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New life for an old landmark

The 130 year-old Thurwachter House (above), that once stood near West Beach Road at Thurwachter Road, is getting a full restoration at its new location on San Andreas Road at Manresa Beach. Soon to open as the Inn at Manresa Beach, the towering wood structure, according to general contractor Bruce Sugarman, will offer guest rooms with fireplaces, jacuzzis, two rooms with handicapped access, and sweeping views of rolling hills. Guy Ganly of Las Lomas sizes up a stack of salvaged lumber from the Thurwachter home intended to become the bar in the dining area. "I've been in this business 30 years," Ganly said, "and I've never seen wood this nice. It is all vertical grain first-growth redwood." The wood was originally part of the exterior window sills, Ganly said.

