

MB Fire to Hire Two Captains

By Neil Farrell

The Morro Bay Fire Department is working on the hiring of two new captains, as it gets closer to accepting a brand new fire engine to replace a 25-year-old warhorse.

Fire Chief Steve Knuckles said he's been using a team of six "acting captains" for the past couple of months to take the place of former captains George Rees and

can promote from within, that's the way to do it. That's best for the community."

The interviews could happen this week and he plans to have both new captains in place by April 1. If so, it would fill two gaping holes in the small department's management structure, one of which, Rees' position, has been empty for over a year, while Gailey's position has



Todd Gailey. The men rotate through every four weeks or about 28 days, he explained in an interview with Estero Bay News, for an update to the community on where its fire department stands as it enters 2019.

"It's great for them," Knuckles said, "because they learn more about the job for when they test. I consider it fortunate that we have six in-house people who want those two jobs."

He plans to pick a Top 4 and have them interview for the two jobs. "If I'm not comfortable with them," he said, "we'll open it up to outside candidates. But I'm confident we can pick two. If we

been open since last fall.

Readers may have seen news reports on TV in January of Gailey's troubles with the department. Gailey grew up in Morro Bay and had been with the department for about 20 years. The end came after about two years of a deteriorating relationship.

Gailey has appealed his firing and could get a hearing on his request for reinstatement sometime this summer.

Chief Knuckles couldn't comment on either of his two former captains, except to say that Rees was given a medical retirement and that the decision to fire Gailey was "one of the hardest things"

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Crime Related Injuries Reported in Los Osos

Last month saw two related injuries crime in the bedroom community of Los Osos.

On Feb. 23 at approximately 2:15 a.m., San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported stabbing in a residence in the 1200 block of 2nd Street.

When deputies arrived, they discovered a man who had been stabbed in the chest and was bleeding, according to Sheriff's spokesman Tony Cipolla. Paramedics were called and the victim was transported to a local hospital where he was treated for his injuries and later released.

Deputies and detectives then responded to the area of Santa Ysabel Avenue and 6th Street in Los Osos where the victim's car was located and began their investigation. At this time no arrests have been made.

On Feb. 15, a suspect was shot by a resident during what the Sheriff's

Office believes was an interrupted home invasion.

Sheriff's deputies responded to a call of a shooting in the 1300 block of 6th Street in Los Osos at about 2:45 a.m. When they arrived, they discovered a man outside the home who had been shot.

The man was transported to the hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

Detectives immediately began an investigation to determine the circumstances of the shooting. Officials believe the man had tried breaking into the home and the resident, Lt. Monica Ayon, a correctional officer at California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo, shot at the subject. Ayon was not harmed.

Detectives are in the process of collecting evidence and interviewing witnesses.

Investigations are ongoing in each case.

Los Osos Rexall Celebrates 40 Years

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

Photos by Dean Sullivan

In 1979, the Pittsburg Pirates won the World Series, the Sony Walkman debuted with a price tag of \$200, "That's Incredible" was among the top 10 TV shows, and, on April Fool's Day, Gary and Judi Tewell purchased Los Osos Rexall Pharmacy & Gift Store.

Today, the couple's son, Jason Tewell, Pharm. D, runs the business.

"It is the people of Los Osos and the community that we have to thank for still being here," he said. "They continue to support us."

In celebration of 40 years in business, on Friday and Saturday March 29 and 30, the store will donate 15% of all gift or card purchases to a Los Osos school of the customer's choice. There will also be coffee, product samples and snacks for customers to enjoy.

Jason took over the family business in 2010,



The Tewell Family
Taj, Lucy, Megan, Jeson, Gary and Judi

following the great recession that ended mid-2009. For someone not familiar with the industry, the financial climate might have made the decision daunting, but in the realm of locally owned pharmacies, economic struggles are common. Currently, the store makes an average of \$1

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City Flushes Out Sewer Pipeline Route

By Neil Farrell

The City of Morro Bay continues to flush out its designs for a new sewer treatment and wastewater recycling system, now having a clearer understanding of where key pipelines would be laid.

In February, the City Council got an update from its consultants, Water Works Engineers (WWE), who are designing the conveyance portion of the \$126 million overall project. WWE's contract is for \$1.35 million and its preliminary estimates for the conveyance portion comes to some \$21 million.

The Council was given some options, essentially either one massive pumping station on Atascadero Road or a 2-pump system with the first pump station at or near the existing treatment plant, and a second pump on Main Street or Quintana Road.

The difference was \$11 million for the 1-pump design, and the 2-pump option was \$8.4 million, according to the draft report. The 1-pump option also had higher operations and maintenance and

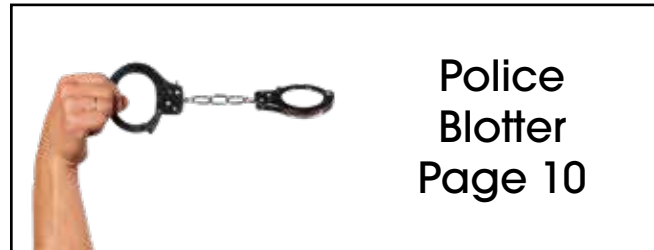
replacement costs.

The Council chose between five possible pipeline routes, as well, three of which would have crossed the city on the east side of Hwy 1; another that would have routed all the sewage up the Embarcadero and then up the hill through town to Quintana Road; and a "West" route running down the west side of the highway behind the power plant and out Quintana Road. This route was \$2.5 million cheaper than the next best one — the Embarcadero route.

The Council chose the 2-pump design, said Public Works Director Rob Livick, and the Quintana Road-West route. (Quintana Road businesses will be in a construction zone for several months, starting possibly as soon as next fall.)

That scheme would have a major pumping station built on a small, triangle-shaped property next door to the Lemos Feed & Pet Supply store on Main Street. That site for the pump station,

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Poly Names New Dean of College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Philip J. Williams, professor of political science and director of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida, has been named as the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Cal Poly, Provost Kathleen Enz Finken announced today.

Williams succeeds Interim Dean Kathryn Rummell, longtime chair of the English Department, who has led the college since August after the retirement of previous dean Doug Epperson.

“Cal Poly is excited to welcome Dr. Williams as the new leader of our College of Liberal Arts,” Enz Finken said. “Philip brings a deep appreciation for Learn by Doing and the important role the liberal arts play in preparing students for success, along with a strong track record of diversity- and inclusion-focused education and research.”

Williams received his master’s degree in Latin American studies and doctorate in politics from the University of Oxford. He is a native of California and received his bachelor’s degree in political science from UCLA.

He has taught political science since 1987, first as an assistant professor at Truman State University in Missouri from 1987-89 and as an assistant, associate, and then full professor at the University of Florida. He served as chair of the university’s Political Science De-

partment from 2004 to 2007.

“In Cal Poly,” Williams said, “I see a university that is intensely focused on providing a well-rounded, cross-disciplinary education and truly committed to making sure that opportunity is afforded to the broadest possible cross-section of California’s students.

“The College of Liberal Arts plays a crucial role in those efforts. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the college and eager to get to work expanding our cross-disciplinary efforts; enhancing hands-on learning and international opportunities; and attracting more faculty with diverse experiences to help prepare our students for success in the increasingly global and inter-cultural workforce.”

Williams has a long record of commitment to diversity and inclusion at the University of Florida, including his advocacy in support of undocumented students and his leadership since 2009 of the Center for Latin American Studies, a campuswide hub that leads and supports initiatives to increase academic engagement, research collaboration, and international education opportunities focused on Latin America and the Caribbean.

He also has led several interdisciplinary research and programmatic initiatives supported by prestigious fellowships and grants from Fulbright, the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Rockefeller Foundation, the United

States Institute of Peace, and many others.

His research has focused on issues of democratization, demilitarization, religion and politics, social movements, and transitional migration. He is the author/ editor of several books, including “Living ‘Illegal’: The Face of Human Unauthorized Immigration.”

Williams’ wife, Victoria Condor-Williams, is president of the Latin Women’s League and Director of the Gainesville Latino Film Festival, and his daughter, Daniela Williams-Condor, is a high school Spanish teacher in Eugene, Oregon.

Get Involved in Morro Bay

The Morro Bay City Council is embarking on an update to its strategic goals and objectives and needs community input to inform the direction of the City for the next two years.

Morro Bay began its strategic planning efforts several years ago in order to set a long-term vision for the City overall, and has slightly modified it over time. This year, with a new Council just recently seated, the timing is perfect to review high level goals to help align them with community needs and desires.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the goal setting process. Here’s how:

- City Council is hosting a Community Forum on March 1, 2019 at 4 p.m. in the Vets Hall (209 Surf Street).
- If you cannot attend, provide your thoughts about City goals on Morro Bay’s online engagement tool, Polco. Go to <https://polco.us/morrobay>, and click “sign-up” if you have not used the service before.
- Lastly, if you prefer, you can send your thoughts directly to City Council via email at council@morrobay-ca.gov.





