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Feast of Lanterns

Postponed Until Date Uncertain

Debut of New Story Will Happen Later

Put your Asian jackets back in the closet and quit prepping the pots for fireworks. Due to ongoing health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Feast of Lanterns Board of Directors has come to the regrettable decision to postpone many of their major events this summer, including Feast Day at Lovers Point. “We simply do not believe the choice to gather as a large community this summer is a viable one. Instead we hope to realize our events sometime later in 2020 (or 2021),” said Christine Gruber, Media Coordinator for the annual event. The 2020 Royal Court will continue its virtual outreach to the community via our Facebook and Instagram pages and our website (www.feast-of-lanterns.org). Each member of the 2020 Royal Court is guaranteed a place on the 2021 Royal Court, and we will also open the application process to other youth next year, she added.

The Board encourages everyone to hang lanterns in June and July, with the theme of “#PGStillShining.” Additionally, keep an eye out for smaller Feast of Lanterns events this summer and fall, as social distancing guidelines permit. We have a fabulous Royal Court and an exciting new story to share, "The Legend of Pacific Grove," said Gruber.

"We value immensely the community’s support of the Feast of Lanterns, Pacific Grove’s oldest tradition. As you await news of coming events, be sure to mark your calendars for Feast Day 2021: July 31, 2021.

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The Feast of Lanterns is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with an all-volunteer Board of Directors. The proceeds of this fundraiser and the festival each year, minus operating expenses, fund an academic scholarship program for the Royal Court, who are community-spirited, active school students.

District Plans Call For Schools to Reopen August 6

Awaiting State Directives due mid-June

in a message to parents, staff and the public, Superintendent of School Ralph Porras says the Board is awaiting directive from the State as well as Monterey County on when school can reopen for regular classes.

“We are quickly closing out the school year under distance learning and have begun planning options for resuming school in the fall. There are still many variables and unknown factors at play, however, our initial plans are still to resume school, in some form, August 6, as approved by the Board,” said Porras.

The Board still awaits final notice from the Governor regarding “re-opening” specifics. “We hope that those final guidelines will be communicated in the context of the final California State budget in mid-June. Our County Health Department will also provide direction, as they have done so far with the stay at home order,” Porras said.

“At this stage, we have a few processes in place to help set the course. Please be mindful that any plan thus far are only options to consider pending final State directives,” he added, enumerating them as follows:

A. We have established Re-Open/Distance Learning Advisors (taskforces) at each school site. The structures vary a bit, however, the process and goal remain the same. The main objectives for each task force:

1. Provide a venue to give input about Distance Learning (DL) successes

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Queen Topaz ~ Ivana Reynolds

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A MESSAGE FROM PACIFIC GROVE HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEACHER LARRY HAGGQUIST

The PGHS Leadership students in collaboration with the PTA put together a yard sign project to help uplift the Class of 2020. Senior class president Emma Evans took the lead on the project and did an amazing job. Special thanks to parents Michelle Evans, Zoe Roach, Audrey Kitayama, Angela Canales, Dana Marshall, Lori Miller, Candy Gamboa, Ragni Coleman, and the rest of the PTA. Also, an extra special thanks, once again, to PGHS Librarian extraordinare Alex Morrison for editing and packaging this video for the community to see. Great job everyone!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3K2ksECxJ78&t=11s

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PACIFIC GROVE’S RAIN GAUGE

Pacific Grove, beyond FOREST HILL SHOPPING and below Holman Hwy. Data reported by Bruce & Judy Cowan, residents.

Week Ending Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Inches, as of 8 AM, 5/13/20: .................................................................0.4”

Current season’s total since 7/1/19: ..................................21.66”

Rain total one year ago to date: .................................................................26.05”

PG RAIN GAUGE

Near Lover’s Point, as of early Thursday 5/21/20

Reported by John March on 18th near Central

Total for the season (since 7/1/19)....17.22”

Yesterday rain..................................................0.00”

Yesterday low temperature ..................55.3 F

Yesterday high temperature ..................63.6 F

Last week rain..................................................0.24”

Last week low temperature (Tue 5/19)...52.4 F

Last week high temperature (Sun 5/17)...74.6 F

Last year rain to date (7/1/19-5/21/19)...19.95”

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Message from the Board

Feast of Lanterns

We all disappointed that we cannot continue with our normal lives. But obviously, there is no way we will be able to have even a hundred, let alone thousands of people on the beach by July. Our Board of Directors is extremely disappointed also, and we held off as long as we could with high hopes we would not need to postpone anything. We have a wonderful court of young ladies, beautiful on the inside and out. Our hope is to jump into the Fall with some fundraising events, and other community events that the Royal Court could join in and meet the residents of Pacific Grove.

There will be a new story ready to roll, when we can all meet again. We appreciate all the story suggestions that were presented to the committee. We have some very creative writers here. We decided on a story by Laura Edeen, a class of 1989 PGHS graduate. We had a great time working with her, and cannot wait for all to see her wonderful story come to life on the pier.

Until then, we are asking PG to stand together and support all of those on the front lines, the ones that had no choice but to continue working, to the teachers and school staffs that suddenly needed to make it all work outside of the classroom, the kind citizens that are making sandwiches and masks for strangers to keep everyone healthy, and to all our graduates at every level that won’t have the same celebrations as expected. Let’s show everyone that we are there for each other in the most PG way we could show it, pull your lanterns out early, hang them up for all to see that even though we can’t be together right now, PG is still shining. Share your pictures with #pgstillshining.

