

Kiosk

The Pacific Grove Library is **CLOSED** during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. We will advise as soon as it's open again. You may still return books at the appropriate boxes.

Here is the link to our Virtual Storytime:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvBmztrfc99sP8jg1WtS0F-zJCHI-AXvg>

Virtual Crafternoon!

<https://www.youtube.com/>

The Pacific Grove Museum is **CLOSED** during the COVID-19 pandemic

Jameson's Classic Motorcycle Museum is **CLOSED** during the COVID-19 pandemic
Call for online programs

Most are restaurants are open for **TAKE- OUT ONLY**

Walk Like MADD and Run in the Name of Love are cancelled
See page 7 for virtual kids' events

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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Magic Carpet is Flying In



This is its time of year. Officially, it's known as magenta ice plant, or even more formally by its Latin name, drosanthe-mum floribundum. But to Pacific Grove residents and visitors alike, it's the Magic Carpet that lines the Rec Trail and spills over the cliffs into the bay, a dazzling display that delights photographers, plein air painters, and nature lovers from around the world.

- Patricia Hamilton

Pacific Grove explores cutting expenses by 20 percent using layoffs, other methods

Everyone from City Manager Ben Harvey down will be affected

City also reaching out to major contractors

By Marge Ann Jameson

At a virtual meeting on the morning of April 22, City employees and their corresponding associations, were asked by City Manager Ben Harvey 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.

"I wish I could have done it in person but Shelter-In-Place orders apply," he added. "The employees are being very understanding."

The City is looking for concession from the employees, their associations, and major contractors like deLay and Laredo the City's attorney, and Tope's Trees Service which holds the contract for city-involved tree service. There are 87 full-time employees and 27 part-time employees.

"No one is immune," said Leticia Livian, human resources manager for the city. "This reduction will be asked of everyone, from the city manager down to part-time season workers." It will include police and fire personnel through their associations. The police department is still looking at possibilities. In

the case of the fire department, discussions will be held through the City of Monterey with which Pacific Grove shares fire service.

Layoffs have already begun at the library and recreation department.

"But layoffs are a last resort," said City Manager Ben Harvey, adding that no more layoffs will take place until the city's fiscal year ends – and the new one begins. "Layoffs would begin in July."

Other options might include furloughs, a four-day work week, cuts in pay and reduction in hours.

A few of the discussions with associations have already taken place.

Harvey said that they are talking with some of the major contractors as well, including the City Attorney's office and Tope's Tree Service.

The FY 2019-2020 budget included, across all funds: \$41.8 million in revenues / \$50.0 million in expenditures. expenditures do not exceed revenues when considering/including planned draw downs for capital improvements and one-time expenditures.

Monterey is considering laying off up to 100 employees, and the City of Salinas is also talking about layoffs.

Joan Skillman

Skillshots



Dan Bohrman

Spotlight

Wildlife Spotlight

by Dan Bohrman

Black Phoebe

Sayornis nigricans



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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, April 22, 2020

Inches, as of 8 AM, 4/22/20:	0.1"
Current season's total since 7/1/19:	21.27"
Rain total one year ago to date:	23.62"

Previous Season-- July 2018 through June 2019: 26"

PG RAIN GAUGE

Near Lovers Point, as of early Thursday 4/23/20
 Reported by John Munch on 18th near Central

Total for the season (since 7/1/19).....16.95"

Yesterday rain..... 0.00"
 Yesterday low temperature.....49.5 F
 Yesterday high temperature.....65.1 F

Last week rain..... 0.05"
 Last week low temperature..(Sun 4/19)....47.5 F
 Last week high temperature..(Wed 4/22)...65.1 F

Last year rain to date (7/1/19-4/23/19)..17.43"
 Last year rain total (7/1/19-7/1/19).....19.24"

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Your Letters

Opinion

An Appreciation

Message from Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library President Kim Bui

As Friends, our mission is to support and advocate for Library service in our community. In these unprecedented times, with unimaginable losses and an uncertain future, I want to recognize beacons of hope essential to our mission - our Friends members, volunteers and our public library. This week (National Public Library Week and National Volunteer Appreciation Week) is a perfect opportunity to appreciate these community treasures.

We thank you! As a Friend, you are one of hundreds of members, volunteers and local businesses who give your donations and time to support books and material for all ages, childhood literacy, student learning opportunities, technology help for seniors, job seekers, and so much more. Truly, the Friends wouldn't exist without you!

We thank our Library staff, Library and City. As one of many "sheltered" library patrons, I miss my weekly Library stop. Online resources are helpful, but not usable for everyone. A neighbor said it best "I miss all of you soooo much. The Library staff and the volunteers. A big chunk out of my life. I can't wait for you to open again."

Until that time, if you'd like to send a National Library Week appreciation to PG Library staff, please join me in emailing Diana Godwin, Interim Library Director, at dgodwin@cityofpacificgrove.org.

If you'd like to send National Library Week appreciation for City support of the PG Library, please join me in emailing our Mayor, City Council and City Manager via skandell@cityofpacificgrove.org (City Clerk Sandra Kandell.)

Our current times ask more of us, our library, and our City than ever before. When shelter orders are lifted, and our lives resume (in forms yet unknown,) our community's needs will be much, much greater.

I am deeply thankful that our Friends, our volunteers and most of all, our Library, will be here to help our neighbors, our businesses and our community survive and thrive in the months and years ahead.

With gratitude,
 Kim



Letter from an Editor

Editor's note: This was certainly a well-meaning sincere expression of gratitude.

I'm sure it was just an oversight that the Pacific Grove Public library did not choose to thank Marge Ann Marge Ann Jameson or her newspaper specifically. Marge Ann has been a business member of the program since its inception. More than 14 years of devoted, elegant service and complimentary ink has been provided to the PG Public Library and its sponsors. Yet as always, we seem to be invisible to them. Marge Ann is far too humble and gracious editor to point this lapse out. Me less so. I have often wondered why our efforts to hone and improve our relationships within our community, these last few years have been mostly one way. I guess I put too much stock in the notion that both of us are "word oriented."

Whilst I'm on a roll, it would be nice to actually hear from a human being from The PG Natural History Museum. I guess I put too much stock in the notion that, we here at the paper are co-joined at the hip with Jameson's Classic Motorcycle Museum; as curators. Therefore we are both "museum oriented."

Then we get to my personal favorites. The Pacific Grove Art Center. We even did a series of columns titled "Painters Painting" where we invited them to participate directly. Nothing, nada, zilch. I guess everyone there was too busy. With the massive budget and boat loads of talent they have, one might imagine that they would be more visible somehow.

When the going gets tough the weird turn pro. - Dr. Hunter S. Thompson

This has been a gentle reminder that this newspaper is not invisible. Marge Ann Jameson has struggled and sacrificed, far more than the aforementioned may realize. So from now, please go easy on the rude press releases that seem so entitled, written to the invisible newspaper.

I am well aware that we are all struggling to keep on keeping on. In a good week this paper captures the warmth, joy, beauty and spirit of this remarkable city we live in. We here consist of a small group of dedicated professionals that manage to do the very best we can to share our common experience.

This selfless act has never been an entitlement. Now more than ever we invite actual communication and genuine interaction. So please hold off from the rude decrees via email. Please try to use your phone as an actual phone, and call us. We ask for more actual communication and less self-entitled decrees.

Cedar Street Times is wholly visible.

