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## Church opposed for the usual reasons

■ ‘Noise,’ ‘traffic’ and  
‘threat to rural character’

By CHRIS COUNTS

A GROUP of residents who live in Cachagua want to establish a church in the remote Upper Carmel Valley community, which currently doesn’t have one. But a neighbor insists the project will create traffic, noise and dangerous road conditions — and violate Monterey County’s zoning regulations.

The county planning commission will weigh in on the proposed church Jan. 11 in Salinas.

According to county papers, Joshua Stewman has submitted an application to convert a 1,926-square-foot private home on a 10-acre site at 19345 Cachagua Road into a church. The plan calls for building a 744-square-foot addition and 830-square-foot basement to the main residence.

But Don Bonsper, who lives nearby, said the development “violates the spirit of the Carmel Valley Master Plan, and the Cachagua Area Plan.”

Bonsper warned the church’s many activ-

ities — including Sunday and Wednesday services, summer camp, overnight camping, prayer meetings and other activities — “will have serious impacts to the area.” “The most important concerns are those related to increased traffic with its noise to the neighbors and risks to the personal safety of people traveling an already dangerous road,” Bonsper wrote in a letter sent out last week by the Carmel Valley Association in its weekly bulletin. “This includes the people who like to cycle through Cachagua on

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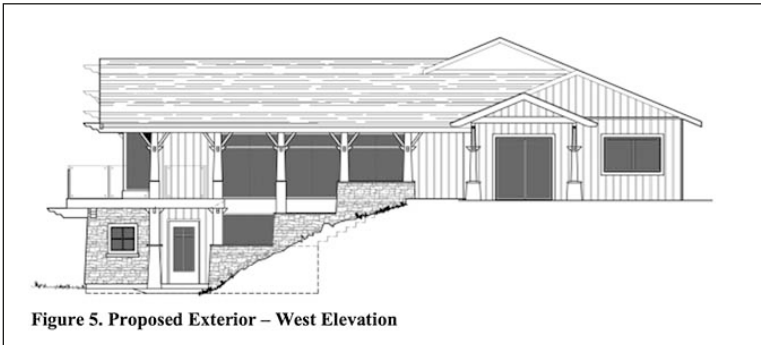


Figure 5. Proposed Exterior – West Elevation

A group wants to establish a church in Cachagua, and this drawing shows what it would look like. But some neighbors object to the noise and traffic the church might bring, and the county planning commission will review the plan in January.

## WHAT THE HECK IS ‘MONTAGE,’ AND WHY IS EVERYTHING BEING RENAMED?

By ELAINE HESSER

IF YOU’VE been to Community Hospital’s clinic at the Crossroads or the Wellness Center in Marina lately, you may have noticed that both places are suddenly being called “Montage,” and that CHOMP’s concentric-square logo has been colorized.

That’s because those facilities, and the hospital itself, have been renamed. And while the name, “Montage,” is unfamiliar and doesn’t exactly sound like a place you’d go when you need to see a doctor, CHOMP spokesperson Mary Barker says a lot of thought went into picking it.

“We wanted to let people know we’re not just a hospital anymore,” she said.

The brand is an umbrella for all the organizations associated with CHOMP, which has grown far beyond its campus at the top of Carmel Hill. “The name, ‘Montage,’ was chosen because we are a collection, a montage, of entities designed to keep people healthy and connected,” the organization said.

The enterprise includes CHOMP, Community Health Innovations, Aspire Healthcare and Montage Medical Group.



The hospital at the intersection of highways 1 and 68 is now called Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula Montage Health.

Meanwhile, Montage Medical Group is the new name for Peninsula Primary Care, which includes outpatient clinics located in the Crossroads and around the Peninsula. Barker explained that change came about because it’s “so much more than primary care, now.” In addition to the Crossroads location and the clinic in Marina, the group’s website lists several specialty practices, including cardiology and urology.

Aspire Health, an insurance program that supplements Medicare, and Community Health Innovations are both run in collaboration with Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital.

Community Health Innovations is a case-management

organization that tracks patients with chronic diseases, like diabetes, to make sure they stay as healthy as possible.

As Barker said, “We wanted to go from an acute care focus to a prevention focus.” She added that the idea was to make sure, for example, that people stayed on their medications, or made diet and exercise choices that would help them

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## Commission: Let them order from counters

By MARY SCHLEY

AS LONG as most restaurants aren’t allowed to start serving food from counters, the city should amend its rules on restaurants to allow a few places like Carmel Belle to open, the planning commission decided last week.

At the Doud Court eatery, customers order at a counter and then are served at their tables — an arrangement that violates the city code, which requires restaurants to either be full service or “specialty” — mostly coffee shops that also offer some food. But Carmel Belle has been allowed to continue its arrangement until the city council figures out what changes are needed to make it compliant. Owners Jay and Chloe Dolata have been given permission to keep running their restaurant as is until November 2017, according to a report to the planning commission.

### Public workshops

In order to develop policy that could accommodate Carmel Belle and similar restaurants, in 2015, the planning commission created a restaurant subcommittee, which it then expanded to include several restaurateurs and a member of the Carmel Residents Association. They held public workshops in January and November, and at the Dec. 14 planning commission meeting, they recommended creating a new classification for counter-service restaurants and adopting

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## Thief hits Lodge, takes \$90K worth of watches

By MARY SCHLEY

A BURGLAR stole nearly 20 expensive watches, including numerous Rolexes, after waiting for the right opportunity, and then smashing the window of the Men’s Shop at the Lodge at Pebble Beach, grabbing the goods, and fleeing shortly before 8 p.m. Dec. 9. The area was reportedly busy with visitors and staff at the time, prompting some locals to express surprise that the man got away. The entrance to the shop can be seen from the front door of The Lodge and is only steps away from the Pebble Beach Company’s executive offices.

The window smash activated the store’s alarm, but by the time Monterey County Sheriff’s deputies arrived, the burglar was long gone, according to Cmdr. John Thornburg.

“The two deputies got there, and the bad guys were gone, so they called out our crime scene guys to process the scene, and they’re working on that,” he said. It’s unknown what the burglar used to shatter the store window.

“They did steal a bunch of watches — 15 to 20 items,” he said, estimating the loss at around \$90,000. Thornburg said at least a few of them were Rolexes.

Four people are listed as witnesses in the deputy’s report, but Thornburg said the sheriff has no statements from any of them yet. At present, the deputy is working with the head of Pebble Beach Security and the sheriff’s crime scene inves-

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## Consummate party host, bridge partner — and countess — dead at 93

By MARY SCHLEY

A LONGTIME local who married a French count and was the granddaughter of the founder of Boy Scouts of America, Jane Ellen Parker d’Avenas died Dec. 3. She was 93.

Born in San Francisco on July 10, 1923, to James and Happy Parker, d’Avenas moved here with her parents when she was still quite young, and attended a local grade school before staying for short periods of time in Southern California, Illinois, Chicago and Europe, and ultimately returning to Carmel. Here, she ended up spending most of her life in the home her mother had built on Scenic Road

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PHOTO/COURTESY CAMILLE D’AVENAS

An ebullient Jane Ellen (left) caught in a photograph with her mother, Happy Parker. The two often traveled and adventured together following the death of Jane Ellen’s father when she was just 13.

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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Their favorite things: Schnitzel and Strudel

THE FAMILY already had a dog – a schnauzer-poodle mix named Strudel who came from the SPCA. The little black face staring back at them from an online photo was the “biggest hot mess” they’d ever seen, and



they all agreed no one would love her the way they would.

“We just love a black, fuzzy dog, so she was perfect for us,” said the mom. “She was cute and so spunky.”

Strudel, now 5, seemed to make the family perfect. Yet, this past March, as they were planning a birthday party for their 8-year-old daughter, mom suggested guests bring a charitable donation, instead of a gift.

The party brought in \$120, which the family took to the SPCA. After the birthday girl made the donation, she posed with a puppy for a publicity shot. And that was when she saw another scruffy black dog and fell in love with the little Shih Tzu mix. She named him Schnitzel and introduced him to Strudel, who acted a little alpha but secretly seemed to love him, too.

“Not only did we donate others’ contributions to the SPCA, but then we made our own donation by adopting Schnitzel,” said Mom. “The first few weeks, he was so pathetic, cowering and quiet; my husband thought maybe he was just going to lie down and die. But slowly, under Strudel’s authority and our love, Schnitzel, now 2, has become his own person, confident and super strong.”

Both Schnitzel and Strudel have been to Asilomar Beach, where they love to run around while the family searches for sea glass. “Admittedly, it’s not often,” said Mom, “since their fur fills quickly with sand.”

If the family ever got a third dog, they’d have to balance out the names Schnitzel and Strudel with a Bavarian beverage, perhaps Schnapps.

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*Not pictured: Hannah Miller, Vanessa Jimenez, Sharron Smith,  
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# The Carmel Pine Cone

# Jacks Peak gets new management, will be linked to trail network

By CHRIS COUNTS

MORE THAN three years after talks began, Monterey County officials have reached an agreement with the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District to take over management of Jacks Peak County Park.

“We’ve had a chance to meet with several county officials over the last couple months, and we’re moving forward,” park district general manager Rafael Payan told the Pine Cone. “This is a great example of government interacting with other jurisdictions to make the operation of a park as efficient as possible.”

Park district board member John Dalessio told The Pine Cone in 2013 that the district was interested in collaborating with county officials on a management plan for Jacks Peak park, which straddles a hill between Monterey and Carmel and includes the 1,068-foot Jacks Peak.

According to county papers, the park district made the county an offer to manage the park, develop some camping facilities and make improvements. The park district, which is funded in part by a parcel tax, would be responsible for “all costs, services and activities necessary to complete the project.”

The county would continue to maintain roads and retain ownership — at least for now.

Because the county doesn’t spend a lot of money on parks, officials sought partners to provide funding. A county staff report indicates the deal also has the endorsement of a county ad-hoc committee and county parks director Carl Holm.

“One of the goals under financial stability in the recently completed Parks Department Strategic Plan is the collaboration with other non-profit organizations to increase the role of philanthropy in building and sustaining the county’s park system,” a county staff report reads.

Encompassing 525 acres, Jacks Peak is home to eight miles of hiking trails. The park district wants to connect those trails to others in the adjacent 851-acre Joyce Stevens Monterey Pine Forest Preserve, and create a trail from Jacks Peak to future parklands at Rancho Cañada, where the last of two golf courses closes in January. Payan predicted that one day hikers will be able to walk from Jacks Peak to Garrapata Beach in Big Sur.

