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MonteCito Miscellany

by Richard Mineards

Richard covered the Royal Family for Britain’s Daily Mirror and Daily Mail before moving to New York to write for Rupert Murdoch’s newly launched Star magazine in 1978. Richard later wrote for New York magazine’s “Intelligencer”. He continues to make regular appearances on CBS, ABC, and CNN, and moved to Montecito seven years ago.

Losing Our Sol

One of our rarefied enclave’s iconic watering holes, Café Del Sol, closed its doors at the weekend after nearly half a century in business.

The popular Mexican eatery, started by 79-year-old Jack Sears, was launched in the upper village in the premises of Pierre Lafond’s Wine Bistro before moving to its longtime location just a tiara’s toss away from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge.

“We couldn’t work out a long-term lease agreement with the new property owner, Rick Sanders, and the business needed a lot of financial investment to make it all worthwhile,” says manager and Jack’s heir apparent, Alfredo Arroyo, 51, who took over running the bustling spot in December.

“I think Rick wants to go in a different direction.”

Alfredo Arroyo, Manny Tellez, with Café Del Sol patrons Patricia Hines and Margarita Lande (photo by Priscilla)

Sanders, a former owner of the Hotel Andalucia downtown – now renamed the Canary – bought the
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VILLAGE BEAT (Continued from page 10)

School House Road for more than 40 years. In a statement she read to the MA board, she voiced concern over the placement of the cafeteria, which backs up to the property line that she shares with the school. “There is no protection of our semi-rural environment,” she said. She added that odors from the cafeteria, as well as sound from the amphitheater and sound from delivery trucks, would be a burden on surrounding residences.

Murphy said that other placement alternatives, which proved to be non-viable, were discussed for the building, which stands 29 feet high at its apex. She also added that 17 trees have already been planted near the dry creek bed that separates the two properties, in an effort to help screen the new building. “There will also be more screening added,” she said, adding that other neighbor concerns, including where the trash bins will be located on the campus, have prompted tweaks to the project.

Two major priorities of the MUS remodel are easing congestion on San Ysidro Road and having a more secure campus. Both main parking lots are being elongated, allowing for 70 cars to queue on the property, getting traffic off San Ysidro. A turning lane will also be built. The parking lot on School House Road, as well as the lot that runs through campus, will both be eliminated, allowing for fewer access points.

Other issues brought up at the MA meeting included water usage, historic sensitivity to the main building and the adobe on the campus’ south parcel (which is being converted to office space), noise pollution from the amphitheater onto the surrounding neighborhood, and delivery truck usage of School House Road.

If Measure Q passes, work on the project – beginning with the parking lots – is slated to begin the day after school ends in June 2015. The cafeteria is slated to open for the start of the 2016/17 school year, and the entire project will be finished by 2020.

Two community meetings are being held on Thursday, September 25, and October 10 to learn more about Measure Q and the project as a whole. Check out the ad on page 25 for details.

Diane Pannkuk Honored

In part for her 19 years heading up the Village Fourth Independence Day festivities, the Montecito Board of Directors recognized former MA president Diane Pannkuk with the title of Honorary Director. Pannkuk
Equestrian facilities at the sprawling estate (photo by Jim Bartsch)

long oak bar. Below it is a badminton court.

The large master suite has wonderful ocean and mountain views and features a fireplace, period decor, an oversized bath tiled in a deco motif, and a large dressing room with numerous built-in closets.

Given the drought situation, one important feature is its uninterrupted access to water via seven agricultural water meters and three water-storage reservoirs. The property receives 50 percent of a water diversion system piped directly into the reservoirs. The property receives 50 percent of a water diversion system from adjacent Romero Creek that is accessed via seven agricultural water meters and three water-storage reservoirs. The property receives 50 percent of a water diversion system from adjacent Romero Creek that is piped directly into the reservoirs. The property receives 50 percent of a water diversion system from adjacent Romero Creek that is piped directly into the reservoirs. The property receives 50 percent of a water diversion system from adjacent Romero Creek that is piped directly into the reservoirs.

There is also a five-car garage and an 11,250-square-foot covered riding arena.

Since Charles and Ann died, the family has maintained the property but hasn’t used the main house as a full-time residence. They are now selling, according to The Wall Street Journal, because they are spread out across the country and the ranch has become too difficult to maintain...

Read All About It

On the subject of our critical water shortage, local author Ann Louise Bardach has written a thought-provoking article in Politico Magazine on “Lifestyles of the Rich and Parched.” Montecito, she observes, has the geologic misfortune to have been built on land with precious little water – indeed, less water than any other part of the Central Coast.

