

## New Life for Old Quonset Hut

By Neil Farrell



It started life as a part of the old Morro Bay Navy training base during World War II. It was moved up the hill into town sometime after the war and for the past nearly 40 years it's been an antique furniture store.

But the distinctive Quonset hut at 1141 Main St., could see a rebirth soon, if the City approves plans to turn it into a classic car showroom, along with a new home for the new owners.

Steve and Linda Wilson of Sanger are the new owners of the hut and for some time have been working on a project the City would approve. They go before the planning commission in June with their plans. Jonathan McAlpin of Omni Design in San Luis Obispo is the Wilson's architect and agent.

The plans are to build an 1,800 square foot, 2-story apartment inside the building. They would also like to add a 400 s.f. 2-car, carport to the back of the building with a deck on top accessed through the apartment's second story.

The property is 18,545 square feet with the half-moon shaped Quonset hut covering 4,183 s.f., according to the plans on file with the City. The building is 101-foot long and 20-feet tall at the apex of the curved roof, and minus all the antiques that used fill the inside, it seems cavernous.

The 2-story apartment would be 1,236 s.f. on the bottom floor and just 546 s.f. on the upper floor. The apartment would take up the back 32 feet of the building.

The project would also put in sidewalk across the front on Main Street leaving

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## Supervisors Pass On Morro Bay Sewer Project

By Neil Farrell

County Supervisors agreed to allow the Coastal Commission to take over all permitting for the Morro Bay Water Reclamation Project, and made a major change in land use policy at the same time.

On April 23, Supervisors were asked by the City of Morro Bay and County Planning and Building staff to "consolidate" the permitting process for the City's \$127 million project.

That means that the project now would entirely skip the local permitting review process — hearings before the City Planning Commission and City Council, then the County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

The Coastal Commission already has jurisdiction over some aspects of the project located within the Coastal Zone, namely two necessary lift stations and accompanying piping but now they hold full authority over the whole enchilada.

The Supervisors' agenda item dealt with the Morro Bay project and a separate issue that gave the County planning director authority to decide whether other

projects could also consolidate permitting in the future.

Essentially, if an applicant, the County and Coastal Commission all agreed, the director would be able to approve consolidating with the Commission.

Several speakers said the two actions should be dealt with individually, as the second part had far-flung implications for coastal areas from Nipomo to San Simeon.

County government critic, Julie Tacker of Los Osos, said she's been awaiting the day when the Morro Bay project would come before the County but now, that won't happen.

She said the two sides of the item were "similar but not the same." She noted the State law that allows consolidation also calls for public participation to not be lessened. By doing this, she said, projects could bypass advisory boards, the planning commission, and Supervisors themselves would be left out. "People don't know that your staff has asked for this authority," Tacker told the Board.

Linda Sealey of Los Osos also crit-

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## Storytelling Returns to Morro Bay

By Theresa-Marie Wilson



Rick Hall shares a story during a Reboot event.  
Photo by Brandon Collins

Oral storytelling is an ancient tradition — a creative process that is at once performance, rhythm, entertainment and intimacy. A Morro Bay woman is keeping that tradition alive with what she has dubbed The Reboot - Storytelling ReImagined.

Rachel "Rocky" Ross is the curator and host of the monthly two-hour storytelling slam featuring a line-up of both seasoned and novice storytellers who tell true tales around a monthly theme.

"Many of the stories our storytellers share are funny because life itself is often funny, and it helps to laugh at ourselves," said Rocky. "But, The Reboot itself is not a comedy show. Storytellers also tell deeply moving stories about struggle, loss, and injustice — that may have funny parts in them — so it's always a mix, just like life, indeed."

The Reboot is held the third Friday of every month in Top Dog's back patio area located at 857 Main St, Morro Bay.

"Pat and Suzanne, the owners of Top Dog, are super supportive of creative events and the creative community," Rocky said. "They have a real stage and a great sound system with beautiful lights hanging in the garden."

The event that began in late 2017 has become so popular that the patio is often standing room only as the night goes on.

"Sometimes people leave at intermission because there wasn't enough seats, but then other people come in," Rocky said. "Through word of mouth, it just started growing. There is a group of really loyal Rebooters, I call them, that just keep coming. It's free, it's unplugged from any kind of screen or digital [device] and the stories are entertaining."