To get hikers safely across Carmel Valley Road, an underpass or overpass will need to be constructed — very much like the one that leads pedestrians from The Barnyard shopping center to Hatton Canyon. Such a corridor would also safely enable “wildlife to move back and forth without the danger of traffic,” Payan explained.

The park district GM credits the Rancho Cañada Village project — which faced considerable opposition when it was approved last week — with making a critical link in the trail network possible.

“It’s ironic, but this unification of landscapes is a byproduct of the Rancho Cañada development,” he added. “This is one of greatest outcomes for the conservation community.”

Besides offering opportunities for outdoor recreation, Jacks Peak park — along with its neighbor, Joyce Stevens Monterey Pine Forest Preserve — is home to a Monterey pine forest that some say is one of the most important in the world. Dalessio said it could “hold the genetic key” to the longterm survival of the Monterey pine.



Jacks Peak Park is noted for its valuable Monterey pine forest and its views of Carmel Valley, Point Lobos and Monterey.

  
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# Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

## HE LOST HIS LIBRARY PRIVILEGES

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Package found in the street. Owner was notified and confirmed he was expecting a package, but is on vacation in another state. The package will be delivered to his condo complex.

**Pacific Grove:** Female Shell Avenue resident reported that a male attempted to scam her out of money. Resident said she recognized it was a scam when they asked her to send a check. She notified the male subject that she would be notifying the police. The male subject hung up the phone without further incident. She wanted people to be notified of this incident and spread awareness.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle tampering on Lighthouse Avenue. No suspect information.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle on Second Street tampered with. No personal belongings taken. Vehicle owner unable to provide suspect information.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers were dispatched to a report of a vehicle vs. a pedestrian accident on Central Avenue at 1859 hours. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the driver, who stated he hit a female pedestrian. The driver stated the female yelled at him and then walked away. The driver told the female subject to wait for

police and medical personnel to arrive on scene and assist her. The driver said the female walked away from the scene and did not want to stay for police and medical personnel. Officers and medical personnel were unable to locate the female subject.

**Pebble Beach:** Deputies conducted a welfare check on an elderly male on Laurel Lane. Entry into the home was forced. The man was transported by ambulance to CHOMP for a medical emergency. A mental health evaluation detention was put into effect and reported to Adult Protective Services.

**Carmel area:** Trespassing at a Birch Place residence.

**Carmel area:** A despondent man on Ribera Road was taken to CHOMP for mental health evaluation.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Police advised that an employee of a business at Junipero and Ocean had been embezzling money for the last 12 months. The 32-year-old male Marina resident was arrested at the store by a detective and taken to Monterey County Jail.

**Pacific Grove:** Citizen was parked at a customer's residence on 17th Street at 2120 hours. While the citizen was with the customer, her vehicle was broken into, and various items were stolen from within the vehicle.

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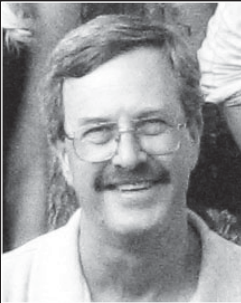


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# FORMER PROJECT BELLA PARTNER COMPLAINS ABOUT HOW BUSINESS IS RUN

## ■ Domaine president target of several lawsuits in Orange County

By KELLY NIX

THE DEVELOPER who backed out of a partnership to build a luxury hotel at the American Tin Cannery has filed complaints with a half-dozen government agencies alleging that his former business partners are involved in improper investment and business practices.

But a spokesman for the development company, Domaine Hospitality Partners, said everything is being done by the books and questioned why the former business partner is on a campaign to discredit the company.

Two weeks ago, developer Michael Crall announced that he and another business partner, Grant Sedgwick, were no longer involved with Domaine, a company formed to build a luxury hotel in near the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Crall alleged that Domaine President Ron Meer and partner retired Gen. Wesley Clark had “exposed the company to liability under state and federal securities laws.”

In an interview with The Pine Cone last week, Crall elaborated on the collapse of the business partnership, alleging Clark and Meer are using brokers who are not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Most securities brokers must registered with the SEC, and those who don’t may face monetary penalties.

“This is not just a couple of guys borrowing money from people to finance a dog-grooming business,” Crall said. “These are experienced people who, between Clark and Meer, have 30 years of experience in the brokerage and securities business.”

But David Armanasco, the public relations man for Domaine Hospitality Partners, maintains Crall’s allegations are “false,” and said Domaine is exempt from the SEC rule he cites.

“The issuer does need to be registered as a broker/dealer,” Armanasco told The Pine Cone. “This is a private placement where Domaine is seeking investments for its own project.”

In an August 2015 Project Bella kickoff event at the ATC, Domaine announced it had entered into a lease agreement with Foursome Development, a company co-owned by businessmen Ted Balestreri and Bert Cutino. Monterey Bay Aquarium executive director Julie Packard at the kickoff called the hotel idea a “new vision” and said it “holds great economic future for Pacific Grove.”

And Domaine has vowed the luxury hotel would bring in \$4 million in tax revenue to Pacific Grove in its first full year of operation.

### Informing the feds

Crall — who was the development director for Planet Hollywood International, and the general contractor for the Residences at Spanish Bay and many other development projects — said he contacted the agencies so they could “investigate” Meer’s “offer and sale of securities.”

Among those he contacted were the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory

Authority, the Internal Revenue Service, the California Attorney General and the Franchise Tax Board.

Another beef Crall has is that prior to partnering in the business, Meer made no mention that he was censured by the National Association of Securities Dealers on Oct. 17, 1990, for violating securities rules. Though Meer denied the allegations, he agreed to an undisclosed settlement in the matter, according to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

“He had an absolute obligation to disclose this, not only to us, but to the other investors in the company,” according to Crall, who said Meer made no mention of the issue before their partnership was forged.

But Armanasco said the 25-year-old problem actually involved an employee who worked for Meer who violated the securities rules. The information is public record and can be found online.

“It wasn’t Meer; it was someone else,” Armanasco said.

“Meer and others were cited, but were cleared of any wrongdoing.”

Crall — who has called Meer and Clark’s management of Domaine “amateurish” — said last week they’ve also failed to register their business, Domaine Hospitality Partners LLC, with the Secretary of State, as most businesses are required to do.

“When you are based in California, your project is in California, all of your consultants are in California, and you are writing checks to a city in California and paying bills here, you absolutely have to register in California,” Crall said.

Armanasco also took issue with that assertion.

“He is wrong on that, too,” Armanasco said. “Only companies that engage in intrastate business in California need to

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# Scammers target inns

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

ACCORDING TO a fraud alert issued by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, thieves are bilking hotels by making fake reservations and obtaining refunds, and at least one hotelier in the city reported being targeted.

In the scam, the identity thief emails the hotel to secure a reservation, providing a credit card for the deposit. Once the reservation has been made, the thief then emails or calls the inn with an elaborate tale about having to cancel the reservation and obtain a refund of the deposit.

“The catch is that the scammers say they need the refund submitted to a new card or by check, as the original card has been lost and deactivated,” according to chamber officials, resulting in the money being moved from one account to another.

None of the fraudulent reservations have been made through online booking systems, instead being submitted by personal email. Anyone who has been a target of this scam should contact police at (831) 624-6403.

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# Police: Sur la Table GM embezzled \$10,000

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE GENERAL manager of the Sur la Table kitchenware store in Carmel Plaza was arrested Dec. 12 for embezzlement, according to Cmdr. Paul Tomasi. Daniel Ortiz, a 32-year-old Marina resident, is suspected of siphoning funds from the company to his personal account for a year.

The company’s loss prevention department at its main headquarters in Seattle, Wash., contacted Carmel police on Dec. 9 to request assistance with an investigation regarding Ortiz’ suspected embezzlement, he said. Company officials had noticed large transfers of money from the store to Ortiz’ personal credit card.

The general manager embezzled the money by identifying transactions as customer returns, and then transferring the sums to his credit card. Made during the past year, the credits ranged from \$4 to \$2,000, and each of the returns was transferred manually through the store’s computer directly to Ortiz’ personal credit card, according to Tomasi. They totaled \$10,057.05.

Tomasi said Sur la Table officials wanted to be present when officers contacted Ortiz, so they waited until Dec. 12, when detective Jeff Watkins approached him at the Plaza.

“Ortiz admitted to taking the money for personal use,” he said, and was subsequently arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail on a felony charge of embezzlement.

# Erratic driving leads to drug arrest

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A POLICE officer working the night shift noticed a car driving erratically on Congress Avenue around 2 a.m. Dec. 14, and ended up arresting the driver, 26-year-old Antonio Rappa, for various drug charges, according to Pacific Grove Police Cmdr. Rory Lakind.

After stopping the Ford Fusion, the officer learned Rappa was out on parole, and subsequently conducted a search of the vehicle, finding 25.2 grams of heroin, along with a stolen laptop, checks and other personal documents.

Rappa, a Monterey resident, remains in Monterey County Jail on a \$40,000 warrant for felony drug possession for sale, as well as violation of felony parole, transportation or sale of drugs, commission of a felony while out on parole, and shoplifting.

Lakind said Pacific Grove police are continuing to work on identifying the people who own the stolen items found in Rappa’s car.

“We are still looking to match up property with owners, so the case is ongoing,” he said. “At least one victim has been located, and at least one more charge will be forthcoming.”

Lakind observed that drug use and abuse are often linked with property crimes, like theft and burglary, as people will steal to either feed their habits or obtain drugs to sell on the street.



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# Chapman named public defender

By MARY SCHLEY

CRIMINAL DEFENSE attorney Susan Chapman was named Monterey County Public Defender by the board of supervisors last week, and will officially assume the post on Christmas Eve. Based in Salinas, Chapman opened her private practice in 1986, the same year she graduated from Monterey College of Law, and she became a certified specialist in criminal law in 1997. She began working with the alternate defender’s office — which represents defendants in criminal court when the public defender’s office can’t represent them — in 2003, and became its interim chief after former head Frank Dice was temporarily appointed to run the county public defender’s office in June.

According to county spokeswoman Maia Carroll, “Chapman was selected for the position after an extensive recruitment,” though there was no information available on what the recruitment efforts were or how many candidates applied.

Chapman said lawyers from throughout the state expressed interest in the job, though she didn’t know how many, and the application process included 45-minute interviews with several six-person panels, and then an appearance before the board of supervisors. The interviewers included county officials, current and retired law enforcement officers, retired public defenders, and representatives from other counties.

“It was a very thorough process,” she said.

As public defender, Chapman — the first woman to be appointed to the post in the county’s history — will oversee about four dozen attorneys and investigators who provide free legal representation for indigent adults and children who have been accused of committing crimes in Monterey County. The office also represents people who might be confined because of mental illness.