Webster Slate – Managing editor



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5 Great Ways to Celebrate Earth Month



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(StatePoint) Want to go green while practicing social distancing? Here are a few ideas to consider:

- Maximize your time at home by planting a garden. Not only will the plants you grow help to reduce carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere, but you'll also be creating a healthy habitat for birds, insects and other small critters. Plus, if you plant vegetables, you can reduce your carbon footprint by reducing the amount of food you need to purchase that was shipped long distances.

- Your home theater is likely more important to you these days than ever before, making it a good place to start when making eco-friendly home upgrades. Consider a mercury-free projector with a hybrid laser and LED light source, which removes the need for hazardous bulbs. With a long bulb life of 20,000 hours, selecting a Casio's LampFree projector is one upgrade with a lasting impact.

- You don't need to spend a lot of time or money to substantially improve your home's energy efficiency. Take an afternoon to swap out the incandescent bulbs in all your light fixtures and replace them with LEDs or another energy-efficient alternative.

- Get outdoors and enjoy nature using wearable tech like the PRT-B50 Pro Trek Watch, which can help steer you through a solitary hike. With Quad Sensor technology, you will know the direction, weather, temperature and altitude at the touch of a button. In addition, an accelerometer keeps track of your steps and calories burned. The Bluetooth-enabled watch connects to an app that will also record your location into memory so you can find your way back.

- Learn more about environmental causes and get involved remotely. Many organizations host online petitions, which are shared directly with policymakers. This is a great way to have your voice heard on issues that are important to you.

With a bit of creativity, you can show the planet some love in a socially-responsible way.

Jane Roland

Random Thoughts



HISTORY 2020

Chapter Two – 4/24/2020

We have been "sheltering in place" for many weeks. For some of us, while inconvenient, it is the lesser of two evils. When we hear the stories of those who became ill and survived the descriptions of the illness are horrifying. Someone said that it is much worse than the flu. This is probably true; however, I recall an epidemic that was going around over 45 years ago. John and I had been married about a month. Jay brought it home from a scouting trip in Big Sur. John was the last to succumb. I have never been so sick and lost about 20 pounds. But I don't recall that anyone died during that epidemic. There are those who are protesting, marching, and begging that the rules be relaxed. I totally understand. People have lost their jobs and cannot put food on the table or pay their overhead. Some are able to get some help with food donations and loans. Yet when viewing those demonstrations, there were no masks and people were cheek to jowl. There are those in ghetto areas, slums, Indian nations that have no way of obtaining any help...if they ask it is slow in coming or does not. I do not care for the term "new normal." What does it mean? For some life will never be normal again. Some we hear have not been able to wait it out and have taken their own way out. Financially it is tough on many, probably most of us...for others losing funds is no real issue other than they might have to forego a trip or an expensive luxury. My heart breaks for those who cannot support their families, who are frightened and those who are alone. Someone said we should "put on a happy face." Why? There is not much to be happy about except that we are healthy and have roofs over our heads. We must make the best of it and think of those who have not as much or anything.

My life has dramatically changed in the past year. In April 2019 we were well ensconced at our new shop, Neverland, which benefited Pacific Repertory Theatre. Since 1986 I have managed these stores, first for SPCA then Animal Friends Rescue, to finish my career with PacRep. I started my working life in advertising, primarily media and research. As a youngster I had been painfully shy. Going into a social situation alone made my stomach turn over. I was in my late thirties when I realized that no one was looking at or thinking about me. As I found myself making public presentations or chairing large groups I became more comfortable. The last fifteen years have really been the happiest in my life. I love people, of all shapes and sizes and all ages. Until three years ago I played bridge every Monday, enjoyed a monthly book club and our movie friends, we attended local theater, weekly Rotary, and had dinner out every so often. Everything is now gone. My resistance to retirement communities has to do with being surrounded by people my age or older. Involvement with AFRP introduced me to people who became my dearest friends, young, old, two legged and four "yes, Bootsie, you are part of my cadre of buddies." New ones came when we were hired by the theatre. I worked with these men and women every day for fourteen years. Some I saw two or three times a week. Several became part of my social group outside of the shop. We had a good time. I had visualized continuing for another year or so. Had I known what I do now last year I would have had the knee replacement. I wonder if it will ever happen. Most of us were shocked when we had to close Neverland but determined that we would continue together somewhere. I cannot begin to express my sadness that I no

longer see my friends from the shop...the volunteers and the customers. It was a great life. Circumstances are such that when this is all over we will need to leave the area a place that has been our home for most of our lives. It is said that when one door closes another opens. I have always believed that, but now, at my age I must wonder about the future. Sorry to be negative and I will avoid it in the future.

I have mentioned that John and I work well together, actually we always have. That is helpful. He finds things to do and I primarily cook and watch television. I have written a short story which is surprisingly good and when I figure out how to post it I shall. Don't feel sorry for yourselves...don't complain, think of those who have absolutely nothing and some who have no one. Reach out if possible. Call those who might need to hear a voice. Those of you who email, send little bon mots.. Thank those service people who have kept life going for us, including and ESPECIALLY, those such as our editor, Marge Jameson, who manages to provide us food for thought every week. Thank you, Marge and take care of yourself, we love you. I will now make some brownies and lighten my mood.

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What does God say about the doors in our lives?

Jn 10:7, "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." All who choose to become sheep will find their way to His open door, Jn 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" and an eternal life with God the Father, Rev 3:8, "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." God sends His servants into this world looking for His lost sheep, even those who deny His name, Mk 16:15, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." He is always ready to do whatever it takes to save every last one of us, Matt 18:12, "How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?" Some of us shut the door to our hearts and never know about the open door to salvation. But, God continues to knock at the door of our hearts; wishing we would open it and let Him tell us about salvation, Rev 3:20-21, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

Our lives are filled with many doors, some we should go through, and some we should not, and everyone one of them changes our lives forever. God knows the doors we should go through. When we open the door of our hearts and let Him in, He leads us to the doors of a more enjoyable, abundant life, Matt 7:7-8, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." We need His guidance to find the right doors, Prov 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean

Bill Cohen

Reasoning With God

not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." When we accept Jesus as our savior we will learn to see the doors He has opened for us. Patience and faith are required as we look for these doors, for God's timing is better than ours, Ps 27:14, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." and Eccl 3:1, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" and Is 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Sometimes God allows doors to remain closed for our own good, Prov 16:9, "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps." If we were to open those doors, they would lead us away from God and His plan for us, Prov 14:12, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." So, He warns us about those closed doors. Of course, He has given us free will, so we can still choose to open those doors. But we will surely suffer the consequences and so will all of those who are affected by our choice. We need not dwell on the closed doors, for God has seen the future and knows what needs to happen for His plan to be completed, Rom 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Our faith allows us to wait on the Lord's timing and it also sustains us during times of tribulation, Rom 5:3-5, "And not only so, but we glory



in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." And, we will all experience times of tribulation, Matt 5:45, "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

Matt 13:24-30, "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." Why would God allow the tares to damage to the wheat in the field? Why wouldn't He just remove them when they first appear? Because God knows we all start out as tares, Rom 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" and that we become wheat when we choose to accept His love. If He can turn water into wine, Jn 4:46a, "So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine..." surely He can turn tares into wheat. He wants all of us to have every opportunity possible to see the choice before us and to accept His offer of salvation, Matt 18:12, "How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?" We all have the choice and those of us who choose to ignore God will remain tares, bringing tribulation into the lives of the people around us.

