WHICH LOCAL BUSINESS(ES) WILL YOU GO TO FIRST WHEN THE SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDER IS LIFTED?

Hairdresser
Dine-In Restaurant
Movie Theater
Manicurist
Thrift Store
Book Store
Library
Other

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As of press time, restaurants rule! Hairdressers and barbers are second.

We want bookstores and the library.

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Nature Takes Back Her Own

While the rest of Pacific Grove is sheltering in place, these young deer took advantage of the empty streets to check out downtown. Dean Wu sent us the lovely photo. Dean Wu website, yodeanwu.com

Health Dept. Shelter-In-Place Orders Extended to May 31, 2020

Monterey County Shelter-in-Place orders are extended until May 31, 2020 but some restrictions have been eased. Public Works director Dan Gho, says that CourseCo, which operates the Pacific Grove Golf Links, are willing to make the changes and add the equipment required to reopen the golf course.

Fabric Stores, which handle supplies to make facial masks can open and animal grooming can occur if it affects the health of the animal, but social distancing restrictions always apply.

Drive-in churches can be set up if they observe all shelter in place restrictions.

You may find the current Monterey Health Officer Shelter-In-place order at www.co.monerey.ca.us where you will also find more definitions and protocols. (https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/health/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/health-officer-shelter-in-place-order). You may find additional information online or by calling 211.

Media have always been listed as essential businesses, but we at Cedar Street Times chose to work from home whenever possible.

There are 87 full-time employees and 27 part-time employees.

Furloughs remain under discussion

The Pacific Grove City Council, meeting in closed session on May 6, has not reached an agreement with employee associations and unions with regard to potential furloughs or layoffs. City Manager Ben Harvey has asked for help meeting a 20 percent budget deficit caused by loss of Transient Occupancy Tax and Sales Tax Revenue, caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Those two sources represent major sources of income for the city and have caused a big hit in income.

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Furloughs have already begun at the library and recreation department where the pandemic has caused closure of their functions and most employees are half- and three-quarter-time. Options might include furloughs, a four-day work week, cuts in pay and reduction in hours.
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Black-necked Stilt
Himantopus mexicanus

Black-necked Stilts are tall, mid-sized wading shorebirds found along coasts and wetlands from California to South America. Stilts forage through shallow water, their exceptionally long legs keeping them above the water line. They feed on invertebrates and small fish, jabbing at prey with their thin, pointed bills. When threatened, a group of stilts may surround a predator to frighten it off. They may also feign an injury to lure predators away from their nests.

With the longest legs in relation to its body of any bird, the stilt can forage in water that is too deep for other shorebirds to reach.

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State Begins to Move Into Stage 2 of Reopening

Governor Gavin Newsom has announced that based on the state’s progress in meeting metrics tied to indicators, the state can begin to move into Stage 2 of modifying the stay at home order this Friday, May 8, with guidelines to be released Thursday, May 7. Some examples of businesses that can open with modifications include bookstores, clothing stores, florists and sporting goods stores.

The announcement for Friday does not include offices, seated dining at restaurants, shopping malls or schools. As the governor noted last week, the state is working with school districts and the California education community to determine how best and safely to reopen schools. That continues to be the case — this announcement does not move up this timeline.

Monterey County is one of those which will allow some limited reopening. “I recently revisited our County Shelter in Place Order, lifting restrictions on certain industries and activities, “explains Dr. Edward Moreno; Monterey County Health Officer. “I will be reviewing the governor’s recommendations and confering with regional health officials to determine the best approach. The addition of community testing and state assistance in contact tracing efforts are important new resources towards implementation of Phase 2 changes.”

Two more community testing sites are now open, one in Greenfield and one in Salinas. They were to have been opened to the public on May 5, but one of the nurses called in sick so the opening was delayed. They will prioritize first responders and healthcare providers, with planning under way for other front-line and essential workers before the service is available to the general public. Health insurance will be billed for service and the State of California will cover the cost for uninsured individuals.

