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Testing underway to see who's immune to virus



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A worker in protective gear at ARCpoint Labs in Monterey (above) takes a blood sample. The sample is then passed to another worker (right), who runs the test (upper right), reads and records the results, and notifies the patient within 30 minutes whether they've ever been infected with the coronavirus — and therefore might be immune.



Monterey lab says rapid antibody tests are nation's first

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOCUSING INITIALLY on first responders and health care workers, ARCpoint Labs — a company just off Highway 68 that specializes in DNA and other highly specialized laboratory work — began testing people April 2 to see if they're carrying at least one of two antibodies for coronavirus.

"Right now, we are deploying the first shipments of the tests to make it into the country," laboratory director Spencer Smith told The Pine Cone.

The test may be new in the United States, but it's already part of the national debate on the virus. The country's public health spokesman has said in recent interviews that antibody tests show great promise.

"Tony Fauci was talking about the tests yesterday," Smith noted.

Developed in China and being used in Europe, the test involves pricking a finger to get a small sample of blood. Once it becomes widely available, it could add a

great deal to the national debate over how to handle the coronavirus epidemic by making it possible to figure out how many people have been infected — even ones who show no symptoms.

According to the company, up to 80 people each day can undergo the tests, which are administered in a tent in the lab's parking lot. Once a blood sample is taken by a worker wearing extensive protective gear, it is placed in a small container and handed to another worker, who runs the test, reads the results, and records them. A person who is tested will receive their results via text message in 15-30 minutes.

How it will help

According Smith, the test will provide medical professionals with valuable information. For instance, if a first responder or healthcare worker has a positive test, it means there's a very good chance he or she won't catch the virus again anytime soon.

If that's the case, they will face less risk treating coronavirus patients than others, which could become very important in the coming weeks. "If you're immune

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SBA offers help amid prospect of widespread business failures

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THOUSANDS of people on the Monterey Peninsula laid off as businesses were forced to close due to shelter-in-place orders imposed to slow the spread of coronavirus, and many owners still liable for rents and bills, even while their stores and restaurants generate little or no income, the federal Small Business Administration is offering financial lifelines, thanks in part to the \$2 trillion CARES Act passed by Congress and signed by President Donald Trump Friday.

As with almost everything pertaining to coronavirus, the SBA's offerings have been evolving rapidly, with new programs launched just this week. Many local business owners have already applied for relief.

Special loans for payroll

The SBA Paycheck Protection Program earmarks up to \$349 billion for job retention and certain other expenses for small businesses and nonprofits, as well as individuals who are self-employed and independent contractors. Loan amounts are based on average payrolls, with debt payments deferred for six months. For employers who maintain their workforces, the SBA will also forgive the portion of the loan

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County: Shelter-in-place order working to stop spread of infections

Enough ventilators? No one will say.

By KELLY NIX

THE STRICT shelter-in-place order Monterey County health officer Ed Moreno imposed March 18 is working, and is most likely the reason the county has not had a big number of coronavirus cases, he told The Pine Cone this week.

The county order — and a similar one imposed by the state — has caused thousands of people in the county to lose their jobs as offices, shops and restaurants closed. But Moreno said the order is doing what it was intended to do.

"The most likely reason that we are not yet seeing a steep increase in cases is that many people are adhering to the order," Moreno said. "People should only leave their homes to receive essential services or provide essential services."

Though Monterey County has had a relatively small num-

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LEARNING AT HOME BRINGS SOME BENEFITS — BUT MOSTLY CHALLENGES

By KELLY NIX

FROM THE classroom to the living room, students, teachers and parents on the Monterey Peninsula are trying to adjust to the idea of learning at home, a concept they'll become very familiar with in the next couple of months, after the state said the deadly coronavirus will prevent schools from reopening the rest of the academic year.

When Monterey County issued the shelter-in-place order March 18, teachers quickly pivoted from the classroom to assigning lessons via online assignments, video instruction, video meetings and other electronic means.

Discipline is key

With no face-to-face classes, "distance learning" is the name of the game, and not surprisingly, technology is the vehicle that drives the curriculum. But teaching remotely and doing schoolwork at home aren't perfect. Without personal interaction, some subjects are difficult to convey and testing can be tricky. Students have to be more disciplined; sleeping in is easy and distractions are plentiful.

Nevertheless, Peninsula teachers, students and parents The Pine Cone interviewed this week are making the best

of it.

Carmel High School sophomore Addie Crabbe, 15, has a suitable setup at home to do her schoolwork, including a desk similar to the ones she uses at school. But nothing can replace the classroom setting, and lack of communication with her teachers is one of the biggest hurdles she's faced with distance learning.

"Nowadays, all we can do is email them and hope they respond," Crabbe said. "The whole process is way more time-consuming than when we could go up to our teachers in person and just ask questions."

And Crabbe admitted that she and her friends often struggle to muster up the motivation to learn.

"It takes a lot of discipline in making sure you don't skip over some of the videos or presentations assigned, which we are supposed gather information from," she said. "A lot of times it can be tempting to just do the homework without actually learning the material."

Addie's father, David Crabbe, a realtor who works at home, said his youngest daughter, Hallie, 11, a fifth grader at Carmel River School, liked the idea of doing school-



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Lillie Jones, 11, who attends Pacific Grove Middle School, is one of thousands of Monterey County students forced to learn at home.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Looking for Cash

THEY MET, fell in love and then took the next step and got a house together. Once he was ready to confirm his commitment, he proposed they get a dog. Having grown up with Queensland heeler, he really wanted one. She really wanted him to be happy.

A friend in Salinas had a Queensland with a new litter, all of them born deaf. That didn't stop the young couple from bringing home a little male they named Cash.

"Maybe it's because we live in mid-valley, but we really wanted a cowboy name for our puppy," his person said. "My boyfriend likes Johnny Cash, so he went with Cash. I'd always hoped to name my future son Cash, but I had to give it up for the dog."

The Queensland heeler, more commonly known as an Australian cattle dog, is related to the wild dingo. These wily herding dogs are intelligent enough to outsmart livestock – and their owners.

Despite or maybe because of his hearing loss, Cash is an alert, curious dog, with a keen sense of adventure.

The couple had had Cash for a couple of weeks, and it seemed like everyone in mid-valley – the cashiers at Safeway, the regulars at the coffee shop – knew him. So, when he went missing, the whole



community was out looking.

"We were really worried about him," his person said. "But, at the end of the day, Cash came home from his adventure, probably wondering what all the fuss was about."

Cash has been to the beach once, but he seems to prefer the banks of the river, where his people like to fish. They've been wary about letting him off leash since he can't hear them, but they've taught him hand signals. As long as they have his attention, he complies.



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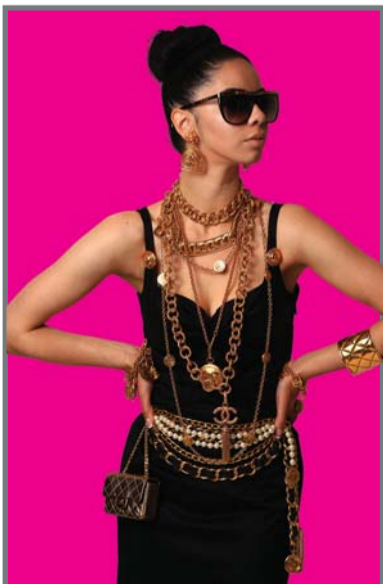
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Inmates released to help curtail virus

■ No cases at jail or among sheriff's deputies

By MARY SCHLEY

THE NUMBER of prisoners at the Monterey County Jail has dropped by nearly 100 in the past two weeks, as the sheriff's office and Superior Court judges work together to identify inmates who are most vulnerable to coronavirus and determine whether their crimes and sentences can justify early release, a sheriff's department official said Wednesday.

The extra space makes it easier to separate incoming inmates from the rest of the population and, if necessary, to isolate someone who has the virus. So far, no cases have been reported at the jail or among sheriff's office employees, according to the sheriff's office.

Two weeks ago, The Pine Cone reported that the sheriff's department said it had no active plans to release prisoners early, but that it would "if the need arises."

The jail had 803 people in custody at the time.

But in addition to eliminating visits, quarantining everyone who comes into the jail for 14 days, and reducing the need to transport inmates by conducting court proceedings via video, the sheriff's office is now letting some inmates out early.

"Our jail management team is working with the healthcare team looking for folks that, based on age or healthcare concerns, would be higher risk if they were infected, and then that list has been reviewed with the courts, and if the courts deem fit to

grant additional credits for time served or let them out early, that's happened," sheriff's department spokesman John Mineau said during a county coronavirus update. "There were seven on Monday."

As of Thursday, the number of inmates stood at 719, well below the jail's allowed maximum of 825. Typically, the occupancy is in the 800s.

"All of that has been done in conjunction with the courts — we're not just unilaterally opening the doors and letting people out," Mineau said.

State prison problems

The jail's low occupancy comes in spite of the fact the California Department of Corrections is no longer accepting prisoners transferred from other jails, according to Mineau

As of Wednesday, six prisoners at the state prison in Los Angeles, one at North Kern State Prison and one at the California Institution for Men in Chino had tested positive for COVID-19, and across the state, 25 state department of corrections workers have tested positive, according to the state.

To reduce the spread, the DOC is paroling inmates who have less than two months left on their sentences, as long as they are not violent felons, sex offenders, or someone convicted of domestic violence.

The early releases have created "a better situation than we've been in in our jail in years," Mineau commented. "We want to do everything we can to keep the virus out of there, but if we do end up with a case, we stand at a really good position to isolate the person."

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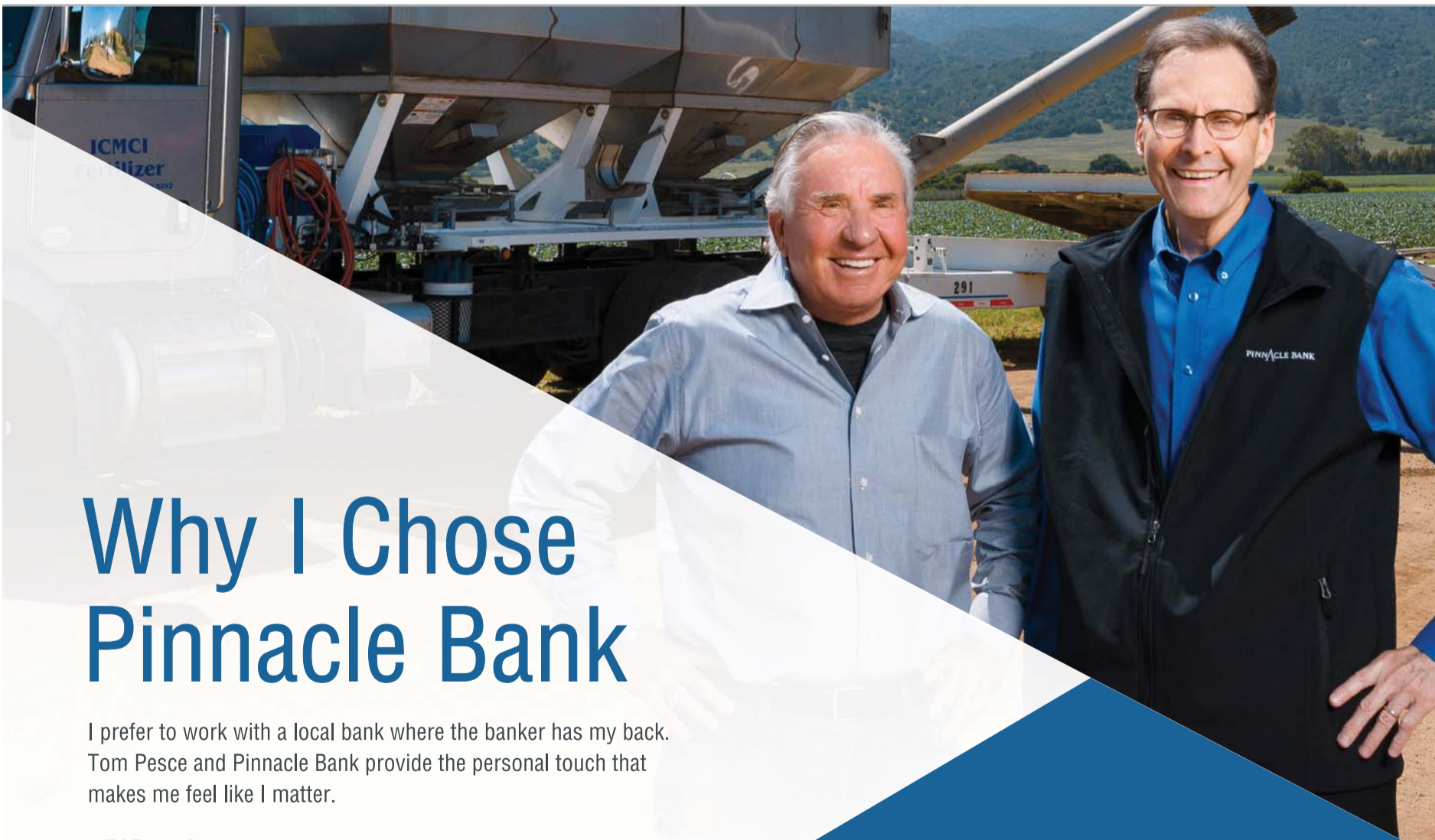
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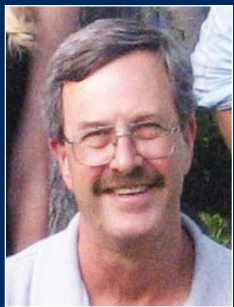
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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Still fighting over bushes, people?

