

# Build Report:

## Land Purchase Made; Next Stop: Planning Dept.

Horace Mann, Habitat's Site Acquisition Committee Chair, reports that escrow is ready to close on the purchase of 1.15 acres at Oak and Dana Streets in Fort Bragg. This is in addition to Habitat's 16,300-sq.ft. of land at that location.

The most recent plot plan propose a layout for ten houses "We may qualify for a 'density bonus' that would permit an extra house on the site," Mann points out. Leventhal & Schlosser has designed six of



*Plot plan at Oak and Dana Streets*

Meanwhile, Habitat architect Bob Schlosser is waiting for the Planning Department ruling so he can challenge Northern California architects to compete for the best design. "I hope to have a winner by April," Bob reports.

Habitat Lead Builder, Robert VanPeer, is counting on April for marshalling his troops and starting to build. "I'll alert my crews

## Fraser Family's Road to Homeownership



### ***"We're in a Partnership with Habitat That's Going to Go On a Long While"***

Kevin Fraser, his wife, Janelle, and their two boys, Jay, 11, and Jessie, 3, have been involved with Habitat for Humanity of the Mendocino Coast for more than three years. "Keeps us busy," says Janelle, "but it's the kind of work that makes us feel good about ourselves."

The Frasers applied to Habitat for a home in 1997, at which time they were put on a waiting list. Since then, they've been adding to their "sweat-equity" hours in numerous ways as they wait for their house to be built some time this summer.

"One of the things I do is Habitat's bulk mailing," Janelle explains. "Notices, fund-raising letters, invitations — that sort of thing. *Coast Habitat News* is one of my bulk mail jobs!"

She has also participated in Habitat's Beach Clean-up at Big River Beach and worked at the fund-raising events put on by

Habitat each year. "I really enjoy the Mexican Dinners," she adds. "The food, the fun, the happy atmosphere. It's work, but the time goes fast!"

Kevin, who drives a tow-truck for Walker Towing, also puts in sweat-equity hours for Habitat. But his most important job has just started: he's the new President of the HfH Mendocino Coast Partners Association. All Habitat homeowners, or prospective homeowners are members.

"I guess my job is to line up the projects our members want to do this year," Kevin says, "and try to get 'em done."

A second-generation Mendocino native, Kevin is most excited about becoming a Habitat homeowner this year. "It's our family's big dream — due to come true this summer!"

EDITORIAL

## When's the Right Time to Give to Coast Habitat?

### *The Truth About Funding A Long-term Project For Building Dreams*

Last year was Coast Habitat's best fundraising year to date... so you who gave so generously last year are profoundly thanked by the entire organization. (And there's still time for those of you who did not give: our Fiscal Year doesn't end until June 30, 2000.)

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## Harwood Foundation Offers Supply Of Lumber for Next Habitat House

Letter from Art Harwood, President of Harwood Lumber Company, Branscomb, CA, Coast Habitat President Chuck Greenberg thanked the Harwood Foundation for Sustainable Forestry and Sustainable Community for its offer of dimension lumber for Coast Habitat's eighth house.

gine." With plenty of fuel, we move faster, cover more ground. Thanks to your gifts, we now possess enough land to build 10 more houses— more land than we have ever owned!

Now we need funds for putting up those homes. It never stops... and the best time to give to Habitat is when you can and when you are moved to do so.

That's why we're counting on you to use the enclosed return mailers to help move our mission forward. It's also a convenient way to spread out your gift in installments.

Thank you for investing in dreams for worthy people you don't know... but whose lives

"The combination of your generosity in providing the valuable certified 'green' lumber framing package," Chuck's letter went on, "and the possible connection with Home Depot will make more dreams come true."

The Harwood Foundation commitment to nurturing the community as well as the forest, Chuck points out, is in complete harmony with Habitat's goals. Further, through Art Harwood's connection with the Home Depot building supply chain, another source of donations