Chapman said serving as in the alternate defender’s office made her realize how much she enjoys running a law organization.

“After 30 years in private practice, it would be easy to just continue and then retire,” she said. “But I really enjoyed the administrative aspects, and I felt this opportunity with the public defender’s office would give me a good opportunity to

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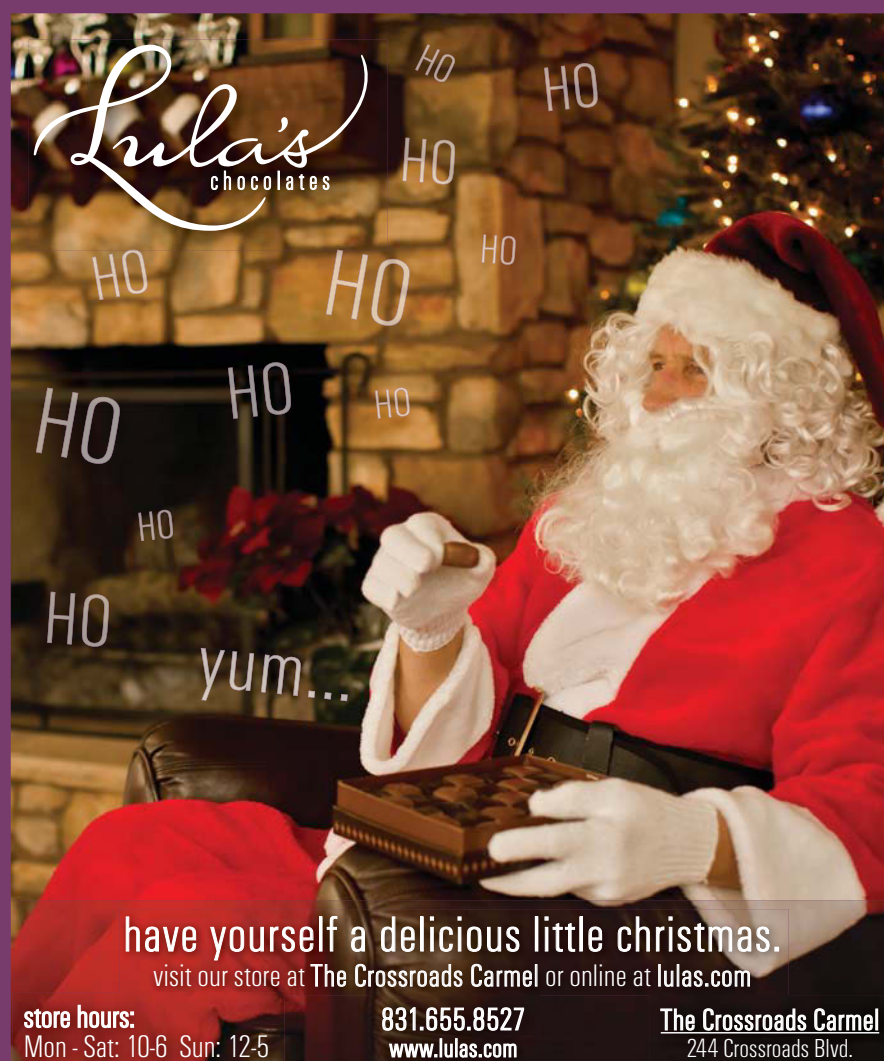
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# Cyanotype show gives new meaning to holiday blues

By CHRIS COUNTS

CALLING ATTENTION to a printing process that dates back to the mid-19th century and gave the first blueprints their distinctive color, photographer Michelle Magdalena will present a pop-up show of botanical images, “Work in Blue,” Friday, Dec. 23, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Exposed gallery.

Printed on watercolor paper, Magdalena’s latest work presents plants you can find in your backyard — such as dandelion, fennel and wild garlic — in a very different light.

For the first step in the process, Magdalena creates a negative by placing a plant on a plastic transparency and exposing it to light on an enlarger. Next, she takes watercolor paper and coats it with an emulsion — a process that requires her to work with a very toxic substance, cyanide.

“I grind up potassium ferricyanide crystals with a mortar and pestle, and dissolve them in water overnight,” Magdalena explained. “I have to wear gloves and a mask. My whole body feels warm when i do it.”

### Unpredictability

After the emulsion on the paper has dried, Magdalena places the negative over it, and puts both in an ultraviolet light box. “Light only comes through where the botanical has left a shadow on the negative” she said.

The end result looks as much like an etching or a drawing as it does a photograph.

“I like the unpredictability of the

process,” she added. “Because the water here is so hard and filled with iron, some have a gray or yellow quality to them, while others have a texture. There are subtle variations — each one is unique.”

Gallery co-owner Rachael Short said she always looks forward to seeing Magdalena’s newest creations.

“I like that she’s always doing something new,” Short told The Pine Cone. “She’s constantly producing work that surprises me.”

Exposed is located in Carmel Square at Seventh and San Carlos. Call (831) 238-0127.



In her latest work, pictured on this invitation, photographer Michelle Magdalena explores a 19th century photographic process.

# Marathon gives away more than \$1 million, supports nonprofits

MONTEREY COUNTY’S premier running event, the Big Sur International Marathon, donated more than \$1 million to local and national charities in 2016 — its biggest give-away ever.

“This is a significant amount for an organization of our size,” noted race director Doug Thurston. “Our direct contributions to the local community are more than 15 percent of our annual budget. The success and popularity of our events allow us to support so many worthy agencies in our area.”

Big Sur Marathon board chair, Tom Rolander echoed Thurston’s comments.

“We’re extremely proud to be able to help and support these dozens of local and national groups, and individuals,” Rolander said. “Runners are by nature an altruistic group, and it certainly showed in their contributions to a variety of causes.”

Much of the money donated by the marathon went to the fire relief effort. The recipients include three Big Sur nonprofits that played key roles in the community when the Soberanes Fire wreaked havoc this past summer and fall along the coast — the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade, the Mid-Coast Fire Brigade and the Big Sur Health Center. Each received \$30,000. The Community Foundation’s fire relief fund also received \$30,000.

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# COUNTESS

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south of 12th Avenue in the late 1930s, though she also traveled extensively and spent a lot of time in France, the country of her late husband, the Count Bertrand d’Avenas, with whom she had two sons and two daughters. The d’Avenas family also occupied, for a time, the striking home at the north end of Carmel Beach that they had bought around 1960 and ended up selling to Gene Hackman years later, according to their youngest, Camille. (Hackman sold it in 1979.)

The couple had no qualms about taking her and her siblings out of school to travel, she said — something that Jane Ellen’s own mother, who benefited from the wealth of her successful father, William D. Boyce, had frequently done. In an oral history, Jane Ellen recalled, “Mother thought nothing of skipping a month or two of school for the far more edifying experience of travel,” referring to a 1938 trip by ship to London after her father died of streptococcus when she was just 13 years old.

Similarly, Camille remembered traveling as a child with her parents and siblings to France, where they lived for several months while taking shorter trips to Spain, England and Ireland. When they returned in the late fall, their mother simply put them in their uniforms and shuffled them off to the school at Carmel Mission, as if they had never missed a day.

“So we all get called in to the principal’s office,” she said, and the school called their mother to advise, “It might have been good if you told us what your plans were.”

### Being entertained

While she fleetingly lived elsewhere and experimented with a few different vocations, marriage and parenthood had Jane Ellen settled mostly in Carmel, where her children noted she enjoyed “her family, friends, bridge, tennis, cooking, entertaining and being entertained (not necessarily in that

order).”

But she hadn’t, in fact, even been convinced she would ever get married, according to her oral history. “I wasn’t sure I would ever find a man I’d want to marry,” she said. “Like my mother, I’m opinionated and independent. By the time I was 20, I, too, had decided that life alone would be just fine.”

Nevertheless, she was smitten by d’Avenas, whom she met in 1949 when he was visiting Carmel. After fleeing the chaos of World War II, he’d come to the states to run his aunt’s ranch in Los Alamos.

When they met, he spoke no English, and she spoke no French, but they managed to become friends, and after he returned to France, she and her mother planned a trip there. The couple ended up spending considerable time together. They returned to Carmel, and their marriage lasted four decades, until he died of cancer in 1990 at the age of 78.

### An overripe apple

For the rest of her life, Jane Ellen would spend summers back East, where her daughter, Annie, lives, and also make regular trips to France with her children, even though she detested flying.

“She loved to have fun — she was not maternal at all — she relied on her friends and cousins and all, if needed,” Camille recalled. “One time, Annie was bleeding, and she drove her over to the Jeffers’ house and said, ‘What do I do?’”

Because her husband loved to eat well, she learned how to cook, and was known for her elaborate and elegant meals.

“She was not only a great cook, she wanted to make sure everyone was having a good time,” Camille said, and dinners often turned into parties, with friends and family speaking English and French as they enjoyed the evening together.

Camille also shared an anecdote that illustrated the kind of chef her mother was. “She was staying with Annie, and she’d made duck for dinner,” she recounted. When Annie returned home from work and expressed surprise at seeing the dish, Jane Ellen explained,

“Well, there was an apple going bad in the fridge, so I had to use it.”

Since her mother’s passing, Camille has received letters, emails and calls from people across the globe expressing their condolences and recalling her mother.

“Her last remaining first cousin, who lives in Illinois and who is eight or 10 years younger than she was, said, ‘Your mother was something else, and quite frankly, none of you compare,’” she said.

### A world view

Closer to home, Pebble Beach resident Mary Shaw, Jane Ellen’s contemporary and longtime friend, remembered meeting her in grade school. “She was shy and cried easily. Many years went by. One night, we went to the tennis ranch for dinner, and there she was, married to a handsome French count with whom she had four handsome children,” Shaw, a life-long Monterey Peninsula resident, said. “After that, we saw a lot of each other. Jane Ellen was an excellent cook and bridge player, and enjoyed both. I wish she knew how much I miss her.”

A fellow bridge player and friend who lives in San Francisco wrote, “I was very sorry to hear about Jane Ellen. She was always fun to play bridge with (less fun to play against), since she was unpredictable and appeared to have her own unshakable view of the world which was somewhat fluid — better in a partner than an opponent,

and absolutely delightful in a dinner companion.”

Jane Ellen is survived by her four children — Count Michel, Pierre, Anne and Camille — and grandchildren Leah and David Weintraub. A celebration of Jane Ellen’s life will be held in the spring, so all of her children and their spouses, grandchildren and friends can be there.



Jane Ellen d’Avenas and her four children: Michel, Pierre, Anne and Camille.