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

Carmel area: Deputy sheriffs responded to a medical call at a High Meadows Lane residence. A female subject was later pronounced deceased.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Pacific Grove: Neighbor dispute on Surf Avenue at 0101 hours.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Forest. Possible theft.

Pacific Grove: Ammunition turned in for destruction by a Junipero resident.

Carmel area: A male reported his credit cards and cash stolen from his wallet on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

Pebble Beach: Welfare check on an elderly person on Larkin Street.

Pebble Beach: Informational report regarding vandalism on Mission Street.

Carmel area: Report of found property on Ocean Avenue.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended wallet found on the ground outside of Khaki's store at Carmel Plaza. The owner was contacted and advised his wallet was located at the police department.

Pacific Grove: Private property on Sinex damaged by vandalism.

Pacific Grove: Wallet found on Lighthouse Avenue. Owner could not be contacted.

Pacific Grove: Verbal domestic incident on Monarch Lane.

Pacific Grove: Shoplift occurred at a Country Club Gate business, but the business did not request prosecution.

Carmel area: Resident reported a vehicle burglary on 15th Avenue. Entry was made via window smash, and a leather tote bag with dance shoes was stolen.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lasuen resident reported his neighbor trimmed a bush that belonged to the him without his permission. He stated the neighbor leaned over a shared fence a couple of feet past the fence line and cut several branches off. Both parties were contacted and advised it is a civil matter. No municipal code sections appeared to be violated; however, the resident was advised to consult forestry for their opinion.

Pacific Grove: Two citizens came to meet with the chief of police to file a complaint.

Pacific Grove: Building official notified of building structural damage on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A bicycle was found on Ocean View Boulevard. No owner information is known. Item held for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Subject reported items from his vehicle were stolen while it was parked on Seventh Street.

Pebble Beach: Bird Rock Road resident reported a residential burglary that occurred while the home was tented for fumigation.

Pebble Beach: Theft reported on Lost Barranca Road.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended wallet found on the sidewalk in a puddle on Seventh west of San Carlos.

Carmel area: Female on Carmel Rancho Boulevard reported her iPhone was lost.

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in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni

Feb. 6 — Judge Carrie Panetta sentenced 30-year-old Jesus Lopez Jr., a resident of King City, to 2 years and 8 months in prison after he entered a plea of no contest to felony attempted extortion.

The defendant's sentence was doubled as a result of a prior strike conviction under California's Three Strikes Law.

This case arose in the context of domestic violence cyber bullying. In May of 2019, the victim broke up with Lopez due to his use of methamphetamine. She told him she did not want any contact with him, but he continued to call her repeatedly. She blocked his number, but his harassment did not stop. He first tried to get her fired by calling her boss and accusing her of theft and drug use. When that was not successful, he began harassing and cyber-bullying her. On May 4, 2019, he called her 17 times and texted her 21 times. She did not respond. On May 5, 2019, he called her 96 times and texted her 35 times. Again, she did not respond. When she checked her Facebook account, he had sent her numerous threatening messages. Notably, he sent her an intimate video of her and threatened to post it unless she paid him \$100.

Jane Doe also disclosed to district attorney investigator Jennifer Mendoza that throughout their relationship, Lopez had committed multiple prior incidents of domestic violence, including kidnapping her at gunpoint, threatening her with a knife, vandalizing her vehicle by slashing her tires, spraying her bedroom with pepper spray, and physically assaulting her. Most of these crimes were committed outside of the statute of limitations and the People were barred by law from filing additional

charges.

This is Lopez's fifth felony conviction and third prison sentence. He was previously convicted of an assault with a firearm, a strike offense that caused his sentence in this case to be doubled.

Feb. 6 — Judge Timothy P. Roberts pronounced sentence on David Player, an inmate at the Salinas Valley State Prison, for possessing two stabbing weapons on the state prison grounds after his conviction by jury on January 17.

Previously, Player was convicted of multiple serious and violent felonies, including second-degree robbery, attempted voluntary manslaughter with a firearm, attempted willful murder with a firearm, and assault by a life prisoner upon a correction officer. He also suffered convictions for brandishing a weapon on a peace officer and custodial possession of a weapon. In prison he sustained administrative rule violations for fighting, sexual misconduct, and weapons.

The trial jury found that Player had three serious and violent prior convictions. Based on his prior serious and violent convictions, including attempted willful murder, the court ruled that California's Three Strikes Law applied to him. Following that law, the Court imposed a mandatory 50 years to life sentence on Player. Also, by law, his sentence must be served consecutive to any other sentence that he is already serving.

Prior to the imposition of this sentence, Player was scheduled for elder parole eligibility in October 2041. Based on his new convictions, he should now be barred from participation in the elder parole program.

Asilomar quarantine operation shuts down

■ All cruise ship passengers depart; no confirmation whether any had virus

By KELLY NIX

A MEDICAL isolation operation at Asilomar Conference Grounds where as many as 21 former passengers of the Grand Princess cruise ship had been isolated for the past two weeks for fears they had coronavirus was dismantled this week.

Between Monday and Wednesday, officials took apart perimeter fencing, Quonset huts, tents and other infrastructure that had been set up to keep the unidentified people there and prevent others from entering the state-owned facility, which usually operates as a hotel for tourists. They also called in a disaster cleanup team to help get the buildings and grounds back to normal.

Could house more patients

But the possibility the Pacific Grove site could be reopened for coronavirus patients is real, and one the state Office of Emergency Services has not ruled out. Pacific Grove Police Department administrative services technician Joceyln Francis pointed that out in an email to the press.

“If circumstances change, the potential to reopen at a later date will remain a possibility,” Francis said.

Francis said the police department was notified by the state’s office of emergency services that the demobilization process would happen this week.

The site, which caused a minor uproar from some residents opposed to having patients there, at one time housed as many as 21 people. That number dwindled to four and a state official told The Pine Cone last week the operation would be closed.


The state hired police officers with the U.S. Marshal’s Service and officers with a private security firm to stand guard at the facility. Those officers have also left Asilomar.

The state revealed little about those who were there, including their ages and genders, and whether any of them had tested positive for coronavirus. However, officials also said that Grand Princess cruise passengers who had symptoms or tested positive for the virus were not permitted to stay at Travis Air Force Base, where other passengers had been quarantined.


No ‘revolving door’

Concerned about the large number of seniors in Pacific Grove, resident Jill Kleiss has been critical of state officials for not giving the city and its citizens advanced notice of the Asilomar operation.

“While I am pleased that the Asilomar quarantine has ceased for the moment, I believe our historic landmark should not be used as a revolving door and holding tank for any future crises,” Kleiss told The Pine Cone this week.



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Artist makes it home from Peru after being isolated in remote hotel

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER BEING quarantined in a hotel room in Iquitos, Peru, for more than a week — and guarded by soldiers — artist Thomas Hawley and his wife, Marijke, are now home, where they are keeping to themselves, just like everybody else.

Hawley let The Pine Cone know March 30 that he and his wife had “very happily” returned to Carmel Valley. There was lots of work awaiting him, but he didn’t mind. He’d had too much rest in Peru, along with the stress and worry from being stranded in a far away place. “I rototilled the vineyard just now, which is usually a tedious task, but today, after being cooped up inside, it was sheer bliss,” Hawley said.

Along with more than a dozen other Americans, the

Hawleys had been trying to catch a flight out of the world’s largest roadless city since their quarantine began March 17. But after eight days of hearing mixed messages, they were losing hope. “We are now confined to our rooms with sketchy e-mail access, so I’m not sure if, or to what extent, I can keep in touch with you,” Hawley wrote from the hotel March 25.

Not long after sending the message, Hawley received word from the U.S. State Department informing him that a plane would arrive the next day to take them from Iquitos to Miami. “Marijke and I celebrated by finishing off the second bottle of Vin Very Ordinaire we had purchased at the hotel bar in anticipation of our lock down and went to bed blissfully trusting that our salvation was at hand,” Hawley wrote.

The couple’s optimism waned after the wine wore off,

but more good news was on the way.

“We woke up sober and skeptical,” he recalled. “It was not until we were asked to sign a mimeographed promissory note for the cost of our ticket in favor of Uncle Sam that we knew our homecoming was a reality.”

Traveling in “an old dirty Corolla with a ‘for sale’ sign in the back window,” the Hawleys were stopped at several checkpoints on their way to the Iquitos airport.

“The bus was not allowed to go into the airport, so we disembarked at the main gate, had our passports inspected and our names checked off a manifest, and then walked with our luggage to the terminal about a quarter-mile away,” Hawley said.

So how much was that flight?

At the airport, the couple stood in line with about 100 other Americans for three hours. Hawley described the weather as “stiflingly hot and humid.” Their temperature and blood pressure were checked before they were issued tickets. “Then we passed through security and finally, mercifully, to the air-conditioned departure lounge from which three hours later, we boarded a plane for Miami,” he wrote. The flight, operated with an Airbus 320 by a Peruvian airline, was two-thirds full.

Before leaving Peru, Hawley had to sign a paper agreeing to pay for his plane ticket home — however much it might turn out to be. He said he has no idea how much he will be charged.

“The promissory note was, in effect, a blank check,” he explained.

Hawley is happy to pay for the ticket, as long as the charge is reasonable. “I think it is appropriate that we reimburse the government for our airfare, assuming it is commensurate with commercial airfares,” he added.

Hand sanitizer provided to homeless

SEASIDE POLICE are working with the Ministerial Alliance of Monterey Bay to distribute hand sanitizer to the city’s “vulnerable population” in an effort to slow the spread of coronavirus.

“We are providing the alliance 1-ounce travel-sized bottles and single-use packets to distribute to those in need,” Seaside Police Chief Abdul Pridgen said Thursday.

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State parks and beaches closed, but Carmel Beach, Garland Park remain open

By MARY SCHLEY

ALL OVER Monterey County, government agencies are shutting down parks and beaches to keep crowds from forming as people take to the outdoors during the coronavirus shutdown. But Carmel Beach will remain open, city administrator Chip Rerig said this week.

“I have no — zero — intention of closing the beach,” he said. “It’s large enough that people can stay far enough apart to prevent transmittal of anything. And it provides and promotes the perfect recreational opportunity that we’ve been encouraging.”

When dog walkers and others go out for exercise, as they are specifically encouraged to do in the county’s shelter-in-place order, they often take to the beach or the Scenic Road pathway, usually alone or in small groups of family members or friends.

But the beach has also drawn larger groups, some of them with dozens of people opting to hang out together, especially when the weather is nice.

Last week, a downtown business owner who had to shut

down both her restaurants complained of groups on the beach, and several others have called city officials with similar complaints, including about a group of 20 over the weekend.

“I couldn’t believe there were people having parties down there! Excuse me if I’m angry, but I didn’t just temporarily close my business and lay off all of my staff to see this happen,” the restaurant owner said in an online discussion. She also noted that the city’s population skews toward the elderly — a group that is more likely to suffer from the coronavirus — and implored people to keep others in mind when they are out and about.