As for a King Topaz someday, the world has changed, and young men in the community are interested in the program and the scholarship just like the young women. All applicants will go through the same interview process and will be chosen based on merit. We will hear about their interest and accomplishments in order to present to the people of Pacific Grove a wonderful court every summer.

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The options address the possibilities of physical distancing (the new term for social distancing) of our students and staff, and, worse case, continued full distance learning due to continued stay at home orders. It is extremely unlikely that we will have school buildings fully reopen as they had been in the past.

Our goal is to create options that provide for variations of hybrid models to accommodate restricted physical space and distance learning opportunities, revised school day schedules, support systems for an on-line learning platform, and others. We are putting all ideas on the table right now, and looking at making the best and greatest use of the facilities that we can use throughout the district.

Again, please understand that all options are tentative and dependent on further guidelines. We are very busy planning to the extent that we are able, and will keep you all informed.

C. The Board has asked for a special meeting in late May/early June so that there is a public discussion of various options. If you are unable to join a taskforce, or communicate via the survey, then this will be another option to join the conversation. We will announce the date and time of that meeting soon.

I realize that we all would like to have firm decisions and solid plans set out. The circumstances that we are currently in set a number of restrictions that do not allow for that just yet,” said Porras. “Please be assured that we are monitoring every release by our government agencies, collaborating with regional school districts, continuously evaluating potentialities with our staff and prepping our facilities for whatever comes in Fall.

More to come soon.
Random Thoughts

Dogs Gone Bye...

It is no surprise to any of you that I love animals. My mother said that if she could do it she would adopt an elephant. I am certainly glad that this didn’t happen when I was young and on clean up duty. As far fetched as this may seem, I think that those of us who are obsessed with the well being of the creatures of the earth would like to care for them, help them and give them good lives. Actually I am a mother to a baby elephant given to me for Christmas by Suzie Mattmiller. Fortunately, she doesn’t live with us, but in Africa and I receive updates by email from time to time.

I totally understand the balance of nature; however, it often is not Mother Earth but pernicious, evil greedy humans who destroy and mutilate God’s creatures. I would like to see all of the individuals given the same pain they inflicted. To me a year in jail was nothing for Michael Vic who has gone on to be revered as a football player and make millions. An eye for an eye is my policy. I would like to see all of the individuals given the same pain they inflicted. To me a year in jail was nothing for Michael Vic who has gone on to be revered as a football player and make millions. An eye for an eye is my policy. I

SPCA Summer Animal Camp Registration Open

Do you know a child who loves animals? It’s time to register for SPCA Animal Camp! This summer we are offering virtual camps in June as well as in-person camps in July if circumstances permit. Come join us for an exciting new take on our popular SPCA Summer Camps!

The SPCA’s popular Animal Camp is going virtual in June, and the same amount of fun as our regular camps will burst out of your computer screen and mailbox! Register now and receive a cool gift box of goodies, three online sessions a day, and lots of opportunities for pet-related learning and fun.

We plan to be back in-person in July with revised camps, meeting all current safety guidelines.

For our popular camps offer a unique mix of fun, exciting, and educational experiences. On-site activities include lessons in pet safety and handling, hikes on the SPCA grounds, and animal activities. We’ll make toys and treats for pets and meet rescued wildlife, play animal trivia games, and lots more, all while meeting safety guidelines.

WHO: Children ages 6 - 12, sessions vary by age.

WHEN: June and July 2020 - Camps are 5 days, sessions 2 hours long. Virtual Dates offered in June.

HOURS: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for younger groups

Virtual Hours: 3-hour sessions at 9 am, 12 pm and 3 pm

WHERE: SPCA Monterey County Education Center, or in the comfort of your own home for the month of June.

WHY: To nurture a respect for all living things.

HOW: Campers will participate in a wide variety of fun activities including arts, crafts, and educational games. Children will meet and learn first hand how to care for and have a better understanding of animals with our professional staff.

COST: Sessions cost $65 - $200, including snacks and all activities.

Please call 831-264-5434 or register online at www.SPCAmc.org/camp

The SPCA Monterey County is your nonprofit, independent, donor-supported humane society that has been serving the animals and people of Monterey County since 1905. The SPCA is not a chapter of any other agency and does not have a parent organization. They shelter homeless, neglected and abused pets and livestock, and provide humane education and countless other services to the community. They are the local agency you call to investigate animal cruelty, rescue and rehabilitate injured wildlife, and aid domestic animals in distress. Online at www.SPCAmc.org

Poetry

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What does God say about Treasure?

William Cohen

Reasoning With God

Unto us the kingdom of God more than what treasure this world has to offer, will we be trapped by our prophecies, Phil 3:14, “But I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Then we understand correctly God’s Word steps in to pull us out of the pit and onto the path, which leads to Him, for He is guiding our every step as long as we keep His commandments, Ps 119:105, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” The secret is consistently focusing on His Word, a daily feeding nourishes our soul, just as we eat nourishes our bodies, Matt 4:4, “But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Without consistent feeding, our souls become the stone places, which futilely receive the seed of His Word, Matt 13:20-21, “But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it. Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by is he offended.”

When we hear His Word only occasionally, we become that field; the which when a man hath sowed, and hath not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by is he offended.”