So, the next time we are passed up for a promotion, or a person who attracts us is not attracted to us, we can accept those closed doors and move on knowing God has something better planned for us. Our response should be joyful prayer and service to others in expectation of the exciting things God has planned for us, 1 Pet 4:10, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." It is our faith that allows us to have positive expectations. And, we can have faith because God has already

told us everything that happens will work together to complete His plan, Rom 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." If we watched the replay of a game our favorite team won, and late in the game it appeared they were going to lose, would we worry? We already know they are going to win, so we can be excited to watch the miraculous ending that brings victory. In this life we have a choice, we can worry and fret, or we can have faith and joyfully do the works He has called us to. When we do these things, God is faithful to complete a good work in us, Phil 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

There are times we face doors that seem closed because of some adversity but are really part of God's plan, as did Noah, Joseph, Moses, Mary, and Jesus. Noah did not let the 100+ years of criticism and name-calling stop him from building the Ark, which preserved the bloodline God had chosen to complete His plan. Joseph did not let his brothers selling him into slavery stop him from rising to the second-highest position of authority in Egypt, so he could save those same brothers from starvation. Moses did not let the 40 years of his people's complaining stop him from leading them to the very edge of the Promised Land. Mary did not let the stigma of an immaculate conception stop her from marrying Joseph and raising Jesus. Jesus did not let the suffering and death He faced prevent Him from accepting the cross and offering salvation to all of us. All were parts of God's plan, and those doors were open, but the doorways were not easily crossed. We can read about Jesus' anguish as He prepared to cross His most difficult threshold, Lk 22:22-24, "Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." The key to knowing whether a door is indeed closed is in the Word of God. He never leads us to an open door that requires us to defy His Word, Jn 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Our patience and willingness to open the door of our hearts lead us to Him, Jn 10:2-3, "But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out." God has sent many into this world to speak the mystery of Christ, so that every last one of us has a chance to accept His offer of salvation, Col 4:3, "Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:" Amen!

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.

Professor points out 13 behaviors to adopt as society battles COVID-19

As society digs into its battle against COVID-19, a health researcher at Ball State University recommends behaviors to adapt as soon as possible to avoid illness.

"Our society is more diverse than ever, and we have developed a tolerance for a variety of behaviors due to greater amalgamation of cultures, traditions, etiquettes, and norms," said Jagdish Khubchandani, a health science professor. "In general, we tend to ignore unhealthy and unsanitary behaviors in the guise of other peoples' choice, personality type, family habits, or culture.

"During and after the current pandemic crisis, we need greater awareness, collective action, and common civic behaviors driven by scientific evidence on transmission of emerging infectious disease agents such as coronaviruses. We must also not hesitate from educating or questioning family members, colleagues, and the general public on behaviors that pose danger to self and the society."

Given the current evidence on mechanisms of transmission and action of COVID-19, Khubchandani offers up 13 behaviors and habits to be embraced:

Take regular showers. While people are sheltering in place, some may neglect daily routines, but showering is a must because COVID-19 can live on surfaces for days.

Keep your clothes clean. Don't wear the same clothes for many days. Do laundry frequently.

Stop nail biting, thumb sucking, and rubbing eyes.

Stop scratching your head, face, or body.

Wash fruits and vegetables, and avoid eating them immediately in aisles, stores, or car.

Don't litter the inside and around your house. This could increase risk for household members, while littering around the community can burden the sanitation workers. Recent instances of people throwing used masks and gloves in public places will increase risk for waste management workers and trash pickers.

Clean your car. Dispose of leftovers and edibles, trash, masks, and gloves.

Maintain hygiene while growing your hair, beard, or nails or using hair and face accessories.

Cover your face when you sneeze or cough.

Wash your hands after using restrooms, coming back from public places, after grocery shopping, pumping gas, using elevators, or using high traffic door knobs or electric switches.

Clean your desk space, cell phone, and computer devices.

Don't rely on carryout or delivery as your sole source of food for every meal every day, and be sure to eat enough and consume healthy foods.

Don't reuse wipes, masks, gloves, and personal care devices without cleaning them.

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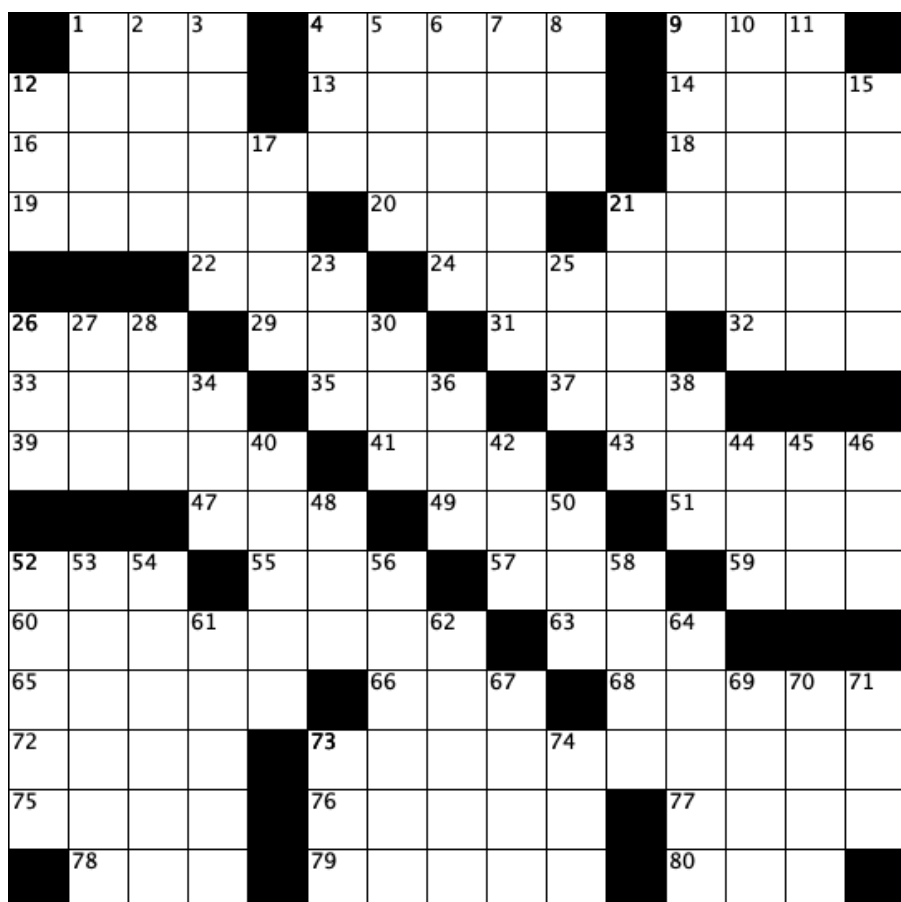
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Solution is on page 8