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A fact to ponder...

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The enthusiastic follow-up to their best-selling previous book, The Ultimate Allergy-Free Snack Cookbook, the new title provides more than 150 vegetarian-vegan recipes made without eggs, cow’s milk, soy, wheat, peanuts, tree nuts, fish or shellfish – the eight most common allergenic foods, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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the years,” says Hillary. “In my eyes, they’re priceless. I didn’t want them ending up in the trash.”

Hawaii-based Jack, who recently performed at the Santa Barbara Bowl, was at the boffo bash, along with 90 of Hillary’s friends and fans...

Bravo for Avo

It may be nearly a month away, but the 28th annual California Avocado Festival had an early kick-off party and the unveiling of the event’s new poster by Tucson, Arizona, artist Charles West at the Union Bank in Carpinteria.

This year’s three-day Avo Fest is scheduled for October 3-5 with more than 100,000 people expected to invade the small oceanside town to go green.

West’s poster was chosen out of 21 entries by an eight-person jury.

Last year, the festival raised more than $70,000 split between 24 non-profits. This year’s chair is Eydie Kaufman with a new advisory committee consisting of Annette Fisher, Tom Cocha, and Stephanie Birch-O’Donnell.

As well as avocado beer, featuring cilantro and lime juice, brewed by the...
55-foot cruiser of Jack and Karen Byers.
Among those enjoying a day on the waves in impeccable weather, ending with a bountiful barbecue, were Bill and Trish Davis, Roger Chrisman, Terry and Pam Valeski, Patricia Hinds, Steve and Caroline Thompson, Sam Tyler, Victoria Hines, Candy Logue, and Alan Porter...

Great Taste
There was a great deal of food for thought when, for the second year, the 33rd annual Taste of the Town held its Connoisseurs' Circle separately at the El Encanto Hotel for 200 gourmand guests, 48 hours before the bustling sold-out Riviera Park Garden fest.
The tony hostelry's chef, Leo Andres Ayala, joined Sylvain Desbois, executive chef at the St. Regis Punta Mita Resort, a 1,500-acre paradise near Santa Barbara's sister city, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to prepare the three course menu of king crab ravioli, filet of beef with Pasilla chili sauce and spinach cannelloni, and brownie chocolate fingers, after cocktails and canapes around the Belmond hotel's lily pond.
All were accompanied by vintages from a number of local vineyards.

Thanks a Yacht
A tidal wave of generosity swept over the Santa Barbara Yacht Club for its 10th annual Yachts of Love regatta, which raised a record $175,000 for the Arthritis Foundation expected to raise around $140,000, a record for the Arthritis Foundation expected to raise around $140,000, a record...
Designing Woman

Catherine Gee, former head of the Arts Fund, has turned her creative abilities in another direction – fashion. For the past few months, the willowy beauty has been studying at the De Marcos Fashion Academy and showed the fruits of her efforts at a fashion show at the Orfaelsea Foundation downtown center, joining other designers, including Wesly Johnson, Danille Rocha, Susan Tompkins, Bridget Mitchell, Kevin Valencia, Joanna Reyes, Saul Olivas, and Kat Zisser.

“I like modern silhouettes and use a lot of silk in my work,” says Catherine, who garnered rave reviews for her designs...

Remembering Rivers

On a personal note, my late friend and colleague Joan Rivers, who was taken off life support at Mount Sinai, and colleague Joan Rivers, who was taken off life support at Mount Sinai, and colleague Joan Rivers, who was taken off life support at Mount Sinai, and colleague Joan Rivers, who was taken off life support at Mount Sinai, and colleague Joan Rivers, who was taken off life support at Mount Sinai, was a great favorite of the couple, even attending their wedding at St. George’s Chapel in Windsor in 2005. Through her friend, Robert Higdon, who was the head of the Prince of Wales Foundation in Washington, D.C., for 14 years, Joan enjoyed charity dinners at Highgrove, HRH’s country estate in the Cotswolds, and Clarence House.

Three years ago, she recalled the time she was with the royal tosmost and made a toast against all protocol, saying: “I just want to say this is for all you b.....s in the room who married your husbands for money: I know who you are and Charles knows, too, because I pointed you out to him,” leaving the royal hosts in fits of laughter.

Joan Rivers, an absolute hoot, to the very end....

Sightings: Actor Don Johnson checking out the scene at Pierre Lafond...Ellen DeGeneres shopping at Lazy Acres...Christopher Lloyd enjoying a java jolt at Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf

Pip! Pip!

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