This is the freedom He gave save us? "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” This is the freedom He gave us. Let not your heart be troubled. We see how painful the shedding of blood is and seek Him for our own salvation. We do not simply forget the great treasure and trouble there-wherefore we see in this world, we just have to be honest enough and patient enough to see the results of that path, Prov 15:16, “Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble there-wherefore we see in this world, we just have to be honest enough and patient enough to see the results of that path, Prov 15:16, “Better is little with the fear of the Lord than
**Crossword Puzzle**

"Mixed Messages" by Peter Silzer

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**Family Crossword Puzzle**

"Home Sweet Home" by Peter Silzer

Another family puzzle. Children under 10 go first, then older children, and then adults. Who gets the most correct answers in your family?

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| 12 | Houses |
| 13 | Fancy poem |
| 14 | Something you might wear in art class |
| 15 | 2 Porch in Hawaii |
| 16 | Not doing anything |
| 17 | Large washbowl |
| 18 | A town near Bangor Maine |
| 19 | A word that goes with ___ space |
| 20 | Gets together |
| 21 | Ready to be used |
| 22 | The time between yesterday and tomorrow |
| 23 | High-level college degree, abbreviated |
| 24 | Chimp cousin |
| 25 | Vacation house |
| 26 | Works in a movie or a play |
| 27 | The time in Chicago, abbreviated |
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On May 13, 2020 at 8:42 AM, Monterey Police Officers investigated a vandalism that occurred at the City of Monterey storage yard next to the San Carlos Cemetery. Three tractors parked at the storage yard were found with multiple windows shattered. Rocks were found inside and around the tractors indicating they had been used to perform the vandalism. Officers also located a gravesite in the nearby cemetery with a rock border that had rocks missing. The estimated value of the damage to the tractors was $30,000.

During the course of the investigation, officers identified and arrested, 40 years old of Monterey. Shelton was booked into the Monterey City Jail on charges of 594(b)(1) PC – felony vandalism, and 594.35(a) – defacing a gravesite. The motive for this crime is still under investigation.

Currently there is a statewide Emergency Bail Schedule in place and as a result, the bail amount for Shelton was $0. Shelton was released on bail.

The Monterey Police Department would like to remind the community to stay vigilant by immediately reporting suspicious activity to the police.

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Suspect Benson Shelton
Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Monterey Police Lieutenant Ethan Andrews at (831) 646-3822. Or to remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840.

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Masques et gants en latex aidant les criminels à se protéger contre COVID19

On May 22, 2020, the Monterey Police Department reported an armed robbery that occurred in a gas station. The robbers wore surgical masks and were able to escape unharmed.

The Monterey Police Department is warning people to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

One of the more daring heists, in March, two gunmen wearing surgical masks stole more than $200,000 from workers who were taking the cash from gaming machines to a safe at the Aqueduct Racetrack in Queens, The New York Times reported.

The same month, San Leandro Police Department in California said a man wearing a surgical mask was arrested for allegedly stealing $780 in energy drinks from Walmart and threatening employees by saying he tested positive for COVID-19.

In Hamilton Township, NJ, police released a public appeal after an armored man in a white respirator mask and fishing hat robbed a bank. Meanwhile, in Greenwich, CT, a man in a face covering and carrying a yellow shopping bag was being hunted by law enforcement after an armed robbery says he Newsweek report.

In Beaumont, TX, cops appealed for information on an armed man who demanded cash from a Valero convenience store before fleeing on foot.

Suspects are by no means limited to the U.S. In Australia, a suspect wearing a face mask robbed a Melbourne gold dealer, fleeing with the contents of the safe.

Identifying a potential criminal in a sea of innocent face-covered citizens could come down to looking at body language and behavior, Sgr. Ryan Abbott, of the King County Sheriff’s Office in Washington, told KCPQ after an April robbery case.

“There are a lot of people wearing masks to protect themselves from COVID-19, and they’re not doing anything wrong. But then, there are people and they just don’t seem right. If there’s something they’re doing that’s catching your attention then there’s likely something not right about it,” he said. “A lot of times it can be their movements.”
Scott Dick, Monterey County Association of Realtors

**Market Matters**

As states reopen, homebuyers rush back out, but sellers are staying on the sidelines.

*Source: CNBC*

At a two-hour open house in Atlanta on Saturday, about a dozen mostly masked families toured the six-bedroom, six-bathroom, newly built home priced at just over $3 million. Noah Graubart and his wife were looking for something close to their children’s new elementary school. “It seems like the number of houses on the market had kind of paused,” said Graubart, who toured the home with his wife and daughter. They were all wearing masks, as a precaution against the coronavirus, and pleased that the open house wasn’t exactly packed. “As long as it’s not crowded. I would have waited until other people came out.”

The number of for-sale listings plummeted in April, as both buyers and sellers dropped out of the market as a result of the pandemic. For the week ended May 2, total listings were down 19% annually, and new listings were down 39%, according to realtor.com.

Making sense of the story:

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That may be why the nation’s homebuilders are seeing a sudden surge in demand. There is simply not enough existing home supply.

Homebuilders also tend to build in the suburbs and exurbs, farther away from urban cores.

While urban living was incredibly popular with millennials, the stay-at-home culture of the coronavirus may already be reversing that trend. People want more space inside and outside of their homes.

While there is no hard data yet, anecdotally, real estate agents say they are seeing more apartment renters now hunting for single-family homes.

Where that supply exists, the demand has not exactly waned, just postponed. Compass, a real estate brokerage, said the average number of its listings going under contract bottomed on April 12 and were down 40% from the average before the shelter-in-place orders began in March.