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## City to Fix Degraded Alleyway

By Neil Farrell



It's not a public street, nor parking lot, nor a part of any lease site, nevertheless the alleyway between the Dockside Restaurant and the Fishermen's Wharf is a mess and the City Council recently gave the green light to fix it.

Harbor Director Eric Endersby sought permission to take some \$21,000 out of the "Harbor Ice Machine Maintenance capital project fund," to pay for repairs to the two block-long alleyway that's used mainly for pick up of seafood products from the wharf run by Santa Monica Seafood Co., and restaurant supplies for Tognazinni's Dockside and Dockside Too restaurants. The City's industrial ice plant sits on the alleyway too and provides ice for commercial fishing boats, and it's a popular pedestrian thoroughfare.

"Currently," reads Endersby's staff report, "the Harbor Department's approved capital projects include \$35,000 for ice machine maintenance anticipated this fiscal year under the agreement with Santa Monica Seafood, where the City pays for any machine maintenance above 10% of Santa Monica's documented gross annual ice sales."

The company isn't going to need much money for maintenance. "In recent consult with Santa Monica Seafood," Endersby said, "less than \$1,000 of maintenance has been required on the machine this fiscal year, therefore, the 10% of ice sales will cover these costs. This effectively frees-up most of this capital funding, with approximately \$10,000 needed to complete the \$100,000 cable grant-funded ice machine

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May is National Bicycle Safety Month

With the number of avid cycling fans in our area, May is an important month. Local law enforcement agencies and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) are encouraging drivers and bicycle riders to look out for one another during National Bicycle Safety Month.

“Traffic safety is a shared responsibility,” SLOPD Sergeant Robert Cudworth “People get around in a variety of ways, including bikes and walking, so it is important that we are aware of one another and do our part to ensure everyone is able to get to their destination safely.”

Unfortunately, deaths in bicycle related crashes are on the rise. In 2016, 138 bicycle riders were killed on California roads, a nearly 25 percent increase from 2011. Among the primary factors in these crashes were failing to yield right of way, speeding, improper turning, using the wrong side of the road and not following traffic signs or signals. Tips to ensure the safety of everyone on the road: •Drivers should look behind them before making a turn at an intersection, especially if crossing into a designated bike lane. •Drivers should use extra caution backing up or leaving a parking space. •Bicyclists should go with the flow of traffic and let faster traffic pass. •Bicyclists should make themselves visible and wear brightly colored clothing. •Bicyclists are advised to use lights from dusk to dawn (front white light and rear red flashing light or reflectors). •Bicyclists should always wear a helmet and use hand signals when turning or stopping. •Both drivers and bicyclists should avoid distractions like using their cell phone. To learn more about safe ways to get around visit gosafelyca.org.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



Cal Poly Kicking Arts



Cal Poly students are awarded the Kipphan Cup at the 2019 TAGA conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Pictured from left to right are TAGA President Liam O’Hara, Cal Poly TAGA President Lauren Helms, Erica Taylor, Jessica Rose, Nicole Cullop, Ana Gonzalez, Aileen Vasquez, Kayleigh Macdonald, Hannah Nguyen, and Bruce Leigh Myers, TAGA vice president for education.

Cal Poly won the Kipphan Cup, for the second time in three years, at the annual conference of the Technical Association of the Graphic Arts (TAGA), held March 17-20 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Cal Poly’s TAGA team, comprised of 25 graphic communication students, was awarded the top prize for its technical journal, a high-quality student-produced publication that showcases a range of complex printing processes. Scoring is based on technical writing, design, production quality and the quality of an online supplement.

Eight students attended the conference and accepted the award: Cal Poly TAGA President Lauren Helms, of Scotts Valley, California; Erica Taylor, Jessica Rose, Nicole Cullop, Ana Gonzalez, Aileen Vasquez, Kayleigh Macdonald and Hannah Nguyen.

“It was an impressive amount of work,” said TAGA advisor and graphic communication Professor Brian Lawler. “The students had the opportunity to Learn by Doing as they produced an award-winning journal.”

Students in the Cal Poly chapter began work on their journal last September. They assembled technical papers and, in two cases, invited student scholars to produce a technical paper specifically written for the journal. While the technical papers were written and edited, the team worked on the design and planning of their printed journal. Production began in January. Hundreds of hours of work are spent each year in production.