Across

- 1 *With 9-across, like a famous cartoon feline?
- 4 Taco topper
- 9 See 1-across
- 12 Forum wear?
- 13 Audibly
- 14 Post-OR rooms
- 16 *Like a canine cry? (2 wds)
- 18 School book
- 19 Black Sea port, to locals
- 20 "My country, ___ of thee I sing"
- 21 Cruciverbalist Silzer
- 22 Notable bald actor Brynner
- 24 Save for a rainy day (2 wds)
- 26 *With 29-across, like a small stinger?
- 29 See 26-across
- 31 *With 32-across, like Tom Selleck on "Blue Bloods"?
- 32 See 31-across
- 33 Like fine wine
- 35 Post-VHS medium
- 37 Affirmative response
- 39 Car-hop burger business
- 41 Have a bite at 39-across, for example
- 43 Outside the burbs and suburbs
- 47 Joe or Bub
- 49 Joe or Java
- 51 Pharaoh for 22-across, for example
- 52 *With 55-across, like an amusing sister?
- 55 See 52-across
- 57 *With 59-across, like Dolly Parton's hair?
- 59 See 57-across
- 60 Asian Turkey
- 63 D.C. lobbying org.
- 65 Driver's 180
- 66 Sounders and Galaxy org.
- 68 The Fighting Irish of ___ Dame fame
- 72 Dice thrower's six
- 73 *Losing lawyer's lament? (2 wds)
- 75 Typical high schooler
- 76 Like a pair of oxen
- 77 Multi-skilled MD
- 78 *With 80-across, like a forlorn father?
- 79 Unwanted swelling
- 80 See 78-across

Down

- 1 Chow
- 2 Chills and fever
- 3 Ragwort
- 4 Nordic flyer
- 5 Oodles (2 wds)
- 6 MGM's "Meet me in St. ___"
- 7 Asilomar light show?
- 8 Do sum work
- 9 Refers to
- 10 Like vinegar
- 11 So-called "penguin suit"
- 12 Even if, to a poet
- 15 Throat trouble
- 17 Smear on, as paint
- 21 Print medium for "Cedar Street Times"
- 23 Ran the show
- 25 It's child's play
- 26 "Be" once
- 27 "I" strain?
- 28 Poetic time to see 7-down
- 30 Poetic time to see 7-down
- 34 Not so bright
- 36 Lamb or foal's mother
- 38 Big ___, south of Pacific Grove
- 40 Nikon competitor
- 42 Place for three men in a nursery rhyme
- 44 Column counterpart
- 45 "The Greatest" boxer, often painted by Simon Bull
- 46 It's just over a foot
- 48 ___-de-sac
- 50 Short swim
- 52 He made a deal with the Devil, Goethe said
- 53 Loosens laces
- 54 Sartre's sick story?
- 56 Biblical hunter
- 58 Thug troop?
- 61 The way things go
- 62 How great minds think, they say
- 64 Like stewed apples
- 67 Come across as
- 69 "___ yellow ribbon 'round the old oak tree"
- 70 Pull apart
- 71 New newt
- 73 "See ya!"
- 74 Rx watchdog



Joy Colangelo

From the Trenches

DIAGNOSING THE PROBLEM

As we continue in lock-down with no end in sight and awaiting "the wave" in Monterey County, a makeshift hospital is being built in Marina, cities and businesses are shutting down to bare minimums and essential workers are scowling at the few who still insist on driving to the beach or otherwise cluttering up the roadways for pleasure. Our area is likely populated with more people that can work from home than many others (35% of America is working from home) and we don't have crowded hospitals yet (in fact, our emergency rooms are ghost towns). So our lock-down is feeling bizarrely calm. We have to continue with lock-down because, frankly, we don't know what will hit us. Estimates from the Centers for Disease Control is that Monterey County's wave will reach 33,000 people ill with Covid.

The Aquarium is reporting a \$40 million loss and expects to remain closed until the end of the year. Pacific Grove is in labor negotiations with rumors stating the city will cut its budget to allow 80% of its payroll (should be 20% if you think of the long term sequestering we will need to do here). Restaurants are reporting they are barely breaking even with take-out offers and sometimes, many times, they are actually paying you to take the food. How long can they cover their expenses on such a slim thread? Another rumor states that the Centrella was opening their doors for business this week, not just for essential workers like the County mandates, but to all travelers. Even if they step outside the directives to remain closed, and make the ill-fated blunder to open up, who is going to visit? You'll trade your integrity for no good reason?

It's difficult to plan for a future when you don't know if the present has raised its ugliest head yet. We don't know how herd immunity will work, we don't know if Covid can mutate or if it has already and we don't have enough testing to see a light because we haven't even gotten to the tunnel yet. And I'll bet big, big money, medical experts are going to find out this is a blood disease, not a lung disease. Many hospitals are beginning to think that ventilators are making people worse. And, heaven forbid the only viable treatment is a device so rare, we can only treat two or three people at a time in the entire county -- what if this disease needs hyperbaric chamber treatments? We'd have to start fashioning airplanes to take patients into the air for decompression treatment. We'd have to put everyone on anti-coagulants. If it's a clotting disease, we are in big, big trouble. How does this murky present even allow us to think about the future? It's seductive to dream that the environment could continue on a global healing but why wouldn't we fear a nightmarish scene where counties secure boundaries to control their populations' exposure? Many venues were limiting visitors before we knew what a Covid was. What will they do now? Will a Tahiti return to native populations only and severely limit travel? Will Hawaii return to native foods and rely less on imports? And what about your own boundaries? When will we feel comfortable car-pooling again or traveling on a bus, plane or train? How much social distancing can be assured on an airplane, a restaurant, the Aquarium, or hotels and how can they remain profitable with 1/3 the census?

A big question we can ask ourselves in this uncertain future is how much have we already changed? How devoted to the rush and hub-bub will we be when we've had a good long chance to slow down? How committed to our jobs will we be when we see that billionaires are only billionaires if we work at break neck speed for lower than sustainable living situations? Will you resemble the person you once were that spent like there's no tomorrow or will you save like someone who has a tomorrow? What non-essential jobs will we bring back, only to have them fail us again with the next pandemic (and there will be one -- geesh, with all this hand sanitizer, the super bugs are growing by the minute).

If we haven't correctly diagnosed the disease yet; if we haven't diagnosed the heck out of our city budgets; if we can't diagnose a re-open date while respecting social distancing, how can we diagnose who we will even be by the end of it? The virus has made every weakness inherent in our system - you might even be feeling the weaknesses in your relationships, even the teetering relationship you have with yourself. How do you get out of this alive is one question and another privileged question is this -- who are you going to be when you do get out of this alive?



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Rudy Tenenbaum

Poetry

He, Robot

His resemblance to us is truly
humongous.
He speaks. He may be happy and grim.
The matter is he may be among us,
And we may not know it is him.

A robot recognizes faces,
Perhaps, at a distance of hundreds of
miles.
And he is perfectly good at embraces,
At friendly nods, and at kindly smiles.

It is love that determines the words and
the gestures,
And how to live, and what to decide.
We don't require any suggestions.
Love's our most intelligent guide.

He lacks that guide, and he'll cry and
he'll howl.
He is completely lost among men.
The trouble is that he know how
To manifest love, but where and when?

In front of a horse we saw him kneeling.
The horse was looking at him from
above.
The robot appears to lack the feeling
And the intelligence of love.

He asked lady, "You want a coke?"
She had just been hit by a passing bus.
Of course, it wasn't meant as a joke.
It meant that he wasn't one of us.

He doesn't know he is a robot
And that he has a deficient part.
He doesn't feel and he doesn't know, but
The part that is missing is the heart.

Quite often the robot wonders whether
He loves like everybody loves.
He found gloves made from kid leather
And treats all us us with kid gloves.

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Anybody Remember This?



A reader sent this in and asked what happened to this newspaper from Pacific Grove's past. Anyone know?