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to \$2 per prescription.

“What people don’t understand is that we are under the same pressure every year,” Jason said. “Every year an insurance company pays us less and less. Every year, they are striving to push our patients out towards mail order or using a CVS or a chain pharmacy that they have connections with. They often do that with incentivized co-pays or narrow networks — telling patients that they can’t come here, calling them or sending them persuasive letters. So, we are always threatened by that kind of thing.”

To that end, Jason spends a lot of time writing elected officials, advocacy groups and regulatory agencies trying to get things sorted out and letting people know what is happening with insurance companies.

It wasn’t always like that. Jason first started working at the pharmacy at about 5-years-old.

“My father came to me and said, ‘Okay, son it is time for you to work. We are going to have you sweeping the parking lot and weeding.’” Jason suggested he be tasked with gift-wrapping instead, and judging by the size of the parking lot, he made a wise choice. He later became a pharmacy technician at the store before taking over the helm.

What is the key to success in a business that has to battle insurance companies, nationwide chains and online retail shopping?

“I think what has really set us apart is the ability to come out and make those connections,” he said describing his customers like family members. “Sometimes people come in and they have just lost their spouse and they just want to vent or they want a hug — it’s not always about the drugs and medications. Making those connections is what really has built me into this community. Now I am part of [the] family. I go to their house for dinner, when they lose a spouse, I go to the funeral, I go to weddings. That sense of community is such a great feeling. It feels like I am giving back and being able to help them.”

Over the years, those connections have brought

both joy and sorrow to Gary.

“One thing that really saddens me is that I grew up in an orphanage,” he said. “I never had parents like most people. Here, I have had so many moms and dads that have adopted me, and I’ve adopted them—aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters. The hard part is that you lose them over the years. I had an extended family here, and it made it fun for me. I loved them all.”

The pharmacy is more than a place to pick up medications, the business also hosts several social events throughout the year, often making use of the outdoor patio between the two building complexes where there is a barbeque, music and a professional putting green, with clubs, that can be used by their customers or anyone else in the mood to kick back.

Gary built the putting green one weekend with the idea of keeping male clients entertained.

“Men would sit out in their cars and beep their horns saying, ‘Come on you’re taking too long,’” he said laughing. “They could play out here while their wife’s shopped.”

And shop you can. A significant amount of the business’s customers come for the unique selection of gifts, which, currently, makes up about 50% of sales.

From the beginning, the gift end of things has been under the eye of Judi, who has a flare for creating different themed nooks throughout the store. She is semi-retired now, but her stylish touch is fully engaged.

“My mom still goes to the gift shows and is doing all my purchasing,” said Jason. “That is why the store looks the way it does. She really puts her heart and soul into it travelling all over the nation and finding these products — memorable gifts for people.”

From high-end purses to upscale-casual clothing to a kid’s department bursting with toys and games, there is something for everyone. Increasingly, locally made products can also be found on the shelves or nestled in one of the many creative displays including Harmony Ice Cream, Cayucos Hot Sauce, Paso Almonds as well as

local cookbooks and hand-crafted jewelry. Of course, it wouldn’t be a drugstore without greeting cards for every occasion.

Jason and his wife Megan live in Cayucos with their 3-year-old son Taj and 3-month-old daughter Lucy. Perhaps in the future, a third generation will take over the store.

“I love Los Osos,” Jason said. “I hope to be here for the long haul.”

Los Osos Rexall Pharmacy & Gift Store is located at 989 Los Osos Valley Rd, Los Osos. They can be reached at (805) 528-1017.



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Entertainment

Hello, Estero Bay! Paul Irving here. As a local musician, bandleader, and owner of Big Big SLO, I keep a sharp eye on the local music scene. With over 350 local bands and almost 200 live music venues throughout the county, it can be difficult to find the best events. Here you'll find "Paul's Picks" - my personal recommendations on which shows to see. Here are some upcoming highlights



Photo by: Alysse Gafkjen

Masters of soulful folk The Wood Brothers will be live at the Fremont Theater in SLO on Sunday, March 3, with Carrie Blanton opening the show. Touring in support of their 6th and most independent album they’ve done yet, ‘One Drop of Truth’, this show promises to deliver - big time. Doors at 7:00, Show at 8:00, and open to ages 16 and up. Tickets at FremontSLO.com or at Boo Boo Records.



SambaDá brings the Afro-Brazilian Samba Reggae Funk dance party to The Siren in Morro Bay on Saturday, March 9. These guys put on a great show, and it’s a “must go” for anyone who loves to dance. Tickets are \$13 in advance/\$15 at the door (if any left), and it’s 21+ only. Tickets at TheSirenMorroBay.com or at Boo Boo Records.

Grammy Award-winners LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO return to the Performing Arts Center with another joyous concert on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

No group is more closely identified with African song – some might say with world music itself – than this vibrant South African nine-member vocal ensemble. Since 1987, when they were introduced to mainstream America with the release of Paul Simon’s groundbreaking Graceland album, these African troubadours have traveled the world with the uplifting, polyrhythmic harmonies of their homeland.

The group has won five Grammy Awards, including Best World Music Album for their 2017 Shaka Zulu Revisited release.

A free pre-concert lecture will be led by Cal Poly language professor Brian G. Kennelly, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion.

Student and adult tickets range from \$19.20 - \$54 and available at CalPolyArts.org.



Fri., Mar. 1 • 7:00pm
The Buttermtones
Slo Brew Rock Event
Center
855 Aerovista Ln,
San Luis Obispo

Fri., Mar. 1 • 7:30pm
Faculty Jazz Concert
Cuesta College
Highway 1,
San Luis Obispo

Fri., Mar. 1 • 6:00pm
Resination
Baywood Tavern
690 Santa Maria Ave,
Baywood Park

Fri., Mar. 1 • 8:00pm
Shook Twins
The Siren
900 Main St, Morro Bay

Fri., Mar. 1 • 7:00pm
SLOfolks: Irish band
Réalta
Coalesce Bookstore
845 Main St, Morro Bay

Sat., Mar. 2 • 6:00pm
Amber Cross Live!
Baywood Tavern
690 Santa Maria Ave,
Baywood Park

Sat., Mar. 2 • 8:00pm
Cal Poly Just
Jazz Concert
Performing Arts Center
1 Grand Ave,
San Luis Obispo

Sat., Mar. 2 • 2:30pm
Cocktail Shorty
The Siren
900 Main St, Morro Bay

Sat., Mar. 2 • 8:00pm
Common Kings
The Fremont Theater
1035 Monterey St,
San Luis Obispo

Sat., Mar. 2 • 8:00pm
Damage Inc.
(Metallica Tribute)
The Siren
900 Main St, Morro Bay

Sat., Mar. 2 • 5:00pm
Miss Leo
Sea Pines Golf Resort
1945 Solano St, Los Osos

Sat., Mar. 2 • 5:00pm
Craig Ventresco with
Meredith Axelrod
The Beach Hut Deli
1240 Los Osos Valley Rd,
Los Osos

Sat., Mar. 2 • 3:00pm
The Royal Garden
Swing Orchestra
Branch Street Deli
203 East Branch Street,
Arroyo Grande

Sun., Mar. 3 • 3:00pm
Cal Poly Symphony
Winter Concert
Performing Arts Center
1 Grand Ave,
San Luis Obispo

Sun., Mar. 3 • 1:00pm
Mystery Brothers
Tribute to
Jim Ruddell
Ruddell’s Smokehouse
101 D. Street, Cayucos

Sun., Mar. 3 • 4:00pm
Symphony of
the Vines
Pear Valley Vineyards
4900 Union Road,
Paso Robles

Sun., Mar. 3 • 7:00pm
The Wood Brothers
The Fremont Theater
1035 Monterey St,
San Luis Obispo

Mon., Mar. 4 • 4:00pm
Beer at the Pier:
Code Blues
La Palapa
1346 2nd Street,
Baywood Park

Tue., Mar. 5 • 7:00pm
Cuesta Jazz
Linnaea’s Cafe
1110 Garden St,
San Luis Obispo

Tue., Mar. 5 • 5:00pm
FAT TUESDAY
Burning James
D’Anbino Tasting Room
710 Pine Street,
Paso Robles

Tue., Mar. 5 • 8:00pm
Louie Ortega
Cambria Pines Lodge
2905 Burton Dr, Cambria

Wed., Mar. 6 • 8:00pm
Blues Asylum
Blues Jam
Merrimaker
1301 2nd Street,
Baywood Park

Wed., Mar. 6 • 7:00pm
Twiddle with Iya
Terra
SLO Brew
855 Aerovista Ln,
San Luis Obispo

Thu., Mar. 7 • 6:00pm
Sam Riggs
BarrelHouse Brewing Co.
3055 Limestone Way,
Paso Robles