Relying on peer pressure

Rerig said police “will continue to patrol” the town and beach, “and we’ll all continue with outreach and education efforts,” including going out on the sand on the department’s ATV. But no one is being cited for not maintaining social distancing, even though the law gives police the authority to charge people with misdemeanors for violating that rule and other aspects of the shelter order.

On Monday, Rerig and Mayor Dave Potter asked people to warn others when they see them standing or sitting too close to each other.

“We’re trying to solicit the public under the guise of peer pressure to discourage these little gatherings,” Rerig said, and Potter said he had “unofficially deputized” realtor Tim Allen, who lives near the beach, as an “ambassador from the council.”

Potter said he empowered Allen “to please inform the citizens that we don’t want to close the beach, but if people are disrespecting personal space issues and social distancing, we may have to — and that’s not something we want to do.”

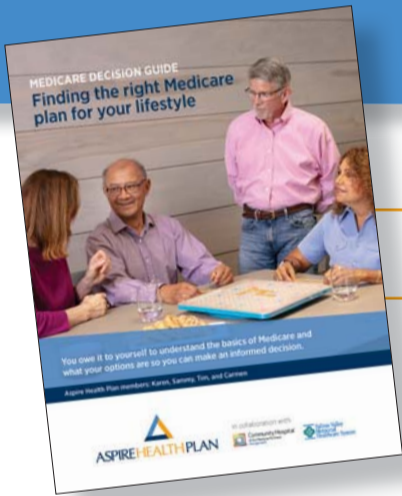
This week, Police Chief Paul Tomasi said the majority of calls to his department involve people complaining about others not keeping a safe distance from each other while on the beach.

California State Parks recently closed vehicle access to all 280 state parks and shut down its campgrounds in an

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Virus creates greater need for helping paws

By ELAINE HESSER

MAX'S HELPING Paws, a group that helps pet owners with veterinary expenses, recently set up a special fund called Chestnut's Crisis Plan.

The fund offers a one-time grant for as much as 75 percent of vet bills, up to \$2,500. Max's Helping Paws' regular fund is also available, and pays as much as 50 percent of money owed, with a maximum of \$1,500.

Their goal is to reduce or eliminate "economic euthanasia" — having an animal put down because its owner can't afford veterinary expenses.

While that often occurs because of an unexpected illness or injury, it can also happen when people who could normally afford medical care for their animals find themselves in a financial quandary.

That, of course, is exactly what's happened to so many people here — they were blindsided by a loss of work or business because of the coronavirus.

Reassuring pet owners

The regular program and the crisis fund are administered through veterinarians who partner with the organization and bill it directly for costs, once the pet owners complete a short application at the vet's office.

Participating veterinarians are listed on the organiza-

tion's web page, and are updated with hours and practice changes caused by the spread of COVID-19. A vet who isn't listed can sign up at maxshelpingpaws.org, said co-founder and executive director Dyana Klein.

"We try to make it as easy as we can," said Klein, who noted that veterinarian partners are not asked to make any financial donations (although those are welcome), but are asked to have literature on Max's Helping Paws available and follow a few other procedures.

Veterinarians can also call (831) 704-6473 for more information on how to become partners with the organization.

The group is named for Max, a dog that was part of Klein's and her husband and veterinarian Jonathan Fradkin's life for more than 14 years. The crisis fund is named for Max's best four-legged buddy, Chestnut, who was constantly by his side when he got sick.

Klein noted that this is a somewhat puzzling time for those interested in animal welfare. "The Santa Cruz animal shelter had 75 adoptions over the weekend," she noted, but there has also been "a spike in euthanasia for economic reasons."

She wants to reassure pet owners that they have a choice if their companions have medical needs that seem too expensive. Also, the group continues to welcome donations, which can be made online.

CHOMP tells some workers to take time off

By KELLY NIX

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL of the Monterey Peninsula is requiring some of its employees to cut their work hours in exchange for paid time off because the demand for elective medical services has decreased during the coronavirus crisis.

The hospital informed employees March 27 that it's requiring those whose hours don't already vary according to patient demand to reduce their schedules by taking 10 percent of their work hours off in paid leave each pay period.

"Since the shelter-in-place order, many people are choosing to delay elective services and procedures," hospital spokeswoman Monica Sciuto told The Pine Cone. "At the same time, hospitals like ours have chosen to restrict access to elective services to protect our staff, patients and community, and to preserve resources if we see a significant surge in coronavirus patients."

Family time

The natural result of the changes, Sciuto said, is that fewer hospital employees are needed to provide services. The work hours for many hospital employees fluctuate according to patient demand, and that variation has been "more dramatic in recent days," she said.

"Employees who are taking 10 percent of their work hours in paid leave will be using their paid leave balance to give them full paychecks," Sciuto explained.

While the reduction is felt, to some degree, across the hospital's entire workforce, "it also gives staff a little time off with their families — for now," Sciuto said.

Community Hospital anticipates that will change when the number of those who test positive with coronavirus increases.

"We all look forward to the pandemic being over, and we'll be ready to meet routine healthcare needs once that occurs," Sciuto said.

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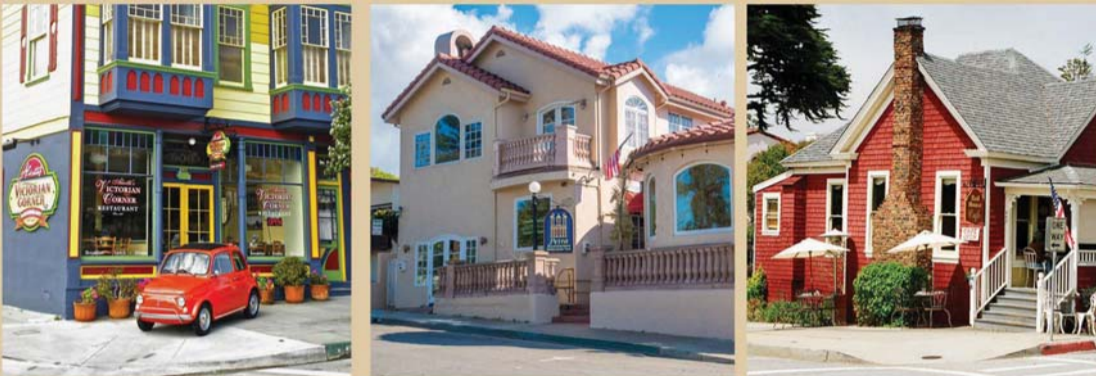
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Driver survives plunge off cliff, cited for DUI



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A Big Sur man is lucky to be alive after driving his car off a cliff down the coast. The one-car accident happened shortly before sunset March 24 along Highway 1 just north of Mill Creek, about 54 miles south of Carmel. Officer Jessica Madueño of the California Highway Patrol identified the driver as 32-year-old John Schott. She said he was arrested for DUI.

The only occupant, Schott was driving a Toyota Tundra, which photos show landed on a rocky beach below the highway. The impact flattened it. "The Toyota Tundra struck a concrete barrier, rolled over west of Highway 1 and landed near the beach," Madueño explained. "The driver sustained injuries to his shoulder, hand and chest, and was transported to Natividad Medical Center."

'Intimate meeting' ends badly, man calls cops

A MAN told Carmel police he'd been robbed after a woman with whom he'd arranged a "date" took his cash and left without completing her end of the bargain, according to Police Chief Paul Tomasi.

The unnamed man "met a female on a website and arranged for an intimate meeting," for the evening of March 21, Tomasi said, but ended up paying her \$70 "for services that were not rendered."

She took his money and then left with another male — identified as her "bodyguard" — while her would-be date got in his car and chased after them. "The 'suspects' stopped in Del Rey Oaks and confronted our 'victim,' and he reported they brandished a weapon," Tomasi said. "The 'victim' reported being robbed."

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Council agenda light: capital projects, halt on evictions

By MARY SCHLEY

AS PROMISED, Mayor Dave Potter and Vice Mayor Bobby Richards kept the agenda for the April 7 city council meeting on the brief side so everyone can focus on how to deal with the coronavirus epidemic and the shelter-in-place order without getting sick or going bankrupt.

The agenda includes public hearings on the list of proposed capital projects for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, when the budget will be highly impacted by the economic slump, and on an ordinance to back up the order Rerig signed last week prohibiting evictions due to non-payment of rent because of COVID-19.

Holding public meetings in the coronavirus era, just like everything else these days, is constantly evolving. Potter said Thursday he hopes he, Rerig and Police Chief Paul Tomasi will be in council chambers — 6 feet apart, of course — while the other council members call in from wherever they are. City hall remains closed to the public.

Because they can't be there to speak in person, members of the public can phone in to be added to the teleconference or email comments to city clerk Britt Avrit at least two hours before the meeting, which starts at 4:30 p.m.

Even if there's no money

According to the report submitted by public works director Bob Harary, the budget that starts July 1 should include 30 capital projects totaling \$2,774,416, including \$899,491 from "external sources," such as county and state tax funds. But, he acknowledges, "Given the economic impact associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, there is likely to be no funding available for capital projects."

Regardless, the council should know what needs to be done, he said, so it can allocate tax dollars for the most critical projects once there is money to spend.

The law stopping evictions would expire whenever Gov. Gavin Newsom lifts the statewide shelter-in-place order or the city decides the coronavirus emergency is over, whichever comes first. It states a tenant can't be evicted if

the tenant shows the failure to pay rent is directly related to a substantial loss of income or substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses associated with the pandemic.

After the emergency is over, tenants will have 60 days to pay their back rent. Even if the city wanted to waive

rents, under the Constitution, the government probably doesn't have the power to force one private citizen to give something valuable to another private citizen for free.

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Realtors await go-ahead to return to work

By ELAINE HESSER

WHEN FEDERAL emergency officials decided real estate agents provided an essential service and should be able to continue working during the coronavirus emergency, that decision automatically became part of the state's official shelter-in-place order. That meant that, effective March 28, most realtors around the state were able to get back to showing homes after a two-week hiatus.

But Monterey County, which issued its own shutdown order March 18, hasn't decided to go along with the state's new edict. County rules, still in effect for now, classify real estate as a "limited service," meaning the business is restricted to closing escrows and working on the phone.

Local realtors have interpreted that to mean that they can't meet a client at a home for sale, or let an appraiser in. That's in an industry that not only brings billions of dollars into the county, but employs

thousands of people, from landscapers and contractors to drone pilots and videographers.

On March 31, Kevin Stone, CEO of the Monterey County Association of Realtors, sent members an email reminding them that no in-person showings, open houses or entry into vacant homes by agents were permitted.

Stone said his office has been in contact with Dr. Edward Moreno, the county's chief of public health, but has no idea when or if the county's regulations might be relaxed.

That means, among other things, agents can't send in photographers to produce virtual tours and still shots. Said Judie Profeta of Carmel Realty, "We're letting people take iPhone pictures and videos of their own homes for now," because of the rules. The quality, however, is often dubious.

Profeta, who speaks from the perspective of someone with 42 years in the business, said that although she's not seen any-

thing quite like this on such a global scale, "We've gotten through disasters in the past. This, too, shall pass."

"We have sold properties strictly virtually before, and I'm keeping really busy," she said. "When this is over, I think we'll go back to a strong economy, and we're poised and ready" for that.

Jessica Canning, a realtor who works for Sotheby's, said she understood why showing an empty house presented challenges. "It's fairly easy to accommodate the 6 feet of space between people, but someone has to touch doorknobs, light switches and handles." She said she thinks it could be doable, if everyone was careful. The safety of her clients comes first.

"It's quiet. We're not getting a lot of calls," she said, but added that there had

been a 20 to 40 percent increase in online activity. She also mentioned that her group was starting a waiting list for showings so that whenever the ban is lifted, they'll be able to start with the buyers who called first.

Canning said she thought that some people from urban areas who have vacation rentals here might plan a permanent move after the pandemic passed. That would be reminiscent of 1906, when Carmel's population got a boost as people fled post-earthquake San Francisco.

Meanwhile, the California Association of Realtors and its San Francisco area affiliate have adopted a policy that simply says, "no open houses should be held" and "showings should be done virtually, if at all possible."