A lot of potential buyers have been shopping online, using new virtual technology. Real estate agents have offered “live” showings, where they will walk around the house while the buyer watches and asks questions over a smartphone or tablet.

Some agents have offered solo showings of empty homes, giving the buyer a code to open the lock box. As states reopen, however, more buyers are clearly ready to come out.

PGHS Teacher on ‘Jeopardy’

Jenna Hall, an English teacher at Pacific Grove High School, will compete on the TV show “Jeopardy” on Monday, May 25, 2020.

**Family Puzzle Solution**

Peter Silzer

**HOME SWEET HOME**

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Vanja Thompson, Guest Writer

Vagabonding in Vacationland

Wanda’s Views Part 1

By Vanja Thompson, Guest Writer

As you know, Homeless In Paradise columnist Wanda Sue Parrott has doggedly been looking for answers about the designated use and number of “missing” FEMA trailers local government and news outlets told us, back on April 14, were set to roll into town that very week. At the time, the number was “dozens” revised to 100 the following day. But early last week, trailers were nowhere to be found down from a wriggling two-year old who doesn’t want to put on her sweatshirt. Wanda tasked me with digging deeper and asked you if you’d care to bet on the current or future whereabouts of the mystery trailers — any good guesses out there?

The Monterey County Film Commission’s Director Emeritus Richard Tyler Film Student Scholarship Award Program were made by the Craig and Paula Tigerman family, Dino Cocalis, Honest Engine Films, Lou Adler’s Monterey International Pop Festival Foundation, and numerous local businesses.

Reyna Bautista Gonzalez, a Cinematic Arts and Technology major at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB), was named the winner of the $1,000 special award to go towards her senior thesis film to be shot later this year. She is in pre-production and plans to use Monterey County Film Commission's Director Emeritus Richard Tyler Film Student Scholarship Award Program. The CSUMB senior is originally from Whittier.

The mission of the Monterey County Film Commission is to inspire and facilitate film and media production throughout Monterey County, creating positive economic impact.

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Monterey County Film Commission Selects two as Scholarship Winners

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Two weeks ago.

More on Nicole’s story in my next column and thank you, Wanda, and Wanda’s Readers, for welcoming me!

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Wanda’s wandering trailers located

Until last week, the use of the trailers hadn’t been fully fleshed out, and that’s why information was scarce. At this time, they’re on standby, empty, to be used if needed at “alternative care sites” and “alternative shelter sites,” neither of which are for our omnipresent population, per se.

Alternative care sites are to accommodate hospital beds for medical care of COVID-19 positive patients, should the county’s hospitals reach capacity. Alternative housing sites are to lodge COVID-19 positive patients who, when released from the hospital, aren’t able to quarantine safely in their place of dwelling — whether it be indoor or outdoor. These sites, too, are for overflow as the county has also contracted with local hotels which, as of last week, were housing 27 residents who have tested positive.

The alternative care sites include San Lorenzo Park, the Marina Airport, and the Monterey Fairgrounds, and the housing sites still being finalized include Sherwood Hall and Salinas Valley Fairgrounds. Based on current numbers, none of these sites may need to go live.

WHAT ABOUT SHELTERING THE HOMELESS?

Some of the same hotels are also being contracted by the county as part of Project Roomkey, which is a separate program, funded differently, to house people who are experiencing homelessness and who are vulnerable (but haven’t tested positive) to COVID-19 based on their underlying health conditions, age, and living situations.

Project Roomkey allocates state funds to existing county programs to shelter the most vulnerable homeless population — by today, approximately 100 homeless will have been housed in local hotels, where they’ll be able to stay until the county shelter in place order is lifted — currently scheduled for May 31. The program also provides for meals and medical care, in conjunction with the county’s pilot Whole Person Care program — which I’ll tell you more about in the future!

You can’t apply to “Project Roomkey.” Social Services workers identify and reach out to potential recipients from their case files. You can, however, contact your social worker and ask to be considered if you are unsheltered and at risk. There is an intake process, a code of conduct to abide by, and specific criteria to qualify as an at-risk candidate.

AND FOOD?

With food banks now limiting distribution to drive-up recipients, and fast food restaurants no longer serving walk-in traffic, the homeless and carless have fewer options. A few local agencies are still providing lunches, but busses are operating daily on a Sunday schedule, making the trip difficult. “Nicole” is making do with sandwich materials from the grocery store, and hasn’t had hot food since a woman outside Lucky’s gave her a rollisserie chicken dinner party unravels into a sinister affair. She plans to use the funds for special effects and to work to enhance communication and have her student production team fully understand her vision, worked to enhance communication and have her student production team fully understand her vision, worked to enhance communication and have her student production team fully understand her vision, worked to enhance communication and have her student production team fully understand her vision, worked to enhance communication and have her student production team fully understand her vision.

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Opinion

To All of the Members of Our Community:

We thank you for all that you have done to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our cities and our county. We know this is hard, especially for those who have found themselves in difficult situations that last year would have been unimaginable. To those who have found yourselves classified as essential workers: We see you, and all of us, we thank you with all that we have.

Reopening our community is a shared effort. The State of California has laid out criteria that all counties must meet. Many of these requirements — testing, PPE for hospital workers, housing for the unsheltered, medical surge capacity — are measured when local health agencies believe it’s safe to return to community activities. It is our collective responsibility to keep our community safe.

