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Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It is a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

How Being American Shapes Us, and How America's Suburban Civilization Will Shape the World's Future

"Each personality is perpetually in the process of unfolding, of fulfilling itself through energy and exploration. Life becomes a journey...it is through our efforts to forge ahead that we discover who we are, what direction we are trying to travel, what gift we might have to share."

"There is an exalted noble dream of democratic greatness buried at the core of our achievement ethos. There is an optimistic faith in the basic goodness of every individual, and it will show itself when the obstacles to achievement are removed, when people are given a chance to bloom. As so many foreign visitors have noticed, we are a people with an unbounded faith in the true inner self, in our own essential goodness."

"The secret to American economic success is that we have millions of people in this country capable of devoting intensity to infinitesimally narrow product niches."

A 19th century visitor to America asked "Would anyone but an American have ever invented a milking machine? or a machine to beat eggs? or machines to black boots, scour knives, pare apples, and do a hundred things that all other people have done with their ten fingers from time immemorial?"

Excerpts from "On Paradise Drive", David Brooks, 2004
In the Manor Library

Building 16



Building 16



Building 15



WORK IN PROGRESS



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
 at 9:30 am

Please join this Virtual meeting via ZOOM,
 Hosted by Ken Johnson. Residents wishing to attend
 should contact Ken by email: kjohnson99@aol.com



LIBRARY NOTES

BOOKS SELECTED FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

FICTION

THE COLOR OF AIR***

Gail Tsukiyama

MIGRATIONS

Charlotte McConaghy

THE VANISHING HALF

Brit Bennett

THE WINTER SOLDIER

Daniel Mason

OFF BALANCE*

Mary Sheepshanks

THE DEEP END OF THE OCEAN*

Jacquelyn Mitchard

THE GHOST ROAD*

Pat Barker

Mystery

THE GUEST LIST**

Lucy Foley

TWO KINDS OF TRUTH*

Michael Connelly

DEADLY PLEASURES *

P. D. James

DEADLOCK

Catherine Coulter

THE WOMAN IN THE WINDOW*

A. J. Finn

Autobiography

**THE ANSWER IS...: Reflections on My
Life**

Alex Trebek

*Donation **MacCullough Fund *** Wagner Fund

DVDS CHOSEN FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

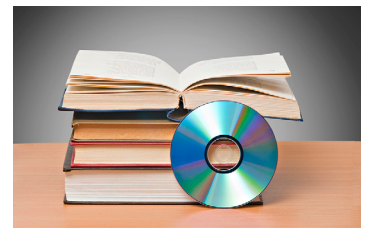
THE SOCIAL NETWORK

YELLOWSTONE (Seasons 1 & 2)

THE CROWN (Season 3)

PLANET EARTH II

THE TRUTH WILL OUT



NEW/SOON-TO-BE RESIDENTS

Sandy Storm
 Beverly Hamilton
 Martin & Karen Wiskoff

James & Betty Kasson
 Barbara Fowble
 Roberta Bialek-Elliott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/4 Harriet N.
 9/9 Marty R.
 9/10 Glen R.
 9/10 Carolyn S.

9/11 Laela L.
 9/11 Diane N.
 9/12 John M.
 9/16 Betty B.

IN MEMORIAM

8/22 Alice Stallard



REFLECTIONS ON THE FIRE

It all began at 2:21 am on Sunday morning August 16, 2020 with bolts of lightning bright enough to light up the Oakland Coliseum, followed by thunder claps louder than artillery fire that would waken Napoleon. There may have been 20,000 lightning bolts throughout California that started more than 500 forest wildfires..Before the infernos rested or were beaten back by determined crews, more than 1.6 million acres were burned.

Here in Monterey county, we had three major wildfires: the River fire near Salinas (more than 48,000 acres burned); the Dolan fire in Big Sur and the Ventana Wilderness (more than 20,000 acres burned); and the Carmel fire here in Carmel Valley (more than 6,000 acres burned).

Here in Carmel Valley we were placed in "Zone 21", and the closest active fire was on the Laureles Grade about 5 or so miles from the Manor. In Zone 21 we were in what was called an "Evacuation Warning Zone." This meant that we were alerted to be evacuated in approximately 5 minutes AFTER RECEIVING THE ORDER TO EVACUATE. We were to be ready to leave, with our GO BAGS, promptly after receiving the Order, which happily was never issued to us in Zone 21. Others in Carmel Valley were ORDERED to leave immediately: more than 20,000 residents were ordered to leave at once, including all of Carmel Valley Village. Some 50 residences were burned to the ground, but fortunately no fatalities or serious injuries were reported.

Manor residents were very fortunate: our management staff had worked out a carefully crafted plan for us in close coordination with fire and emergency service

agencies to look after us and keep us fully informed and confident about our risks and circumstances. Even without being ordered to evacuate, residents were free to leave on their own, and some residents did so. If residents chose to remain in place at the Manor, management had made arrangements for all residents at Hillcrest, the Health Center and Independent Living to be received at the nearby facilities of Canterbury Woods, Carmel Hills, Forest Hill Manor, and local evacuation centers.

Interestingly, residents who chose to leave on their own went to a variety of places including:

San Luis Obispo --Morro Bay --Lake Tahoe--Cupertino--Fremont
West Sacramento--Carmel --Monterey-- Carmel Highlands
Pebble Beach--Pacific Grove--Mission Ranch--Cypress Hotel
Naval Postgraduate School--Santa Barbara, and others....

The "All Clear" was sounded at 9 am Monday August 24, 2020, canceling all previously issued Evacuation Warning and Evacuation Orders. Air Quality was still not good, but the major fire risks were significantly reduced.

We residents of Carmel Valley Manor have a lot to reflect upon and be grateful for at this great place we now call home.

Marty Rosen.

We at Carmel Valley Manor live in an exceptionally beautiful place, as is evident every time we walk around our campus. Everywhere you look, there are striking plants and flowers, many with gorgeous colors, no matter what time of year. Our gardening team, well led by Gordon Dill, keeps our home looking beautiful always. Sometime it is not big like when the wisteria is in bloom, but there is almost always color within your view. You just have to look for it! Since I came to the Manor some years ago, I have periodically gone out to photograph the beauty that surrounds us in our little microcosm at 8545. With the Covid-19 pandemic I try to walk around our home several times every day, looking for pieces of beauty to photograph. Some of what I took several years ago are available as note cards for purchase in the R.O.S.E. Those and many others I have posted on the Residents' Website under the "Photography" menu. Hold your cursor over the box, and the name "Will Furman" will appear. Click on that, and you will be taken to a showing of over 30 images of our home. I continue to add images as I finish working on them and will do so as long as I live at the Manor. Our home is so beautiful! And we are so lucky to be here at this time in our history!

Will Furman



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