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# Tap-dancing trustee settles lawsuit after being injured in MPC class

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY Peninsula College trustee who filed suit against the school in 2012 after alleging she badly injured her wrist following a tumble in a tap-dancing class has settled the case, but school officials and her fellow trustees won't disclose the terms, including how much it will cost taxpayers to pay her out.

In June 2012, Margaret-Anne Coppernoll took the awkward step of filing suit against the very junior college where she's a trustee, alleging it was Monterey Peninsula College's fault that she slipped and fell during a May 2, 2011, tap dancing class, breaking her hand and injuring her back.

She sought an unspecified amount in damages exceeding \$25,000.

According to records filed in Monterey County Superior Court, Coppernoll and the college entered into a conditional settlement agreement Dec. 7 pending the approval of

the school's board of trustees.

Coppernoll, the four other trustees and MPC superintendent Walter Tribley did not respond to messages from The Pine Cone with questions about the terms of the settlement agreement. MPC attorney Mark Davis also did not return a message.

However, Coppernoll attorney Dave Brown told The Pine Cone Thursday morning that MPC insisted on a confidentiality clause in the settlement, meaning the terms won't be made public.

In terms of Coppernoll's health, Brown said she's improved but is still not as strong as she was before the fall in dance class.

"She was in wheelchair, and at one point, she was told by a doctor that she 'would never walk again and get used to a wheelchair,'" Brown said, adding Coppernoll sometimes uses a cane.

While Coppernoll did have medical insurance at the time of the fall, some medical procedures and care were not covered under

her plan, Brown said.

Coppernoll had been seeking damages for alleged wage loss, previous and future hospital and medical expenses and loss of future earning capacity. Because the settlement means the case won't go to trial, Brown requested that a Jan. 9, 2017, trial date be taken off the court calendar. The documents also indicate he will request a dismissal of the case by February.

### A slippery floor

Attorney David Churchill, who represented Coppernoll at the time she filed the suit, told The Pine Cone four years ago that his client's tap-dancing mishap occurred because of a slippery dance floor.

Churchill said Coppernoll had complained to the dance instructor about the floor before her fall, but that the teacher told Coppernoll to "go up the chain of command to get the floor fixed."

Monterey Peninsula College was negli-

gent, Coppernoll alleged, because it didn't address the slippery floor before her fall.

As a result of the accident, Coppernoll injured her back and suffered a serious wrist injury that required orthopedic surgery and physical therapy, according to Churchill. Physicians, he said, also had to insert numerous screws and a metal plate into her wrist "to hold things together."

Churchill said Coppernoll spent tens of thousands of dollars in medical bills, and he expected she would spend more on future procedures. A medical claim she filed with the school seeking compensation was rejected.

"There is nothing frivolous about her lawsuit," Churchill said in 2012. "It pains her to do this, but she was compelled to do so."

The retired Coppernoll, who was reelected to another four-year term on the MPC Board of Trustees in 2013, also sought monetary damages for pain and suffering. Her trustee term ends in 2017.



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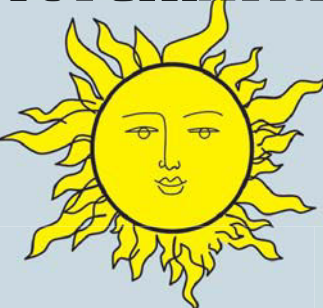
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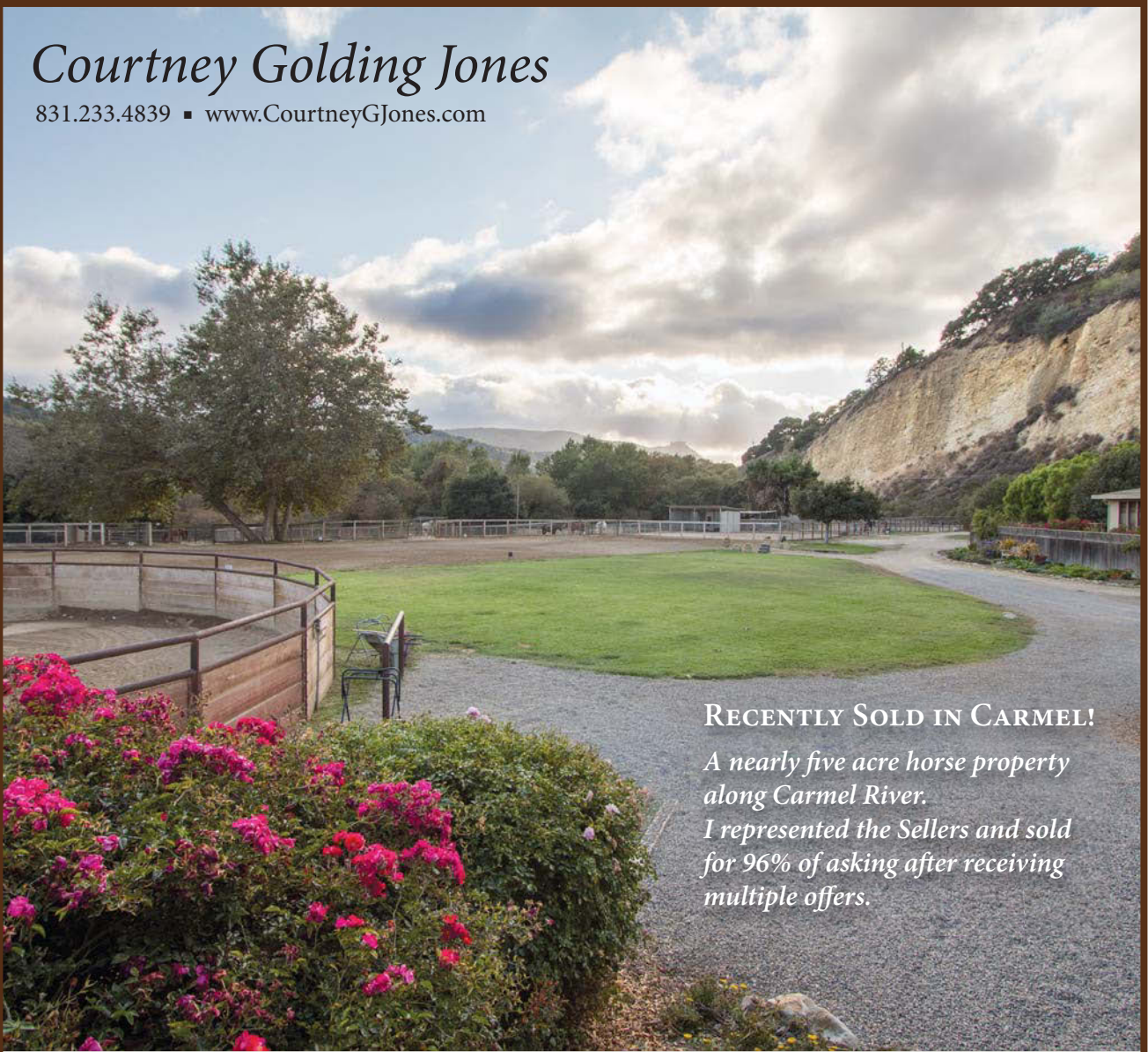


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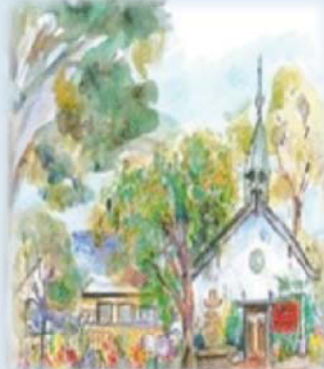
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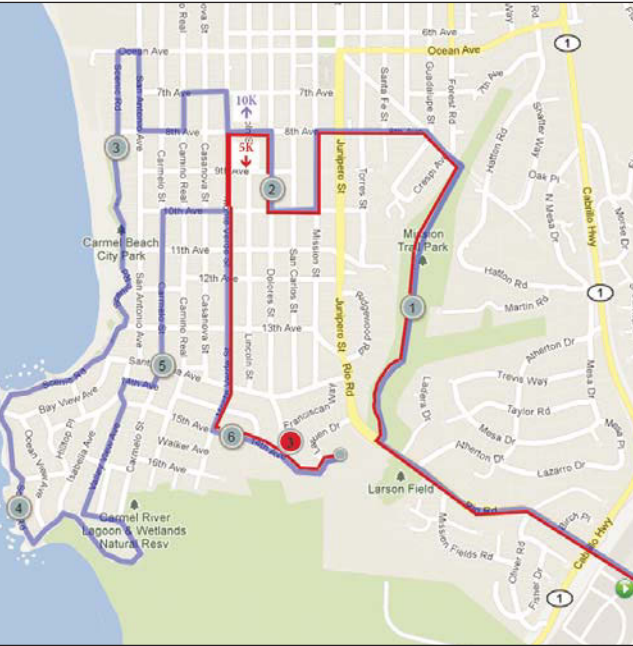
# Sign up for Rio Run on New Year's Day

By MARY SCHLEY

THE RACE that inspires competitive athletes, recreational runners and mere fans of the outdoors to get up and go on New Year's Day, the Rio Grill's Resolution Run will be celebrating its 27th event on Jan. 1, when organizers hope all of those people will get out of bed and hit the pavement for a good cause.

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The event includes a 10K run and a 5K walk/run, ensuring people of all ranges of athleticism can participate. Both routes begin in front of the restaurant in the Crossroads shopping center and then head up Rio Road, through Mission Trail park, and down through downtown streets, with the longer run including Scenic Road and Carmel Point. Both races end in the playground of Junipero Serra School at Carmel Mission, after which participants walk back to the Marathon Flats area at Rio Road and Highway 1 for a pancake breakfast donated by the Rio Grill and other sponsors, and prepared by volunteers and members of the Kiwanis Club of Monterey.

Pre-registration is available until midnight Dec. 30 at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), and locals can drop off completed registration forms at the Rio Grill anytime before 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve. The cost for adults is \$40 through Dec. 31, and \$45 on race day, while kids 12 and under are \$25 through Dec. 31, and \$30 on race day. The fee includes a long-sleeved T-shirt, brunch, and the opportunity to win prizes. Visit <http://www.riogrillsresolutionrun.com> for more information.



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"A live performance with an audience of community members is just the best way to warm your heart," suggested Cynthia Fernandes of Pilgrim's Way bookstore, which is presenting the event.

The reading starts at 6:30 p.m. The site is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Tickets are \$10. Call (831) 624-4955.

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TO SAVE money and energy while business is slow, most Monterey County government offices will be closed or operating on limited hours Dec. 26-Jan.2, which includes the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The closures won't affect the county's critical and public safety operations, but closing the non-essential offices will allow the government to reduce its carbon footprint during what is generally a slow time of year. The break is also part of the cost savings negotiated in some county labor contracts.