Patrick Ryan

Local Real Estate Update

Questions? Predictions? Que?

As I sit down to write this article, I am not really sure what to write. I thought about many things related to real estate as that is objective of 99% of my articles. I thought about writing about home improvement strategies while on lockdown and may do that later on. I could write about what a family of four with a 15-year old boy and 12-year old girl are doing to maintain our sanity right now. However, as I sit down to the keyboard, the only thing that comes to mind are questions. A whole bunch of questions. A truck load of questions and that truck is pulling cart after cart of different answers. So, maybe I pose a lot of questions, some that may be going through your head as well? I promise no correct answers, but sometimes just posing the question leads to the answer. A quick note, all of these questions are based on me being healthy and not in the hospital. If that was the case, then the questions would understandably be quite different.

The main question in my head is how long will the complete shut down last? I have to figure that is the number one question for most of us. Every other question seems to be secondary to this one. My sense is that most of us feel like we can survive the lock down until the end of April, but after that it gets dicey. It already is dicey for a lot of us, but if we remain locked down for the whole month of May, then lack of toilet paper on the shelves of Costco will be a reminder of how quaint our problems used to be. To me, the damage to the economy, if we remain in total shut down through the end of May would be on a catastrophic level compared to the damage that will be done this month.

If we do get out of complete lock down at the end of April beginning May, what will it look like? Will people still be wearing masks in public? Will they feel comfortable sitting in a movie theater, restaurant or world class aquarium? How fast will normal return? My sense is that there will be a percentage of us that says "screw it" I am going to dinner and a movie as soon as I can, while others will test the water a bit more gently. Maybe catching a movie one night and maybe dinner another night, but at a time when it is not too crowded.

You ever notice that when you speak with those who lived through the Great Depression and World War II that they speak of those times with, yes, a sense of sadness, but also a sense of fondness. Even though times were hard, there is a part of them that misses it. They miss that sense of community that happens during times of nationwide trouble when no one is left unscathed. A time of shared sadness. It is during these times that we hold our family closer, we check on our neighbors more often, and we have a greater sense of gratitude for what we have. This seems to be one of those times and hopefully when we come out the other end of it, we will still hold our family closer and check on our neighbors more often. That would be a fine coda to a very difficult time indeed.

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Some Updates

One thing that California is good at is creating documents, forms and paperwork to be filled out and signed when buying or selling a home. Name a situation and I can find a form or document that will apply to said situation. Well, Covid-19 and the governmental restrictions that have come with the shelter in place order have necessitated the creation of some new forms.

The first one is called the Coronavirus Property Entry Advisory and Declaration (PEAD). The PEAD form applies to buyers, sellers and real estate agents and it addressed the entry of a property that is for sale. This form must be signed by buyers before entering a property. All signatories to the document are agreeing to abide by all federal, state and local laws and orders pertaining to Covid-19. They agree to practice social distancing, to use gloves, masks and hand sanitizer if available and you take personal responsibility to protect yourself.

There is also an addendum to the Residential Listing Agreement (RLA) that sellers sign when listing their home for sale with a realtor. The addendum is called the Listing Agreement Coronavirus Addendum or Amendment (RLA-CAA). This addendum amends the RLA by allowing the realtor and the seller to agreement on a protocol for property showings. This determines if a seller will allow potential buyers to even enter the property. It also addresses whether the seller gives the realtor or other authorized persons to enter the property. This includes home inspectors, pest inspectors, photographers, appraisers, government inspections, property repairs, buyer final walk throughs, HOA site inspection, and the packing and moving of the seller's personal property.

Time will tell how long these forms will remain in use once the crisis is over. My sense is that it may take quite a while before they are no longer required during the listing and selling of a home. Once a new form is created, they almost never fully go away. The two forms listed above were created to protect all parties involved during the listing and sale of a property by advising each party of their rights and responsibilities. This helps to limit lawsuits, which is always a good thing.

Continue to stay safe and healthy. I feel like there is light at the end of this tunnel. I hope.

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Crossword Puzzle Solution

Peter Silzer

RHYME TIME

Puzzle is on page 6

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LIFE IN THE GROVE



BY KEITH LARSON



MPC To Offer Fully Online Summer Semester

With the recent extension of the County of Monterey's shelter-in-place order, Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) has created a robust schedule of fully online summer courses to ensure students working towards college certificates and degrees can continue with their studies.

"We look forward to the possibility of adding sections of face-to-face instruction to the summer schedule as soon as it is safe to resume in-person class meetings," noted Dr. Jon Knolle, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs. "At this time though, we have quickly transitioned our summer schedule to be fully online so that students can count on classes being available."

MPC's courses are being offered through Canvas, an online learning platform. Instructors are creatively adapting to the new environment by developing engaging instructional videos and finding other innovative ways to support student learning remotely, including providing instructional kits for students to use at home, exploring virtual science lab platforms, and hosting live online video conferencing sessions to keep students engaged.

In addition to online course offerings, the College has also moved all student support services online and is working diligently to provide the equipment and services necessary for students to successfully transition to learning online. Supportive services include academic advising, counseling, tutoring, and more, which continue to be readily available to students. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a variety of resources to address significant barriers to learning have been made available to students, including emergency grants, physical and emotional wellness support, food pantry items and grocery store gift cards, Chromebooks, and access to campus Wi-Fi. A complete list of academic and support services available to students is available on MPC's website.

"We are enthusiastically embracing the opportunity to continue meeting the community's educational needs during this challenging time," comments David Martin, Interim Superintendent/President. "MPC's talented faculty and staff have done an outstanding job of making the transition to offering online instruction and support - I could not be more proud of the way this campus is continuing the tradition of educational excellence that MPC is known for. I encourage community members to visit our website and explore what MPC can offer you."

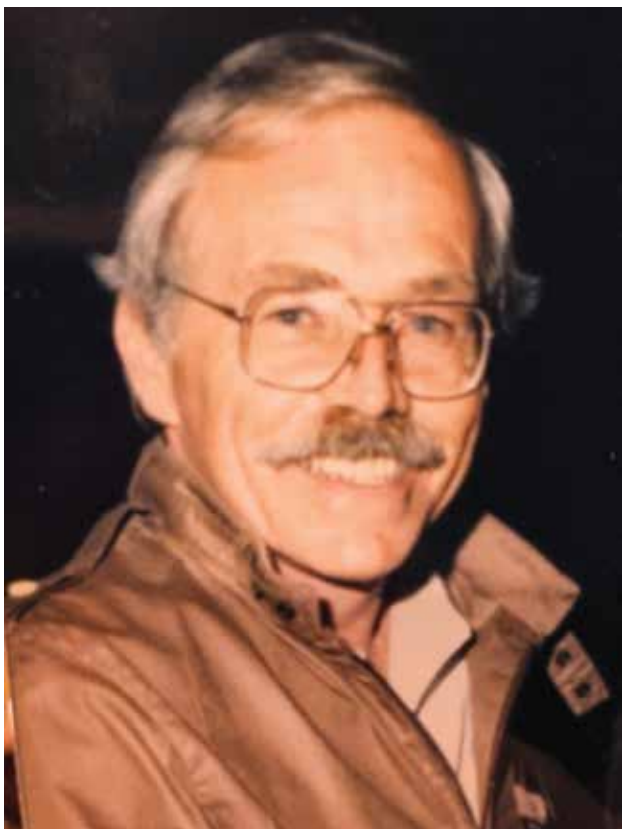
Open registration for the Summer 2020 term began on April 20, with courses starting on June 1. An online version of the 2020 Summer schedule, searchable by course discipline, is available on the MPC website.

