatton Canyon" — insists the project brings too much development into what the neighbors believe is an environmentally sensitive area. Activists successfully stopped the Hatton Canyon Freeway project with the same argument.

"It's a massive road, not a bicycle trail," said Joe Krings, who lives near the canyon. "You can't just mow down wetlands."

According to John Dillard, another Hatton Canyon neighbor, residents of Carmel Hills and Carmel Knolls sent more

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DUI driver wants mental exam by third doctor

By MARY BROWNFIELD

ONE DOCTOR believes Deborah King is fit to be tried for murder and vehicular manslaughter in the Sept. 2 death of 35-year-old Joel Woods, but another said she is not. On Wednesday, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Adrienne Grover said she wants the differences in opinion settled and put the matter off until Nov. 7 so the defendant could undergo further analysis.

Police arrested and jailed the 51-year-old Monterey resident after she allegedly ran down Woods with her BMW SUV as he picked up his son from Pacific Grove Middle School. Officers determined she was under the influence of prescription drugs at the time. Because King had accumulated five DUI charges in another county a decade ago, the district attorney's office filed murder and gross vehicular manslaughter charges based

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SEWAGE TURNED INTO WATER THAT'S 'ALMOST TOO PURE'

By KELLY NIX

THREE MONTHS after it began operating, a high-tech filtration system built specifically to irrigate Pebble Beach golf courses and other open space with reclaimed sewage is running smoothly, according to its operators.

The reverse osmosis system — which forces treated wastewater through microfilters, removing virtually all contaminants — pumps more than one million gallons of water daily from the Carmel Area Wastewater District plant to a reservoir in Pebble Beach where it is used for irrigation.

Some of the treated water is also flowing to the Carmel River Lagoon to improve the habitat for native plants and animals.

"The plant is running peachy keen," said Mark Scheiter, CAWD plant superintendent.

The reverse osmosis system, which began oper-

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In a new facility at the Carmel sewage treatment plant, the large motors in the foreground pump treated sewage through the reverse-osmosis units in the back that make the water almost 100 percent pure.