Monterey Bay Wednesday Night Laundry Runners
WNLR Running Club Awards $5,850 to Distance Running Students

Although the COVID-19 pandemic curtailed the 2020 High School track season, the Monterey Bay Wednesday Night Laundry Runners (WNLRs) were busy awarding local high school cross country and track and field athletes a total of $5,850 in college scholarships to five outstanding college-bound student-athletes in Monterey County. Awards ranged from $350 to $2,000 and were presented by coaches since Awards Ceremonies were cancelled. Students were nominated by their coaches, and the size of each scholarship was based on the student’s track and cross country times, academic performance, leadership, community service activities, and financial need.

“The purpose of the WNLR Scholarship fund is to recognize local excellence in athletic and academic achievement and to help our Monterey County student-athletes achieve broader success. This track season was cut short but the WNLRs feel these student runners deserve to be recognized for their accomplishments in these unusual times and over their high school careers. We continue using the WNLR Scholarship Fund to ease the financial burden of college for exceptional Monterey County student-athletes,” said Adam Roach, WNLR Scholarship committee member and five time winner of the Big Sur International Marathon.

Notably, recipients often return to the Monterey Peninsula after completing college to give back to their communities as coaches and teachers. Scholarships are made primarily by WNLR club members, event fundraisers, local businesses such as lululemon in Monterey, and a generous annual grant from the Big Sur Marathon Foundation. If you would like to donate, please visit www.wnrlr.org for details.

The following high school senior graduates were awarded WNLR Scholarships:

Christopher Castro
Alisal High School
Salinas

Valeria Cervantes
Alvarez High School
Salinas

Esteban Deniz
King City High School
King City

Kieran Daithe
Carmel High School
Carmel

Will Stefanou
Pacific Grove High School
Pacific Grove

This is the 20th year that the WNLR’s have provided scholarship money. We wish all 2020 grads the best of luck and a bright future.

Loving Nature in PG

Harbor Seals Harbor-In-Place each spring on Pacific Grove’s beach. Resting in the sun, they don’t seem to have a care in the world.

Photo by Bob Pacelli

Water for the Monterey Peninsula

The evening of April 27 was a momentous one for the Monterey Peninsula. That is because the Monterey One Water (M1W) agency board of directors met to discuss a report on whether to certify or not to certify a preliminary environmental impact report (SEIR) for a potential Pure Water Monterey expansion. It was “supplemental” because the original EIR for the existing recycled water plant was completed and certified in 2017, and this report was to ensure that the expansion was feasible. It found that under any of the scenarios that could be anticipated, it was.

“Tlheir partnership in the environmental review, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) had met a few days before to approve a letter urging them to certify that report. That is because, as a partner agency, the MPWMD has had a say in that part of the $1.3 million in funding for the project.

Approval of the SEIR would not have allowed 1W to build the potential expansion. The agency does not have the money or authority to do that, but it would have allowed their staff to have “exploratory discussions” about building the plat as a back-up if Cal Am is not allowed to build their desal plant. Cal Am still want to do that, and in order for the expansion to occur it would have to agree to purchase water from M1W anyway.

Because water demand on the Peninsula has declined — and supply has increased from other non-Cal Am sources, the company has a concern that the Coast Commission and others might not allow their project to go forward. Since the stakes were high for Cal Am (with) their opposition was to be expected. But prior to the meeting the board members received letters of opposition not just from Cal Am, but also the Salinas Valley Basin Ground Water Sustainability Agency and the city of Salinas. Because multiple parties weighed in, what should have been the approval or rejection of a technical document, became a political free for all.

It started when the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) asked for an additional vote because the agency feels they still have more ratepayers in their service territory. This is because the agency and Salinas agreed several years ago to annex part of Seaside to MCWD to provide water to a portion of the city. Under the terms of the agency’s “Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement” from June of 1979, members are allowed one representative on the board, but several votes based on their population. Thus Del Rey Oaks, as a small city, gets one vote, the larger Salinas gets two and Salinas - as the largest entity - has six votes. Except for a few modifications over the years, however, the voting structure has been the same for over 40 years now.