Monterey Peninsula College - established in 1947

Monterey Peninsula College, part of California's public community college system, is an open-access institution, committed to fostering student learning and success by providing excellence in instructional programs, facilities, and services to support the goals of students pursuing transfer, career, basic skills, and lifelong learning opportunities. In addition to the scenic Monterey campus located on 90+ acres, MPC's district includes two excellent facilities in the former Fort Ord, to serve the residents in north Monterey County. As a comprehensive community college, MPC responds to the educational and cultural needs of its diverse community, distinguished for its outstanding academic programs and strong commitment to student success. To learn more about Monterey Peninsula College, please visit www.mpc.edu and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Richard C. Greene

Obituary



There are no words to express how deeply saddened we are by the passing of Richard C. Green.

Born on May 9 1938 to parents Robert and Marion (Nelson) Green, he grew up in the Salinas Valley. He attended Lincoln School, Salinas High School, Hartnell College and for a time Fresno State. He served in the Navy as a member of the Air Craft crew, and later received an Honorary Discharge.

Richard took full advantage of the many aspects of life. He wore many hats. He piloted his own plane and took many fly fishing trips with his buddies. Richard was kind, loving, generous and immensely knowledgeable about almost everything. With a wicked and quick sense of humor, our world has lost a beautiful soul and we will miss him forever.

He was the third generation to own and operate Green's Camera Shop, Inc. Being a retail merchant on Main St. for 34 years, with his direction and business savvy, the store prospered. One could say retail was in his blood.

In 1983, he was invited to join the Board of Directors for the new bank in town; Bank of Salinas. With the combined wisdom and knowledge of this board, the Bank took off! It was a great source of pride and accomplishment for all.

In 1990 Richard sold his business. With his wife Emily, they found their piece of paradise on three acres on the Umpqua River in Oregon. The tranquility of country life suited them, from riding his tractor, fishing in his own backyard, caring for his orchard to gardening. He loved sharing this life with his family and friends.

In 2006, Richard and Emily moved to Reno, Nevada, then splitting their time between Oregon, Nevada and frequent visits to California.

Richard passed peacefully surrounded by his family in Reno on April 5, 2020.

He is survived by his loving wife Emily of 36 years, daughters; Lori Zoval, Cindy Wells, Joleen Green, Sons; Jonathan (Patty) LoneTree, Christopher (Trisha) LoneTree, 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, along with many loving family members and a multitude of friends.

He is preceded in death by son Richard Anthony Green, sister, Janet Verzani, and his parents.

Per Richard's wishes, no service will be held. A private family gathering will be arranged at a later date.

In Richard's honor, a donation may be made to your local American Cancer Society, SPCA or Foodbank.

Funeral Arrangements by Struve and Laporte Funeral Home.

Online condolences to www.struveandlaporte.com

Green Ribbon for Carmel School District

U.S. Secretary of Education Names Carmel Unified School District a 2020 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District Sustainability Awardee

The U.S. Department of Education announced that Carmel Unified School District in Carmel is among the 2020 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District Sustainability Awardees. Carmel Unified School District was nominated by the California Department of Education. The District achievements align with three pillars:

Pillar I: Reduce Environmental Impact and Costs

The Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation department of the district has made many efforts to reduce energy consumption and maximize efficiency. Water, indoor temperature, and electricity can be monitored from a central location allowing for quick detection. The district prides itself on preventative maintenance; every room in the district is routinely checked for safety and efficiency. Even though our district has grown in numbers, added more classrooms, and offered more activities, CUSD has reduced energy and water usage. Carmel Unified School District was awarded the 2019 AMBAG Energy Watch Champion for the great work accomplished reducing energy use and related energy costs through the installation of energy efficiency equipment.

Pillar II: Improve the Health and Wellness of Students and Staff

One of CUSD's highest goals is to create an atmosphere where every student feels safe, respected, and included in school. One of the goals of the district is that all students achieve personal wellness through an environment that promotes health and happiness. District-wide, school-wide, and individual student level supports have been added and are assessed through the Healthy Kids Survey and Challenge Success. All sites provide opportunities for students to be active, connect with peers and teachers, and to make a difference.

Pillar III: Provide Effective Environmental and Sustainability Education

In the classes, it is often difficult to tease out the environmental-type lessons with the course content because they are so connected; the environment is intertwined throughout the courses and curriculum at Carmel Unified School District (CUSD). All the school sites have garden spaces and a survey given to district teachers revealed that over 86% of CUSD teachers reported making classroom connections to nature or the environment, and 60% of those teachers do this more than once a month. A majority of our high school students enroll in Advanced Placement Environmental Science. At the middle school, all students enroll in Ecoliteracy. Elementary schools are engaged in many local and garden-based classroom activities. At all levels our students are involved in community service projects to support the environment.

Next Winter will be worse: Reports

A leading U.S. model has predicted a 10% increase in coronavirus deaths, or 66,000 deaths by August, as some states begin moving toward reopening. The increase is attributed to updated death tolls from states to include residents of nursing homes now being counted as presumptive positives. Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, expects a possible second wave of coronavirus in the winter.

"There's a possibility that the assault of the virus on our nation next winter will actually be even more difficult than the one we just went through," Redfield told The Washington Post. "We're going to have the flu epidemic and the coronavirus epidemic at the same time."



Even if you can't fly, you can be a butterfly

Wanda Sue Parrott

Homeless in Paradise



*homeless butterfly
fluttering on injured wing
entered sick man's room
seeing broken wing
man made splint from wood toothpick
glued it into place
fashioned match-box bed
then served sugar-water meals
from an eye dropper
miracle took place
butterfly who flew like new
never left man's side
with love lifting us
covid-19 cannot win
be a butterfly*

Photo courtesy of Clip Art--haiku sequence by Wanda Sue Parrott

Scott Dick, Monterey County
Association of Realtors

Market Matters

Is It Safe To House Hunt During the Coronavirus Crisis? This Is What You Must Know

Source: realtor.com

In the **best** of times, shopping for a house is a complicated and involved process—a big-ticket proposition involving lots of shopping around and meeting a ton of people so you're 100% sure you've picked the right place, at the right price. Now that the coronavirus pandemic has people across the country hunkering down at home to lower their exposure levels, even the most determined home buyer might be wondering: Is it safe to shop for a house right now? While risk is a personal decision, the real estate industry is adapting to provide ways to go about home buying safely during the coronavirus pandemic. You can now do many things at a safe social distance, or even remotely, when it comes to buying a home that you may not have considered doing in the past.

When it comes to buying a home, pairing up with the right agent is always key to finding your perfect property. You need one who is tech-savvy and comfortable conducting meetings and business online.

They should also be able to help you with e-signature apps so you can send and receive documents to sign digitally through email.

There are several ways to virtually tour a home. Along with photos, many listings were already starting to incorporate videos or virtual reality tours.

"The power of video cannot be underestimated at a time like this," says **Cara Ameer**, an agent who is licensed in California and Florida.

At a remote home inspection, inspectors take a lot more pictures than they might have in the past so clients can get a good idea of where the issues are.

Home appraisals required by a lender generally include a site visit, which is not possible in some parts of the country where this is not considered an essential service.