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# RULES

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guidelines for approving them. According to their proposal, counter-service restaurants would be defined as those “providing a range of prepared food and drinks using non-disposable plates, glasses and utensils for immediate consumption on the site.” They could have a menu hanging

on the wall, rather than having to distribute them to the tables, and patrons could pay at the counter before eating, and then be served at their tables. The minimum size would be 800 square feet, with at least 20 seats, and the max would be 3,000 square feet (with no more than 2,000 square feet for the seating area). They would be allowed to operate from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., so as not to compete with the full-line restaurants in town that serve din-

ner, and could not have bars for serving alcohol. Planning director Marc Wiener noted, “The definition of a counter-service restaurant states that ‘these restaurants are primarily intended to provide daytime service for residents, the workforce and visitors.’” All meals would be cooked and prepared on site, with no premade or prepackaged items for sale, and operators would be encouraged to use local and organic produce, and “offer a unique range of food items that reflect seasonal opportunities.” As far as appearance goes, menu signs would be simple and compatible with the restaurant’s design, and could not be backlit or otherwise electronic. The interior design should “include high-quality finish materials such as wood, stone, metal, and ceramics,” with no plastic tables, seats or benches.

### ‘Very good controls’

While the subcommittee suggested the city approve no more than three counter-service restaurants within the first 12 months of the program, commissioners worried that was too many, and opted for an overall cap of three. “One of the drawbacks of numerical caps is that the permit runs with the land, and hence remains with the property owner rather than the tenant,” Wiener warned. “Establishing a numerical cap turns the permit into a valuable commodity that can be sold to other property owners or used to drive up rent prices.” (Similar complaints have been made about the city’s cap on jewelry stores downtown.) Former commissioner Ian Martin, a member of the subcommittee, explained that the group “did not want to see the city flooded with low-cost, lousy operations,” but said that allowing counter service on a limited basis would help operators contend with increasing wage costs and other issues. “The city should not only think about ways to protect high-quality dining experi-

ences, but also, what might be done to provide the flexibility our restaurants will need to meet the new minimum wage requirement, pay our village’s often steep rents, and stay in business,” he said. He said the planning commission has the power to ensure that only quality operations could open in town. Restaurateur David Fink said he, Rich Pepe and Ken Spilfogel “put in a lot of hours” discussing how to accommodate a new type of eatery. “I think there are very good controls in here,” he said, adding that he was also not concerned about competition from a new type of restaurant. “I see this is good for Carmel, not bad for Carmel, if it’s limited and controlled — which it is,” he said. Spilfogel told the commission he believes “things are going to have to change.” “I don’t know how we can maintain the restaurant community in the next few years without having some leeway,” he said, pushing for change “on a very limited basis.” He also noted that making Carmel Belle legal “is very important.”

### ‘Risky’

But Dave Mosley, the CRA’s representative on the subcommittee, countered, “There are ways to bring Carmel Belle into compliance without a new restaurant category,” and he said counter-service restaurants would be lower quality, have long lines, create more litter, have “less attractive seating areas,” and could cost jobs. He described adding the new classification as “risky.” “Do you want us to dumb down Carmel, or do we want to keep it special?” asked CRA President Barbara Livingston. Chamber of commerce CEO Monta Potter said it’s worth a try. “It’s got some limits on it, and I think we should be willing to make incremental steps to change with the

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## LULU IS MISSING

Our much loved medium gray tabby cat, Lulu, raced out the door on December 6th, and has not been spotted since.

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# CHOMP

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make sure, for example, that people stayed on their medications, or made diet and exercise choices that would help them stay out of the hospital.

Montage Wellness Center — a place to work out that also has medical care components like physical rehabilitation and cardiac

care — with locations in Marina and Salinas, remains part of CHOMP, as do the Carol Hatton Breast Care Center, Tyler Heart Institute, Westland House, Hospice of the Central Coast, the Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Orthopedic Center.

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# CHURCH

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bikes and motorcycles, especially on the weekends.”

Bonsper said the church threatens “the rural, residential character” of Cachagua, and he insisted that “commercial visitor-serving uses” are not permitted there.

But a former president of the Carmel Valley Association, Christine Williams, defended those who want to establish the church. Williams said the group has been meeting at various locations in the area — including the Cachagua General Store — since 2008. With former Monterey County Herald photographer Orville Myers serving as pastor, the group received donations that

enabled it to buy the property at 19345 Cachagua Road in 2014.

“The group is small, [with] about 20 regular study members,” Williams commented in a letter that was published in the same Carmel Valley Association weekly bulletin. “I know some of these people. They are nice people, not a loud and rowdy group. They are respectful. They are caring. And they want to be a service to the community. They want to provide a place to worship for those who desire knowing God better. Every vicinity benefits from the presence of a good church and caring pastor.”

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## LODGE

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tigators to try to turn over any forensic evidence that might lead to the suspect's identity.

While there were reportedly no cameras in the store, Thornburg said investigators are also scrutinizing security footage from nearby cameras to see what clues there might be.

"We have some footage and are gathering some more, to see if we have anything," he said.

Chances of finding the stolen property are slim, as criminals generally offload valuables as quickly as possible. Or maybe he gave them to his friends as gifts.

## EATS

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times," she said. "This is not going to change Carmel's uniqueness."

Wendt, however, questioned the need. "The customer benefits from speed, but I don't really know if that's right for Carmel," she said. "People come here for a different slice of life — they don't really want that speed situation." She said she found the concept, "counter to Carmel's character."

Commissioner Karen Sharp acknowledged people might want to enjoy high-quality food relatively quickly. "I don't mean fast food," she added. "If they can, they will have more time to shop."

Commissioner Michael LePage agreed

patrons might want something "a little less formal" when dining out during the day.

"I think this potentially opens up some options for residents — it's not just about visitors," he said. "The key issue here is about maintaining the quality, the character of Carmel — not homogenizing it."

Commissioner Gail Lehman, however, said they can already do so by ordering a sandwich or a snack from a coffee shop. She offered no suggestion for how Carmel Belle should be brought into compliance with the laws if no changes are made.

### Other restaurant business

Committee members also recommended modifying the code to allow specialty restaurants — such as coffee houses — to be a little smaller and have fewer seats, and to express-

ly forbid them from selling alcohol.

They also wanted the town's markets, such as Bruno's and Nielsen Bros., to be able to have a dozen seats either indoors or outdoors, and to have outdoor grills.

"In the subcommittee's opinion, a limited number of seats in association with a food store is reasonable," Wiener explained.

LePage made a motion to forward the changes, along with a cap of three counter-service restaurants in town, to the council for adoption, and the vote passed 4-1, with Lehman dissenting.

On Dec. 21, however, Wendt requested the commission discuss the proposed rules again before sending them to the council.

Planning commissioners will decide at their January meeting whether to hold another hearing on the topic.

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# Minding your Yuletide and New Year’s manners, for folks big and small

By ELAINE HESSER

ETIQUETTE AND manners may sound like they’re old school, but being classy never goes out of style. At least according to Megan Mayer, who chairs Carmel Cotillions.

The organization aims to teach youngsters manners that will help them succeed professionally and personally in life, and it does so by offering classes and workshops throughout the year.

Mayer says respect is at the core of Carmel Cotillions’ values, and suggests that, whether you ever attend a class on good manners or not, there are three areas you can focus on as you head into the New Year. The first is expressing gratitude.

Mayer can cite scientific studies demonstrating the health benefits of having an optimistic and grateful attitude. And, when it’s time for gratefulness to be expressed, she said it’s important that it be done in writing — for a party you attended, or a gift you received.

And sending a handwritten thank you note doesn’t even require that you be able to write, Mayer added.

A child should start sending thank you notes, “as soon as

they can hold an implement,” she said, explaining that even before children know how to form letters, they can draw pictures of “what they loved about grandma’s party,” for example.

“You might have to label the things in the drawings for them at first,” she said.

Mayer also says that the ideal thank-you, whether spoken or penned by a child or an adult, has several parts. First, obviously, is, “Thank you.” Next is the person’s name, because it puts the emphasis onto the gift-giver.

Then you should mention whatever the gift was. Here, specificity counts. “The copy of ‘Tom Sawyer’” is preferable to “the book,” for example. And you should also mention what you liked best about the gift, as in, “I love adventure stories.”

### Stay out of the medicine cabinet

The second big idea, Mayer said, is respect for other people’s property, whether it’s at the boss’ house or in a school gym. This includes items like not slamming doors and not touching others’ things without asking. Also, thou shalt not rummage through thy neighbor’s medicine cabinet.

The third is respect for people, expressed through good manners, listening to others and treating them with kindness. For adults, Mayer said, that includes looking the beleaguered clerks at the retail checkout stand in the eye, smiling and sincerely thanking them for their help.

Another question adults deal with is whether to seek out a personal gift — and risk being wrong — or to give a gift card. “If you can, give something personal with meaning. It

can be less expensive than buying a bunch of gift cards,” Mayer said.

Finally, being on the receiving end of the wrong gift raises the question of re-gifting. “Most people think that’s not acceptable,” according to Mayer. But, she said if you receive a gift that just isn’t you, “It’s far more egregious to have it go unused, or even worse, putting it into the landfill,” than it is to pass it along to someone else who can enjoy it.

That rule has but one exception, and Mayer said it was vital. “Chocolate should never be re-gifted but should always be shared. That is a law of the universe.”



Etiquette expert Megan Mayer (left) of Carmel Cotillions, with protégé Kelly Ham. Mayer shares tips to make your holidays decorous.

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File No. 20162499**

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S/ Robert R. Deike, President  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. or later, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing at East side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the hearing is to introduce a first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 5.04 (General Licensing Provisions), Chapter 5.06 (Bing Games) and Chapter 5.28 (Filming) of the municipal code. Persons interested in the proposal are encouraged to review additional materials available from the City Clerk located at City Hall on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and 7th Avenues, phone number 831-620-2000, prior to the meeting date.

If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the city council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

**Proposed Action:** Waive reading in full and introduce, on first reading, an ordinance amending Title 5, Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations of the City’s municipal code by amending Chapter 5.04 (General Licensing Provisions), Chapter 5.16 (Bingo Games) and Chapter 5.28 (Filming).