It is our community’s collective actions that will determine when we reach those goals, and that we continue to reach them in the future. In order to lift the sheltering order, we need to follow the directions laid out by the Health Officer. We must all take personal responsibility for the collective good: wear face coverings when near others, postpone nonessential travel, and avoid gathering in large groups.

We must do everything we can to avoid creating situations in which one asymptomatic individual could infect all of us. That is the best way to keep all of us safer and alive.

To our regional leadership, of which we are a part, I need to work together to find ways of reopening that keep all of our residents and our essential workers safe. With increasing traffic to the beaches and parks, we hear residents voice their fear that the growing number of people makes us less safe. With increased traffic in our downtowns, we hear residents voice their concern that so many unmasked faces make it impossible to safely navigate our sidewalks. Elected leaders’ consistent message of “safety first” is not just a platitude but a commitment to others. Now more than ever, this message of responsibility from the residents and businesses will ultimately saves lives.

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Flag Day Coming June 14: Celebrate Wherever You May Be

Editor:

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress adopted the flag of the United States of America. While not officially established as National Flag Day until 1949, June 14 has served as an annual opportunity to commemorate the American flag by organizations and individuals for over 200 years. This year, all celebrations look a little different. During the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, we are all encouraged to stay home to stop the spread of the virus. However, Flag Day can be celebrated by everyone, wherever they may be.

We encourage everyone to use their time at home to fly their American flags proudly this Flag Day. To show camaraderie and solidarity in this time of uncertainty, let your American Flag wave daily. We are all in this together, and we will get through this together, as one nation, under God.

Michael J. Kuznik
State Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California

All Saints Day School Student Riley Imamura Wins At California History Day; Advances to Nationals in June

All Saints Day School student Riley Imamura ’21 is a California History Day winner. Riley is the ninth All Saints student to advance to the National History Day competition.

Imamura was named California State co-champion in the 2020 NHD-California History Day. She will represent the state of California and All Saints Day School in June, at the National History Day Competition in College Park, MD, which will be held as a virtual contest. The contest will take place on June 14-20, 2020.

Imamura shared, “I think the most interesting part of my History Day experience was meeting new people, through my interviews. I learned so much from the experience that will benefit me for the rest of my life! I want to make sure my topic was interesting to me and since I am a multi-sport athlete, I was very interested in the history of sports, specifically women in sports. After researching a little about The Education Amendments Act of 1972 or Title IX, I was immediately interested and wanted to learn more.”

Scott Fujita, Head of School, said, “I am so proud of Riley and all our students. The National History Day experience is always great to see when hard work pays off. All of the students worked hard in a fun and learned invaluable study and research skills at the same time.

We have been proud to participate in National History Day for 14 years now. It is a contest that benefits students way beyond the competition. “For us, the keystone of History Day is Education. History Day Advisors at All Saints Day School recognized and applauded the wide variety of projects, the depth of research conducted, and the earnestness of their students to further improve on their chosen topics.

National History Day (NHD) is a yearlong academic program focused on historical research for sixth to twelfth grade students. Each year, more than half a million students participate in the NHD contest. Students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history, interviews, the Internet, and historic sites.

After analyzing and interpreting their assigned sources, students write conclusions about their topics’ significance in history, students present their work in oral presentations, digital projects, performances, and documentaries. Projects are entered into competitions at local, regional, and ultimately national levels and are evaluated by professional historians and educators.

In 2012 President Barack Obama awarded the prestigious “National Humanities Medals” to the Lyceum of Monterey County for organizing the History Day competition in Monterey County.
Hope you found some interest in the public murals artwork scavenger hunt published in CST last week. If so, here is topic number 2 - photos of assorted sculpture pieces scattered around PG. If anyone knows the name, date, and/or sculptor of the collection of concentric circles outside the Center for Spiritual Awakening at 522 Central, I’d appreciate hearing from them.

David

David A. Laws
Held online in respect of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Pacific Grove High School Class of 2020 Scholarships and Awards

Kiwanis Club of Pacific Grove Scholarship
Noor Benny, Joshua Cho, Jesse Pegis, Isabella Rownette-Smith
Presenter: Robin Lewis

F.D.E.S. Portuguese Hall of Monterey Scholarship
Joel Kann, Anthony DaSilva, Isaac Garcia
Presenters: Charles & Stephanie DaSilva

Rotary Club of Pacific Grove Scholarship
Marian Estes, Wendy Roach
Presenter: Patrick Ryan

Masonic Lodge of Pacific Grove Award
Connor Brophy, Emma Evans, Cameron Marshall, Chloe Stickler
Presenter: Herschel Amos

James Bliss & Annette Sward Forestry & Nursing Scholarship
Clair Weyant, Isabella Rowntree-Smith
Presenter: Todd Bliss

Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, Marine Option Scholarship
Wendy Roach, Staff Sergeant Dwayne Hesse

Monterey County Association of Realtors Scholarship
Cyndi Nunnery, Destiny Hansen
Presenter: Becie Michaels

Kier Memorial Scholarship
Adrian Clark
Presenter: Sam Kier

Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association Scholarships
Presents: Katie Sellefjord, Nicole Bulich, Lauralies Gaona

Ada Eleanor Smith Scholarship
Alana Henden, Destiny Hansen
Class of 1952 Remembers Chloe Stickler
Don Hano, Alba Silvia, Alana Henden, Destiny Hansen
Presenter: Becie Michaelis

Mary Teresa Arevalo Vorhees Scholarship
Noor Benny, John Dorri, Deion Hays, Seth Knoop, Yuri Suzuki