"In the last few weeks, we've seen an influx of virtual appraisals done via video as well as 'desktop appraising,' where the appraiser reviews available public and private data," says **Nikita Idiri**, a licensed real estate salesperson in New York's.

And soon closings may be entirely remote, with states such as Georgia announcing that, as of March 31, video closings are temporarily permissible.

Your Letters

Opinion

Coronavirus: Let's see the other curves!

By Al Saxe

There is an elephant in the room that can no longer be ignored! Every hour every day we are bombarded by the graphs and curves of Coronavirus cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

That is not enough! We also need to see the daily charts and curves showing us the increase in deaths by suicide, the increased deaths of people with heart, lung, cancer, diabetes and other medical conditions both physical and mental. Deaths due to having had to play second fiddle to coronavirus patients. Many patients have had to put off needed surgeries as hospitals told them not to come in! Let us see the curve showing the increased levels of homelessness, lost jobs, closed businesses and rampaging poverty. We need to see these graphs next to the coronavirus ones. It would surprise no one if these unseen human misery graphs are now rising much faster than the coronavirus ones.

The media has a duty to put these graphs of the unseen curves next to the Coronavirus ones. The rise in this curve will be a more alarming one. Doing so will show how the virus is diverting our attention from problems that will last far longer and become more deadly than the virus itself. The Coronavirus has become a Trojan horse. The underbelly of the Corona virus Trojan horse is now spewing its tentacles of increased drug dependency, alcoholism, child and spousal abuse and crippling depression among all ages. These conditions illustrated by a graph or curve would facilitate a greater urgency to move toward a gradual and safe reopening where possible. The major difference in the graphs is that while the Coronavirus curve is flattening in most states and cities, the unseen graph chronicling the consequences of not addressing all aspects of the virus is on an upward trajectory. We must consider both graphs. This is the time for politicians and the media to begin showing profiles in courage. Their action needs to happen now. Time is running out. Prohibition like practices are already starting to be seen. Many Gardeners are wearing masks and safely doing yard work wearing while keeping safe distances, home construction projects are on going, restaurants are safely stretching the rules to provide more services etc. This safety valve is releasing some of the air from a balloon close to bursting. Not much space is left in that balloon however for the homeless poor and the unemployed. A ravaging of stores in our cities and attacks on trucks carrying goods is not that far off if government doesn't work TOGETHER and with rapidity! Who among us can judge the actions of a destitute family with no other options available to them.....



Wayne Guffin

Pacific Grove Sports

The Streak

What would sports be without streaks? The 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers winning 33 straight games. Joe Dimaggio's 56 game hitting streak. Lou Gehrig playing in 2,130 consecutive games despite dealing with his eponymous disease. Getting to the sport at hand, Carl Lewis' 65 straight wins in the long jump, or Edwin Moses' 122 race win streak in the 400 meter hurdles, or Emil Zátopek's 38 straight victories at 10,000 meters, including two gold medals and five world records. Good lord, world class runners of today will be lucky to see half that many 10,000s on the track in their entire career, much less in just four years. Getting even closer to the subject at hand, the Breaker Cross Country team, which, after a 1971 season-opening loss to King City, didn't lose again in league competition until sometime in 1976 at the earliest. By my count, that's no less than 36 straight MTAL dual/center/championship meet victories.

But the streak that is the subject of this column won't be found in the record books, because it was never recorded. In fact, it was witnessed by only a select few, and if not for this record, once the last of The Few shuffles off his mortal coil, the feat would be forever lost to the annals of time.

It started in the fall of 1973, early in the cross country season, when a young first year runner who shall remain nameless showed up for a workout on Huckleberry Hill wearing a pair of shorts – your standard issue of the day red cotton gym shorts – which were ripped all the way up the outside seam on one leg. Needless to say, some of the team's elders had a word with him, "you can't be seen running around in shorts like that, you need to get yourself some new ones, those are indecent...". "Oh no, I'll safety-pin them together, get my Mom to sew them up...". Well..., workout complete, as the team headed back to campus, two of those elders, with big hearts and an even bigger collection of practical jokes up their sleeves, in a moment of tough love decided to take matters into their own hands. They waited in ambush, and when Nameless came by, leapt out of the shrubberies, attacked his shorts and severed what was left of the waistband before running gleefully back to school. Nameless, after a few furtive attempts to fashion the thing into some semblance of a loincloth, finally just gave up and finished the run clad only in his jock-strap, the sad remains of his beloved shorts in hand, and, as he told us afterward, getting quite a few dirty looks from little-old-ladies driving by.

Fast forward to the spring of 1975, deep in the heart of track season, just two or three weeks before the league meet. We reported to the stadium one fine Tuesday afternoon for practice, and Mr. Chamberlin told us distance runners that he didn't have a workout on the track for us that day, just go out for a long run, eight or ten miles at least at a good pace. So we dropped our sweats and headed out through our old

Del Monte Forest cross country course, crossed Forest Lodge Road and followed the pipes out into the heart of Pebble Beach.

Ah, the pipes

For those readers who are relatively new to the area: before the Spanish Bay Inn and golf course and condos were built, there was the sand plant located on the ocean side of 17 Mile Drive between the gate and Spanish Bay Road, which back then was further north than it is now and wound down to meet the shore at the rocky point that separates North and South Asilomar Beaches. What's now the south beach parking lot was once part of the road. Sand mining was a big business throughout the Monterey Bay Area during much of the 20th century, and the old Del Monte plant had tendrils that reached out to several pits in Pebble Beach. There was the conveyor belt in an elevated box structure with an adjoining dirt service road that went out to a mine near Point Joe, and there were the pipes, which, as I recall, went underground until crossing Forest Lodge then came up and ran along the P.G. side of Congress – there were no houses on that side back then - before turning to go out to a quarry at the base of Huckleberry Hill. They'd pump water out in the smaller pipe, mix it with the sand and pump the slurry back to the plant in the bigger one.

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Those tendrils oft times helped define our running routes ("take the pipes, Colton, bottom side of the reservoir, Wildcat Canyon, Bird Rock, back to school any way you want"). The plant was connected to the outside world via a rail line that ran above Cannery Row – with a siding to service the canneries when they were there and working – then followed what's now the coastal trail to Lovers Point where it continued straight ahead inland, past the Southern Pacific Station on Briggs Ave., up the golf course to make a sweeping left turn on what's now Railroad Way and continued down the parkway between Crocker and Evergreen before crossing Sunset, with the plant having a dedicated spur.

Back to Tuesday. The general mood of the day was one of a lot of horsing around, which was fine to a point, but eventually a couple of us that wanted to get in a good run decided enough was enough, picked up the pace and left the rest behind. We made the turn onto Colton, wound down through the horseshoe bend at Sawmill Gulch, went up the hill, turned right onto Bird Rock Road and ran down to the ocean. When we got to 17 Mile Drive we decided to wait for the team, since even with all the shenanigans they couldn't have

been too far behind. Sure enough, within a few minutes they came into sight, but instead of running all the way down to where we were waiting they turned right onto the golf course, Nameless out in front wearing nothing but his Nikes, clothes in hand, and the rest of the team a few yards back laughing their heads off. Opportunities such as this don't present themselves every day, so we hurried over and caught up with our teammates where we found out that when they'd reached Colton and Bird Rock Road, Nameless decided it was time to get serious, and that's when he dropped his drawers. Having streaked most of the length of Bird Rock Road, and with the entire Breaker distance team now in tow he proceeded to streak the entirety of the shore portion of the Shore and Dunes courses and Point Joe before going down the embankment onto The Desert....