After an uncharacteristically almost five hour meeting, the vote was 11-10 not to certify the SEIR.

A few days later the Monterey County Water District met in closed session to discuss their partner agency’s action. That meeting should have been expected since MPWMD had paid for $750,000 of the study and felt blindsided by their partner agency.

The reaction was rather mild, however, stating only that “MPWMD respectfully requests that your agency identify specific deficiencies found in the SEIR,” find a remedy and bring it back for another vote. I actually expected them to file a legal course of action. They did not file one, however, simply because sue M1W (and, I suppose the, other agencies involved in influencing M1W).

As a member of the M1W Board for five years – and its Chair when the original project was approved and started - it is disheartening for me to see it come to this. I still remember being in a room with Dave Stoldt and Paul Sciuto when signing the documents for the state loan to start the original project. That was an exciting time and the agencies were one and the agencies were one and each of them weighed in with excellent advice.

So where do we go from here? I think there are several obvious next steps. Marina Coast was right to bring up the issue of weighted voting and representation. Since the agency was formed, over 40 years ago, some cities have grown more than others; and service territories have changed. But rather than a knee jerk change in voting, it should only be done after a census or full review of every member’s changed status.

The other is that PWV should probably have a board made up of representatives of the communities served by the new entity. Pure Water Monterey (PWR) is a hybrid agency. Though it came out of M1W, it should not use wastewater rate payer money to operate or take on projects. Hence the need for a contracted steady source of income before being able to take on a new project. PWR provides water to the water district, which then sells it to Cal Am. Their customers are the ones who will actually pay (through their water charges) for M1W to operate, pay off the state loans, and undertake any future expansions to meet the needs of residents. Salinas and the Ag communities will not.

In order to preserve the relationship between the two agencies, M1W also has an obligation to meet the MPWMD’s request identify actual and specific deficiencies in the SEIR, identify potential remedies, and bring that back for another vote.

Cal Am should recognize that there had been a significant change in water needs for the Peninsula; with conservation measures reducing the demand and new water coming on line to meet a good portion of that need. That would allow them to redesign a smaller plant that could meet current and future needs at a much lower cost.

Cal Am also needs to have the courage to tell the Coastal Commission (no small thing) that they need to drill wells – especially in the affected area; do work, and they need to look for alternative source water for any future project.

At the same time, however, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District also needs to develop a more acceptable case to the Peninsula – or convince interested parties that their water needs projections are correct. Without such an accepted number there will continue to be disputes between the agency, cities, Cal Am, and the business community.

Rudy Fischer

The Big Picture

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Random Thoughts

Jane Roland

Karma

The events of the past several months have given us all food for thought. I don’t believe in predestination, the belief that everything that will happen has already been decided by God or fate and cannot be changed. If this were the case, there would be no need for any of us to do anything. Good or bad. Yet it is interesting (some might object to this term) that every several years there is an occurrence that takes the lives of thousands of people, be it war, pandemic, famine, or natural disasters.

As of this morning we have lost 248,000 people worldwide. If one thinks of the lineage of each person and imagine the artists, scientists, and other folk who will never be. In ‘It’s a Wonderful Life,’ Jimmy Stewart wished he had never been born. Clarence, the angel (who needed to do something to be granted his wings) walked him through a life without George Bailey.

Here is an exercise for you. Think of your family (and possibly your friends). What if YOU had never been born? When I was 23 I was in a terrible automobile accident. I fell asleep at the wheel of my car and went over the cliff above Quail Lodge, bouncing off telephone wires on the way down, landing in artichoke fields. My mother said I was “riding in the arms of God.” I recovered and in time married (twice), I am proud of many accomplishments I have achieved, many with the partnership of my husband, John. I was blessed with wonderful offspring. My family is the most important thing in my life. My son, Jay, was a Montessori teacher and according to parents we knew, molded the lives of youngsters in a positive manner. Jay (and Denise) have two boys, the oldest Justin and his wife Megan are accomplished artists, they have no children to date, but may creating another line. Spencer, the youngest, is a talented writer and standup comedian.