Thu., Mar. 7 • 7:00pm
Sam Valdez + Rodes
Rollins
The Siren
900 Main St, Morro Bay

Thu., Mar. 7 • 8:00pm
The Tempest
Performing Arts Center
1 Grand Ave,
San Luis Obispo

Fri., Mar. 8 • 8:00pm
36th Central Coast
Jazz Festival
Cuesta College
Highway 1,
San Luis Obispo

Fri., Mar. 8 • 8:30pm
The Bonneville
Phantoms
The Pour House
525 Pine Street,
Paso Robles

Fri., Mar. 8 • 5:30pm
Chris Beland
Branch Street Deli
203 East Branch Street,
Arroyo Grande

Fri., Mar. 8 • 8:00pm
DROELOE
The Fremont Theater
1035 Monterey St,
San Luis Obispo

Fri., Mar. 8 • 5:30pm
O’Donna
BarrelHouse
1033 Chorro Street,
San Luis Obispo

Fri., Mar. 8 • 9:00pm
The Radiokeys
The Siren
900 Main St, Morro Bay

Fri., Mar. 8 • 4:00pm
Ted Wise
Inn at Morro Bay
60 State Park Road,
Morro Bay

Fri., Mar. 8 • 6:00pm
Two for the Money
Baywood Tavern
690 Santa Maria Ave,
Baywood Park

Sat., Mar. 9 • 2:30pm
Back Bay Betty
The Siren
900 Main St, Morro Bay

Sat., Mar. 9 • 1:00pm
Cody Canada & The
Departed with Micky
& The Motorcars
Pozo Saloon
90 W. Pozo Rd., Pozo

Sat., Mar. 9 • 6:00pm
Dulcie Taylor
Baywood Tavern
690 Santa Maria Ave, Bay-
wood Park

Sat., Mar. 9 • 7:00pm
Matthias Clark and
The Soul Poets
Puffers of Pismo
781 Price Street,
Pismo Beach

Sat., Mar. 9 • 5:00pm
Rachel Santa Cruz
Sea Pines Golf Resort
1945 Solano St, Los Osos

Sat., Mar. 9 • 12:00pm
SambaDá
The Siren
900 Main St, Morro Bay

Paul’s Picks



Paul Irving runs Big Big SLO, the county’s most comprehensive guide to live music. Catch up with Paul at bigbigslo.com.

Events and Activities



JOIN THE SLO BOTANICAL GARDEN as they explore the art of pine needle basket weaving in the Oak Glen Pavilion on Saturday, March 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 3450 Dairy Creek Road, San Luis Obispo. Artist Elizabeth Bear will guide attendees through the process of creating beautiful, fragrant and sustainable pieces of artwork at this intimate workshop. Just bring sharp scissors, imagination and a bagged lunch, as Bear provides all materials and her masterful insight. Each participant will make their own basket and start a second basket to complete at home. This intimate workshop also includes a lecture on sustainable harvesting and tree kindness. Workshop is \$100 for Garden members / \$130 for non-members. Pre-registration required for the small class. For more information, contact education@slobg.org

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INTRODUCTION TO MEDITATION for Families with Julie Hitchcock will be offered from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Saturday, Mar. 2 at Awakening Interfaith Spiritual Community, 1310 Van Beurden Drive, Ste. 102, Los Osos. When we give our children the tools to experience a moment of peace, calm, and repose within themselves, the possibilities are endless. Our time together will include a short teaching on yoga and meditation, breathing practice, story time, and a craft to take home. The class is well suited for children of all ages, parents, siblings, and caregivers. For more information, contact, (805) 772-0306 or at awakening2theone@gmail.com. Donation based offering.

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JOIN THE SWAP WEED WARRIORS on Saturday, Mar. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon to do weeding, trail trimming and erosion control in the Elfin Forest in Los Osos. They perform other tasks as needed. Weed Warriors will be served home-baked cookies after the work party and new Weed Warriors will receive a Weed Warrior badge. It is important to arrive at 9 a.m. to receive equipment and instructions. The work party will be canceled in the event of rain. SWAP First Saturday work parties are held from 9 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of each month.

Dress for wind, fog, or sun. Layers work well. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and sleeves

and bring work gloves. Meet at the north end of 15th Street at the Elfin Forest entrance. Avoid

blocking driveways or mailboxes when you park. For more information, call 528-0392.



Artists Rosanne Seitz, Bruce Everett, Denise Shryver, Laurel Sherrie, Larry Kappen, Bernie Kurtz, Dennis Curry.

DON'T MISS SLOPE'S ONE ON ONE with the Plein Air Painters at the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History, 20 State Park Road, Morro Bay on Saturday, Mar. 2 from 1-3 p.m. SLOPE artists will be available at the exhibit "Flowing Estuary to Living Sea: Paintings by SLOPE" to answer any questions like; "How long did it take you to paint this?" Or to tell you fun stories of their plein air experiences. Plein air landscapes featured by Dennis Curry, Jan French, Sandi Heller, Larry Kappen, Bernie Kurtz, Mark Mertens, Tracy Paz, Denise Schryver, Rosanne Seitz, Laurel Sherrie and Mimi Whitney-Hafft. Emeritus Artists include Elizabeth Tolley, Karen Foster, Bruce Everett and Dotty Hawthorne. Don't forget to save the date for the closing reception Mar.30 from 1-4 p.m.

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THERE WILL BE A MARDI GRAS / Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 5 from 5-7 p.m. at St. Peter's by the Sea, 545 Shasta Avenue in Morro Bay. The meal includes flapjacks, sausages, fresh blueberries and real maple syrup. Pay what you can. All proceeds to benefit local charities!



PASO ROBLES YOUTH ARTS FOUNDATION (PRYAF) presents its first Wine and Design Fundraiser of 2019 the Shamrock Wine & Design Party on Friday Mar. 8 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All funds raised at the Sham-

rock Wine & Design Party support PRYAF's No-Cost Visual and Performing Arts Program for nearly 400 students each quarter.

Get set to join artist instructor, Kristen Pauls, who will lead guest through a fun Shamrock Brooch Project. Learn how to work with Polymer Clay, taste lucky local wines from some of our favorite wineries (2 pours included, additional glasses available for a \$5 donation) and enjoy delectable cheeses and charcuterie. Tickets are \$50 each and the event is for the 21 and older crowd. To RSVP tickets call 805-238-5825 or visit the PRYAF office at 3201 Spring St., Paso Robles or go online at <https://www.pryaf.org/tickets/>



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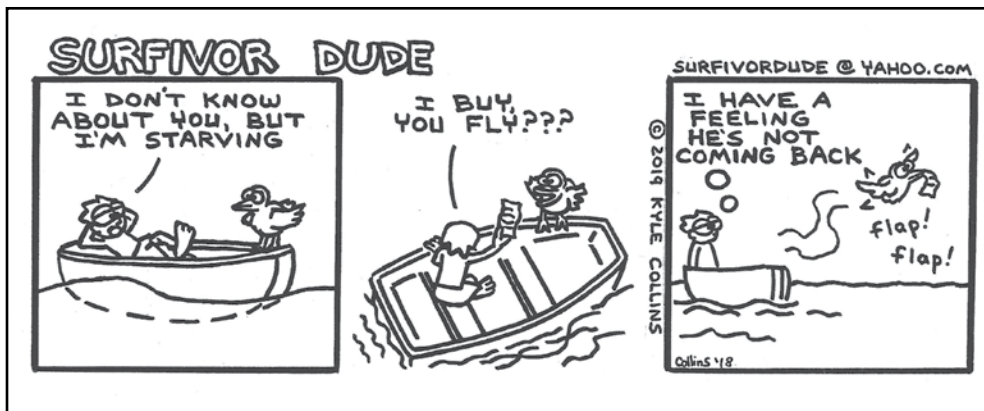
THE CLARK CENTER ASSOCIATION presents Masters of Soul on Sunday, Mar. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clark Center in Arroyo Grande. Masters of Soul is a celebration of the legendary songs and performers that defined Motown and soul music, an evening of endless hit songs by the greatest musicians of the era.

The ten-piece ensemble, consisting of six singers and a four-piece backup band, presents unforgettable classics by Gladys Knight & The Pips, Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell, Smokey Robinson & the Miracles, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Diana Ross & The Supremes, Martha Reeves & The Vandellas, Barry White, Sam and Dave, James Brown, and many more! For those who lived through those years, it is the ultimate stroll down memory lane. For those who missed out on those years, it's a crash course in great American music - a one-night party with the Masters of Soul. Tickets are \$39 to \$59 each and available by calling the Clark Center Box Office at (805) 489-9444, purchase in person at 487 Fair Oaks Ave., A.G., and online at: <http://clarkcenter.org/event>.