The Desert.

Remember the conveyor belt? A large portion of the area between Spanish Bay Road and Old 17 Mile Drive at the mouth of Sawmill Gulch was the remains of a sand pit, its flat bottom sat ten or fifteen feet below road level. It was fairly featureless, just scrub brush and chaparral, with the occasional rabbit or crow. It looked much like a desert, hence the moniker, although during the rainy season it would develop a large pond on the Point Joe side that attracted a lot of shore and sea birds. It was an interesting place. Yes, Pebble Beach before the Spanish Bay and Poppy Hills resorts was a much wilder than it is today. Back to our story.

The streak continued across The Desert and up the conveyor belt to where we would cross 17 Mile Drive at Majella. Nameless, still several yards ahead of the rest of us, reached the middle of that intersection alone, just as a flurry of cars came by seemingly from every direction at once. He suddenly realized that he was stark naked in public, got a bit excited about that, and at the first opportunity half ran, half leapt for cover in the woods. Into a thicket. With a lot of vines. You know the ones, with lots of thorns and stickers on them. He extracted himself, donned his running togs and we all ran the last 3/4 mile back to the track.

Now, if one boots up Google Earth or something similar and measures this out, one will find that Nameless, in the middle of the afternoon, in broad daylight – no fog banks to hide behind – had streaked between four and five miles through the heart of Pebble Beach without getting caught or incurring any irate phone calls to be made to the high school office, and with nothing to show for it other than perhaps a scratch or two from that thicket.

So why am I telling this tale? Just to be licentious? Well, I generally try to keep my licentiousness private, so.... No, I'm telling this tale to point out a simple philosophic truth, which is: that acts of utter ridiculousness such as this, and the memories they create, are the kinds of things that make life truly worth living.

I just wish I'd realized that a few decades ago.

Pacific Grove Public Library giving away 1,400 books to PG's preschool and elementary students.

That's one free book for every student in preschool to 5th grade! With support from PGUSD's Superintendent, Dr. Ralph Porras, the district will be distributing these books during their meal service distribution. Alex Morrison, PGUSD's District Librarian, will be taking the lead in coordinating these efforts. Mandi Ackerman, Executive Assistant to Dr. Ralph Porras, has been instrumental from the very beginning. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library through the Monterey County Gives! grant.

Here is Your Chance to Dance With The Stars

San Francisco's Smuim Ballet has opened its new doors to the community of all dancers and wannabe-dancers to drop in and take advantage of their live classes, taught online by their star dance troop.

For a donation of "Pay-What-You-Can" you can join in on a live class through ZOOM until May 3, 2020!

This is an opportunity of a lifetime. Here is the link <https://bit.ly/smuinclasses>.

Just go on line and see which classes you'd like to try then fit them into your schedule and dress out. They are offering beginning, intermediate and advanced Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop and a "Sampler" See you on the dance floor!

Pacific Grove Construction

Activities Update

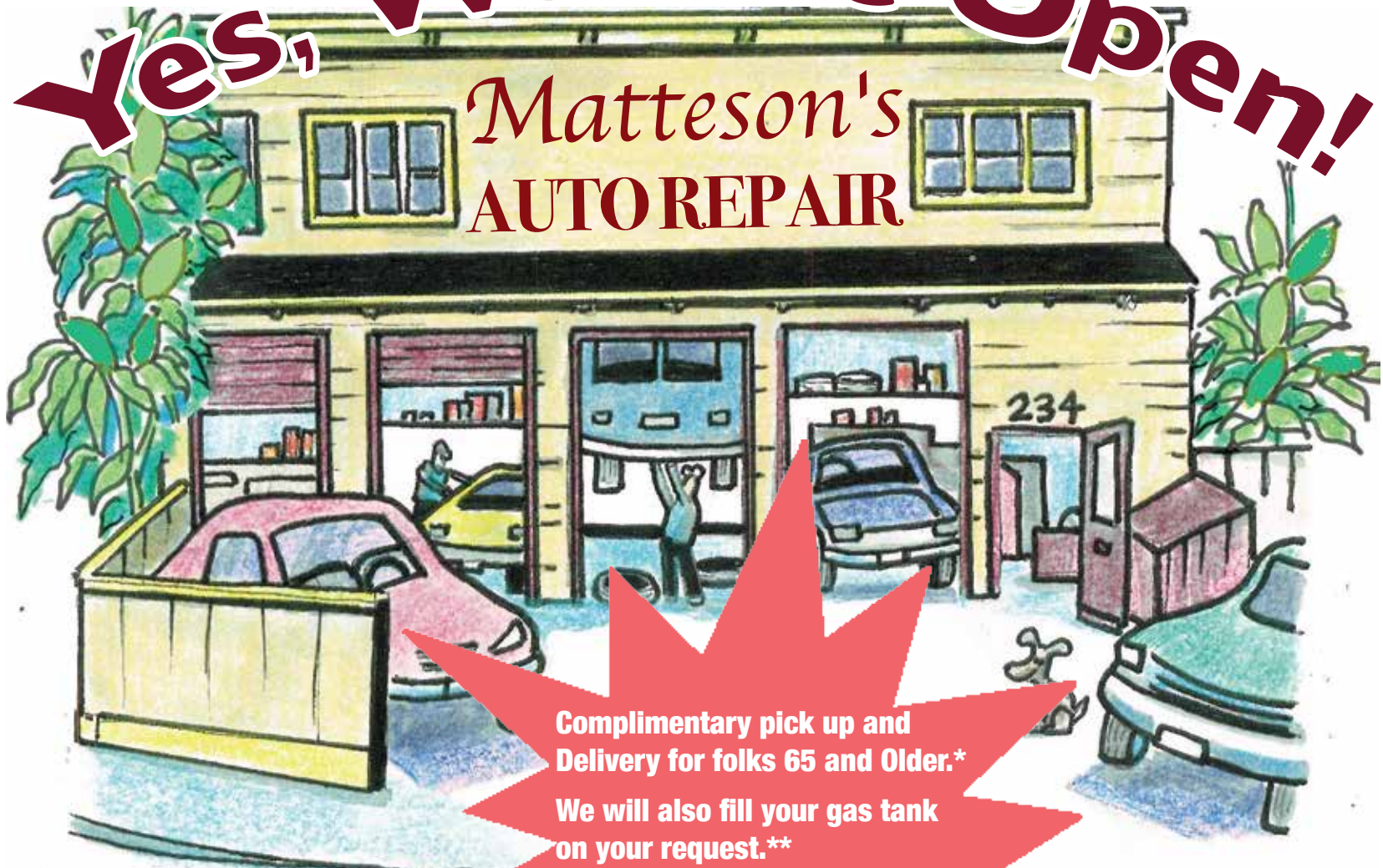
On April 16, 2020, pursuant to the April 3, 2020 Monterey County Health Officer Order, Section 13f(vi)(4), the following three additional construction projects were designated Essential Government Functions by the City Manager: Street Rehabilitation Project on David Avenue and Central Avenue

Fire Station Decking Replacement Project
Youth Center Carpet Replacement Project
In accordance with the Order, Contractors performing work shall continue to comply with social distancing requirements and protocols.

View the April 16, 2020 memo on the City website for a full list of construction projects that have been designated essential to date.

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