Spread Your Wings Scholarship
Ashley Bilyeu, Tyler Chesterton, Jesse Herzog, Megan Miller, Joely Kaatz, Destiny Hansen, Destiny Hansen
Presenter: Abe Wible

Wednesday Night Laundry Runners Scholarship
Will Sellefjord
Presenter: Mike Dome

Gen Giannamo Memorial Scholarship
Selly Dialis
Presenter: Alex Morrison

Jacqueline Phillips Excellence in English & Citizenship Award

Robertson Rice
Wendy Roach
Sergi Rodas-Mendoza
Isabella Aedon
Roland Starbuck
Jason Roman
Emily Roger
Daniel Rosas
Isabella Rowntree-Smith
Zoha Salimn
Aine Schlining
Oscar Scholich

Salutatorian: Oscar Scholich

Marian Estes
Presenter: Katie Phillips

ROTC UC Berkeley Scholarship
Gavin Whiteside
Presenter: Roger Eltzroth

PGUSD Bright Future Scholarships
Aram Aghajanian, Kate Hansen, Min Kang, Joseph Kavunagh, August Keltner
Presenters: Kristin Paris, Margaret Rice, Michelle Cadigan

Glady's & Marty Baskin Scholarship
Tyler Chesterton, Megan Miller
Presenter: Todd Butler

Megan Rees Imagine Scholarship
Joshua Cho, Deion Hays, Loe Lauritzen, Matthew Mendez, Angel Soto
Presenter: Matt Bell

Robert Balles Math Scholarship Award
Mitali Chowdhury, Tyler Smritro
Presenter: Isaac Rubin

California School Employee Association (CSEA) Dependents Scholarship
Ray Birkett, Maria Teresa Arevalo Vorhees, Kira Kitayama, Leo Lauritzen, Jesse Pegis, Cody Pinheiro
Presenter: Felicia Affir

Don Luce Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution
Adrian Clark, Jesse Herzog, Joely Kaatz, Maria Lieberman, Isabella Roundtree-Smith, Eliza Taurke

Don Luce Memorial Award
Marian Estes, Bogdan Grot, Seth Knoop, Zoha Salimn, Madison Snow
Presenter: Katie Sellefjord

Pacific Grove High School P.T.A.
Kira Kitayama, Cameron Marshall, Megan Miller, Robertton Rice, Wendy Roach, Chloe Stickler, Nathan Taima
Presenter: Matt Bell

Feast of Lanterns Scholarship
Noor Benny, Serena Paci, Wendy Roach, Zoha Salimn

National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students
Gazal Isik, Oscar Scholich

National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists
Mitali Chowdhury, Delson Hays
Presenter: Matt Bell

Valedictorian: Mitali Chowdhury

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The link for the awards night will be available on the PGH high website through May 29. It can be found by https://pghigh.pguisd.org/Counseling/index.html.
Monterey County Receives 750,000 Masks for Agriculture Workers

A tremendous delivery to the County has arrived, specifically to safeguard essential agricultural workers.

The Monterey County Emergency Medical Services Agency Medical Operation Area Coordinator (MHOAC) asked for and received 750,000 procedure masks from the state specifically for agriculture workers. These masks come at no cost to the county or workers and are from State’s emergency stockpile of PPE.

The focus of the request was to safeguard workers in the fields where they often work in close proximity to one another. This shipment will provide 25,000 agricultural workers one mask per day for 30 days.

The MHOAC worked with the Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner to identify organizations to get these masks to workers. Organizations that will distribute masks are the Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association, Farm Bureau, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California and the California Strawberry Commission.

What is the MHOAC? It is part of the County Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMS) which coordinates disaster preparedness, equipment and supplies in times of emergency.

The American Parkinson Disease Association California Virtual Optimism Walk will raise funds

To help people with Parkinson’s live life to the fullest

Together in Spirit, California Residents Walk Separately to Help Provide More Programs and Services for the Local Parkinson’s Community

The American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA) is hosting the APDA California Virtual Optimism Walk on Sunday, May 31. One of four virtual Optimism Walks happening on the same day, the California Walk is part of a nationwide series of Optimism Walks that mobilize and inspire people to step up and help put an end to Parkinson’s disease (PD). There are approximately one million people living with PD in the United States and with more being diagnosed every day it is more important than ever to raise essential funds and awareness. Each and every virtual participant will help make a difference for those living with the disease today and to push for answers that will ultimately make PD a thing of the past.

With new virtual Optimism Walks, participants head out on their own, but are united in spirit from coast to coast!

Participants in the APDA California Virtual Optimism Walk will join fellow walkers from coast to coast. After an online celebration and opening ceremony, participants in all four virtual events will walk separately, but together in solidarity for the PD community. Due to social distancing, participants will be encouraged walk on their own and share photos and comments using #OptimismWalk so together they can still be uplifted by a great sense of community and camaraderie.

The APDA California Virtual Optimism Walk is an important opportunity for friends, families, and individuals who are affected by PD to show support, share stories, get a little exercise, and feel inspired and motivated. It’s an important chance to bond with others who are similarly connected.