How to fill an empty church with music

By ELAINE HESSER

AT THIS time of year, churches are supposed to be filled with music, especially with Palm Sunday and Easter just ahead on the calendar. But how is all that music supposed to happen when a congregation can no longer get together?

Marshall Carpenter, the organist and pi-

anist at Church of the Wayfarer, has been a church musician for nearly 50 years. Holy Week, which culminates in Easter, starts this weekend on Palm Sunday. It's usually a jubilant service, with congregants waving palms and singing songs of praise, part of a season when music shines. Though it may

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Jean-Louis Tourel

February 5, 1941 — March 23, 2020

Jean-Louis Tourel was born on February 5, 1941, in Megève, France. Jean-Louis grew up in the town of Orange, in the South of France, where his parents owned and operated the Cafe de L'Univers, which was located in the center of town. It was there that he started his lifelong culinary journey which included several apprenticeships and worked his way up to prestigious restaurants in Megève, Paris, Montreal, and Vancouver. Jean-Louis and his wife, Madeleine, had worked in some of the same restaurants in France, but at different times before ever meeting. The day Madeleine arrived in Montreal was the day she met Jean-Louis for the first time. It was meant to be and it was their destiny. They married in Vancouver, where their first daughter, Laurence, was born. While working in Vancouver, he was offered a position as a chef at the Beach Club in Pebble Beach, California. He ultimately became the executive chef at The Lodge in Pebble Beach where he was well loved and respected by all his staff. He was also a member of the Monterey Chef Association, Les Toques Blanches, and the American Culinary Federation.



After 10 years, his dream to open his own restaurant began in 1980 when he and his beloved wife, Madeleine, took over the restaurant, Chez Felix in Carmel, Ca. They operated it with the help of their three children for 22 years. Along the way, loyal patrons became friends and would meet annually for holiday reunions. Even after closing the restaurant doors on New Year's Eve in 2001, with a big bang, they still keep in touch to this day.

Jean-Louis was a wonderful husband and model father. He was a kind man with the patience of a saint. During all the years of working and living together, Jean-Louis and Madeleine never had an argument. They were like a perfectly paired cheese and wine.

He was a lovable prankster with the best sense of humor and quick wit. With his thick French accent and jolly grin, he, undeniably, always left those he met in stitches. They would always come back for more. He loved listening to a variety of music: Nana Mouskari, Elvis, Electric Light Orchestra and, his favorite, Janis Joplin.

At home he enjoyed cooking for his family, going on picnics, and being a comedian at the table. He collected countless cookbooks, read National Geographic, and being well read on different topics, enjoyed playing along with the game show Jeopardy – he was always a winner.

Jean-Louis died peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He is survived by his adored and dedicated wife of 53 years, Madeleine; daughter, Laurence; and twins – son, Gilles (and daughter-in-law, Shirley); and, Nathalie (and son-in-law, Bobby); his grandchildren, Jean-Luc and Sebastian; and his beloved cats, Benji and Angie, who never left his side.

A private family gathering is planned. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Jean-Louis' name may be made to a charity of your choice.



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On March 19th, we lost our beloved daughter and sister, Lynn Gaye Lombardo. Born February 26, 1960, Lynn was a lifelong resident at Pacific Grove. She passed peacefully in her sleep on the first day of spring.

Lynn retired as a supervisor with Pacific Bell after a career spanning 25 years.

A beautiful daughter, loyal sister, loving auntie, and dear friend, Lynn is survived by her "Mum" Annette, Chris, Lori and Lisa who all loved her so very much.

A compassionate heart was her gift. Lynn will be remembered for her beautiful smile and her willingness to help others.

"Peace is a journey not a destination"

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A private memorial service will be held at a future date. To sign Lynn's guestbook and leave messages for her family, please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com.



Christine Janders

1929-2020

In the mid 1950s she immigrated from Germany with her husband, Heinz, to Vancouver, Canada, gave birth to two little girls and traveled in the early 1960s to California, where she had one other baby girl before settling in Woodside. After some life changes, including a divorce, Christine moved to Carmel in 1985 where she lived until her passing.

Besides being known for her amazing cooking, baking skills and intimate parties, Christine was a lead accountant for National Semiconductor, owned a Home Services Consulting Business and managed a high-end clothing store in San Francisco.

She was a member of the Beach and Tennis Club in Pebble Beach, where she was always sought after to join teams because of her superb "reach at the net." Christine was a great dancer, loved gardening and, of course, her children. She was a loving mother who was very independent and full of spirit.

She will be deeply missed.

Her surviving family are her children, Susan, Barbara and Marion, her two sons-in-law, Dan and Sal, and her grandchildren, Logan, Terra and Sarah.



Auf Wiedersehen Mami – Tschüss

Volunteers and businesses work with school district to distribute food

By MARY SCHLEY

A STUDENT-LED club at Carmel High School, assisted by a dedicated crew of school board members, teachers and parents, is distributing 150 boxes of food and supplies weekly not just to families in the Carmel Unified School District, but to Big Sur workers and Rippling River residents, and giving them away to anyone who stops by the Carmel Middle School gym on Thursdays between 10 and 11 a.m.

CUSD board member Tess Arthur said she, the student club and many others have been collecting donations and items, and then spending their Wednesdays boxing everything up so it's ready to distribute Thursday mornings.

The Food Bank for Monterey County is providing food, as did the district when it needed to offload perishables after shutting down all the schools a couple of weeks ago. Some local restaurants that had to close have donated, too, and businesses and residents have donated cash and food. Carmel Rotary donated \$5,000 to the cause.

"This is an effort that is not about district boundaries, but about helping our community in times of great need," she said.

Middle School food bank

Arthur and other volunteers meet at Carmel Middle School on Wednesdays to unpack everything and spread it out among the 150 boxes.

The next morning, some are delivered to employee housing at Ventana and Post Ranch Inn, both of which are closed, and for residents to pick up at Big Sur River Inn. "We also deliver to Rippling River residents in need and CUSD families and community members living in Cachagua," Arthur said, adding that the district is letting the group use the CMS gym as its "food bank" and is providing vans for deliveries.

Since the effort began a couple of weeks ago, residents have reached out with specific needs, like diapers, baby food, wipes — and, of course, toilet paper. "We try to fulfill needs, within reason, to help those

in our outlying populations who might not have access to grocery stores, or because supplies are running low," she said.

Arthur, who is working closely with the student club, called This Club Saves Lives, said she hopes donations of money and goods will continue to flow, so they can keep helping people for as long as neces-

sary.

"Several in our community will be suffering for a very long time, as a result of this crisis," she said. "It's the least we can do to help families in need through a very difficult time."

For information on how to help, visit thisclubsavesthepeople.org.

ANTIBODIES

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now, you can't be a carrier," Smith said.

While there has been much talk about people catching coronavirus a second time, Smith said there is encouraging news downplaying that risk.

"There is great evidence that it is not mutating quickly," he explained. "Mutations mean you might catch it again."

Coronavirus antibodies taken from healthy people will give medical professionals a useful tool when they try to treat those who are ill with the virus, Smith said.

Another benefit of the test is that it is easy to produce and can "be deployed in larger numbers."

Now the trick will be to find those who have the antibodies. Smith wouldn't say if any have been identified so far. "The challenge is finding people who have recovered from the virus," he said.

After the lab has tested first responders and healthcare workers, it will move on to "workers deemed critical." This could mean anyone, from a top county official, to someone who works in a grocery store. Eventually, the lab hopes to expand testing to the general public, but Smith wouldn't say when. But he did say it would likely be in a matter of weeks — not months.

The tests cost \$68.31 each. But don't expect your health insurance to cover it — at least not yet.

"It hasn't gone through the approval process," Smith added. "Bureaucracy is having trouble keeping up."

LETTERS

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should just go on about their business. Older and retired people may want to shelter, but it could be a long time sheltering for them. For my part, I am just going about my business.

Richard B. Fox, M.D., Pacific Grove

Sewer rates going up less

Dear Editor,

For the past 10 years, the Carmel Area Wastewater District Board of Directors has been working to upgrade our 1980s-era sewage treatment plant to modern infrastructure standards. This is evident by the completion of Phase I in 2018. Now as CAWD moves into Phase II, which will complete the infrastructure modernization, the goal continues to be a pay-as-we-go — or no debt strategy for funding.

At the March board meeting, the CAWD board recognized that our community is suffering a difficult time physically and financially, so as we reviewed the 2020-2021 budget, current conditions were evaluated, and modifications were made to that budget. The board unanimously agreed to a 50-plus percent decrease in the proposed in-

crease in fees for residents and businesses.

Our customers have supported our wastewater district for many years, because they have understood the need to maintain critical infrastructure in our community. The debt of gratitude that the CAWD board has experienced from this community support has made us stronger, safer, and more resilient, and for that we are truly thankful.

The board's decision is grounded in building a solid foundation for current and future residents and in the need to maintain critical infrastructure for our community. This rate reduction will be helpful in these difficult times, while still acknowledging the significant infrastructure challenges ahead.

Ken White, president, CAWD board of directors

Thanks to businesses

Dear Editor,

Here's a hearty shout-out for Kristi Reimers, owner of Eco Carmel. Kristi is taking online and phone orders and has been accommodating our needs in every way possible, providing eco-friendly health products during these scary times.

Thank you, Kristi, and all Carmel businesses that have been able to help all of us home sheltering.

Sandi and Greg D'Ambrosio, Carmel



Sabastian (Yano) Joseph Bordonaro

May 7, 1932 ♦ February 22, 2020

Born in Brucolli, a small fishing town in Sicily, Sabastian immigrated to the US (Cleveland, OH) at the young age of 7 with his mother (Giussepina Saraceano), father (Francesco Bordonaro), and three other siblings. Sabastian was academically and athletically gifted. He was offered a partial scholarship in golf to Ohio State, but his need and his desire to stay close to his older brother (Tom) and move to California became his primary focus.

He enrolled in Santa Monica JC and played football for three seasons while working full time and establishing residency in California. Sabastian went on to UC Berkeley, earning his degree in architecture and playing football for the famous coach Mr. Pappy Waldorf. Yano never stopped being a Pappy Boy, becoming the president of the infamous Pappy Boys in the early 2000s.

While at Berkeley he met his wife Patricia Tinsley. Shortly after being married Yano was drafted into the Army and stationed in Fort Ord where he and Patricia raised three boys, Michael, Marc, and Matt.

In 1963 opened up his own private architecture firm above the Mediterranean Market in Carmel. His designs included The Salvation Army building in PG, Fat City in Gonzales, Carmel Post Office, PG Plaza, and he eventually built and managed the Monterey Storage.

In 1994 he remarried Susan McKillip and moved to Carmel Valley Ranch where he was a charter member since 1981.

Sabastian lived his life staying true to a hard work ethic, a keen eye for detail, and relentlessly fighting for what was morally right, but always making sure he had time for a round of golf, sharing great stories while playing some cards with his buddies at the Pacheco Club in Monterey (Work hard play hard). He instilled all of these valuable lessons in his three boys and they in turn handed those same values down to their children. His greatest love was being around family and watching his grandchildren grow. The three boys and their children carry on the legacy of Sabastian with their drive, work ethic, athleticism, humor, love for life and the love for others. In the words of Yano, "My door is always open, but this isn't a free ride. Grab a shovel and let me teach you something." You could always count on a valuable lesson, a gift that will carry on from generation to generation.

You will always know it's a Bordonaro when you meet one,

Just be prepared it always comes with a little bit of a story and a lifetime of loyalty.

He is survived by his three sons, Cal (Brooke), Marc (Chrissy) and Matthew (Molly); eight grandchildren; his sister Lucy; many nieces and nephews; his wife Susan, her children, Theresa and Gregory.

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MUSIC

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be muted, Carpenter said it won't be silenced.

The Wayfarer records abbreviated services (about 30 minutes) and posts them on its website, omitting some of the liturgy and things that only work in-person, like sharing greetings of peace or taking up an offering. For someone like Carpenter, who's spent decades getting up bright and early every Sunday, the Friday tapings are unusual. And he doesn't quite know what to do with that, or with recording in a nearly empty church, which also feels odd.