Our daughter Ellen, an organizer and administrator extraordinary, lives in Los Angeles with husband Shawn and two boys, Joe, 19, and William. Shawn, the former is a consummate politician, who knows he might be President someday, William is creative and athletic...he loves to run. Olympics? Jennie, our youngest, is a successful artist whose works can be seen in spots in California and all over Denver, she and husband, Jason, have two wonderful young girls both are artistic and athletic, who knows where they will go. Of course, there are always the “what ifs” in our lives. What if I had acknowledged that I was exhausted, having worked all weekend, and elected to stay with friends in town, rather than drive out to our home in Carmel Valley. Interestingly enough I had signed a lease that day for a little cottage in Carmel Woods, as I had a wonderful job. On March 7 this year Jay and Denise were visiting from Panama. They had a party here in which many of their friends and ours were included. I announced that in all likelihood we would be moving to Denver in the middle of the summer. The following week the world stopped as we know it. My knee surgery went on hold and any plans to move are postponed indefinitely. It is human nature to look back on one’s life and see the things we have done for which we are not proud, this is a common phenomenon according to Dr. Oz.

When I was fiddling round with setting up this newspaper, I thought: “Cedar Street Times” would be a good name. “Cedar Street” because that’s where I live and where I would open my doors to the public. “Times” because it would be current and reflect the everyday happenings around town.

Then I decided that working out of my home and having people wander in and out was not such a good idea. Katie and I agreed that we’d move the newspaper downtown where it would be more centrally located.
During His earthly mission Jesus continually asked us to forgive others, Matt 6:14-15, “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” And while hanging on the cross, He demonstrated He is not a hypocrite, Luke 23:44, “Jesus, when he saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved there, saith unto him, Woman, behold thy son!” The work of His first appearance was not a work of judgment, but one of salvation, Luke 23:46, “Behold the man!” and put it to his mouth.” What does God say about Jesus’ work on the cross? Our souls thirst. Our lives, the reality of His sacrifice. The story of Oscar Wilde’s deathbed conversion, whether true or not, forces us to care for each other. This is the very nature of God’s love; He cares for everyone. He wants everyone to know Him and deny His existence. He wants everyone to feel His love, so we will all have opportunity to accept that gift of salvation. We cannot lead people to Jesus when we are condemning them for their sins. We are to take care of them, showing God’s love for them, and when they come to choose to come to Jesus, they will recognize their own sins and deal with them. With death approaching, Jesus allows a glimpse of the faithfulness of being separated from God, Matt 27:46, “And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi Eloi lamabachatethi? that is to say, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?” He was forsaken. This is nothing in this world that comes close to the pain of eternal separation from God. The story of Oscar Wilde’s deathbed conversion, whether true or not, forces us to deal with the question we all face: will we choose to remain separated from God, or become a member of His eternal family? Feeling Jesus suffering on the cross brought this decision to life for me, “Will I come to Jesus, or not?” This is why it is so painful for me to watch the movie, “The Passion of Christ;” it takes me past the intellectual understanding of that moment into the world of feeling Christ’s pain, the intensity of that moment destroys the shield I built to hide from the reality of His sacrifice. Jesus came to fulfill all that was written in the Old Testament, so we might know He is the Messiah. Ps 69:21, “They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink;” and, so Jn 19:28-29, “After this, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it to his mouth.” God’s plan includes our coming to the truth that Jesus was God and that He came to offer us salvation. Our souls thirst not for drink, but rather for a relationship with God, Ps 42:1-2, “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so penteth my soul after thee, O God. When shall I come and appear before God, to tell the things I have seen and heard of thee? For my soul thirsteth for thee, the living God; when shall I come and appear before thee?” While we are separated from God, it is this thirst that produces the angst we feel but cannot explain. We might have the choice of accepting His blood as a cover for our sins; our choice, Ps 32:1, “Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.” His time on the cross was an anointing, and so was the intense humiliation He suffered during His torture and crucifixion. Jesus’ final words are a sign of one who has completed His work, not the words of a dying criminal, Lk 23:46, “And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.” Jesus came to do the will of the Father, Jn 4:34, “Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.” Psalm 21:6, “For the King, & to the Lord, in secret have I offered burnt offerings and sacrifices of a lamb, purifying of the flesh.” How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that are past, might present you to God, in whom ye believe, which might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.” This inheritance is assured because Jesus is fully God and He came to die for us, 1 Cor 15:54, “So when this mortal shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.” Jesus died so that we might have a choice. Death is not the only option. For Jesus came and swallowed up death! Please, enter the boat. If you have comments about the blog you just read, want to express an opposing opinion, have suggestions for future topics, and/or want me to email you the blog weekly, email me at bill@reasoningwithgod.com.