This year’s journal featured several complex printing processes that helped to distinguish the finished work. Nguyen, the journal’s design director, said students took advantage of the many printing technologies available to produce a beautiful book, including electrophotographic printing, digital embossing, digital foil enhancement, letterpress debossing, letterpress scoring, perfect binding, and trimming on the department’s Polar computerized paper cutter. The students also used a 1960s era Heidelberg “Windmill” press to perform debossing on some pages.

The Kipphan Cup will be on display in the Cal Poly Graphic Communication Department office for the next year. Work has already begun on the TAGA student journal for 2020. A new team is being assembled, designs are being prepared, and the presses will be running soon.

Central Coast Hospitals Recognized for Sustainability

Three Central Coast Hospitals were recognized for their sustainability strategies.

Arroyo Grande Community Hospital (AGCH), French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC), and Marian Regional Medical Center (MRMC), which are Dignity Health Central Coast hospitals, have been recognized nationally by Practice Greenhealth, the nation’s leading organization dedicated to environmental sustainability in health care.

Both AGCH and MRMC received the Partner for Change awards recognizing health care facilities that continuously improve and expand upon programs to eliminate mercury, reduce and recycle waste, source products sustainably, and more. Winning facilities must demonstrate that they are recycling at least 15 percent of their total waste, have reduced regulated medical waste, are on track to eliminate mercury, and have developed successful sustainability programs in many areas.

In addition, Marian was also honored with a Circle of Excellence award for scoring in the top tier for water conservation and efficiency. This category recognizes hospitals for exemplary programs in water conservation and efficiency. These early adopters boast fewer gallons of water consumption per square foot, tracking of implemented conservation projects, written plans to reduce water consumption over time and have water-tracking mechanisms in place.



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FHMC received the Partner Recognition award, which recognizes facilities that have a commitment to environmental improvements, and have achieved progress in several areas of the organization.

# County to Improve Mental Health Services

By Neil Farrell

San Luis Obispo County Supervisors continue to address the crisis with mental health programs, contracting for backup doctors with one vote and applying for a State grant to expand services with another.

In March, Supervisors agreed to contract with Traditions Psychology Group, Inc., a labor contractor specializing in providing temp worker psychiatrists to agencies when they find themselves short handed.

“The use of a psychiatrist staffing agency can assure proper mandated coverage and medical supervision at the Psychiatric Health Facility [PHF] and outpatient clinics when permanent staff psychiatrist positions are vacant, or coverage is otherwise needed [e.g. due to vacations or sick time],” reads a staff report by Michael Hill the County Health Agency director.

The \$1.78 million contract covers the current fiscal year (2018-19) and FY 2019-20. The agency is paying for the contract by cutting one full time equivalent staff psychiatrist position and one FTE mental health nurse practitioner job. Both positions are currently vacant and being temporarily filled by contract employees. But even with the cuts, the agency still had to adjust its budget for an additional \$105,000, the difference between the two jobs being cut and the contract.

Hill said the contract addresses the nationwide shortage of psychiatrists and locally, the County is also finding it hard to compete with the State. “Several demographic and other factors continue to make this shortage especially prevalent in San Luis Obispo County,” Hill said, “where demands for services exceed available resources. Recruitment and retention of this limited pool of licensed staff is impacted by competition from Atascadero State Hospital and California Men’s Colony. State salaries, retention bonuses, and retirement plans often draw potential candidates

to ASH and CMC over the County.”

The County boosted pay for its staff psychiatrists in 2014 but finding permanent doctors is a problem that’s hitting hardest on people in crisis. “If there is a shortage of psychiatrists,” Hill said, “wait times increase for clients to receive assessments and medication support. The contract with Traditions Psychology Group, Inc. will fill the gaps for mandated coverage in the PHF and San Luis Obispo outpatient clinic and help ensure the provision of timely client care.”

Going with a contractor, Hill said, would cut back on the on-call hours for the agency’s medical director, and other County psychiatrists; provide more long-term care under the same doctor and possibly cut recidivism; better handle referrals from hospital emergency rooms and law enforcement; Traditions would handle providing back up doctors and replacements; possibly expanding hours to better serve patients; possibly getting more money from Medi-Cal reimbursements because necessary paperwork would be done on time; and better adherence to reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Hill said they would cover the differences in the contract amount, \$105,000 this year and a projected \$239,000 next year after they increase the Medi-Cal reimbursements, but still come up \$69,000 short in 2019-20 of the projected budget. “The Department will use supplemental reimbursement revenue received to eliminate any General Fund impact,” Hill said.