"I do what I can do, even if nobody's singing along," said Carpenter, but he misses the energy of the congregants and the rhythm of a Sunday-centric schedule. He said he's been gardening and playing his piano, working through pieces he's wanted to master but hasn't had time for.

St. Dunstan's isn't completely quiet in Carmel Valley,

either. Music director and organist Steven Denmark, at 69, has played in churches since he was 13. He said the church is slowly working out a system that starts with him playing and recording music for the service on the church's remarkable organ and emailing it to Arthur Wu, choir director and main soloist.

Just like college

Next, Wu brings that recording to the sanctuary and sings along for a hymn and, presumably, anything else in the service that needs vocals. That recording, along with Denmark's, is sent on to another choir member, who carries the vocals to the instrumentals. That way, they can take advantage of having the same acoustics, at different times. But like Carpenter, Denmark finds it an unusual experience.

"I'm used to practicing in an empty church, at all hours. In college, sometimes I'd practice at midnight." But now, he said, there's no moment when he gets to share the results of that work with a live congregation.

St. Dunstan's 13-or-so choir members range in age from

a few people in their 20s and 30s to others in their 70s, 80s and 90s. Denmark said he's concerned that they're missing out on the social aspects of rehearsal and performance, but he's hopeful that in the near future, they'll all be able to record their parts at home and have someone blend them together electronically. "Right now, it's all phone calls, though," he said.

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THIS WEEK

VIRTUAL PAINT OUT GIVES ARTISTS A CHANCE TO CONNECT — AND STAY UPBEAT

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE MANY have the impression that artists are solitary beings who are content to be left alone to create, the coronavirus crisis is reminding them that they, too, like social interaction.

With that in mind, Big Sur painter Erin Gafill is planning a Virtual Paint Out for Sunday, April 5. The event is free.

"I'm seeing a lot of artists who are having a hard time getting inspired because they're overwhelmed with fear, anxiety and uncertainty," Gafill told The Pine Cone. "This moment offers the tremendous gift of down time but is accompanied by almost paralyzing concern. How to break

through that is what I've been contemplating — this virtual experience is one way I'm dealing with it."

Those participating in the Virtual Paint Out can do it from their own backyards, or even their living rooms.

Never again

"I've had replies from 20 people saying they're on board," reported Gafill, who lives next door to Nepenthe restaurant, but travels the world teaching painting workshops. "It can be done anywhere — it can literally be done just looking out your kitchen window."

In Gafill's case, she will step just outside her front door and onto the deck at the

restaurant, which offers a spectacular view to the south that she has painted countless times.

"I could do it with my eyes closed," she explained. "I never don't want to paint it — it always looks different."

The Virtual Paint Out will start at 10 a.m. Gafill will contact everybody who has expressed interest in the online gathering and email a link to her video stream. After giving the participants a painting demonstration as a warm-up exercise, she will get to work on her piece, and others will do the same. All will reconnect online at 1 p.m. to critique each other's work and share experiences.

"People are always so positive and en-

couraging in these groups," she said.

Offering a Virtual Paint Out, along with teaching painting classes online, is keeping Gafill busy during trying times.

While she would seem to be relatively safe in Big Sur, her son Chi, who is also an artist, lives in New York City, which is being hit hard by the virus.

For her and others, art is simply good medicine.

"Staying busy and making a difference is really helping me focus," added the painter, who noted that 220 people have signed up so far for her art classes, which she's offering for free in April.

For more about Gafill and her classes, visit eringafill.com.

SPORTS

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that touched our lawn was an out.

Dad had two pitches — a very slow fastball, which he threw 99 percent of the time — and his secret weapon, the knuckleball, which he only threw with two outs, two strikes, and at least two runners on base. Whenever that was the situation, I knew it was coming.

A great knuckleball moves like a butterfly, dancing as it approaches the plate. Dad's knuckleball did nothing — it was just a slow, straight lob. Worse, he always telegraphed it at the top of his windup, pointing his forefinger and pinky straight up, for anybody to see, as he loaded the pitch against the knuckles of his right hand. And then, here it came, fat as a cantaloupe, slow as a sloth, taunting me every inch of the way: "You're going to strike out again," it chortled.

By the time Dad's knuckleball finally reached home plate, I was invariably in a rage, eyes bulging, mouth foaming, ready to uncoil with every ounce of strength and energy in my body. The result was always the same — Whoosh! Strike three! Inning over! — always followed by a Donald Duck-like tantrum that left dogs barking all over the neighborhood. And my dad, strolling toward me for his turn at bat, would always say, "Oh, too bad. Maybe next time."

At long last, next time came: Two on.

Two outs. Two strikes. Two annoying fingers pointing straight up at the top of Dad's windup. Anger and angst boiling as the knuckleball moseyed toward the strike zone like an old man with a walker. I gnashed my teeth, crushed the handle of the plastic bat, unfurled ... and connected. The echo — hollow plastic against hollow plastic — undoubtedly broke windows in Newfoundland.

Was it Casey at the bat?

Dad and I stood and watched in mutual awe as the ball rocketed majestically through the evening sky, bounced once near the top of the Wilsons' house — across the street and catty-corner — and disappeared over the peak of the roof. He grinned at me with fatherly pride, along with the appropriate amount of humility.

"Wow, Lefty, what a shot!" he exclaimed with sincere reverence for the Ruthian swat.

I felt my chest swell and my lip quiver. I had never hit a ball that hard before, and knew I never would again. And then Dad shrugged at me. "Foul ball," he said.

He laughed hard at the Donald Duck tantrum that ensued, waited for me to exhaust myself, then struck me out with a knuckleball on the very next pitch.

But it was 15 seconds we both remembered till the day he died — my 15 seconds of fame. What's yours?

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Block party during shelter-in-place?

By KELLY NIX

A GROUP of residents who held a block party in a Pacific Grove neighborhood Tuesday drew the attention of police and the ire of others amid a statewide isolation order that's intended to stop the spread of the deadly coronavirus.

Around 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, at least a dozen people gathered in the middle of Ninth Street between Junipero and Spruce avenues to drink, converse with neighbors and enjoy the weather. But quite a few people took to social media to criticize the participants for putting the community at risk and violating county and state shelter-in-place orders.

"These are not good citizens," said one Pacific Grove resident who added a common expletive to emphasize the point.

Another commenter called them "idiots who can't social distance," while someone else said they were "stupid."

"Covidiot — that's what they are," a woman said. The unidentified revelers, who appeared to be in their 30s and 40s, later moved the party from the street to their front yards. Responding to complaints, police arrived about an hour after the party started, people on social media said.

Police spokeswoman Shayla Hoffman said by the time officers arrived, everyone was standing in their own driveways. Nobody was arrested, she said. Monterey County Undersheriff John Mineau told the press yesterday that "There are teeth in the county health officer's order" to shelter in place. "It is a misdemeanor to violate" the order.

Experts say that the stay-home order is working to help stop the spread of the virus, and compliance must be maintained if the epidemic, which can kill large numbers of the elderly and other vulnerable groups, is to be contained.

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Chocolate, wine, beer and lots of delicious food are all good medicine

LIFE IN the era of coronavirus continues to require everyone to adapt — and keep adapting — to the widespread changes occurring more rapidly than we're accustomed to.

In the food-and-drink realm, stores, restaurants, wineries and breweries are doing their best to get their products to the people who want and need them, and to keep as many people working as possible.

Of course, not every restaurant owner can or wants to accommodate a takeout-only business, and some have discovered the setup doesn't really pencil out. Carmel's Bistro Giovanni tried it but quickly opted to close completely, citing concerns about keeping staff and customers healthy and safe. Mission Ranch was open for takeout and seemed to be doing good business — but not good enough for owner Clint Eastwood to keep his restaurant and hotel up and running.

The city's tourism group, Visit Carmel, is maintaining a list of restaurants that are open and serving takeout at carmelcalifornia.com.

Get your (local) chocolate fix

Scott Lund, owner of Lula's Chocolates, is offering free local delivery and discounts for people who purchase his chocolates, caramels and other tasty treats online.

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Fans can order Alvarado Street Brewery's beer and pick

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

it up in Salinas or have it shipped. Through burphopsnow.com, customers in California can have up to three cases (six four-packs apiece) delivered to their doorsteps for \$20 shipping, and locals can mix and match any four-pack and pick up their orders in the parking lot at the Salinas brewery.

Orders placed before 4 p.m. Monday through Friday will be available the same day between noon and 5.

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Russo's warehouse at 120 Calle del Oaks Place in Del Rey Oaks is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and orders for same-day curbside pickup must be placed by noon. Visit russospro.com.

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Happy Girl boxes, grab-and-go

Happy Girl Kitchen on Central Avenue in Pacific Grove is trying to keep people happy and fed during the shelter order by selling weekly boxes full of all kinds of staples and goodies — "soups, bowls and baked goods, salads, jarred goods and way more" — and offering premade salads and other snacks for grab-and-go ordering.

The boxes cost \$400 for four weeks, with enough for one to two people to eat each week, and can be picked up or delivered. Orders of Happy Girl's grab-and-go items placed by noon are packed up for pickup between 4 and 5:30 p.m. the same day. See happygirlkitchen.com or call (831) 373-4475.

Big Sur options

Down the coast, Big Sur Bakery is offering not just its usual great baked goods, but wood-fired pizzas, fried chicken, soups and salads, sandwiches, lasagna, and other dishes. The bakery is open daily at 9 a.m., and the kitchen is open from noon to 5 p.m. To order, call (831) 667-0520 or email shop@bigsurbakery.com.

The River Inn's general store is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, and the Burrito Bar is serving made-to-or-

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SCHOOL

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work at home for the first two weeks.

“Now that we’re entering the third week, she told me she misses school and her friends,” Crabbe said.

His eldest daughter, Emma, 17, a senior at Carmel High, didn’t hide her feelings about her last year in high school during a statewide isolation order. With prom, the senior trip and the school’s graduation ceremony in doubt — coupled with not being with her friends in one of the most social periods in a human’s life — getting motivated is difficult.

“I think every senior is miserable,” said Emma, who is studying for four advanced placement classes.

Her father summed it up: “It’s difficult being in the Class of 2020.”

Carmel High principal Jon Lyons Wednesday acknowledged the issues that remote learning presents in an email message to parents, some of whom complained their kids need “more structure.”

In response, Lyons crafted a seven-page CHS Guide to Distance Learning, which includes daily student class times “so they can organize their days more efficiently.”

Pacific Grove Middle School sixth-grader Lillie Jones, 11, likes the flexibility of not having to wake up at the crack of dawn to get to school. Distance learning has given her the freedom to do schoolwork wherever she feels like it — the sofa or dinner table, for example.

“I like being able to do my schoolwork in my PJs sitting on my couch,” Jones told The Pine Cone.

She misses not being able to see her friends and teachers every day, however. But Jones — like all students with access to phones and computers — uses various messaging apps, text messages and FaceTime to keep in contact with her classmates.

Tutors and tech

Lillie’s mom, Amy, who works from home now that the shop at Del Monte Shopping Center she manages is closed, said having a socially starved 11-year-old at home all day with little time outside can be challenging.

“It truly has been an adjustment period,” she said. “I feel like despite the quick learning period for teachers and students alike, we have to be able to adapt to this new norm.”

Technology is a godsend, and Jones also credits a tutor she hired at the start of the school year, long before the coronavirus was around, to help Lillie with her school-

work.

“I learned early on in my child’s education that even though I might be able to help her with her assignments, she has zero desire to learn from me,” said Jones, who added that Lillie’s teachers have done an “amazing job” transitioning from teaching in the classroom to assigning lessons remotely.

Students tackling COVID-19

Tracy Travaille, a business owner who has three boys, ages 7, 11 and 14 — in three different P.G. schools — said overall, learning remotely is going well.

“While it’s not nearly as beneficial as having the kids in actual classrooms, I’m grateful that we have this as an alternative option, given the circumstances,” Travaille said.

Kevin Brookhouser, York School director of technology and innovation, said the school surveyed students and found that while distance learning is working well, “they are really sad they are missing out on sports and the prom,” which the school canceled. “There’s a lot of disappointment there, no doubt.”

But he said York, which has about 200 students, was prepared to transition to distance learning because it started training its teachers after Japan closed its schools in late February. York, he said, realized California would also likely close its schools.