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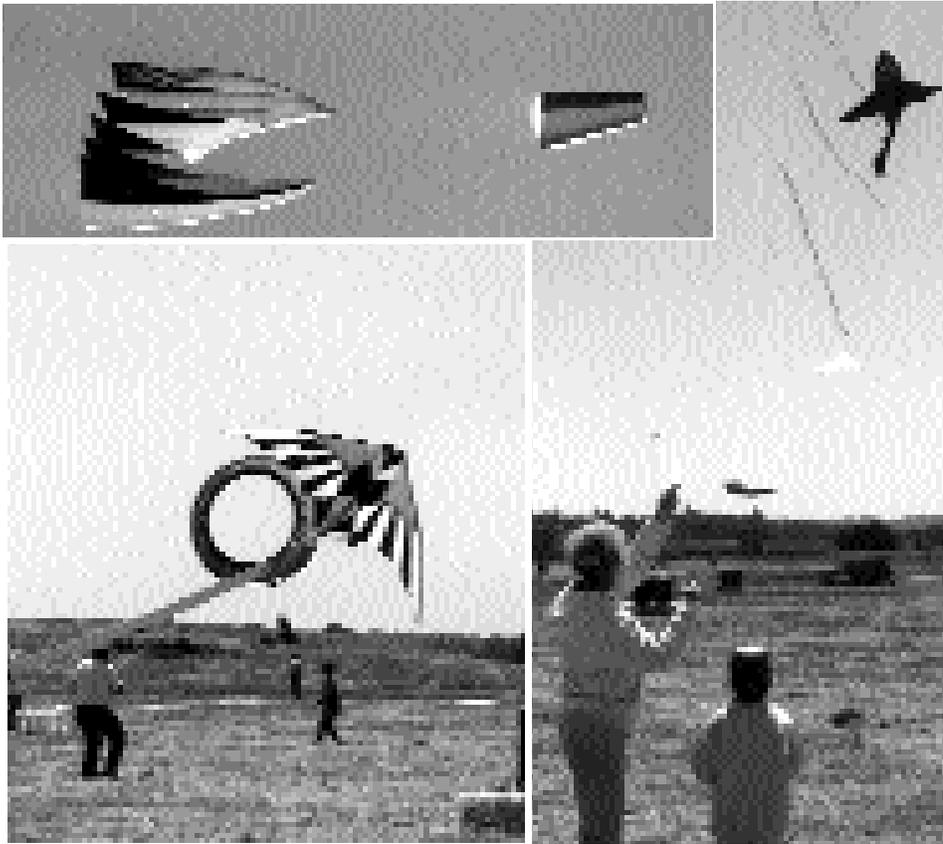
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## Don't Miss the Dance of the Kites



**Kites of All Shapes, Sizes and Colors** soar, flutter and swoop over Todd Point in Fort Bragg during Habitat for Humanity's Annual Kite Festival, now entering its third year. Photos above are from earlier Festivals showing the amazing variety of kites on hand.

## How Your Support for Coast Habitat Also Helps Families in Latin America

It's a little-known fact that a small portion of your gifts to HfH of the Mendocino Coast goes to Habitat International in Americus, GA. This is our "parent" organization, which requires all affiliates to tithe, that is, send 10% of all unre-stricted donations.

We choose the countries which we would like our tithe to benefit. Through the power of this tithe, your support has affected the lives of 33 Partners locally, and also the lives of 7 families in Mexico and Honduras.

Habitat for Humanity believes both in serving our own first... and in compassion for all.

### Kite Festival 2000 Sponsors:

Coast Habitat for Humanity is grateful to the following businesses for this year's event:

**Georgia-Pacific Corp.**  
**Harvest Market**  
**Matson Building Materials**  
**McDonald's**  
**Rose Memorial Park**  
**Showplace Homes**

## Habitat to Stage Third Annual Kite Festival May 13th

### Will Feature Famous 'Sundowners' Kite Troupe from S.F.

On the breezy rise where Todd Point slopes down to the sea, the sky should be filled with colorful kites next May 13th, the date of the Habitat for Humanity Third Annual Kite Festival. This year, the Bay Area Sundowners, a group of crack kite technologists, will demonstrate the things a kite can do under skilled control.

The Sundowners were the big hit of Habitat's first Kite Festival in 1998. They performed aerobatics with their kites, flew in formation, moved in intricate patterns, and showed their design beauty. Kite Festival Chair Jerry Horsfall is looking forward to their return.

### Skyful of Kites

"We're also inviting members of the American Kite Flyers Association in Northern California to attend our Festival," Jerry adds. "We could have quite a skyful of beautiful kites over Fort Bragg!"

There will be games for the children and a selection of foods prepared by Habitat's Family Selection and Partnering Committee. Kite Festival admission is free. Parking (\$1 donation) will be available on the west side of Highway One