Spring is here
Heaven or Hell?

The following contributed by Michele Tubman

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, and it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead.

He remembered dying and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble.

At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold.

He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.

When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?"

"This is Heaven," the man answered.

"Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked.

"Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up."

The man gestured, and the gate began to open.

"Can my friend," gesturing toward his dog, "come in, too?"

"I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets."

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed.

There was no fence.

As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

"Excuse me!" he called to the man.

"Do you have any water?"

"Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in."

"How about my friend?" the traveler gestured toward the dog.

"There should be a bowl by the pump," said the man.

They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned water bowl with a bowl beside it.

The traveler filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog.

When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree.

"What do you call this place?" the traveler asked.

"This is Heaven," he answered.

"What do you call this?" the man asked.

"That's confusing," the traveler said.

"This is Heaven," the man answered.

"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? No. That's Hell."

"Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?"

"No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their dogs out on the street."

When they were very busy, but still want to keep in touch, guess what you do? You forward stuff!

When you have something to say, but don't know what, and don't know how . . . You forward stuff!

A 'forward' lets you know that . . .

Maybe this will explain it.

When you see something, sometimes, we wonder why friends keep forwarding stuff to us without writing a word.

So-o-o-o. Now you see, sometimes, we wonder why friends keep forwarding stuff to us without writing a word. Maybe this will explain it.

So here's to keeping in touch . . .

Even if it means only forwarding on an email!

From One Beautiful Town to Another

Editor:

Greetings from Niagara Region, on the Canadian side of the Niagara River border.

Please add my name to the list to be notified when the Cedar Street Times digital edition is ready to read.

Thank you. Your Cedar Street Times, and the Pine Cone, keep PG and area close to us.

PG is my personal favourite town anywhere!

Stay safe, this too shall pass.

We've been in self isolation here in Ontario for almost 8 weeks, and finally and with careful conditions, certain businesses are opening on Monday.

Jim DeRoy
Ontario, Canada
**Crossword Puzzle**

Peter Silzer

“May Days Daze”  
By Peter Silzer & Natalie Silzer

Follow petespuzzles on Facebook for more puzzles

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by Peter and Natalie Silzer

Just in time for Spring planting

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**City Defers Business License Tax and BID Assessment Until September**

In response to the economic impact of COVID-19 on local businesses, the City of Pacific Grove has enacted a 60-day, penalty free, deferral of the business license tax (PGMC 7.04) and Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) assessment (GMC 6.50) as follows:

A. BUSINESS LICENSE TAX: Business license tax is normally due and payable to the City annually by July 31 without any penalties and is subject to incremental delinquency penalties (up to 50% of owed business taxes) if paid after July 31. The City of Pacific Grove is pleased to extend the business license renewal and tax payment window until Sept. 30, 2020. No penalties will be assessed if business licenses are renewed and taxes are paid by September 30, 2020.