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"A DOOR CLOSED," the Central Coast Writers Conference teen movie will be shown on Wednesday,

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Mar. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Downtown Cinemas 888 Marsh St, San Luis Obispo. This film, written by 14-year-old Sophia Martino in association with the Central Coast Writers Conference Teen writing program, was created on a \$248 budget and nearly 14 minutes. It tells the story of a teenage girl coming to grip with her mental illness on her 15th birthday. Individual tickets for regular screenings will be sold at the venue on a first-come basis, for the Filmmakers of Tomorrow Showcase tickets are \$5 for general and free to students. Ticketing link is here: <https://slofilmfest.org/tickets-passes/>. For more information, contact Teri Bayus at centralcoastwriter-conference@gmail.com

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MORRO BAY ART ASSOCIATION will present a workshop, Dyeing Silk Scarves with Sharon Gellerman on March 8 from 1-4 p.m. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main Street, Morro Bay. Gellerman is a local artist who creates one-of-a-kind, hand-marbled, silk scarves and silk tallits. She has a fresh and modern interpretation of the classical art of marbling on fabric. Through experimentation with color, technique and dye, she has refined her style and designs. Her sense of art has been greatly influenced by memories of Israel and her love of the California Coast. These elements are reflected in the intricate patterns and vibrant colors of her textile designs. These complex designs and skillful use of color make each scarf or tallit a unique and wearable piece of art. Marbled silk scarves are made by layering colorful dyes onto a solution of water and cellulose. This process allows the dyes to float above the liquid. Using custom made combs or rakes, the layers of color are then manipulated into unique designs. When the fabric is placed on top of the composition and absorbs the dye colors, it transfers onto the silk scarf, creating the marbling effect. If you've ever wanted to make your own hand-dyed silk scarf or just want to see how it's done, this is the workshop for you. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members. For more information, email www.artcentermorrobay.org or call 805-772-2504.

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THE MORRO BAY LIONS CLUB and Foundation in partnership with the Del Mar PTA are hosting the annual Tunes and Noodles fund raising event on Saturday, Mar. 23 at the Morro Bay Community Center, 1001

Kennedy Way, MB, 93442. The purpose of the event is to raise funds to support Del Mar Elementary School's art and music programs and provide scholarships for Morro Bay High School students. This family event includes an all you can eat spaghetti dinner, dancing to the music of Burning James and the Funky Flames, kids zone games, silent auction, raffle, and door prizes. Beer and Wine available for purchase and there will be a Bake Sale. Tickets are \$15 for Adults (13+), \$8 under 13, under 3 FREE. Tickets can be bought in advance online at: tunesandnoodles2019.eventbrite.com. Tickets are also available at: Todd's Garage, Mike's Barbershop, Del Mar Elementary School (limited number at door). Dinner service (and take out) 5 - 7:30 p.m., student performances are from 6 - 6:30 p.m. and Live Music by Burning James and the Funky Flames is from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. The Morro Bay Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International. On a local level we have fundraisers to help support the needs in our community. We support educational opportunity and scholarships. In addition, we do vision screenings in the schools, eye care and eye glasses for needy children and adults in Morro Bay and Los Osos, among other projects.

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DON'T MISS THE FUN at the Los Osos Library, 2075 Palisades Ave. For more information about programming, call 528-1862.

PAWS TO READ -Fri. Mar 8 at 3 p.m.

There is an additional day for youngsters to read to an adoring dog, a listener of tales. It's happening every second Friday of the month. Ages 5 and older welcome. Free.

CRAFT KLASCH - Sat, Mar 9, 9:30-11 a.m.

This is an art program for adults. Create your own work of art using fused glass with instructor Sheri Klein. This month, space is limited and registration is required. No experience is required, and all materials will be provided. Let your creative side out!

HISTORIC LA LOMA ADOBE -Thu Mar 14, 6:30-8 p.m

Come and learn about the heritage of the La Loma de los Nopales Adobe in San Luis Obispo with local archaeologist Dr. Robert Hoover. The Friends of the La Loma Adobe and the City of SLO are working together to preserve this historic property.

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JOIN THE SAN LUIS OBISPO ROTARY Club at their annual Spaghetti-Western fundraiser at 5 p.m.

on Saturday, Mar. 23. This event is family friendly. Enjoy Cafe Roma pasta, top sirloin BBQ, wine & beer, country line dancing, western movies, sweet shoppe & cakewalk, carnival games for children, and a silent auction.

Silent auction items include Paso Spa and dinner package, private airplane ride and lunch, Magic Mountain & aquarium passes, golf for (4) at the San Luis Obispo Country Club, whale watching trip, dog training, a variety of SLO County staycation packages, and much, much more! The event is at the SLO Vet's Hall, 801 Grand Avenue in San Luis Obispo from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. The cost is \$25 for adults and children under 12 eat for free. All proceeds benefit local charities and scholarships for local high school and college students. Tickets are available at www.slorotary.org or at the door.

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EVENTS AT THE MORRO BAY LIBRARY Friends of the Morro Bay Library Book Sale takes place on Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ongoing Events

- **BOOK DISCUSSION** 1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:00-12:00: *3/6 Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan. *3/20 Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo.
- Toddler Story Time every Tuesday at 10:30 with Ms. Kaela
- **MAKE & TAKE CRAFT** every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m.
- **NORTH COAST WRITERS** every 3rd Saturday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **E-DEVICE HELP** with Diana every Thursday at 8:30 a.m.- 10 a.m.
- **BASIC COMPUTER HELP** with Debra every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 8:30 a.m.- 10 a.m.
- **PAWS TO READ** at 4 p.m. every 2nd Friday of the month.
- **CHAIR YOGA** from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday.
- **MEDITATION** from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. every Friday. Ruth Cherry will lead the 1st & 3rd Friday of every month. March 22 has been cancelled.
- **FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP** from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. every 4th Wednesday of the month.

Special Events

- 3/2 12:00 **TEEN BLOCK PRINTING**. Ages 10-18.
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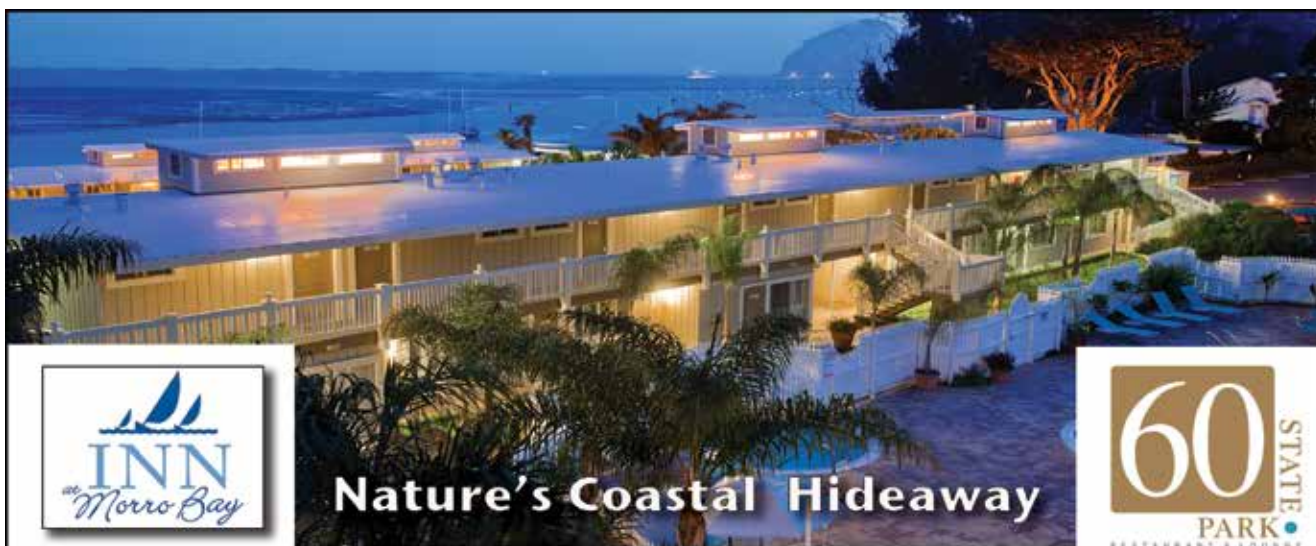
THERE WILL BE A COMEDY FUNDRAISER benefiting the FPC Montessori Elementary in Morro Bay on Sunday, Mar. 31 at the Siren in Morro Bay. The event features headliner Carlos Rodriguez, who does stand up all over the world and was the winner of the 2016 SLO Comedy Festival. Today he is headlining in Thailand. The feature act is Heidi Heaslet, who currently lives and performs in L.A. She is the creator and co star of "The Funny Dance Show" that will air on the E! Network this spring.

The host is DoBoy, who has performed stand up comedy all over the country. He was on MTV's "Wild N Out" with Nick Cannon for four seasons and has acted in small roles in various sitcoms and commercials. He has been the head writer for "All Def Digital" for the last 3 years and has put out several viral videos on social media that have accounted for nearly half a billion views. He recently started the "Righteous and Ratchett" podcast and is already approaching the top 100 on iTunes. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door

Tickets can be purchased online through The Siren's website, www.thesirenmorrobay.com.