Brookhouser and his students have directly responded to the COVID-19 scare. They’ve been busy designing equipment for medical professionals, including protective masks made from 3-D printers, and “swab shields” to protect nurses from being infected with COVID-19 while swabbing patients for the virus.

The school has loaned 3-D printers and other tools to several students, “so many of them are producing work in mini fabrication rooms in their own houses,” he said.

Carmel High American Sign Language teacher Mia Baglietto, who has 120 students in three levels of ASL, said moving from the classroom to online teaching so quickly “has had its downfalls.” When she developed an online ASL curriculum for the University of the Pacific in Stockton, for instance, she had months to prepare.

“With the closure of schools, we were given days,” Baglietto said. “I am continually working on making adjustments to meet the needs of my students.”

And considering ASL is a visual language in which grammar is recognized through body movement and facial expression, Baglietto said it’s an especially difficult subject to teach outside the classroom.

The benefits of “face-to-face interaction to emphasize expressions and/or make corrections to the way the student is signing cannot be reproduced online,” she said.

Still, Baglietto tests her students’ skills, with videos of her signing vocabulary or sentences using a learning program. The students respond by typing the answers.

“They are also sending me short videos of themselves signing so I can be sure they are keeping the skills they have learned and are progressing,” she said.

Some of her students have taken to the online format very well, while others have struggled to participate and do the work.

“I believe most are doing what they can to make adjustments and figure this out as we go along,” she said. “And everyone at some point needs to take a deep breath and give grace to those around us that might be struggling a little more than some others.”

Man arrested for forcing way into motel room

By MARY SCHLEY

A 54-YEAR-OLD Oakland man was arrested shortly after 9:15 p.m. Saturday after pushing his way into a motel room and demanding money and drugs from the woman staying there, Carmel Police Sgt. Jeff Watkins said.

Christopher Jensen was a guest at the Carmel Resort Inn on Carpenter north of Second March 28 and knocked on the door of another room on the property, Watkins said. “Once the victim opened her door and saw Jensen standing there, she attempted to close it, as she did not recognize or know Jensen.”

But the man, whom Watkins described as being 5-foot-9-inches tall and weighing about 170 pounds, stopped the door from closing.

He then forced the door open, hitting the woman and injuring her — though not seriously — and got into the room, according to Watkins.

“Once inside, Jensen demanded money and drugs,” he said, but the woman ran away from him, grabbed a candle and threw it at him in self-defense.

“The victim escaped out the front door and ran for help and to call the police,” Watkins said. “We arrived moments later and found the victim in the parking lot with employees of the hotel.”

Officers spoke with the woman and searched for Jensen, finding him on the property and arresting him for home invasion robbery and battery. Watkins also said Jensen appeared to be drunk, and the suspect was booked into Monterey County Jail, where he remained this week.



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Editorial

The misinformation epidemic

AFTER the county imposed its shelter-in-place order, and especially since we started sending out daily news bulletins, the number of readers who let us know what they're thinking has increased to a level at least 10 times normal — not only because so many people have time on their hands, but because everybody has a dog in the coronavirus fight and wants to participate in the debate over what to do about it.

While most of the emails we get are constructive and ask intelligent questions or offer pertinent comments, we also get several every week that are downright nasty about how our coverage is scaring people too much — or not enough. And we get quite a few that show how widespread misinformation about the virus is.

For example, despite constantly repeated official advice that nobody should try to get tested for coronavirus unless they have symptoms, we still get regular emails from healthy people who want to know where they can be tested — just as a precaution. Similarly, a great many people don't seem to understand why they're not supposed to touch their face. (The reason, of course, is that the mucus membranes of the eyes, nose and mouth are the places the virus can invade your body. It does not go through your skin.)

But more common than either of those types of misinformed emails are the ones from people who upbraid us for reporting the official county statistics about the number of people in Monterey County who have tested positive for the coronavirus.

"Don't you understand that there are waaayyy more people who are infected than they're letting on?" a typical email will say. "Nobody knows how many people have the virus because so few people have been tested."

We admit that the first sentence could be true, and the second is definitely true. But neither statement means what our critics think it does — unless there are people all around us who can't get tested despite being seriously ill with symptoms that suggest coronavirus. If that's going on, we have a major problem on our hands, and if you know someone who is in that predicament, please contact us and we will do everything in our power to make sure they get a test. Even better, call the county health department and raise holy hell.

The truth is, what many people seem to believe is that a great many others are walking the streets who have the virus but have no symptoms — the dreaded asymptomatic carriers you've heard about on TV — and that having them out in public without anyone knowing they're infected is a major public health threat that puts the lie to everything Donald Trump, Tony Fauci and even Gavin Newsom are saying.

But think about it. If large numbers of asymptomatic infected people are on the streets, pushing shopping carts in grocery stores and handling the pumps at your corner gas station, yet the number of people who are seriously ill with the virus remains low, it can only mean one thing: The virus isn't a serious health problem for most people, which is exactly what Trump, Fauci and Newsom are saying.

As we write this editorial, the official total of Monterey County residents who've tested positive for coronavirus is 48, including just six people over the age of 65 — this in a county of about 440,000 people. Which means that about .01 percent of the people around you have tested positive for the virus, or one out of every 10,000.

Are there a great many people who have the virus without being noticed? If there are, they apparently aren't very sick.

So whether the official number is correct or a gross understatement, there does not seem to be any reason to panic. There's also no reason to believe that anyone is purposely lying to you.

BEST of BATES



"They say it came with roller skates."

Letters to the Editor

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Supporting warriors

Dear Editor,

In 1945, prescient composers Rogers and Hammerstein wrote, "You'll Never Walk Alone," which has since been recorded by more than 100 artists (including our own Doris Day) and performed at a presidential inauguration. The song has rapidly become the worldwide anthem to show support for medical staff, first responders, and, most recently, those impaired by, under restrictions for or in quarantine because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Our history is replete with examples of our military as first responders. They have gone off to fight battles equipped with the latest weaponry and defensive measures and supported by their air and navy counterparts. In contrast are today's pandemic responders, who go off to fight and defend us lacking the latest weaponry and clad in paper smocks.

The least we can do for these pandemic frontline warrior-heroes is to support

their families while adhering to our back up roles — and not mix, mingle and integrate our actions which in turn will require rescuing by these same frontline warriors.

Sue McCloud, Carmel

'Going about my business'

Dear Editor,

As a physician, and a former intensive care physician, I don't agree with the coronavirus lockdown. The COVID-19 epidemic will just have to run its course until enough people have had the virus and developed immunity so there are not enough remaining susceptible people to keep the epidemic going ("herd immunity").

For this virus, which has an attack rate of around 2 (each infected person passes the infection to 2 others, unless those others have immunity), the epidemic will fall off when about two-thirds of the populace has immunity, developed either from actual disease or from a not-yet-developed vaccine, and not before.

The longer everyone shelters, the longer it will take to develop that "herd immunity," but the economic cost of dragging out the process (so-called "flattening of the curve") with months of sheltering will be too high, especially for the healthy younger people who have little to fear from COVID-19.

So, while densely populated areas where propagation is rapid, like New York City, will be hard hit in the initial phase, the epidemic will be over for them a lot sooner than for the rest of the country. Since young people can handle COVID-19 without much difficulty in most cases, they

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When these women gathered, they made amazing things happen

OVER THE past few weeks, I have written of three Marys who first came to Carmel in 1903: Mary Norton Dummage, Mary DeNeale Morgan and Mary Hunter Austin. In the past year, I have written about several other women who were important to the early development of the village.

This week, I'd like to honor some of early residents who formed women's clubs and other organizations to support one another in their love and care of the development of the city. Space precludes recognizing more

Chronicle at the time.

With the help of the participants from the Peninsula, the fundraising was successful, and a sculptor, Charles Allan Grafly of Massachusetts, was commissioned to design the monument, which was unveiled at the exposition on June 30, 1915. Later, instead of being installed at the Civic Center, it was stored until being displayed again during the 1939 San Francisco International Exposition, and then was moved to Golden Gate Park, where it can be seen today.

A clue to the origin of this early group of Carmel women can be found in the records of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, which held its 15th annual gathering at Hotel Del Monte in April 1916. The president of the local host committee was Edith Brown, past president of the Pacific Grove Women's Civic Club. The committee secretary was Mary E. Hand who was also the president of the Carmel Arts and Crafts Club. The multipurpose arts and crafts group was the likely predecessor of the current Woman's Club.

The Arts and Crafts Club was founded in 1905 with Elsie Allen, a former Wellesley teacher, as its first president. She was followed by Josephine Foster, and then Mary Hand, who guided the club for 16 years. While not exclusively a women's organization, the strength of the women always kept it active. The clubhouse was at Monte Verde south of Eighth. Among the many activities held there were dances, card parties, plays, lectures, music recitals and art exhibitions. In addition, the club sponsored summer classes in art and culture, which earned it acclaim for many years.

Catalyst for change

In the mid-1920s, the club became very involved in the dramatic arts and built a new little theater. Hand moved from Carmel to Alameda in 1925, and the other directors looked for new leadership to help raise funds to pay off the theater. The solution

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

than a few individuals in any one column, and Carmel's women have organized more groups than I can count.

So, I will focus on the Carmel Woman's Club, which has more than 300 members. Officially, this group was formed on Dec. 6, 1925, when 54 women gathered at the Pine Inn and signed up as charter members. Based on this, the Woman's Club is the city's second oldest non-profit organization; the city's chapter of the American Red Cross was started at the onset of World War I, about 1916.

Arts and crafts

A review of the history shows that the town's women organized even earlier in another form. As early as 1913, a "Carmel Women's Club" was recognized as participating in a statewide fundraiser in Golden Gate Park. In addition to songs and recitations, the key business of the gathering was to announce plans for a Pioneer Woman monument and the need to raise \$25,000 to pay for it. The bronze statue was to be placed in the court of honor at San Francisco's 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and later was supposed to be moved to the city's Civic Center. Participating groups from the Monterey Peninsula included "the Chautauqua assembly at Pacific Grove, the Women's Civic Club of Monterey, and the Carmel Women's Club," according to an article in the San Francisco

Art for art's sake is still a thing

IT WAS unconditional love, more than money, that initially attracted most professional artists to their careers, which might explain why several of the best known painters on the Monterey Peninsula are finding solace in their studios, even as the business side of their profession succumbs to the epidemic.

— either in person or online — and fewer still are willing to open their wallets to purchase a luxury item.

"I think every artist is likely to take a pretty good hit over the next several months. Some will probably suffer more than others, based on what they do, and how they're represented, etc.," said plein air artist Brian Blood, who lives in Pebble Beach with his wife, Laurie Kersey, a plein air and studio artist. "Our studio/gallery in the Barnyard was already quiet, even on a good day, and

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Lockdowns from the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in gallery closings, festival and art show cancellations, vanishing website sales, and other factors for local artists. But most continue to create their art every day, because that's what keeps them feeling fulfilled, even when nobody's buying.

"Making art is very cathartic — it's my bliss, and I can't even imagine what my life would be like if I couldn't go there," said Carmel Valley's Pamela Carroll, a Carmel Art Association painter who specializes in still-life realism. "I'm very sensitive, and my heart just breaks for the world right now. I'm especially worried about the people around me, particularly those who might not be in good shape financially."

'A screeching halt'

Whether they're well-established, or just trying to get a foothold in the industry, the financial impact of "shelter in place" is profound for artists, who need to showcase their art to sell it. Nowadays, few potential customers are even window shopping

now, of course, they've shut down the entire shopping village. Laurie and I also had shows and events that we were planning to participate in, and all of those have been postponed or canceled, so our tentacles of opportunity are on hold."

Another of the Carmel Art Association's best sellers, plein air artist Mark Farina, said art sales famously ebb and flow, but his most reliable source of income also has dried up.

"I give private and group lessons in my studio, and social distancing brought that to a screeching halt," he said. "I'd like to find a way to teach some online lessons, but I'm not much of a techie, so I'll need to figure out how."

Farina, Erin Gafill, and Charles Martin are April's featured artists for the Carmel Art Association's monthly show, but the traditional opening reception has been canceled, the gallery is closed, and the current plan is to put the show online.

Carmel landscape artist Joaquin Turner

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Clockwise from top left: Joaquin Turner is sole support for his family, Brian Blood expects nearly every artist to take a financial hit, Mark Farina's steadiest income was from teaching art, and Pam Carroll finds solace in her studio.