Signed: Ashlee Wright, City Clerk  
Dated: 12/9/16  
For Publication: 12/23/16

Publication dates: Dec. 23, 2016 (PC 1233)

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**TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE TOBACCO RETAILER LICENSE**

The City Council will consider adopting a fee schedule to charge a fee of \$321.00 per application to any person who is or intends to become a tobacco retailer. The fee of \$321.00 shall cover the costs borne by the County of Monterey for administering and enforcing the Tobacco Retail License Ordinance within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. The fee shall be effective from January 3, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

All interested persons are invited to appear at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony in regards to this matter. Written comments may be forwarded to the City Clerk at East side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, between the hours of 8:00 and 5:00 pm, or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or by email to [awright@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:awright@ci.carmel.ca.us) prior to the meeting.

Dated: 12/21/16  
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# THIS WEEK

ENTERTAINMENT • ART  
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## Food & Wine

December 23-29, 2016

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## ‘Boogie Wonderland’ to shake booties, welcome New Year at Golden Bough

TURNING THE clock back to the days when disco ruled the dance floor, the latest installment in PacRep Theatre’s tribute concert series, “Boogie Wonderland,” opens December 29 at the Golden Bough Playhouse.

“Over the years, we’ve done Buddy Holly and Elvis, we’ve done Motown, and last year we did the British Invasion,” said PacRep executive director **Stephen Moorer**, who will direct the performance. “This week, it’s time to go disco. We’re going to do a bunch of songs that everybody loves to dance to. It’s going to be a blast.”

The set list includes booty-shaking classics like Wild Cherry’s “Play that Funky Music,” the Bee Gee’s “Night Fever,” Rose Royce’s “Car Wash,” Donna Summer “Hot Stuff,” Abba’s “Dancing Queen” and many more. “These songs are more than 30 years old, but they’ve stood the test of time,” Moorer suggested.

The tribute concert features a cast that includes **Davitt Felder**, **Lydia Lyons**, **David Schulz**, **Charmaine Scott**, **Daniel Simpson**, **Scott McQuiston**, **Stephanie Bloch**, **Noah Reeves** and **Peter Waldman**. **Don Dally** will play guitar and violin, and

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 8, with all shows starting at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m., and the New Year’s Eve Party, which kicks off at 8:30 p.m. The Golden Bough is located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth. Call (831) 622-0100.

### ■ ‘Hearing the groove, feeling the swing’

The Hyatt Regency Monterey has long provided a stage for local jazz musicians, but this weekend, the resort will welcome the return of a singer, **Mayumi Abe**, who is traveling more than 5,000 miles to be here.

Abe will share the stage with drummer **David Morwood** and others Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 24-25. “She is flying in from Japan right now,” Morwood told The Pine Cone earlier this week.

The singer played on the same stage in February and July.

Morwood said he first learned of Abe from Pacific Grove pianist **Eddie Mendenhall**, who toured in Japan for seven years and met his wife there.



Kitty Bloch and Lydia Lyons (above) portray members of Abba in PacRep’s “Boogie Wonderland.” Jazz singer Mayumi Abe (top right) returns to Monterey Dec. 24-25. Bassist Nick West (lower right) and his trio play Thursday in Carmel Valley.



## On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

serve as music director.

Tickets are \$8 to \$42, and \$75 for a New Year’s Eve Party that features dessert, wine, party favors and a champagne toast at midnight.

“Boogie Wonderland” continues

“Eddie asked if I had met Mayumi,” he recalled. “He invited her to a jam session, and I was so impressed.”

Although Abe was born and raised in Japan, she fell for jazz — a distinctly American art form — from afar.

“She loves the jazz standards,” Morwood explained. “She sings in English better than she speaks it, and she’s starting to put real emotion into her singing.”

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## Last-minute food finds, baked treats, and New Year's Eve shenanigans

STILL AT a loss for gifts to give? Been procrastinating, and have to scramble? Want to make something, but have no idea what, or how? The farmers market at Monterey Peninsula College offered a load of ideas this week for those last-minute gift needs.

The Monterey Peninsula is abundant with

dozens of crafts booths or other sidelines that are popular at other farmers markets, and often, you can spot your favorite chefs shopping there, too — always a good sign.

Among the yummy items available is the MPC market's wide variety of cheese, which is not only an essential aspect of any holiday

party, it makes a nice gift, too. Garden Variety Cheese features sheep's-milk cheeses, and Nicolau Farms focuses on goat's-milk cheeses, while Schoch Family Farmstead in Salinas produces high-quality,

small batch cheeses, as well as fresh yoghurt and unpasteurized milk, from its herd of dairy cows. No cheese lover would be disappointed to receive a treat from any of them.

Many produce growers use their ripe fruit to make jams, jellies and fruit butters, and

## soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

farmers markets, of course, but few are better than the MPC market, with its wide range of high-quality produce growers, eggs, poultry, meats, baked goods, nuts, seafood, sausage, prepared foods, plants — and even knife sharpening while you wait. The market, which runs Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is easy to get to and not cluttered with

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Beau Schoch stirs the milk that goes into the cheese he and his brothers make at their family farmstead in Salinas. The cheeses are sold at the MPC farmers market on Fridays, and make great gifts.



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FOOD & WINE

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several are available at the MPC market, including Mello-Dy Ranch’s berry sauces and preserves, and Minazzoli Farms’ jams, nut butters, and extra tasty nut brittle, as well as dried fruits and nuts. Fogline Farm offers pickled peppers and hot sauce.

For the more esoteric among your friends and family, Amen Bee Products carries rare local varieties like avocado honey, poison oak honey and star thistle honey, and for those who would rather give something live, exotic orchids and captivating succulents are sold at the Monterey market, too.

For sweets already made and ready to go, Specialty Baked Goods, Beckmann’s Old World Bakery, Companion Bakeshop, and Sweet Elena’s all offer a variety of fresh fruit tarts, cookies, biscotti, breads, quiches and other delights.

The market vendors are also a great source for locally grown, high-quality nuts, dried fruits and other ingredients that can be easily transformed into gifts. Each year, the market group posts recipe ideas and gift tips on its website, including foolproof recipes for spiced and glazed nuts, dips and patés, fudge, divinity, chews, cookies, bars, spreads, butters, preserves and sauces, as well as “quickles,” or quickly made pickles. The site even provides a few recipes for dog treats, in case you have four-legged friends on your gift list, too. Visit <http://www.edibleparadise.com/home-page-stories/holiday-gifts-from-your-kitchen> for all the pertinent details.

■ Have Elena do the work

Sweet Elena’s Bakery in Sand City is bursting at the seams this time of year, with desserts and cookies freshly baked and ready to be taken to friends and family.

Anyone in need of a dessert for dinner at home or with friends might consider Elena’s

traditional holiday offerings, like lemon tart, maple caramel walnut tart, and the gluten-free Yule Log with flourless hazelnut cake, coffee whipped cream, chocolate ganache and meringue mushrooms. Prices range from \$26 to \$38.

Assorted Christmas cookies can be had in stocking-stuffer-sized bags, as well as small and large boxes, and the bakery turns out fresh panettone — Italian fruitcake — as well.

Pies, of course, are a mainstay at Sweet Elena’s, and they cost between \$20 and \$27. Flavors include pumpkin, ollalieberry, strawberry-rhubarb, apple double crust, apple crumb, apple cranberry, and pecan.

For last-minute shoppers, the bakery at 465 Olympia Ave. in Sand City is open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To order, or for more information, call (831) 393-2063.

■ Have dinner with family — out

One of town’s most warm, welcoming and convivial restaurants, La Balena, will be open on Christmas Eve. Owners Emanuele and Anna Bartolini will be at their restaurant to share Italian delights and other delectable dishes with customers all evening, as well as on Dec. 26, when they would typically be closed. La Balena is located on Junipero Street north of Sixth, and includes outdoor, dog-friendly seating. For more details, visit <http://labalenacarmel.com>.

■ Happy Hanukkah

This year, Hanukkah overlaps Christmas, running from Dec. 24 to New Year’s Day. And that means you have plenty of time to give your friends who observe the traditional Jewish Festival of Lights some wine to match the occasion.

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FOOD & WINE

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Located on Forest Hill in Pacific Grove, Fifi’s restaurant and wine store is carrying two Kosher red wines for just that purpose. One is produced by Yarden, in the Golan Heights, and the other is from the historic Carmel Winery, which was founded in 1882 by the vaunted Baron Edmond de Rothschild of Bordeaux fame.

The 2013 Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon, priced at \$35 per bottle, is “rich and complex,” with notes of blackberry and cherry, tobacco and black tea, and a lingering finish. The 2009 Carmel Cabernet Franc, meanwhile, boasts aromas of cedar, tobacco and leather that “complement the notes of brambly berry, forest and a touch of cocoa spice,” with medium tannins. The Cab Franc sells for \$26 per bottle.

To order, call (831) 372-5325 or stop by the café at 1188 Forest Ave. in Pacific Grove any time between noon and 8 p.m. <http://www.fifiscafe.com>

■ Scheid TR turns 5

On Friday, Dec. 23, the Scheid tasting room at San Carlos and Seventh will celebrate its 5th anniversary, with special tastes and treats offered from noon to 7 p.m. Patrons will be poured complimentary tastes of Scheid’s bubbly, Isabelle,

and will be offered an assortment of cheeses. In addition, Scheid will be offering a 10 percent discount on all wines, with 30 percent off for Estate Club members, and 40 percent off for Reserve and Library club members.

■ Bright Coffee introduces syrups

Bright Coffee, which operates from a small counter adjacent to the Lilify store at 281 Lighthouse Ave. in Monterey, has introduced a sweet twist.

As an alternative to mass-produced Torani and similar syrups commonly used for flavoring coffee drinks, cocktails and other items, Bright has created its new Madagascar vanilla bean, infused lavender, and butter chocolate syrups. Handcrafted and made in small batches in-house, they’re available for purchase at the café, which is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Get yer grinders

Boardwalk Sub Shop, owned and operated on Alvarado Street in Monterey by the three Teplitzky brothers, is open New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day, available to deliver late-night snacks, or goodies just in time for game time.

Inspired by their Atlantic City roots, the brothers devel-

oped a menu to represent the best subs possible, including a few iterations of the famous cheesesteak, chicken subs, other hot subs like meatball and Italian sausage, and cold sandwiches, as well as salads, calzones, soups, sides, fries — and Philly soft pretzels.

Boardwalk also offers specials, like The Pepperoni Pizza Steak through Dec. 28, with steak and melted provolone, raw or fried onions, and homemade pizza sauce, and The Cubano — with roasted pork, smoked ham, Swiss cheese, pickles and Dijonaise — from Dec. 29 to Jan. 4.

For more information or to order, visit <http://www.boardwalksubshop.com> or call (831) 264-1171.

■ NYE doings

Opportunities abound for revelry and merrymaking as 2016 winds to a close and 2017 arrives, some no farther away than downtown.