Science Fair and Exploratorium

Monarch Grove Elementary School and the Monarch Grove PTA held their annual Science Fair and Exploratorium last Friday. The educational event featured more than 20 presentations by students, as well as other local organizations involved in the science field.



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Letters to the Editor

Don't Move Sewer Plant out of Town

As a resident of Morro Bay, I am greatly concerned and offended by the total disregard for the wellbeing of my fellow citizens by the mayor and councilpersons McPherson, Davis and Addis. Building the totally unaffordable and unnecessary sewer plant, out of town, behind the Casa de Floras and Bayside convalescent homes, not only places the very sensitive back bay and estuary at great risk, but also stands to do irreparable financial harm to low income families and retirees existing solely on a pension or social security. Raising the cost of the sewer by tens of millions of dollars, by moving it from its current location, could not only force low income people out of town, but could also cause them to make the difficult choice of deciding between food, medication or paying significantly inflated sewer bills.

But, more than just the residents of Morro Bay will be harmed. Many businesses will be harmed as well. Being forced to pay tens of millions of dollars in excess sewer and water bills will deprive the citizens of discretionary money that would otherwise be spent at local restaurants, gift shops and other retails stores. This will clearly be a significant loss of revenue to these businesses. I personally get tired of seeing citizens regularly attending the city council meetings and repeatedly telling the city leaders that they do not want the sewer moved out of town, and having their wishes and concerns fall on deaf ears. The city council members are supposedly elected to serve the public and represent the best interests of their constituents. It is very sad that these city leaders clearly care nothing about their constituents and, instead, focus only on their own personal, self serving agendas.

Mark Hanson,
Morro Bay

Curing The Violence That Ails Society

The trouble with living so long (I'm 90) is that you've seen the whole movie and not just come in after it was half over.

I read in newspapers, and on the Internet about the increasing rash of killings of innocent adults and children. I also read about all the explanations and accu-

sations spoken about as to the reasons — guns, knives, poverty, racism, unemployment, and political differences. But none of these reasons have any bearing on the problem.

I know how the problem started, and why it was started.

I was raised on a ranch in Susanville, Calif. From the time I was 10, I had my own rifle and access to about another dozen guns. Every other kid my age had the same guns. During my youth in Susanville, until I joined the Navy, not once was there an incident of a young person shooting another young person.

Actually, there wasn't an incident of adults doing that either, although there was one adult suicide with a gun. Also, all kids 6-years of age had their own pocket-knife. In elementary school we played, "Mumbly Peg" at recess, where we tossed a knife various ways and tried to stick it blade first in the ground. We weren't angels; we had our share of fistfights.

As I entered high school, World War II began. The State formed the "California Cadet Corps" for all boys in high school. We drilled with the old Springfield rifles from WWI.

Most importantly, we were shown films designed to train us to kill other human beings. The graphic films showed bayonetting, shooting and stabbing, as well as killing with your hands.

The problem the Army faced was that young people did not want to kill anyone, even the enemy. Yet, many of my classmates would fight and die on the beaches in the Pacific and Europe.

One particularly graphic film that I recall was entitled, "Kill or be Killed."

After the war, about 1955, television came on the air. TV was innocuous at first, and filled with sitcoms, but then changed to show more and more violence and killing. The movie industry followed suit with increasingly more violence and killing.

Soon there was no difference between the Army training films and the so-called entertainment industry. In fact the films became even more graphic.

This brainwashing has continued for 65 years and has been much more successful than the four years the Army had us in high school.

Now, the killing of another person is no longer a "big deal."

Who is responsible for this? We are. We put our desire for the freedom to see anything we wished above the mental health of our kids. Admittedly, we did this willingly. Nonetheless, we are the source of the tragedies we see today.

Unfortunately, the genie is out of the bottle and you can't put toothpaste back in the tube. However, we should recognize the cause and try to deal with the cause rather than accept the results of this tragic situation.

We must establish a system to identify, treat and change the aggressive attitude of mentally disturbed individuals and do not permit them to ever have access to a gun. The problem can only be solved by having reports from acquaintances or families of such individuals brought to the attention of the judiciary.

A judge could then schedule a hearing as to whether the individual is a danger to himself or the public.

This is much like a sanity hearing. Should the individual be found to be a danger to society, he would be restricted from having access to firearms. Anyone who provides these individuals with a firearm, either by choice or negligence, would be considered an accessory to any crimes committed by them and prosecuted as such.

Lloyd Lambert,
Cayucos

Welcome Back Estero Bay News

My husband and I were so pleased to see your newspaper. What a treat to have some unbiased reports from Neil and Theresa. Now the letters and police blotter will live on.

We don't know much about Theresa, but you have a real gem in Neil. He is funny and knows this area better than almost anyone. We were very worried that we had lost him.

The paper looks wonderful!! I love the article on "Dave" the hawk, the dispensary news and the new motel—heaven only knows Morro Bay needs another motel. But our city is all about "heads on beds" and as much money as we can get. Oh well, we now have a decent newspaper and that's a lot to be thankful for.

Thank you so much!

Ann & Ron Reisner,
Morro Bay

Sewer Route Will Create Traffic Problems

Traffic circulation between our communities is a lifeline for jobs, services, and tourism. Get ready for disruption: Morro Bay City Council recently chose a route for sewer plant piping that will impact us all.

The path the Council chose is under Quintana Road. Construction requires lane closures. The City won't guarantee keeping one lane open at all times. Eighty businesses face months of lost revenue: 10 chain stores with minimum wage employees and 70 "mom and pop" places. Loss of revenue may mean layoffs or going out of business. It has in other towns.

Piping under the Hwy 1 overpass at South Bay Blvd affects Los Osos commuters to SLO (which will increase traffic on LOVR), students to LOMS and MBHS, RV visitors to Morro Bay State Park, emergency vehicles to Bayside Care Center and Casa de Flores Assisted Living, and three mobile home parks' residents accessing their homes.

Then there is the tunneling under the Roundabout at MB Blvd.

Apparently, the County is giving up its right for a local hearing by agreeing to a consolidated permit hearing. Why, County staff and Supervisor Gibson?

Here's a kicker: the City expects the harmed businesses to continue to pay their outrageous water/sewer bills during this process.

Betty Winholtz,
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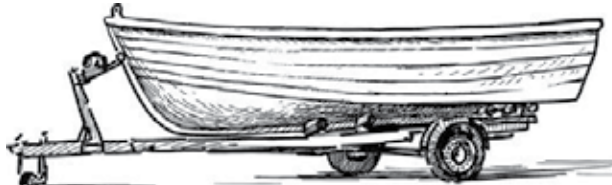

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History Revisited



The Merrimaker’s sign replaced the Boot & Spurs sign, after Louise and Warren Holmes bought the building in July 1953. The buildings on each of the three corners were built by Neil Wright in 1943. He designed them to look like boats with rounded corners and round windows for portholes. The story goes that he decided to build the bar first, so that when it was 5:00 and the work was done on the other two buildings, he and his men had a place to go wind down.



It is my pleasure to recognize a new friend of Friends of La Loma Adobe (FLLA), Antoinette Padgett, librarian at Los Osos Library. Antoinette has been researching the history of La Loma Adobe, at 1590 Lizzie Street, San Luis Obispo, and she has uncovered invaluable information for Friends. At her invitation, Friends will put up a display at the library. Jan French and Nancy Hillenberg, both members of Friends (FLLA), will set up the display of artifacts and history of La Loma Adobe ranch through the month of March.

Please join us on Thursday, March 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Los Osos Library for a presentation by local archaeologist, Dr. Robert Hoover.

Learn about the heritage of La Loma Adobe in Reservoir Canyon in SLO. The historic two-story adobe building on Rancho La Loma de los Nopales was owned and occupied at various times by the Quintana, Boronda, Delessegues and Munoz families before coming into the ownership of the Gregory Bowden family. Deeded to the City of San Luis Obispo, the building has remained in a state of slow decay, despite several attempts to restore it. Currently work on the garden has greatly improved the appearance of the property and plans are underway to



IMAGE: Oil Painting of La Loma Adobe from an 1890 photo. Painting by Joan Sullivan

repair the roof to protect it from moisture, the greatest enemy of adobe.

Friends of La Loma Adobe are cooperating with the City to accomplish this task. The lovely location and the architectural evidence for the expanding structure to accommodate its growing families make it a historic gem.

Dr. Hoover is a native of Berkeley and was raised in San Luis Obispo. He practices archaeology with his oldest son in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Monterey counties. He is a member of Friends of Historic Mission San Antonio and enjoys tending his native plants and succulents at home in SLO after retirement from Cal Poly in 1998.

He is a Board member of Friends of La Loma Adobe.