Don't miss "Scenic Views" by Jerry Gervase — every week in the Real Estate Section.



PHOTO/CARMEL WOMAN'S CLUB ARCHIVE

Nearly half of the charter members of the Carmel Woman's Club posed for this group photo, which was taken in 1925 or thereabouts.



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SBA

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used to cover the first eight weeks of payroll and some other expenses.

Cheese Shop owner Kent Torrey said Wednesday he applied for a PPP loan after learning his employees couldn't use sick pay to cover part of their lost work hours.

"We just submitted it this afternoon and are waiting," Torrey said. "We're crossing our fingers that we filled it out correctly and will see what the next course is."

The Cheese Shop has 15 employees, and Torrey would like to keep them all on, even though his store is closed. "We've been in business 47 years now, and 45 years in the Plaza come Memorial Day, and would like to continue to stay in business," he said.

Economic injury disaster loans

Carmel Food Tours owner Staci Giovino initially thought she might apply for the payroll loan but learned it doesn't really fit her business, because the people who work for her are independent contractors. Instead, she applied for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan, which includes an advance of up to \$10,000 the borrower does not have to repay. Disaster loans run up to \$2 million.

"It was really straightforward and easy to fill out," Giovino said of the application, which took her about 20 minutes. "It was simple, and I got a confirmation number that I had submitted my application."

But, she said, that's it. She doesn't know how long it will take to hear back, how to check the status, or the size of the loan she'll get. The SBA asked for gross income for Feb. 1, 2019, to Jan. 31, 2020, as well as the cost of goods sold, so presumably, the loan amount will be based on those. She also had to provide banking information.

Geoff Malloway, owner of Central Coast Fly Fishing near Baja Cantina, also

applied for a disaster loan, since he doesn't have any employees.

"I applied yesterday," he said Wednesday. He had listened to a webcast by the American Fly Fishing Trade Association "and it seemed like going through this economic injury disaster loan is probably really the only choice I have to keep the ship afloat, at least for the next few months, maybe longer."

Malloway said he also asked for the \$10,000 advance and believes he'll hear back on Friday. "This was obviously something that was thrown together very quickly," he said of the SBA's offerings and application process. "But it was fairly straightforward."

As he understands it, the first year of loan payments is deferred, and the interest rate is lower than 4 percent.

"I just don't see any other alternatives, really," he said. "I need to stay in business. I'm not going to get a break from my rent, and the bills still come in."

Trying from the start

Gary Munsinger, owner of Tours Monterey and the well-known Wine Trolley that brings tasters to Carmel Valley Village, started seeking SBA loan assistance even before the county and state ordered people to shelter in place and not to travel. When he first tried March 12, Monterey County wasn't even eligible for SBA disaster assistance, but that soon changed when the federal organization lifted the requirement that individual counties qualify for the program.

The day Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered everyone to stay home, March 19, Munsinger applied for a loan, and when the new \$10,000 advance and economic injury disaster loan program was introduced, he applied for that, too, on Monday.

Since then, he hasn't heard anything. "Any funds available are greatly needed to sustain the day-to-day costs related to rents, utilities, maintenance, insurance

policies, payroll and advertising funds," he said. "It will take a hefty marketing strategy to kick start our touring business back to normal service."

Other SBA help

In addition, the SBA Debt Relief program "will provide a reprieve to small businesses as they overcome the challenges created by this health crisis," the organization said, by covering principal and interest for some borrowers for a certain amount of time, whether the loans are new or already exist.

And finally, SBA Express Bridge Loans allow business owners who already have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to quickly access up to \$25,000. The program helps small businesses that have urgent needs for cash while waiting for decisions and disbursements on their

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was to merge with the Forest Theater and turn its property over to the larger group. While the two groups maintained separate boards for a few years, this merger completely changed the focus of the former club.

That shift was the catalyst that brought about the formation of the Carmel Woman's Club in December 1925. The group's early constitution defined its purpose as "to bring about the solidarity of the women of Carmel, to promote a community spirit, and to advance the civic, cultural, artistic and social ideals of community."

Jigsaw puzzles

The new club took an active role in many aspects of the community, including stopping the attempted reorganization of the county government in 1927. The proposal was initiated by Argyll Campbell, who occasionally, but not in this matter, served as Carmel's city attorney. It would have made the county a charter county, with a manager similar to a city manager.

Carmel's Perry Newberry favored the charter, as did a delegate from Pacific Grove. The most vocal opponent was Judge J.A. Bardin of Salinas.

It was Mary Gale, president of the Carmel Woman's Club, who made the motion to require further expert study prior to any vote to change the county government. After further discussion, her motion passed unanimously, and based on the discussion, the entire proposal was soon dropped from further consideration.

Another headline incident that required the club's attention was a petition presented to the city council in 1933 to outlaw jigsaw puzzles. Signed by many of the husbands of members of the women's club, the

disaster loan applications.

Anyone interested in getting help can find more information at sba.gov.

Carmel Chamber of Commerce CEO Jenny MacMurdo said she has been helping members apply for SBA assistance, too. "I've walked through the process with some, either by email or over the phone. Some members have been able to work with their current financial institutions for loan assistance, which can be a more streamlined process," she said. "I have been told by a handful of lenders that they are getting an increasingly large volume of requests and their employees are working very hard, long hours to accommodate their clients' needs."

SBA help will also be the subject of a webinar hosted by the Monterey County Business Council April 3 at 10 a.m. Register through eventbrite.com.

petition claimed that the puzzles monopolized the time of their wives, constraining them "from the performance of such duties as bed making, dishwashing, answering the telephone and doorbell." Mayor John Catlin, while a widower, added that he had reports from the library that book circulation had dropped and grocers attributed a decrease in sales to the puzzles. The club successfully fought that ordinance as well.

The Woman's Club had the foresight in 1949 to build its own clubhouse on San Carlos at Ninth and has remained an active part of the city and an essential component of Carmel's colorful history.

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PARKS

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attempt to keep the crowds away.

The gate to the parking lot at River Beach has been locked for several days, with a notice explaining the closure was done "to avoid dangerous visitation surges and help prevent the spread of coronavirus." People can still access the beach on foot, but state parks warned that if they can't keep their distance from each other, "additional measures may be taken to fully close parks."

National, regional

More than two dozen National Park properties in the state, including Pinnacles National Park, are also closed because of the virus.

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District parks, including Garland Ranch, remain open, though visitor centers are shut and group activities are canceled.

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Gathering spiritually, calming pandemic fears

Around the world, public gatherings have been restricted as part of efforts to contain the coronavirus. But as one man found when he fell ill in a remote area some years ago, even when we're all alone, there's another kind of "gathering" we can participate in — one that brings safety and healing.

There's a growing list of restrictions around gathering publicly right now, and that's understandable. And it's natural and right to support efforts to contain the coronavirus.

But there's another kind of gathering that's essential to healing fear, especially during a pandemic. Christ Jesus described it this way: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

This kind of gathering can take place even when we can't meet in person. It's a coming together in thought, an openness to the spiritual view of life that Jesus taught. And it's one of the most practical, health-giving things we can do.

Collective prayer is a powerful way to come together, and billions on our planet unite in a simple prayer Jesus taught: the Lord's Prayer. Mary Baker Eddy, who founded Christian Science, once spoke of the Lord's Prayer as a "bond of unity" and a "point of convergence" for all Christians (see "Pulpit and Press," p. 22). Its

ideas are universally true, a prayer that people of all backgrounds can "gather around."

In her book about spiritual healing, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," Eddy gives a spiritual interpretation of the Lord's Prayer. It begins, "Our Father which art in heaven, Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious" (p. 16).

I've experienced healing in my life again and again by treasuring that idea of one universal Father-Mother God governing all harmony. Once, while in a remote part of Africa, I felt a fever drain from my body as the sense of our Father impelled me to include everyone around me in my prayer, even the mosquitoes. My prayers affirmed that we are all part of one all-harmonious, spiritual creation. As it says in the Bible, "God blessed them" (Genesis 1:22, 28). Everything our good and loving God creates is made to bless, not to harm. So the divine creation certainly doesn't include or cause disease. This spiritual outlook enabled Jesus to heal, and it's at the heart of his prayer.

As I prayed in this way, the fear gripping me was replaced by what felt like a flood of love, God's love, for me and everything

around me, and the fever just melted away. I was well.

That experience and many others have given me tangible proof of the healing power of prayer. I've also glimpsed what it really means to gather "in my name" as Jesus taught. It's about gathering

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not around a human personality but around the universal idea of Christ, or Truth, that Jesus lived and taught. Christ means anointed or divinely inspired. I like to think of it as our divine creator's "communication link" to everyone, everywhere.

Opening our hearts to the Christ enlightens our whole way of thinking, giving us a spiritual view of life and health as governed by God, rather than a battle for survival in a dangerous world. Christ is an irresistible power bringing us all together, enlightening our perspective of everything, helping us see our common bond as children of one infinite God. This is what makes gathering in prayer so powerful. And so healing! — by Chet Manchester

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ber of COVID-19 cases compared to other counties — as of Thursday, the number was 48 confirmed cases and two deaths — a new model by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation said the outbreak in California is expected to peak at the end of April, with 122 deaths per day.

However, Moreno said adhering to the county isolation order is key to preventing a spike in cases and deaths here.

“The more people who adhere to the order, the lower the number of sick people we will see when the peak hits Monterey County,” he said. “A lower number of ill individuals during the peak will protect the healthcare system, which will in turn save lives.”

But officials Wednesday also warned county residents not to relax restrictions, and to continue to stay home as much as possible, work remotely, maintain social distancing and follow other directives in the order, which they said are having a good effect.

“It’s still a significant issue, and we don’t want anybody to be complacent,” county administrative officer Charles McKee told the press Wednesday. The data also show that

FOOD

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der burritos, wraps and smoothies during extended lunch hours.

Coast Big Sur has food to go Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. and is donating the proceeds back to the community. Go to coastbigsur.com.

Dining guides for Monterey and P.G.

Lots of Peninsula restaurants are open for takeout and delivery, and business groups are keeping lists. For takeout in New Monterey, go to lighthouse-district.net/dining-guide. For downtown Monterey, see oldmonterey.org/dining-guide, and for Pacific Grove, go to pacificgrove.org. The link for Carmel is at the beginning of this column.

C.V. resources

Jennifer Roux, who owns the Chophouse and Roux restaurants with husband and chef Fabrice, is selling bottles of wine at the chophouse for \$5 apiece. “We are not doing food right now — instead, we are offering inexpensive wines to our community,” she said. “This is to make taking the edge off affordable. Feeling helpless, this is something I can do to contribute to my neighbors.” The Chophouse is located on Center Street and is open daily from noon to 3 p.m.

Across the street, Jerome and Jessica Viel are keeping their market well stocked and filled with necessities, as well as preparing fresh food for customers daily, and selling “meat lover’s boxes” for \$100 apiece. The couple also encouraged residents to patronize other stores and restaurants in the Village that are offering takeout and has a list at facebook.com/JeromesCarmelValleyMarket. Call (831) 659-2472.

“compared to other jurisdictions, we are doing very well.”

Santa Cruz County, with a population of about 275,000, has 57 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and one death. Monterey County has about 440,000 people.

The second death in Monterey County due to COVID-19 was announced this week, but Moreno revealed little about the person, including age, gender and city of residence. The health department has only said the victim was an adult with underlying health issues.

“If I provide any more information, the concern is their identify might be revealed, and that would impinge on the privacy of the family,” he said.

Ventilators and ICU beds

Meanwhile, the four hospitals in the county have 47 dedicated intensive care unit beds, though two of the hospitals said they have the ability to expand.

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula has 20 ICU beds, Mee Memorial in King City has four, Natividad Hospital in Salinas has 10, with capacity to expand that number to other areas of the hospital, and Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital has 13, but has also dedicated an entire unit with 13 rooms that could be used for COVID-19 patients.

As for ventilators — those expensive machines that more critical coronavirus patients need to breathe — three of the county’s hospitals have a combined total of 73 of them. They cost roughly \$40,000 each.

CHOMP has 21, and Salinas Valley Memorial has 45. Mee Memorial has seven, but has ordered another 20 because of the coronavirus threat, spokesman Spencer Critchley said.