Mundaka restaurant, for instance, will be hosting their annual New Year’s Eve bash, with a four-course prix fixe menu served during seatings at 6 and 8 p.m., lots of passed pintxos (Spanish hors d’oeuvres), and plenty to drink. Spanish guitar talent Juan Sanchez will play as flamenco

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# MUSIC

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Abe’s talent is proof that jazz is a “universal language,” Morwood added. “You can still hear the groove and feel the swing.”

Showtime is 7 p.m. Saturday and 5:30 p.m. Sunday. The Hyatt is located at 1 Old Golf Course Road. Call (831) 372-1234.

## ■ Live Music Dec. 23-29

**Barmel** — **The Kristen Gradwohl Band** (jazz, rock, and r&b, Friday from 4 to 9 p.m.); **The Arthur Jazz Group** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

**Bay of Pines** restaurant in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Suz Carez** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 150 Del Monte Ave., (831) 920-3560.

**Big Sur Vineyards** in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Tom Faia** (Friday at 6 p.m.). 1 Del Fino Place, (831) 652-3020.

**American Legion Hall** — **Mike Beck & the Bohemian Saints** (rock, Friday at 8 p.m.). Dolores and Eighth.

**Cibo Ristorante Italiano** in Monterey — **Bridget Marie** (soul and r&b, Friday at 9 p.m.); **Will Roc** (funk and r&b, Saturday at 7 p.m.); singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz and swing, Tuesday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea’s Fault** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and **The Ben Herod Trio** (swing and jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

**Cooper’s Pub & Restaurant** in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Wade Egan** (Friday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.



Led by the singer pictured here, the Kristen Gradwohl Band takes the stage Friday at Barmel.

**Folktale Winery** in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Austin Metreyeon** (Monday at 4:30 p.m.); and **The Nick West Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

**Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa** — saxophonist **Ben Herod**, guitarist **Mike Lent**, bassist **Peter Lips** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); singer **Mayumi Abe** and **The David Morwood Jazz Band** (Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 5:30 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

**The Inn at Spanish Bay** in Pebble Beach — **The Jazz Trio** featuring pianists **Bob Phillips** or **Bill Spencer** (jazz, in the lobby, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.); and **The Dottie Dodgion Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.); also, a bagpiper plays every evening at 5:45 p.m. 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

**Julia’s** restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer-songwriter **Tiffany Decker** (Monday at 6 p.m.); singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.); mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Buddy Comfort** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

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Thus, a very modest, scaled-back housing project recently approved by the county board of supervisors at Rancho Cañada isn't an opportunity to provide some badly needed workforce housing and a chance to greatly reduce the flood danger on the north side of the Carmel River, it's the "continued destruction" of Monterey County with "unbridled development."

And the idea behind a tiny church proposed for Cachagua may be to provide a place for worship and fellowship, but what will really happen if it ever gets built is that the church's neighbors will suffer from unwanted noise, people traveling on Carmel Valley Road will have their "personal safety" at risk from increased traffic and congestion, and the entire community will see its "rural character" destroyed.

While we certainly respect the free-speech rights of the people who utter such sentiments, the rest of the community has rights, too — to call the no-growth alarmists NIMBY fools, and to disregard their nonsense.

What makes it foolish nonsense? Consider the word "unbridled," as used by the writer of an accompanying letter to the editor. "Unbridled" means "uncontrolled," which is what the letter-writer opines is underway not only in all of Monterey County, but will happen in Carmel Valley if the Rancho Cañada project is built.

Of course, just the opposite is true. Throughout Monterey County, and especially in the wealthy areas, development isn't just bridled, it is encumbered, constrained, limited, inhibited, stifled and practically suffocated by a network of federal and state environmental laws, local general plan policies, building and zoning codes, public comment requirements, intentional infrastructure shortages, and regulatory and paperwork redundancies that make Machiavelli look like a Girl Scout, and Sisyphus like he's on vacation. Even the strongest horse in the world would immediately drop dead if he were bridled even one-tenth as much.

Meanwhile, communities still have needs. And while peace and quiet, open space and a clean, healthful environment are certainly among these, so is the right of free association, not to mention the right to worship your God as you see fit.

While the Cachagua church is just beginning its journey towards a permit, the Rancho Cañada project has been under consideration for almost 20 years, and in the permit process for 10. It has been examined, at great expense, in an exhaustive EIR, and debated in an extensive series of public meetings. You may not think it's needed at all, or that its cons outweigh its pros, but other people think it is badly needed, and that the advantages of providing a few affordable housing opportunities in the valley, and of mitigating the terrible flood danger there, far outweigh any of the project's minor drawbacks.

The consideration of such differences is what the permit process is for. And since the permit process throughout California, but especially right here in Monterey County, is heavily weighted against anything being built anywhere or at any time, a normal person would assume that a project that makes it through that permit process must be a pretty good idea.

But not the activists. For them, ANY new development is a catastrophe ... except, that is, the development that provided the houses where they live, the schools where their children were educated, the buildings where they work, the shops they like, the cars they drive and the roads they drive on, the airport and the planes that land there, etc., etc., etc. All of those things are great.

Instead of spending the holidays steaming over what they see as dire threats to their way of life, we think the activists would be well advised to engage in a little introspection, and to develop some gratitude for the civilization that makes their comfortable lives possible.

We also hope the activists get everything they want for Christmas — but not too much. Christmas shouldn't be unbridled. And neither should their political nuttiness.

## BEST of BATES



## Letters to the Editor

### A grownup disagrees Dear Editor,

On the matter of water (editorial, Dec. 16): Not all "grownups understand that there just isn't any alternative." Additionally, neither "water" nor "ambulance service" has anything to do with the price of water on the Monterey Peninsula.

What is germane is that a private monopoly will charge as much as the public will bear; and we continue to demonstrate that we will bear the sixth highest cost of water in the United States, without a whimper. Only five utilities charge more! Almost 90 percent of the nation's water companies are municipally owned, for the simple reason they cost less to operate and do not pay dividends.

Don't kid yourself that Cal Am is a special case. Almost any study will show we pay more than San Francisco, Santa Cruz, San Jose, Marina and Felton ratepayers, in most cases 50 percent more.

The alternative exists; somehow our local news sources seem willing to accept the "sleeping dogs" aphorism.

In the meantime, we shall be paying tens of millions, even hundreds of millions of dollars more for water than the alternative followed by almost 90 percent of all other

water companies.

**Roland Martin,**  
Carmel Valley

### 'What a shame' Dear Editor,

Clint Eastwood is not an environmentalist. Alan Williams is a developer. Carmel Valley will suffer.

The approval of the 130-unit Rancho Cañada project degrades the quality of life in the valley and Carmel and compounds Rio Road and Highway 1.

The project was flawed with an EIR, zoning, housing requirements. Not enough "affordable housing," which means you can not afford to live here. Those people will be driving over Carmel hill to shop elsewhere; let's see, more traffic.

Passage of the project required special adjustments by the board of supervisors. Rules apply to you and me but not big money.

The larger issue is the continued destruction of Monterey County by the planning commission and board of supervisors from unbridled development. Have any of you noticed gridlock on Highway 1? Is there a water issue? "If you build it they will come." If the destruction of open space and ag land is not stopped, what is left of the uniqueness about Monterey County will be lost forever and we will live in urban sprawl.

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# Many paths, one home — the odyssey of a local

**YOU KNOW** the Frank Sinatra song “That’s Life,” right? In it, he sang, “I’ve been a puppet, a pauper, a poet, a pirate, a pawn and a king.” Those words could easily be part of David Wittrock’s theme song.

Not that the 76-year-old Pacific Grove resident has been any of those things — although his resume does hopscotch a lot,

## Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

from military service, to teaching at Stevenson school, to real estate and retail. Then there’s the radio, including the now-defunct WBOQ classical, and local NPR affiliate KAZU, where he retired last year as operations manager and as the rich, baritone voice of the morning drive.

He sings, and was executive director of Camerata Singers for a few years, as well as a member of the choirs at Church of the Wayfarer, and the church he and his wife, Peg, now attend, St. Mary’s-by-the-Sea in P.G.

Wittrock’s volunteer work also includes the Carmel Kiwanis club, where he was president, and the SPCA.

He’s been a tour guide and has created audio tours of historic Monterey. Oh, and there’s the blacksmithing and beekeeping. If you’re a little tired just reading that list, you’re not alone. That’s not even the whole megillah.

### ‘Nightcap’

The blacksmithing hobby and radio career really began during his childhood in Vincennes, Ind. At age 7, he discovered that if he put a poker into the family’s coal furnace, it would get red-hot and he could shape it by banging on it with a hammer. Unfortunately, his path toward that line of work was rudely interrupted when he set the coal bin on fire.

“It was really exciting, with the fire engines and firemen,” he recalled.

As a teenager, he started hanging out at the local radio station, WAOV. He remembered it was like something out of a Garrison Keillor story, with hog reports, Christian programming and a music show called “Nightcap” that aired from 10 to 11 p.m., at which point the station went off the air for the evening.

One day, the then-16-year-old lad was at the station when the manager asked if he could cover for the “Nightcap” host that evening. Not only could he, but he loved sitting in the booth, spinning records like “In the Still of the Night,” and wishing listeners a good night at the end of the show.

But, he said, he realized he couldn’t make a living in

radio in his small town. After a brief stint in junior college, he enlisted in the Army because he wanted to avail himself of the GI Bill, and because he heard he could go to language school. He passed the aptitude test and was sent to what was then the Army Language School at the Presidio of Monterey to learn Bulgarian. Yes, Bulgarian.

He spent two and a half years in Turkey, intercepting radio transmissions and interpreting them. After discharge, he hitchhiked and rode a motorcycle around the Middle East and Europe for awhile, and stayed with relatives in Germany before returning to the United States. He speaks Bulgarian, Turkish and German, and is learning Spanish.

### Portable forge

At San Jose State, he earned a bachelor’s degree in business and industrial management, then moved here to teach at Stevenson. Many years later, as a tour guide giving historic presentations in Monterey, he decided to learn blacksmithing for real.

He earned his certification from the California Blacksmith Association in 2004. Without burning anything down. That he knows of.

Wittrock’s backyard is home to a portable forge that he built himself from scrounged parts, including the bellows he fabricated from scrap leather. Maybe you’ve seen him give demonstrations at St. Mary’s annual antique sale.

His faith and association with St. Mary’s are as important to him as they were unlikely. He grew up a preachers’ kid — both his mom and dad were officers in the Salvation

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PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

David Wittrock forged himself a great hobby — blacksmithing, which for him, has its roots in a near-conflagration when he was 7 years old. Tragedy was averted by helpful firefighters.