B. BID ASSESSMENT: BID assessment (i.e. 35% of annual business license tax) is normally due and payable to the City when the business license tax is paid. The City of Pacific Grove is pleased to extend the deadline for payment of BID fees to September 30, 2020.

For questions regarding business license renewal or to renew your business license online, visit pacificgrove.hdlgov.com, or email PacificGroveBS@hdlgov.com, or call (831) 920-3890.

For more information on the stay-at-home order and the City’s response please visit www.cityofpacificgrove.org/covid19

City Meetings Cancelled

In response to recent events, the following City commissions, boards and committee meetings are hereby cancelled until further notice: Administrative Enforcement Hearing Officer Panel, Architectural Review Board, Beautification & Natural Resources Comm. Downtown B.I.D., Economic Development Comm., Golf Links Advisory Comm., Historical Resources Comm., Hospitality Improvement District, Library Board, Museum Board Recreation Board, Traffic Safety Comm.
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Homeless in Paradise
In Our Own Back Yard Part 30

Are the FEMA Trailers Lost in Limbo?

Answering last week’s headline question “Where have all the homeless people gone?”, Vanja Thompson, peninsula writer, emailed: “Now that fast food places are closed except for drive throughs, Elena (real name, permission to use) told me it’s really hard to find a bathroom or get a cup of coffee or soda, which she used to buy and refill cheaply all day at McDonald’s. She now finds places to go the bathroom outdoors more often than she used to.”

I responded: “If you’re interested in writing about homelessness, would you like to be a guest writer for this column?”

“When?” Vanja replied.

“Yesterday,” I said.

We discussed the need for more coverage of the greater-than-Covid-19 crisis, or close to it, being homelessness and the housing crisis.

I said, “While you write about what interests you, I’ll see what I can find out about the missing trailers!”

So she went to work investigating homeless persons on the Monterey Peninsula and, specifically, what she could find out about the housing issues pertaining to homeless people who might or might not have Covid-19 and where, if anywhere, they might or might not be sheltered.

As her findings are received, I will add them to this column or run them as sidebars with her own photos and byline.

Welcome, Vanja!

It is great to know you’re coming aboard.

Vanja Thompson, Guest Columnist

Meanwhile, I dug into the question of missing trailers and found that on April 15 the County of Monterey’s Office of Emergency Services announced 90-100 FEMA trailers could, but maybe won’t, arrive here to help house homeless people who don’t, or maybe do, test positive for the Covid-19 Virus, with date of possible arrival ranging from May through July.

How non-specific is that?

Vanja is digging deeper. Until her findings are released, does anyone care to bet on where the trailers are—or will be?

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Max’s Helping Paws’ now-cancelled May 9 fundraising gala, “An Evening in the Emerald City,” was based on Dorothy’s famous last line from the beloved “Wizard of Oz” movie. Today, this phrase, “there’s no place like home” has certainly taken on new meaning. This sparkling event will return in May, 2021, and in the meantime, we’ve decided to share the people, stories and information that would have been shared in a re-imagined “Fundraiser-In-Place” online at MAXSPAWS.ORG.

We hope that the community will continue to support our mission through this troubling time. Donations of any size make a difference! The Fundraiser-In-Place runs from May 1 - May 31, 2020 and donations raised up to the first $35,000 will be matched.

Well-known local pet-lover Dina Ruiz-Eastwood, who was slated to Emcee the live event, welcomes visitors to the page. The site also features messages from us, program details, as well as interviews with donors, partners and pet owners.

We would like to give a very special thanks to generous gala sponsors who have continued to support the event during the transition to Fundraiser-in-Place.

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Carmel Valley Vet
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Mag One Media

Max’s Helping Paws has helped nearly 250 local families fund treatment for pets in crisis, providing more than $200,000 in financial assistance.

