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Dear Editor,



If you've traveled by Art Beal's home on Bedford St. in the Western Section of Cambria Pines lately, you may have noticed trimmed trees, new plants and flowers and general cleanup efforts around the property. For the past year we have had a volunteer caretaker working on the property who has almost singlehandedly to improve the appearance of Nitt Witt Ridge. The Art Beal Foundation is appreciative of this young mans efforts.

Each time we visit "The Ridge" we're amazed at the traffic. Anywhere from two to ten cars per hour will stop by for a brief look-see. They are often a mix of locals, locals with out-of-town friends or tourists. Most have kind words of admiration for the castle of castoffs. Art Beal's house is kind of like one of those "vortex" or "house of mystery" places. People love it.

It's apparent that this structure adds to the commerce of Cambria and Cambria Pines. One suspects that all those visitors must refuel their cars at filling stations or themselves at restaurants, buy a book or newspaper or even a painting at a local gallery once in a while. How much this adds up to is an unknown, but considering it has been going on for decades, the contribution could be considerable. Up until a few years ago, Nitt Witt Ridge was included in the Hearst Castle brochure as an alternative site to visit while in the area.

Since its founding on 1975, the Art Beal Foundation has been centered in San Luis Obispo. Recently, we've had several requests from Cambrians to serve on the Board of Directors. We are more than Pleased. Nitt Witt Ridge belongs to Cambria. Won't you join us and support the work a founder of your community--Art Beal. A prospectus on the property is available at the Cambria Library. It is our desire to see the Art Beal Foundation centered in Cambria where it belongs. Please join with us in attaining this goal.

Sincerely,

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