Blaze destroys 2 shops

Five-alarm fire in San Jose

Classic car collection worth more than $1M also goes up in smoke

By Robert Salonga

SAN JOSE — A Petersfield for engulfed an industrial complex in North San Jose early Saturday, sending a column of acrid smoke across the valley sky as owners of two car-customizing businesses/new their livelihoods go up in flames. And one lost a classic car collection.

The Petersfield, which also prompted evacuations of homes and businesses, was reported part before 1 a.m. on Central Market near Berryessa Road. The auto shop was destroyed, fire officials said.

No injuries — either to people or a loaded security door that was from the push-in task of two car-customizing businesses that with kept from spreading to neighboring businesses by about 100 firefighters.

Because the wind was light, the black column of smoke from the fire grew slowly rose straight into the sky rather than spreading wide. But it still cast a brown haze over parts of the valley and was unable to drive a stretch of Highway

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Ravens and crows adapting to Bay Area cities in record numbers

By Nicholas Weber

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Crows and ravens have coexisted in the Bay Area for decades, and local Audubon volunteers say their numbers have been on the rise for years. "They're here to stay," says Steve Bousman, author of the "Breeding Bird Atlas of Santa Clara County" and a member of the local Audubon Society. "They're here in many ways, they're so adaptable to changing environments." These efforts have significantly reduced the number of ravens in the parks. Hallberg is part of a network of volunteers who keep the birds away from the parks by feeding them and educating the public about the need to avoid them. These efforts have significantly reduced the number of ravens in the parks. Hallberg is part of a network of volunteers who keep the birds away from the parks by feeding them and educating the public about the need to avoid them. These efforts have significantly reduced the number of ravens in the parks. Hallberg is part of a network of volunteers who keep the birds away from the parks by feeding them and educating the public about the need to avoid them.