Please visit the Fundraiser-In-Place at MAXSPAWS.ORG

Thank you, in advance, for your support,

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MAX’S HELPING PAWS
According to the annual travel impacts report generated by Dean Runyan Associates on behalf of Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau (MCCVB), traveler spending in Monterey County has exceeded a record $3.24 billion in 2019, an increase of 3.3 percent from 2018. Tourism is the number one industry on the Monterey Peninsula and the second largest industry in Monterey County. The MCCVB annual report showed visitor spending in the destination supported more than 27,000 jobs and generated $151 million in local tax revenue.

Global tourism is facing an unprecedented crisis due to COVID-19. Monterey County has been impacted with an estimated loss of $500 million in the first 90 days of the pandemic, as well as, layoffs from more than half the 27,000 hospitality jobs supported by tourism. Yet this report demonstrates the power of the tourism industry to bounce back and each jurisdiction within.

“Tourism is not a surprise,” said Rob O’Keefe, MCCVB’s president & CEO, adding “this business sector creates just how incredibly valuable tourism is for jobs, local taxes and our destination’s economic vitality.”

Since the beginning of the crisis, MCCVB has worked with the Monterey County Hospital District, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and other chambers throughout the County, the City of Salinas, City of Carmel and local governments to gauge impact and plan a comeback. MCCVB has assembled a task force of key community partners to collaborate on a marketing recovery plan in conjunction with the business recovery protocols to bring tourism back. The plan will begin by targeting local incentives to encourage destination like tourists and then expand to drive markets and beyond over the coming four years. The commitment will be made stronger through the process.

Destinations that compete with Monterey County are also consolidating resources to aggressively vie for high-value, visitor spending. However, Monterey County has advantages that MCCVB will leverage. “While we need to balance our hope with a healthy dose of reality, our destination is positioned uniquely within the industry,” said Alcantar.

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Pacific Grove Police

Cop Log

4/23/20

Civil: child custody issue, Arkwright Ct.

4/24/20

Civil: Pine Ave injury accident, no transport.

Found property (info) Sunset Dr.

Reporting party found possible magic mushrooms in a zippered pouch. Unable to determine the substance upon inspection. Found property for destruction.

Found property (info) Lighthouse Ave, phone was brought into the lobby that was found. Owner information is not known and item will be held for safekeeping.

Petty theft, 117 Mile Dr: Subject reported stolen bicycle

Dog bite on Forest Ave.

Petty theft, Ruth Ct: Past tense theft

Two in susp. Circumstances Grove Ave Acre: Report of a social media account being hacked

4/27/2020

Dog bite on Stewart

On Sylda Dr subject reported a stolen bicycle

Lost credit cards on Central Ave. Reporting party lost two credit cards.

They were later fraudulently used out of state.

Fat on public prop \\ Sinex Ave.

4/28/20

Injurious corporal injury on Arkwright Ct. suspect Brazil, melody 08/06/94

Domestic incident

Subject reported identity theft on Lawton Ave.

Subject reported false pretenses on Alder St.

Petty theft, Forest Ave. Report of theft from retail store.

Vehicle towed due to expired registration Forest Hill Blvd.

4/29/20

On Forest Ave.

Male was arrested after domestic violence incident.

Trespass adminstration ln Forest Ave.

4/30/20

On Junipero Ave vehicle burglary reported

On Lighthouse Ave. A male was issued a trespass admonishment for a local business.

On Sea View Ave, a vehicle burglary, was reported

On Lighthouse Ave with vehicle

On Benito Ct. A male reported that a caregiver misused funds for an elderly female.

On 9th St. tampering with vehicle was reported.

On Ocean View Blvd. Two adults were cited for violating shelter in place order.

Trespass admonishment a issued at Country Club gate

There was a non-injury collision on private property on Laurel Ave.

There was a non injury collision on 9th St.

A female reported a theft from an unlocked vehicle on 9th St.

Theft of a bike on Arkwright Ct

A subject reported lost property in Pebble Beach

5/1/2020

Battery on an ex-spouse reported on Grove Ave Acre

Three adults were cited for shelter-in-place violation on Ocean View Blvd. Voluntary missing person reported from David Ave. Possibly en route out of state.