## FOOD

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dancer Barbara Evans twirls during the second seating, followed by a DJ spinning New Orleans funk.

Next door, at Barmel, a \$10 cover will get guests their first cocktail of the night. And tying it all together will be a party with a theme based on futuristic Spain in Carmel Square, with music and a photo lounge. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their “best interpretation of futuristic Spain,” according to host Maddox Haberdasher. For dinner reservations, call (831) 624-7400. Carmel Square is located on San Carlos Street between Ocean and Seventh avenues.

New Year’s Eve in White will take place in the rooftop restaurant at Hotel 1110 on Del Monte in Monterey from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The evening will include contests for the best-dressed attendees, small bites and desserts, and lots of bubbly, all night.

Tarot cards, belly dancing, henna tattoos will be going all evening, too, along with plenty of dancing.

Tickets are \$125 per person. For more info about the evening, and to reserve, go to <http://www.hotel1110.com>.

Alvarado Street Brewery and Carmel’s Caraccioli Cellars will collaborate on their 3rd annual Bubbles and Brews, with a five-course dinner prepared by chef Jeremiah Tydeman paired with Caraccioli’s award-winning Brut Cuvée and Brut Rosé. Guests will also get a sneak peek at Alvarado’s new wild and sour beer project, Yeast of Eden, and the crew will be pouring the special 2015 Anniversary Ale, a Bourbon-barrel-aged Imperial Stout. Seatings will be offered at 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$150,

inclusive, through Evenbrite. The brewery is located at 426 Alvarado St.

A block away, Montrieo Bistro will reward revelers by offering 15 percent off all Champagne on New Year’s Eve for people who order their bottles in advance. Even better, the bubbly will be waiting at the table, ready to pop and pour. Montrieo is located at 414 Calle Principal. Call (831) 648-8880 or visit <http://www.montrieo.com>.

The Sardine Factory on Wave Street will also present a four-course prix fixe on NYE, with seating available starting at 5 p.m. Those who last until midnight will be invited to partake in a Champagne toast. The cost is \$75 per person, not including drinks, tax or tip, and reservations are recommended.

Call (831) 373-3775 or go to <http://www.sardinefactory.com>.

## Discretion is in town

Dustin Vereker, one of the founders of Santa Cruz-based Discretion Brewing, recently announced the family-owned and operated brewery has expanded distribution of its organic beers to the Monterey Peninsula.

Until just this month, limited production and high demand meant fans had to make the trip to Santa Cruz to get their Discretion fix. But now, thanks to the addition of more tanks, the beer can be found in Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur, Salinas and Hollister. Post No Bills in Sand City hosted the brewery’s official Monterey County launch party early this month, with brewmaster Michael Demers and “chief beer ambassador” Vereker on hand to talk about the variety of beers Discretion makes. To learn more, visit <http://www.discretionbrewing.com>.

## Teen arrested in P.G. stabbing

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AN 18-YEAR-OLD man was arrested at a Pacific Grove apartment complex early Tuesday morning after stabbing a family member, a 40-year-old female, according to Pacific Grove police.

Police and fire agencies received the call about the stabbing shortly after 5 a.m. Dec. 19, and officers went to the apartment at 8 Arkwright Court to investigate.

After finding the victim, they interviewed Nanak Dakota Tatum, who was also at the apartment, and determined he had stabbed

the woman, who is related to him.

Officers arrested Tatum and booked him into Monterey County Jail on a charge of attempted murder. PGPD did not say how the two are related, or what provoked the violent attack.

“The Pacific Grove Police Department works on various crimes throughout the year,” commented Cmdr. Rory Lakind, in a statement.

“Rarely do we have a crime of a violent nature. The department takes extra care and precaution on this type of felonious assault,” he added.

*Don’t miss “Scenic Views,” by Jerry Gervase, every week in the Real Estate Section.*



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# STEVEN CLAYTON ROBINSON

Steven Clayton Robinson, a retired educator, passed away peacefully on November 26th, 2016 surrounded by his loved ones. Steve was born to Clayton Paul and Florence Josephine Robinson in Long Beach, California on October 6, 1946. He attended Bellflower High School, where he played baseball and was a quarterback for the Bellflower Buccaneers, graduating in 1964.

A graduate of both Chico State University (BA) and the University of San Francisco (MA), Steve pursued a career in education. He met Donna Boone while attending Chico State. The two were married in 1972 and settled in Carmel, California. He served in the California National Guard from 1968 to 1974. Steve enjoyed a long career as a classroom teacher and as an elementary and middle school principal on the Monterey Peninsula. Additionally, he taught for Chapman University (Monterey Campus). In 2006, Steve was honored with the Lou Flagg award for excellence in teaching. He was a member of the Carmel Host Lion’s Club, FOCUS (Friends of Carmel Unified Schools), the Lyceum of the Monterey Peninsula, and the Carmel Valley Garden Club.

An avid gardener, Steve took great pleasure in transforming outdoor spaces into creatively curated garden sanctuaries. He also enjoyed exploring California through camping and hiking, and driving classic cars, his pride and joy being his 1961 red 365 Porsche. After retiring in 2005, he was able to embrace his love of gardening full time. Steve and Donna traveled extensively in Europe, both on their own and with close friends and family. In 2014, they relocated to Sonoma County to be close to their two daughters and grandchildren. Steve was



a storyteller at heart, and relished entertaining his family and friends with great conversation, food, and wine. An enthusiastic sports fan, he was especially devoted to the SF Giants and 49ers. He also found contentment spending time with his two granddaughters, whether cuddling over a good book or exploring the wonders of his garden

Steve is survived by Donna, his wife of 44 years, and two daughters: Nicole Hitchcock of Santa Rosa, CA and Sarah Robinson of Calistoga, CA; his sister, Celia Robinson DeMersWilliams of Campbellsville, KY; son-in-law, Jeff Hitchcock; two granddaughters: Hazel and Lucy Hitchcock, and numerous nieces and nephews. Steve was preceded in death by his brother, Casey Robinson; and his parents, Clayton Paul and Florence Josephine Robinson. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Cancer Society, JDRF Diabetes Foundation, or a charity of your choice.

A celebration of Steve’s life will take place in Santa Rosa on January 8, 2017.

# CHAPMAN

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give back to the community.” Her mother is from Salinas, she added.

Chapman will officially assume the post Dec. 24, with starting annual pay of \$203,476. If the county terminates her employment, she will receive about \$107,000 in severance.

The agreement also gives Chapman until the end of January to resolve any pending cases or remove herself as attorney for clients at her private practice.

Chapman called the job, “a good fit and good timing.” “I think it’s going to be a real challenge, but I think it’s going to be really rewarding,” she said. “I’m excited.”

# LIVES

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Army. Like so many children who grow up with clergy for parents, he wanted nothing to do with church.

He felt so strongly, that when he took piano lessons and found out his parents’ plan was to have him play at services, he switched instruments to the coronet. The next year, his mom informed him that the Salvation Army bands were taking coronet players for the first time, and he immediately changed over to the trumpet.

In another comic twist, the bands started taking trumpets, so his next picks were the French horn and Sousaphone, and he was finally safe from band membership. But even as an adult singing in the choir at the Church of the Wayfarer, he said he didn’t believe.

What changed? Wittrock tears up when he tells the story. He said he somehow got talked into going to a men’s retreat with some family members. The men were taking turns praying and he said, “I just kept thinking, ‘They’re going to find out I’m not a believer.’”

Then, he said, he heard God calling him. He listened and he chose the very path he’d resisted his whole life. “I came home,” he said.

Now, he and Peg attend church regularly and have both served on its board. They enjoy the view of the bay from their home in Pacific Grove, the honey from the backyard, and their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A sweet life, indeed.

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# BELLA

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be registered in California.” Domaine Hospitality Partners is registered in Delaware.

Meer registered a related company, Domaine Pacific Grove LLC, with the secretary of state, however.

## Lawsuits and Censure

Crall also points to numerous civil lawsuits that Meer has been the target of in Orange County, where Meer is the president of Bear Capital Partners. Pacific Grove residents — who this year approved a zoning change to the ATC to allow a hotel to built there — deserve to know what prior business deals have ended in litigation, Crall said.

In May, a corporation called Asset Management Consultants sued Bear Capital, Meer and his son, Bradley Meer, alleging breach of contract, fraud, negligence and breach of fiduciary duty over a 140-unit apartment complex in Rancho Cordova the companies were involved in.

The suit contends the Meers refused to provide funds to the property management company for “necessary renovations” and for “maintenance or refurbishment,” which caused the apartment complex to “significantly deteriorate,” according to documents

“To cover up their wrongdoing, defendants misrepresented to plaintiff their ignorance of the issues with the Riverpointe Apartments,” the suit says.

The Meers’ alleged neglect of the property led city officials in 2013 to issue a “40-page list of code violations,” and later ordered the apartment complex condemned and tenants relocated, the complaint says. Asset Management contends it spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to save the complex and is seeking more than \$836,827.05 from the Meers and Bear Capital.

In April 2012, landlord Keith Scheinberg filed suit against Ron and Jill Meer, alleging breach of contract and fraud. The

suit alleged the Meers owed more than \$91,000 in past rent for the \$8,500-per-month home they were leasing.

And five years ago, Meer and his wife were sued by a Rhode Island bank for damages of \$323,101 for a \$1.2 million, 69-foot yacht named “Persistence” that was repossessed by the bank.

## ‘All paid up’

Meanwhile, Armanasco said that the remaining partners in Domaine will continue to pursue the luxury hotel. Project Bella is a working title for the development.

“I can tell you that Domaine has already spent millions of

dollars, and they are successfully raising money,” he said. “This project will continue to move forward.”

Pacific Grove city manager Ben Harvey said Domaine has fulfilled all of its financial commitments to the city, but that the project has been on hold since September.

“For us to move forward, we need a project description, and we need plans,” something Domaine has not yet provided Pacific Grove, Harvey said.

Domaine and the city also need to renegotiate the terms of the reimbursement agreement to clarify timelines and other details. Harvey said the original agreement was “hastily put together.”

# LETTERS

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The solution: get involved. You live here, this affects you daily. Email the planning commission and board of supervisors. If they will not protect Monterey County then they need to go. If you do nothing then you are part of the problem.

Lea Magee, Carmel Valley

## ‘How dreary the world would be’

Dear Editor:

What a delight it is to open the Pine Cone, see this week’s “Sandy Claws,” and read about a dog that brings joy to our world despite its terrorist attacks and political turmoil. Just switch “dog” for “Santa” in that famous 1897 response to Virginia O’Hanlon from the Sun editor:

Yes, VIRGINIA, there are dogs. They exist as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no dogs.

Marlene Martin, Carmel



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