

**BEST OF THE CARMEL POLICE LOG...**

Case of tortoise in street: Officer responded to a found tortoise in the roadway and was aware of a report of a lost tortoise. Owner was contacted. Tortoise was returned to a friend of the owner.

**Max's Helping Paws Helps Fund Vet Care**

**M**ax's Helping Paws Foundation (MHPF), a nonprofit that provides financial assistance for veterinary care in Monterey County, has awarded more than \$100,000 through its Chestnut's Crisis Fund. Launched when shelter-in-place regulations first impact-

vide help during California's COVID-19 State of Emergency, founders have extended the program and will continue granting money for as long as funds are available.

"We need to make sure we keep this program alive for those doing their best to

*Donors can support Chestnut's Crisis Fund and MHPF at [maxshelpingpaws.org](http://maxshelpingpaws.org).*

■ The Arts Council for Monterey County took its 16th annual Champions of the Arts Gala online in May, with help from a star-studded cast. G. Love, of the Grammy-nominated band G. Love and Special Sauce, and 11-year-old songwriter and racial justice advocate Naima Nascimento performed for the viewing audience. Renowned composer and pianist Philip Glass, Academy award-nominated composer Alan Silvestri and "Sister Act" star Kathy Najimy also made special appearances, along with jazz musician Kyle Eastwood and sculptor Richard MacDonald.

■ The Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS) has earned a School of National Service designation from AmeriCorps. The recognition goes to institutions that reward students for their commitment to public service through AmeriCorps programs. MIIS provides a 25 percent scholarship for on-site master's degrees for AmeriCorps alumni, along with additional scholarship and grant access. Each year, the institute welcomes 20 to 50 students who have participated in AmeriCorps, the Peace Corps and other service programs.



Photo: Courtesy of Max's Paws

**Milo, a young German Shepherd, received surgery for a broken leg. His medical treatment was funded by Max's Helping Paws Foundation.**

ed local workers in April 2020, the dedicated fund has since supported care for more than 140 local dogs and cats.

Though the fund was established to pro-

financially recover from the crises of this year," said Dyana Klein, who founded MHPF in 2016 with her husband and veterinary internist, Dr. Jonathan Fradkin.

**Dr. Fauci Speaks at Leon Panetta Lecture Series**

**D**r. Anthony Fauci opened the 2021 Leon Panetta Lecture Series. The director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases joined Panetta by video in March, speaking to ticket holders about COVID-19 and the United States' pandemic response. While he expressed concern about new variants of the disease, Fauci said that increasing vaccination rates will help move communities toward reopening and a return to regular activities.

Other leaders invited to speak at this year's events included President Bill Clinton, Vice President Dan Quayle, former U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill and former United States National Security Advisor John Bolton. The 2021 series, titled "New Leadership in a New Decade—Can America Be Healed?" explored current topics in the context of the country's political and cultural division.