Responded to a medical, on Forest Park Ct.

Theft of an unlocked vehicle reported on Ocean View Blvd.

Subjects on Carmel Ave. contacted about shelter in place violation

5/2/2020

Theft from a locked vehicle reported on Arkwright Ct - no suspect information

Battery on Lighthouse Ave.- suspect cited.

DUI involved private property collision - low aw / Lighthouse av dui collision

O\Neil, Patrick dob 08/29/60 issued citation for dui after a collision.

5/03/20

Found a drivers license on Ocean View Blvd. Item booked for Safekeeping.

Burglary to a garage on Crocker Ave.

Joy Colangelo

From the Trenches

Getting Back to Abnormal

Parts of California are re-opening on Friday. The word "some" betrays the phrase "we're all in this together." Only the very young know the truth.

Barbers and hairdressers as well as a few retailers are opening so they have to know what this means in this the same storm others who can't re-open. Or maybe they are the hapless guinea pigs for first exposure and are being used to test the next wave, take your pick. There's a meme that states "we're not all in the same boat but we're in the same storm" but you know that isn't true either. Some people don't have a boat. Some people have too many boats. Some are on line teachers, home schoolers and students all at the same time. Some may be deciding what parks to put the mass graves in and others acting as if there is no virus. In the long lines of cars waiting for food bank packages, you'll see some people buying expensive cars, not a jalopy amongst them. They live by a version of consumption that rationalizes an expensive car but forgot to rationalize and store food for the long term. They rationalize and live in two different boats.

For some of us who have been spared the horrors, the most irritating feature of the pandemic is watching others pick and choose which parts of mandates they will endure and which they will ignore and publish on public media. They refuse to wear a mask at Costco or they still meet with people outside their household and don't maintain distance. They still drive to hike on lonely, dangerous trails saying "I won't need help if I'm my own person," until they need rescuing. Some with surfers and kayakers who have had to be rescued in our beaches in the last few weeks.

"I'm not a burden - I'm exerting my freedom." Until you are a burden and you need to get in someone else's boat because of a storm you alone are being. The people who think they know more than epidemiologists, politicians, teachers, medical workers and any number of fellow residents are suffering not from the pandemic but from some strain of infodemic - they think they know more and know better. Any topic, you name it, they are their own experts.

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"Your local pharmacy" brings in millions (and billions) by compound- ing for physicians all over the U.S. When the government says get your shots from your local pharmacist, they get where they live even though they have facilities that compound near them. It's all about making money without getting to know the owner. The owner isn't relying on locals or local physicians prescription habits or anyone they have a relationship with. In the world of compounding, it's kind of a sleight of hand when it comes to regulation never mind outing that you should consider them "your local" pharmacists. You can't be the drug compounding to the nation and eat your local cake too.

I would venture to state that if businesses had to play by the rules or had to mitigate for environmental impact, there'd be very few business- es at all. After the re-te- revelations, it appears that most CEO's are not smart enough to be leaders without harassment and even the criminal assault of people "under" them. If they had to run a company just using professional negotiations, companies would have to have to throw in the towel, and the company would best be served by throwing the towel to a person of cor- or a female who in fact is smarter than they and has ethics.

Asimov says there is a cult of ignorance in the U.S. wherein "my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge." As the President's mandate that people can go for a walk around their neighborhood, I can tell you that in PG, there's 15,000 of us and exactly that many versions of what taking a walk means. It means exactly what it says - you can walk around your neighborhood. Not drive to another neighborhood or a park or a beach. Your neighborhood. When it comes to rationalizing your decision to disobey that mandate and your freedom to walk on the beach, even more passion and expression than the freedom failures throughout the world (real, real atrocities). But from some strain of infodemic - we're suffering not from the pandemic but from many of fellow residents are suffering not from the pandemic but from some strain of infodemic - they think they know more and know better. Any topic, you name it, they are their own experts.

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