‘All of Us’ Concert Tackles Diversity and Inclusion



Cal Poly Choir

The Cal Poly Choirs’ Winter Concert, “All of Us,” is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, March 16, in the Performing Arts Center’s Christopher Cohan Center.

The concert theme is diversity and inclusion, and the program will include positive and uplifting musical selections. Works by J.S. Bach, Benjamin Britten, Moses Hogan, Jake Runestad, John Rutter and others will be performed. The concert will also include selections from the Tony Award winning musical “Dear Evan Hansen” and “The Greatest Showman,” the 2017 musical film.

The concert title is derived from the final movement, “All of Us,” from Craig Hella Johnson’s cantata, “Considering Matthew Shepard.” The work was composed on the 20th anniversary of the tragic death of Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming. The combined choirs — PolyPhonics, University Singers, Chamber Choir and the Advanced Women’s Choir — will perform the work. This will be the premiere performance of the Advanced Women’s Choir, which is made up of 20 advanced treble singers who perform especially challenging repertoire for high voices.

In addition to musical selections, students from the Theatre and Dance Department will present a variety of monologues highlighting various social issues.

Director of Choral Activities Scott Glysson conducts the choirs, and Paul Woodring is the accompanist for the choirs.

A silent auction will be held in the lobby throughout the performance as a fundraiser for PolyPhonic, which will be

making a spring tour of the Bay Area in March. The choir will give a concert at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco on March 24, and will perform at four high schools March 25-26. Audience members can bid before the concert, during intermission and after the concert on the items donated from local businesses.

Tickets to the concert are \$12 or \$14 for the public, and \$9 or \$12 for students. Event parking is sponsored by the PAC. Tickets are sold at the Cal Poly Ticket Office between noon and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. To order by phone, call 805-SLO-4TIX (805-756-4849).

The Music Department offers a 10 percent discount to patrons who buy season tickets to four of its events through the Cal Poly Ticket Office; a 15 percent discount is given on tickets to five or more events.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly’s Music Department, College of Liberal Arts and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 805-756-2406.

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Police Blotter



- **Feb. 10:** Someone got into a parked vehicle that a forgetful citizen left unlocked in the 400 block of Yerba Buena, which is no bueno. Police said the cretin left them no clues.
- **Feb. 10:** Police contacted a 33-year-old apparent regular customer at 9:30 a.m. at Beach and Market who had an invite from a judge. He was tagged and thrown back to live to flight another day.
- **Feb. 9:** Police caught up to a woman scofflaw (scofflette?) at 9:30 a.m. in the 200 block of Atascadero Rd. The 34-year-old was cited again and unleashed back on society.
- **Feb. 8:** And yet another model citizen was found at near midnight in City Park, who of course had a warrant. The 49-year-old fellow was roused, cited and released.
- **Feb. 8:** Police took a general report of property destruction that apparently occurred in the 1800 block of Circle Ln., Cayucos. On Feb. 6 they took a report of a suspected sexual assault that occurred in Pomona some while ago. That report was presumably sent to the Pomona P.D.
- **Feb. 7:** Police took a report for an alleged case of “illegal trash dumping” and trespassing in the 300 block of Fairview to send to the district attorney, however, logs listed the date/time of the offense as Dec. 24, 2019 at 3:54 p.m., no doubt a hint of skullduggery yet to come.
- **Feb. 7:** Police responded at 3:05 p.m. to a report of a disorderly woman at a rest home in the 1400 block of Teresa Dr. A 26-year-old hellion was arrested for suspicion of being schnocked and checked into the County rest home to sleep it off.

- **Feb. 7:** Police responded to the 700 block of Embarcadero at 2:20 a.m. where they towed off an offending vehicle parked in one place too long.
- **Feb. 6:** Police got a report of a minor traffic accident at 4:39 p.m. on Harbor Street. No juicy details were released.
- **Feb. 6:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at the suspect time of 3:49 a.m. on Hwy 1 at Yerba Buena. Logs indicated the woman driver, 31, was arrested for allegedly giving the cops a fake name and thus obstructing the officer, but that stands to reason, as she had outstanding warrants, too.
- **Feb. 5:** Police contacted some squirrel, 29, in the 900 block of Pacific with a no bail warrant. He went to the nuthouse.
- **Feb. 5:** Police contacted another night owl hootin’ about at 2:11 a.m. in the 1900 block of Main. The citizen of the year, 29, was arrested for suspicion of possessing methamphetamine and also a crack pipe, and violating a court order to straighten up and fly right.
- **Feb. 4:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 11:51 p.m. at Pacific and Kings. The woman driver, 27, was arrested for suspicion of driving sideways.
- **Feb. 4:** Police responded to the 2800 block of Cedar where a woman told them some unknown fraud opened credit card accounts in her name at both Walmart and Target and has charged up a bunch of crap at both stores. A detective will get back to her.
- **Feb. 4:** Logs indicated police got a report of suspected child abuse via fax machine.
- **Feb. 4:** Someone found an undisclosed amount of money at Albertson’s Market apparently just lying on the ground and gave it to police to see if anyone misses it.
- **Feb. 3:** Police responded to a car crash at 7 p.m. at South Bay and Quintana. Logs indicated one driver, 62, was arrested for being a tad piflicated behind the wheel.
- **Feb. 3:** Police towed off two cars parked for too long in the 300 block of Surf St. They also towed off a black utility trailer parked at Hillcrest and Radcliff and another orphaned vehicle off the 2800 block of Alder.

- **Feb. 1:** Police responded to a disturbing inebriate report at 10:30 p.m. lights and siren to The Siren in the 900 block of Main. Logs indicated a 48-year-old imbibler had allegedly threatened the staff, and then got into it with police after they determined he was rat-arsed and headed for the iron bar hotel. The 48-year-old ruffian was pinched for suspicion of assaulting an officer, resisting arrest and being pie-eyed and thus unable to care for himself. He was tossed to the nick and put out of our misery.
- **Jan. 30:** A man turned in some ammunition he’d found while cleaning out his deceased grandpa’s garage, a case of no tellin’ what the old boy’s got stashed.
- **Jan. 30:** Police stopped a probationer driving at 12:17 a.m. in the 900 block of MBB and the driver, 39, of course had a warrant, and when they searched him, allegedly found meth on his person. He was taken to the County sober living center.
- **Jan. 29:** Police stopped a car at 9:10 p.m. at Main and San Jacinto. Logs indicated the woman driver, 34, had a suspended license and was also allegedly high on illegal drugs. Her passenger, 31, was also allegedly blasted on drugs. He and she both were checked into the most expensive hotel in the county.
- **Jan. 29:** Police contacted another familiar face at 8:08 p.m. at Rite Aid. The 48-year-old Humunculus was cite-released.
- **Jan. 29:** Police responded at 7:19 a.m. to the 800 block of Embarcadero where a 48-year-old man said he was jumped by three men and robbed in the 900 block of Morro. Police sent their report to the D.A.
- **Jan. 28:** Police responded to the 1100 block of Allesandro at 10:30 p.m. to hook up a 32-year-old fellow with a felony arrest warrant. Logs indicated a woman at the location had two warrants of her own and police allege she was also high on drugs and in possession of meth and paraphernalia. Bungle and Clod were checked into the no-star Parkinson Plaza.

Bay Osos Kiwanis BBQ

Tri-tips will be sizzling on St. Patrick’s Day, Sunday, March 17th, as the Kiwanis Club of Bay-Osos fires up the barbecue in the parking lot of Ralphs Supermarket in Los Osos. A thirty-five dollar donation to the club’s Administrative Fund will buy a whole cooked Tri-Tip and a loaf of luscious oven-ready garlic bread. Pick up will be available from Noon to 3:00 p.m. Advance tickets are recommended. They can be purchased from

any Kiwanis member or ordered by phone at (805) 440-2877. Donations to the Administrative fund are not tax deductible. The fund’s covers operating and business expenses that keep the club available for the community service projects it provides in Los Osos and Morro Bay. Further information about the Kiwanis Club of Bay-Osos may be found on their Facebook page: Kiwanis-Club-of-Bay-Osos. We meet on Wednesdays at noon at Jimmy Bump’s Pasta House in Los Osos.