“Year after year our Optimism Walk has brought together friends, family and even strangers who are all in this fight together, and that doesn’t change with our virtual format – we are still in this together” said Leslie A. Chambers, President and CEO, APDA. Chambers continues, “the funds raised at our Optimism Walk helps APDA provide much-needed support groups, exercise classes designed specifically for people with PD, as well as a wide array of virtual programming we’ve adapted and created to keep people supported, engaged and informed while they need to stay at home” Local programs currently include support groups and exercise programs through the APDA Information & Referral (I&R) Center at Stanford University, education and art-based programs at the APDA I&R Center at Pacific Neuroscience Institute, Providence Saint John’s Health Center, and much more.

APDA is the largest grassroots network serving people with PD and their families. The more funds raised, the more people who can be helped, which is why each Optimism Walk is a positive way to take the frustration and challenges of life with PD and turn that into motivation, determination and purpose. Participants share stories using #OptimismWalk, bond over their shared experiences, and revel in the camaraderie that often lasts long after the Walk is over.

A similar sentiment is expressed on a sign at Canterbury Woods.
There are true conspiracies in business, politics, even likely in your own family history, but they are borne out by whistleblowers, people who become union or labor leaders, an occasionally radical politician or an aunt that says "oh you didn't know your cousin was your mother?" But for the most part conspiracy theories are pretty thinly woven nonsense with no relation to what we know about standard cognition.

Just before we were inundated with COVID conspiracies, the 5G wifi conspiracy was beating out the anti-vaxers for newstime. A full 70 cell phone towers have burnt to the ground by arsonists who think they singularly know the truth about radio frequency causing brain tumors or even mind control. There’s even a conspira-
ty theory that 5G is what is used to spread COVID, just to muddle up your head a little more than it already is. Nothing quite like putting two theories into a blender and mixing them up together to produce a new, exciting and new, cake, they could link chemtrails in there to drive the points home.

Conspiracy thinking (CT) is not the same as being a skeptic. Skeptics listen, can process and edit conflicting data, and reach conclusions that confirm their claim or deny it. And they change their mind and move on. But CT’s are immune to evidence to the contrary if some exists, and it often does, but they do something with the lack of evidence that confounds many a psychologists - if they can’t find evidence for their claim, they are further convinced of the depth of the cover-up. This flies in the face of anyone versed in rational thinking. They are at once being harmed by the subject at hand and name themselves heroes for possessing the truth, truth contrary to what anyone in authority but do listen to ran-
domized clinical trials, randomized controlled trials, or even the perception of being a hero for possessing the truth, truth contrary if some exists, and it of course, makes sense now.

CT’s have a playful relationship with contradiction - they hold two contradictory claims and are able to question it? Doesn’t your very ability to think it’s a conspiracy to control your mind stand in direct evidence that your mind hasn’t been controlled? I said that on one forum (I don’t know why I did it). Just repeat the word "paranoid" came as follows, “Oh I breathe shallow, always have.” Oh, yes. That makes sense now. I don’t think he’ll be damned. I also ask on yet another thread (I know, I don’t learn) that if in fact it’s a conspiracy, how is it? Some people say they’re doing it this way, way high up, I mean the highest up in the government who would be privy to such a mind control scheme. Let’s take someone who was Head of the CIA, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Manage-
ment and Budget and a congressman and roll them all up into one guy. Do you think he would be the author of such a plan or at least have to be complicit in such a scheme in any one, never mind all of those capacities? It’s Leon Panetta - do you think he would know? And where does he live? Where do his children live and his grandchildren? Where? Oh, you say Monterey Coun-
ty. The home of Naval Postgraduate School, Defense Language Institute, and the Institute of International Studies specializing in international language, translation and intelligence. In other words, a lot of the most expensively trained military and international political language students in the world. The government is spraying them? Spraying them to be compliant CIA directors, his son to be a compliant second generation Con-
gressmember and all the students to incomplacently learn Urdu and Swahili? If chemtrails were an accurate account, this would be the last county on earth to be sprayed. But that doesn’t stop the CT’s - one even said my allergies came on the same day they sprayed." Oh, well, there you go - that runny nose baby the Panetta scenario hands down. Good one. You got me. CT’s link the unlikable. The COVID virus was made in a lab in December 2019 and issued to us by vaccination. Well, when’s the last time anyone who unfortunately died of COVID had a vaccination? Likely they weren’t even up to date on their rabies shots never mind vaccination. Likely they were 50 year sprees before COVID and a vaccination. CT’s fail to listen to anyone in authority but do listen to ran-
dom people. Credibility, CT’s, spray us into a blender and mix them up. They mix the scrivener with a guy who dresses in camo and says a mask is too contricting when his belly is hanging over a too-tight ammo belt, his boots are unlaced because they can’t tie his over-shape or pitting edemic calves and he has to squeeze into his four by four because his belly hits his steering wheel. A mask is too contricting? Yet when he has eaten himself silly, swilled down with a six pack and one days heart surgery, he never asks the surgeon, “hey Miss, I’m worried about the 7 hour surgery and you having to wear a mask through it all.” Nope, masks aren’t a concern to him. And that surgeon doesn’t think “hey I wonder if this is all just a conspiracy to get me to wear a mask while I have to save a life that made all attempt to end his life early by eating himself to death and smoking a stogie while he sipped whiskey until his was stupid.” Nope, she doesn’t think that. She just fixes his artery constricted heart. Why? Because she’s not like him. She has a brain in her head. A compassionate one. A rational one. And on her head is a mask.