Natividad Medical Center refused to tell The Pine Cone how many of the machines the county-run hospital is equipped with.

“Our ventilator supply is adequate,” spokeswoman Caitie Nolan said. “Like hospitals across the country, we are diligently working to procure more.”

However, most coronavirus patients in this county have not needed ventilators or to be placed in intensive care units. Most of them have recovered at home.

“More than 80 percent of COVID-19 cases are mild and do not require a doctor’s visit or hospitalization,” CHOMP spokeswoman Monica Sciuto said.

Predicting just how many coronavirus patients hospitals will get is tricky, but Sciuto said the hospital has a daily task force meeting where staff members assess what is happening in the county and other areas to help develop and implement “plans to increase our facility’s capacity, based on what the situation dictates, whether that be a gradual increase or a surge in new patients.”

While the hospital has not projected how many COVID-19 patients it could get, because there are so many variables, Sciuto said CHOMP has plans to address “gradual and immediate surges” of sick people.

The hospital has “had the benefit of early preparation and is using lessons learned from other states and organizations on best practices to handle a surge in patients,” she explained.

County health department spokeswoman Karen Smith told The Pine Cone that the county’s epidemiology team is working on a document that will project the number of coronavirus cases and deaths in the county. The information, she said, could be available by the end of this week.

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POLICE LOG

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TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident on Guadalupe north of Seventh reported a fraudulent credit card transaction.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property reported on Seventh east of Lincoln.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two men working for a construction company were contacted on Santa Rita south of Ocean and given a warning for soliciting door to door without a city business license. Forwarded to code enforcement.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported an attempted break-in at a residential construction site on Camino Real north of Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended cell phone found lying in the sand at Carmel Beach in the area of Scenic and 13th.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported receiving harassing phone calls from her ex-boyfriend regarding child custody. An attempt to contact the ex-boyfriend was made and met negative results. A voicemail message was left for the ex-boyfriend to call CPD. She wanted the incident documented and requested no further action.

Pacific Grove: Subject reported her vehicle on Central Avenue was tampered with.

Pacific Grove: A 41-year-old male was arrested on Sunset Drive for warrants and booked into Monterey County Jail possession of a box cutter at school, trespassing, possession of a controlled substance, and two counts of possession of unlawful paraphernalia, all misdemeanors.

Pacific Grove: Report for an outside jurisdiction regarding credit card fraud on Lost Barranca Road.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury accident on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Morse Drive was cited for a warrant and a suspended license.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lasuen resident

reported a peace disturbance involving a neighbor yelling at her through his window at 0050 hours. CPD units conducted an area check and did not hear any yelling. The resident called CPD two hours later reporting the same issue. CPD units contacted the neighbor, who stated he was sorry and would stop yelling and go to sleep. The resident called a third time reporting the same issue. CPD units responded and did not hear any violations. CPD tried to contact the resident by telephone but was met negative results. Two voicemail messages left requesting a follow-up call to discuss options, but the resident did not call back.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident on Lasuen reported his neighbor was threatening him and his wife. Resident had videos documenting the threats.

Pacific Grove: Report of a battery on Lighthouse Avenue at 0033 hours, with no prosecution desired.

Pacific Grove: Information report from a Wood Street resident about an internet scam.

Pacific Grove: Female reported that her elderly father received phone calls from an unknown person attempting to obtain social security, credit card and bank information.

Big Sur: Spousal abuse report at a location on Highway 1.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services referral at a Carmel Valley Road residence.

Pebble Beach: APS referral at a Sawmill Gulch Road residence.

Carmel Valley: A tire slashing was reported on Jeanette Road.

Carmel area: Deputies were dispatched to a report of a disturbance at an Edgfield Place residence, and a male was contacted.

Carmel area: Ex-tenant attempted to strike a victim at a Palo Colorado Road residence. Victim had a witness to confirm his story.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An 84-year-old male was arrested on Ocean east of Lincoln and cited for defrauding an innkeeper. After further investigation, the subject was placed on a 72-hour hold.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female lost her driver's license somewhere in town.

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There is no joy in Mudville — mighty baseball has struck out

THIS COLUMN was supposed to be about the opening of the 2020 baseball season, but the coronavirus has created a silent spring with no “thwok” of a ball into a mitt, no pop of a Louisville Slugger, and no impassioned decree from an umpire to “play ball.” MLB has joined the other alphabet sports organizations in suspending their seasons for an undetermined time.

Normally, spring without baseball would be like fettuccine without Alfredo for me, but I lost my usual enthusiasm for the game because of some incidents that have me rethinking my attitude toward baseball.

My antipathy for this season stems from how the Houston Astros bent the rules to win. Their shady electronic stealing of signs during home games in the 2017 World Series gave them a tremendous advantage over their opponents, the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Mostly wrong

Stealing the other team’s signs is part of the game. It was even something I tried to do at any game I attended. I tried to interpret the complicated signs the third base coach was flashing to the batter and base runners. There were times when I actually succeeded in guessing the sign and seeing my guess verified when a runner tried to steal a base or the hit-and-run play was put into action. But most of the time, I was wrong.

What did the Astros do? It’s believed that, back in 2017, the Astros had a team employee viewing a video feed of

the game to watch the opposing team’s catcher to try to figure out which pitch would be thrown. The Astros would then signal the batter that a breaking ball or some other off-speed pitch was coming. This gave the batter a decided edge. I remember the home runs the Astros hit during that World Series, even remarking to myself that it was as if they knew what pitch was coming. They did.

Cheating vs. betting

Recently, Barry Bonds said he believed he would never make it into the Hall of Fame. If Bonds isn’t voted into the hall within the next two years, he will be omitted forever — which is fine with me. How many of his record home runs would have fallen 5 or 10 feet short if he hadn’t taken steroids? If during his 9,847 trips to the plate, 1.1 per cent of Bonds’ 762 home runs didn’t clear the fence, Hank Aaron would still be the all-time home run leader.

It all comes down to whether Bonds cheated. Apparently many of the baseball writers who do the voting for the Hall of Fame think he did, as did the U.S. Congress, which investigated the use of performance-enhancing drugs in baseball. The result was the Mitchell Report, which named hundreds of current and former major league players who tested positive for steroids. Did Bonds cheat? The decision of the U.S. Congress to become involved in the matter forever branded him and other players as cheaters and dishonest individuals.

Pete Rose, on the other hand, who has been banned

from baseball for life, has asked for reinstatement, and baseball writers have tripped over their journalistic ethics rushing to support him, saying it would be a tragedy if the statistics of baseball’s all-time hit leader were never a part of baseball lore. Rose bet on games. He claims he never

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVAISE

bet on games his team was involved in. Baseball’s rules against betting are posted in English and Spanish in every clubhouse. There is no plausible deniability. Rose broke the rules.

Let’s compare baseball to golf. Truth, honesty and integrity are intrinsic to the game of golf. A golfer is not only a player, he is referee, umpire, official, linesman, or simply put, the arbiter of his own actions during a tournament. In no other sport where so much money is at stake do the participants act as both players and officials. There are numerous stories about golfers calling penalties on themselves — often over infractions that no one else witnessed — that led to their disqualification, often costing them thousands if not hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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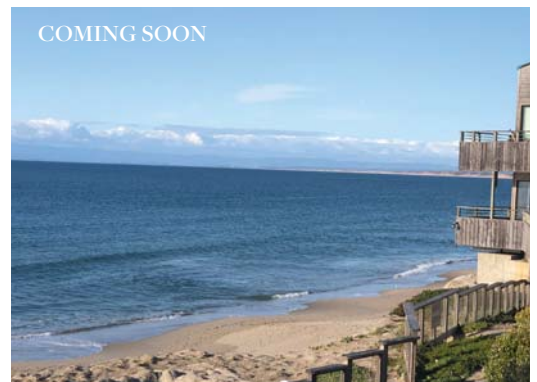
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ARTISTS

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said the past two years have been financially challenging for many of his local colleagues, who were “barely scraping by” even before COVID-19 hit.

“This pandemic really has me concerned that people might be even more reluctant to spend on ‘luxury items,’ even after the businesses open again,” said Turner,

who opened a small studio-gallery last year in a Dolores Street courtyard. “I’m feeling added pressure due to the fact that I’m the sole provider for my family. As an artist/gallery owner, I don’t have the benefit of unemployment income, but still have to pay rent and other business expenses while I’m closed.

“I’ve been doing my best to support the restaurants and small businesses in my own neighborhood, despite limited funds,” Turner added. “I hope artists will get some of the same community support when the galleries are allowed to reopen.”

William Hook, a Skyline Forest and Santa Fe resident, regards the current circumstances largely with a shrug.

“I automatically go into an election year expecting poor sales, just because every-

body tends to get nervous and becomes very conservative with money,” said Hook, who shows his work in Carmel at James Rieser Fine Art. “I’m trying to keep my mood up, but sometimes I have to say, ‘Get back to work, man ... let it go!’ and get back in the studio.”

‘Not all that different’

Most local artists say California’s social distancing edict has had only a minimal effect on their personal lifestyles. Solitude is a big part of their everyday routine under ordinary circumstances.

“We’re hunkered down, but that’s not all that different from any other day,” Blood said of life at home with Kersey. “We’re each in our separate studios, working, which is a very solitary thing anyway.”

Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation painter Kathleen Tarp said she recently sent a letter encouraging fellow artists to view “shelter in place” as an opportunity to create great work.

“I think we’ve been given an incredible blessing — none of us has to feel any guilt about staying home in our studios,” she said. “Think of all the masterpieces we might create if we use this time to make art, and support and encourage each other.”

Hook also offers an optimistic outlook. “People are going to come out of this, and when they do, a lot of them are going to look to the art world to make themselves feel better,” he said.

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GERVASE

From page 8RE

In my humble opinion, winning by cheating is exploiting those who competed in good faith, which crushes any self-serving justification for using steroids or breaking rules. A person can compete at a game, or cheat at a game. You cannot do both.

When asked about the penalties he called on himself, the great Bobby Jones said, “there is only one way to play this game.”

The Astros team was fined heavily. The manager and general manager were fired and suspended from baseball for a year. But none of the players who knew what was going on, and benefited from the cheating, suffered any penalties.

A few opposing pitchers threw at them during spring training and will probably

continue to do so when and if the regular season starts. Big deal. If the Houston players were golfers they would have penalized themselves, perhaps by a self-imposed ban from the game for a year — without pay! If I were an opposing pitcher, those Houston players would be sporting some baseball shaped bruises right on their cheating Astros.

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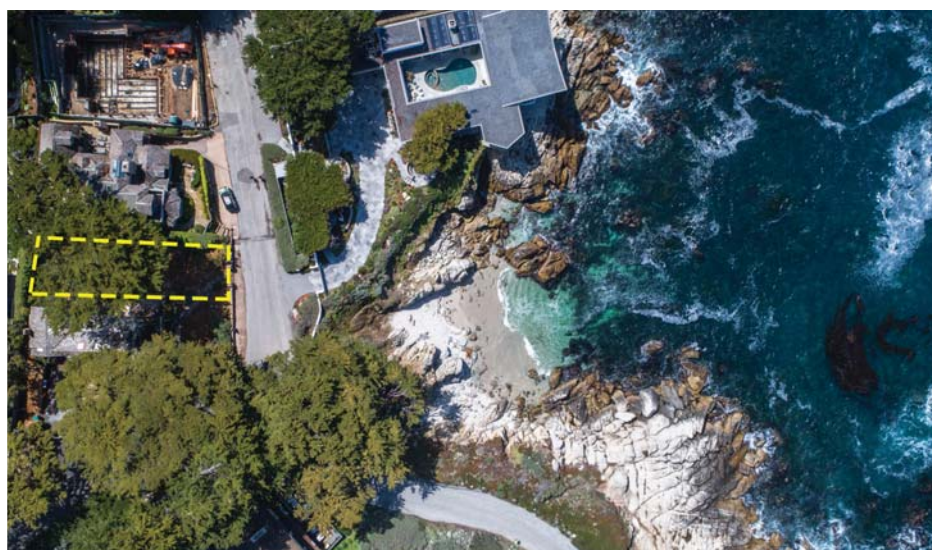
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