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1	SC18293474	S	SFR/D	424	Harvey ST	HRBY	HRBY	STD	\$599,000	\$376.25	3/2,0,0,0	1592/A	1988/PUB	2,400/0.0551	N	2	02/15/19	34/34
2	PE18293399	S	SFR/D	460	Los Osos Valley RD	OSOS	OSOS	STD	\$725,000	\$465.34	3/1,1,0,0	1558/AP	2018/BLD	10,224/0.2347	N	2	02/15/19	19/10
3	SC18152132	S	CONDO/A	735	Elroy #2	HRBY	HRBY	STD	\$898,000	\$403.39	2/2,0,1,0	1475/A	1993/AGR	1,477/0.0339	N	2	02/19/19	109/102
4	SP18296133	S	DPLX/A	1919	12th ST	OSOS	OSOS	STD	\$600,000	\$302.11	5/3,0,0,0	1986/A	1978/PUB	6,250/0.1435	N	2	02/19/19	18/202

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1	SC18084242	S		0	Pecho Valley RD	OSOS	OSOS	STD	\$850,000	\$0.42	/		2,047,320/47		02/11/19	235
2	SC19025905	S		1501	8th ST	OSOS	OSOS	STD	\$78,000	\$8.32	/		9,375/0.2152		02/21/19	2

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Community

Club Seeks to Break Social Stranglehold

By Neil Farrell

A pair of local men are starting a new business designed to break the hold social media has on people's business and personal interactions, and help Morro Bay realize its untapped potential.

Isaac Horton and Morgan Wise, who both grew up in Morro Bay, are launching the "Morro Bay Social Club," a membership based, non-profit and will hold their first gathering on March 30, in what promises to be a unique and fun experience for folks who turn out.

"The impetus for this," Horton says, "is the current state of socialization, especially with young people today, and how social media is almost the only thing allowed for interacting with each other. People are too focused on social media as their primary way to get together."

Their goal, he adds, is to provide a platform to support new ideas and fight the hypocrisy of the world, especially with business.

"Our goal," Wise says, "is to increase business vitality and social vitality."

Their vision for the Social Club aligns well with existing service organizations like Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce, they say, but they also see a real need for the younger generation to get involved in their community.

They see several areas where Morro Bay, with its very conservative nature, falls short of its potential. "Morro Bay has an amazing framework," Wise says, "but it's underutilized."

Both note that growing up they remember a more vital city, for example the Harbor Festival, which they describe as being the happening event in town that local residents looked forward to. But now has dropped from a 2-day celebration of the town and reunion of sorts for locals that drew upwards of 20,000 people, to now a shadow of what it once was.

Horton says another thing they are working on is to start a summer concert series, similar to the events held in San Luis Obispo's Mission Plaza and the Village in Arroyo Grande.

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Sip, Don't Shoot at Foggy Bottom Distillery

By Theresa-Marie Wilson
Photos by Dean Sullivan



Antoinette Weldon, Joshua Schroeter, Todd Robertson, Tyler Weldon enjoy a round of whiskey at Foggy Bottom Distillery.

Whiskey enthusiasts who like it smooth and full-flavored with nuanced aromas should add a tasting at Foggy Bottom Distillery in Los Osos to their list of places to check out.

Upon entering the swinging doors of the corrugated steel exterior, the distinc-

tive smell of fermenting mash is the first thing that hits you—in a good way.

Although Foggy Bottom only seats about 15 people, the volume goes up as the spirits go down, making it almost impossible not to meet new people in the lively atmosphere.

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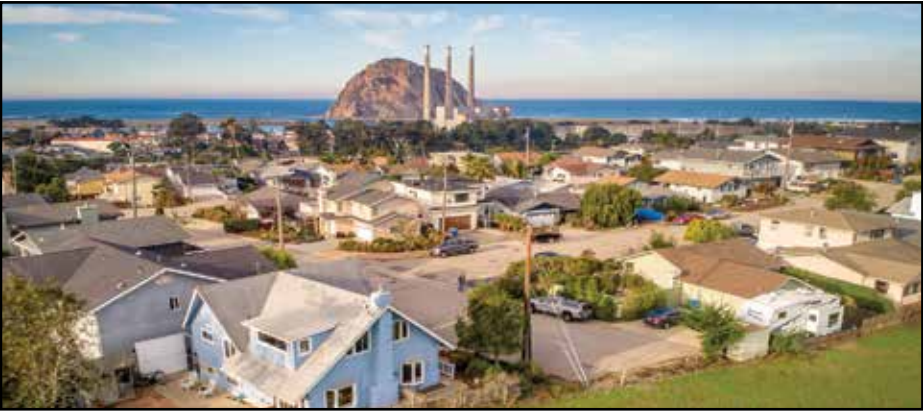


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“Every town in this county has a concert series,” Horton points out, “except Morro Bay.”

They believe that City rules and ordinances, like noise ordinances, are counterproductive and too limiting, reflecting just one side of the issue, the people who complain, but ignoring the people most affected by it, like musicians and businesses.

“We want to give the community what it’s lacking,” Horton says. “Our goal is economic vitality and highlighting what’s needed.”

Their March 30 gathering, slated now for the former Off the Hook Restaurant space on the Embarcadero, will feature live music and dancing with “Izara, Samba Loca, The Bogeys and an awesome local jazz ensemble who will finish the night off and leave you wanting more,” reads a news release about the party, which is slated to run from noon to 9 p.m. Among the more interesting aspects of the kick-off party is an Embarcadero skate takeover. Everyone is being invited to bring their roller skates (or skateboards) with them for a skate up and down the waterfront starting at 3 p.m.

Horton and Wise are surprised at the great response they are getting to this skate takeover idea, with lots of interest from the skateboarding community and even a local women’s roller derby team.

They hope to grow the Social Club to 100 members and more so they can obtain a liquor license from the

State and become an organization like the yacht club, with a healthy membership and regular clubhouse for their gatherings.

Horton explains that getting the alcohol permit won’t mean the Social Club turns into a drinking club. “It’s really about the [business and social] networking and business cooperation.”

They like the Off the Hook site, Wise says, because “it matches our conceptual ideas for water-related events, like paddle races.”

Both believe the town’s focus has moved too far away from the harbor, which they see as having the most untapped potential of all.

They’re hoping the kick off party will help them make some business connections as well, to help them further along their concept. They need legal advice and financial help and are leaning towards establishing a non-profit foundation with the Social Club.

Wise describes their efforts as “baby steps” and laying groundwork for what the Social Club would evolve into five to 10 years in the future. “We want to be the ‘Chamber of Commerce of fun,’” Wise adds.

The March 30 event is free and open to the public. For more information, see the website at: <https://morrobaysocialclub.com>, email them at morrobaysocialclub@gmail.com or call (805) 635-7958.

he’s gone through as Chief, second only to the death of longtime reservist, Graham Pask.

“Fire captains are the most important jobs in our department,” he explained. “They lead the crews on their shifts and are the first people members of the public meet, often when they are at difficult times in their lives.”

“A captain has to be a leader first,” he said, “and has to put the interests of his community before his — or hers — though I don’t have any ‘hers’ right now.” The lone woman in the department is administrative technician, Dawn McLean.

And should the captain spots be filled from within, that would open up one more firefighter position, which he could fill from the ranks of the 14 reserves he currently has. After Rees left, Knuckles said he hired Sam Watson as a firefighter-paramedic from the reserve corps.

Of note, the chief said he’s authorized to have 20 reserves and if anyone is interested they should come to the firehouse on Harbor Street and learn about the position. It’s really the only way to get a fire department job.

The department is also awaiting the arrival of a new fire engine that was ordered last September at a cost of \$678,000 and is being custom built by Pierce Manufacturing, of Appleton, Wis.

It will replace Engine 5391, purchased in 1994 and which has been in service for more than 25 years, answering some 39,000 calls. Chief Knuckles said he allowed it to go past the normal 20-year life span for fire

engines, because it was still testing well and it passed inspection. But a couple of years ago, it blew the engine, which cost some \$25,000 (the truck’s engine also runs its pumps).

It’s a European design called, “pump-under-cab” configuration, which allows for a shorter wheelbase and thus a tighter turn radius suited for Morro Bay’s narrow streets, and allows for more storage space for the various equipment they have to take with them on every call.




In 2019, Chief Knuckles wants to continue with some of the other aspects of the department such as Community Emergency Response Team or CERT training. He said they’ve now had some 1,200 local residents go through the training, which is designed to prepare a person to survive for 72 hours after a natural disaster and “teaches them how to take care of yourself and others in an emergency.”

He’s also planning to conduct another community health clinic sometime in April or May. The clinics bring in doctors and health professionals to the firehouse where residents who can’t afford health care can come in and be seen by a doctor or nurse.

“Lots of working families in the community don’t have proper health care,” he explained. French Hospital, the Noor Foundation, local churches, and others have partnered with the fire department in the clinics and Chief Knuckles said he’s looking for others to participate as well. Their last clinic was in October and they had hundreds of people come.

He added that the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) has as one of its ideals, using places like firehouses to be a sort-of first line on health care for people. “That’s why we put in the triage room in the new station,” he explained.

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which would drop some 30 feet underground, is already owned by the City, and Livick said that played some part in choosing it over an alternate site — a vacant lot next door to Couch Potato furniture store on Quintana.

Also, an existing but unused forced main pipeline that runs from Lift Station 2 (LS-2) through the Power Plant property to Main Street would be rehabbed and returned to service. LS-2 lies under the Front Street parking lot on the waterfront.