Kory Milar
Poetry

Contrails
by Kory Milar
(originally published ©CST 2011)

A long white trail across the sky
Like a brushstroke slowly painted
Upon a limitless blue canvas
I look down for a moment
Lost in creativity

When my gaze meets the sky once more
The creator has vanished into the sun
And the blue has begun to engulf
The brushtroke of a fleeting message, one straight across the sky
A single scarf mars the azure skin of the universe...
and then it’s gone.

I like to pretend, for a moment
That God was bored up there
So he ran his finger, ever so slowly
Ever so gently, along the bar-

Poetry

Kory Milar

Monterey Harbor, Moss Landing Harbor Announce Reopening With Conditions

The City of Monterey Harbor and Moss Landing Harbor District announce the reopening of their launch ramps to recreational boaters. Both facilities had been closed since late March to comply with the Monterey County Shelter in Place Order due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beginning Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 5:00 a.m., the launch ramps are open to recreational users on a conditional basis, complying with Monterey County and State of California Shelter in Place Orders and CDC guidelines. Users ‘concession’ is essential in the following conditions. Failing to obey health orders and/or harbor regula-
tions may result in the loss of launch ramp privileges or for residential users, the launch ramp facilities open.

Conditions for use include:
- Maintain a six foot physical distance between others;
- Face coverings are required at all times in the parking lot or launch ramp;
- No congregating in groups outside of your own household;
- No floating RV’s or allowed in the launch ramp parking lot;
- Do not linger when launching or retrieving your vessel - no more than 45 minutes in the ramp;
- Fees must be paid at the pay stations (Monterey) Park and Launch Fees ($18) must be paid in cash or check, no credit cards allowed, no exceptions;
- Permits must be displayed when using the ramp or parking in the lot.

Monterey Harbor is not providing visitor berthing for commercial fishing vessels and coastal cruising vessels seeking refuge.

We are excited to reopen our facilities to recreational boaters, and are confident they will responsibly follow the public health requirements established by the Monterey County Public Health Director Dr. Morenino,” said Monterey Harbormaster John Haynes.

“Are we glad we can jointly open our harbor services to the public to once again enjoy recreational boating activities while abiding by the guidelines,” said Tommy Razzaaca, Moss Landing General Man-
age at the Harbor District.

The launch ramps have remained opened throughout the Order for essential business including commercial fishing.

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mation about the Moss Landing Harbor visit www.mosllandingharbor,dist.ca.us/. For more information about COVID-19 in Monterey, visit www.monterey. org/coronavirus.
Despite the positive feedback that I’ve personally received about these articles, I’m really not by nature a writer. Actually, I’ve spent most of my adult life actively avoiding the activity whenever possible. That includes letters, e-mails, and text messages. But, to borrow something that Richard Bach once wrote, every so often some idea will insert itself into my head and not go away until I put fingers to keyboard and type it out. Even then, though, it’s not usually a fast, smooth-flowing process. Speaking strictly for myself, this word-smithing business is hard work. Looking for that right turn of phrase. Working to avoid using the same clichéd catch-phrases repetitively, which, given the subject matter can be a tough one. How many different ways can you find to say that so-and-so finished in #th place? Revising, editing, re-editing, again and again and again. With some of the historical features written this spring, endeavoring to produce a truly interesting, readable article starting with nothing much more than a list of names, dates, times and places can be particularly challenging.

Photography, on the other hand – from the time I first picked up a camera in 4th grade – has always come naturally and easily for me. Being in the right place at the right time looking in the right direction to see a moment worth capturing happening just seems to be effortless. Of course, having a camera in hand makes me just that much more aware of what’s going on around me, and I’m actively looking for that next shot. Yes, I work hard at my photography, but it’s not hard work. All that being said, here are a few more moments captured, featuring our young men this time.

Fiorin “Fio” Ballerini showed up at the 2017 MTAL Cross Championship with a bad cold and had, in his father’s words, “a crappy race.” Later, while waiting for the finish of the Varsity Girls race, I caught this father-son talk in progress.

Following the Division IV Boys race at the 2017 CCS Cross Country Championships, Breaker distance legend and assistant coach Richard Barraza (right) walked up to where (from left) head coach Steve Watkins, Henry Loh, Luca Lauritzen, Jake Alt and the rest of the team and parents were awaiting the results and said “Well..., unofficially you guys won by 34 points, which means that you definitely won.” A fraction of a second later I caught Jake’s superb reaction to that announcement.

April 26, 2018. The MTAL Peninsula Meet at Carmel. A special all-sophomore 4x400 Meter Relay team was put together for the express purpose of having a run at the school frosh-soph record in that event, with an all junior-senior team also entered to give them competition. Here, frosh-soph anchorman Bryce Montgomery, followed by Jake Alt, is cheered on down the final stretch by Luca Lauritzen (of the jr.-sr. team) and Will Stefanou. Bryce stopped the clock at 3:39.16 making the foursome of Thomas Jameson, Will Stefanou, Leo Lauritzen, and Bryce Montgomery second only to the school record holding team of Don Danenhour, Jerald Speek, James Whyte, and Pete Woods who ran 3:37.6 (3:38.7 for the Mile Relay) way back in 1970.

To say that the 2019 Cross Country team was disappointed with their results at the CCS Championships would be an understatement, as evidenced by Kai Hoadley’s post-race demeanor, seen here. That’s the look of “the agony of defeat.”

The 3200 Meters at the 2019 PCAL Masters Meet was a particularly hard-fought, competitive race. After hammering at each other for two miles, Rigo Garcia of Greenfield, Jake Alt, and Marina’s Christopher Plascencia were seen supporting each other at the finish line.

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