Livick said that was part of an effort to reuse existing infrastructure as much as possible. Also they'll reuse Lift Station 3, which is near the intersection of South Bay and Quintana. Livick said they would reverse the direction of that pump and use it to give the sewer flow a final push uphill to the plant site.

LS-2 services all of the Embarcadero, and most of the Downtown and Morro Heights neighborhoods, roughly half the sewage flow in town.

The pumps will have a monumental task. The conveyance system starts at 18-foot elevation on Atascadero Road, crosses Morro Creek at the Lila Keiser Park footbridge, connects to the new pump station by Lemos, goes up Quintana and skirts past the Roundabout, rising to some 155 feet on Quintana, and then drops down to about 18 feet again at South Bay Blvd. There it crosses under Hwy 1 on South Bay, and rises again to the final elevation of 144 feet at the treatment plant. The overall length is about 17,000 feet or some 3.3 miles.

The main, 16-foot wide and about 5-foot deep trench would have two, forced main pipelines of 12-inch and 16" diameters, and a 16" dia., return line for brine (the unusable portion of the treatment process).

The brine pipeline will return to the Atascadero Road plant site and connect with the existing ocean outfall disposal line. That pipe is large because it may also be used for disposal of treated recycled water during the rainy season, when high ground water won't allow injection into the ground. (The Cayucos Sanitary District also plans to use the ocean discharge for its new treatment/recycling system.)

A so-called "Indirect Potable Recharge" or IPR water line would be run in a separate trench along the same Quintana route.

But that line would turn right on Atascadero Road (Hwy 41) and go up to a road that runs along the western edge of the Silver City RV Park, about three blocks.

Livick said their injection wells would be installed somewhere in the area behind the RV park.

"With the IPR line," he said, "we have some flexibility as to where the injection wells would be located. Ideally, would be in City owned property or a right of way but we don't have a lot of property in that area, so it's possible we'll have to acquire some property."

GSI Water is working on this part of the project, he said, adding that they don't want to cross Morro Creek with that water line. (Crossing the creek could trigger a separate permit process with State Fish & Wildlife and Army Corps of Engineers, possibly other agencies, too.)

Of note, the \$21 million conveyance system estimate doesn't include the injection wells.

On another front, the City has hired a firm to do an appraisal on the 27.6-acre site for its treatment plant to arrive at a final purchase price. Initially, the announced price was some \$300,000 but the appraisal will set the

final price.

The City also agreed to petition the Local Agency Formation Commission or LAFCO, to have the whole, 400-acre "Tri-W" parcel included into a new sphere of influence after LAFCO stripped the City of its sphere of influence back in 2007.

The sphere of influence is the area at the outskirts of a city that could be incorporated into the city limits potentially for future growth. The plant site property would be incorporated into the City Limits. But Livick said they have not yet made those applications to LAFCO.

As to permitting, the City is planning to have the Coastal Commission take over the coastal development permitting process, slated to begin in April. Livick said they hope to have permits in hand by September to avoid "cost escalations."

The contract with its design/build firm, a limited partnership between Black & Veatch and Filanc, has a guaranteed price was for some \$69 million, but that guaranteed price expires in October — one year after the contract was awarded — and a new price could be expected to be higher.

Next up will be a presentation on the conceptual engineering report and potential change orders to the Water Reclamation Facility Citizen Advisory Council on March 13 (or 14). Then the Citizen's Finance Advisory Committee gets it on March 19 and the City Council will get the update at its March 26 meeting.

All the project documents get posted on the City's website, see: www.morrobayca.gov.

Morro Bay Chamber Ribbon Cutting



Tacos el Viejon opened its doors at 2780 Main Street in Morro Bay on Feb. 25. The restaurant is owned and operated by Maria Gonzalez, with Carla, and Gonzalo on deck. They are open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Currently, they accept cash payments only, but will accept credit cards in the future. They can be reached at 805-225-1559.

Seminar on Soil Nutrition at Cal Poly

Cal Poly's Center for Sustainability will host a lunch-time seminar, "Nutrient Logic for Soil Health: Managing nutritional programs in declining soil and water conditions," featuring Steve Trotter on Tuesday, March 12 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in San Luis Obispo.

Soil plays a critical role in plant health and immunity. One of the best tools for promoting soil health is an understanding of soil nutrition. The presentation will provide a fascinating look at basic factors involved in appropriate nutrient management to improve soil function, and include topics such as: supporting soil biomass function, identifying limiting factors such as soil physical properties critical nutrient relationships, and biostimulant and catalyst tools.

Trotter is an independent researcher for agriculture and turf, and consultant for Agroplasma. His presentation will be followed by a group discussion with ample

time for audience questions.

The seminar takes place at the UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way and is being co-hosted by Dr. Surendra Dara, UC Cooperative Extension Advisor for entomology and biologicals and co-sponsored by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

This will be a free, brown bag event — bring your lunch, soil questions, and a friend. All are welcome to attend, but registration is requested. RSVP at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nutrient-logic-for-soil-health-tickets-57039097476>

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March 4
Morro Bay: Geology and the
Dynamics of Change - John McCabe

John McCabe discusses how and when the morros and Morro Bay were formed and the geologic processes that have shaped the coast, the sand spit, and the estuary. He will also summarize the area’s tsunami risk and describe the diverse ecosystems that inhabit the bay.

McCabe lectures frequently on the geology and natural history of the Central Coast to organizations throughout the area. He has a bachelors degree in engineering from Saint Louis University and masters from the University of Arizona.

March 11
Architect Julia Morgan, Designer of Hearst Castle -
Victoria Kastner

During her long career, talented architect Julia Morgan designed an impressive total of more than seven hundred buildings. Author and lecturer Victoria Kastner will provide a behind-the-scenes look at Julia Morgan’s three local buildings: Hearst Castle in San Simeon, the Minerva Club in Santa Maria, and the Monday Club in San Luis Obispo.

Kastner was Hearst Castle’s official historian for more than twenty years. She has a master’s degree in Public History from UC Santa Barbara and a master’s degree in museum management from George Washington University and has written the definitive trilogy on the history of Hearst Castle.

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Todd Adams, the owner of the distillery and a building inspector for the county, became interested in making his own hooch a few years ago when he was a “prepper” stockpiling food and seeds in preparation for a catastrophic disaster or emergency. He thought it would be fun to try his hand at making whiskey, which was learned mostly by trial and error and by tasting the competition. He did buy a how to book but said it mostly “confused” him.

“I would buy a \$100 bottle of whiskey, taste theirs and then taste mine,” Adams said. “I didn’t know anything about alcohol or making beer or wine or anything. I just pulled two paragraphs out of the book — a recipe and a set of temperatures — and started making mistakes.”

After two years in business, there are about 20 different blends of whiskey, gin and rum made on site in a still using different woods to barrel-age the spirits.

“There is no syrup or extract,” said Adams.

Whiskies are distilled from corn while gins are made from sugar and the rums from molasses. Available selections vary depending on when each spirit was barreled. Typically they spend one to two years in barrels. A flight is \$20 per person and offers eight samples of a variety of handcrafted selections.

The menu on this day included Mexican Cherry-Corn Whiskey, Hungarian AppleCorn Whiskey, American MapleCorn Whiskey, Foggy Mexican Bourbon, Uphill Fallout, a fruit infused corn whiskey, Innocent Criminal, a barrel rested gin, Original spiced Rum and

Pecan Spiced Rum. The cherry whiskey is one of the top sellers followed by the rest of the whiskies. The spiced rum is also a favorite.

“The cherry was my fav [sic],” said Antoinette Weldon, an Arroyo Grande resident who was at the distillery with family to celebrate her father-in-law’s birthday. “When you sniffed it before you swished it in your mouth, you could smell that cherry taste. It was a little sweet, but still very mellow. That is what a good whiskey is all about.”

Adams is a laidback guy, but there is something that gets under his skin —people who slam a shot of his whiskey.

“I want you to taste it,” he said. “I want you to put just a few drops in your mouth. [There should be] a lot of smelling and just a few drops to taste it. Once you slam it back, it’s like a dagger in my heart. I spent a lot of time making it, and I want you to enjoy it. The next worse thing you can do is mix it. Everything I make, is to be drunk straight.”

The hobby turned business keeps Adams on his toes pouring for customers, explaining the stilling process and, of course, filling those barrels.

“I’m very busy,” said Adams. “I am on my feet for about 14 hours a day on the weekends. I never stop.” That said, he finds the time to hand-mark each bottle with batch and number and is now branding his own barrels too.

Why the name Foggy Bottom?

“I happened to be watching O Brother, Where Art Thou? and thought ‘Soggy Bottom Boys Whiskey,’ but then I figured I would probably get in trouble for that. I changed it to Foggy Bottom because it is foggy here all the time, and it stuck.”

For those wanting to take a bottle to sip at home, a fifth ranges in price from \$40 to \$80 based on the spirit of choice.

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