In a related matter, the Supervisors gave the OK to apply for a Proposition 47 grant for \$1 million and covering FY 2019-20 through FY 2022-23, a 4-year stretch.

Proposition 47, reads another report from Hill, is a grant for mental health services, and substance use disorder treatment and diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system. The monies come out of the Board of State and Community Corrections or BSCC of California.

The program is to assist people with serious mental illness or a “co-occurring disorder” before they do something to get arrested.


“Proposition 47 was a voter approved initiative on the November 2014 ballot,” Hill said. “Assembly Bill 1056 [Statutes of 2015, Chapter 438] added additional priorities including housing-related assistance and community-based supportive services, with funding allocated from State

savings under the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund. Approximately \$96,434,500 will be awarded for this program statewide.”

According to Hill’s report, the U.S. Department of Justice’s statistics said one out of four jail inmates reported experiences that “met the threshold for serious psychological distress. Approximately 250,000 individuals with SMI are incarcerated at any given moment, about half of whom

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Baywood Junefest Announced!

One of the most anticipated music events of the summer on the North Coast is Baywood Junefest. This free, family friendly music festival combines top shelf entertainment with great food and drink from the Blue Heron Restaurant. Plan to spend the day in Baywood at the Back Bay Inn on Sunday, June 9 from 1:00 until 7:30pm. This year’s lineup includes Drive-In Romeos (Santa Barbara based vintage Rockin’ R&B band), Stoneflies (Ventura based alt/reggae/ska/jazz band), and of course Central Coast favorites - the Zongo All-Stars for your Afro-Caribbean dance & grooving pleasures. This all happens in the beautiful event garden and lawn of the Back Bay Inn, right on the waterfront in Baywood Park. More info, band bios, videos, and more are at BigBigSLO.com/Junefest.

Photo by Sullivan Studios

Willie Nelson opens the 2019 Season at Vina Robles Amphitheatre May 12

Niederlander Concerts has knocked it out of the park with the best lineup yet at Vina Robles Amphitheatre. With several shows already sold out, it’s a great idea to take a look at the upcoming shows and get your tickets now. Willie Nelson kicks things off on May 12, but check out the rest of the lineup so far: Musica Cubana (Buena Vista Social Club, Cubanismo, more), Foreigner, Sublime with Rome, Los Tigres Del Norte, Jim James with the Claypool Lennon Delerium, Chicago, Gipsy Kings, Lord Huron with Shakey Graves, Los Lonely Boys with Los Lobos and Ozomatli, Counting Crows, The Avett Brothers with Lake Street Dive, Steve Miller Band with Marty Stuart, Kacey Musgraves, ZZ Top with Cheap Trick, Ringo Starr, Earth Wind and Fire, Social Distortion with Flogging Molly, Los Angeles Azules, Peter Dinklage Farewell Tour, Nick Offerman, and Sara Bareilles. Wow! And they’ve got more shows to announce. Grab your tickets and don’t miss out: VinaRoblesAmphitheatre.com.

Photo: Cindy Huang

**Fri., May. 10** • 4:00pm  
Nitely Irie  
Avila Beach Farmers Market  
404 Front St, Avila Beach

**Fri., May. 10** • 5:30pm  
The Bogeys - Friday Night Music  
Tooth & Nail Winery  
3090 Anderson Rd,  
Paso Robles

**Fri., May. 10** • 6:30pm  
Jive Machine  
Bang the Drum Brewery  
950 Orcutt Rd, San Luis Obispo

**Fri., May. 10** • 1:00pm  
Parkfield Bluegrass Festival 2019  
1st St & Oak St, Parkfield

**Fri., May. 10** • 7:00pm  
Planet D’earth  
w/Kait Dunton  
Puffers of Pismo  
781 Price St, Pismo Beach

**Fri., May. 10** • 7:30pm  
Sugar Daddy Swing Kings  
SLO Vets Hall  
801 Grand Ave,  
San Luis Obispo

**Fri., May. 10** • 8:00pm  
Young Dubliners  
The Siren  
900 Main St, Morro Bay

**Sat., May. 11** • 8:30pm  
Aki Kumar Blues Band  
The Pour House  
525 Pine St, Paso Robles

**Sat., May. 11** • 7:30pm  
Code Blues  
D’Anbino Tasting Room  
710 Pine St. Paso Robles

**Sat., May. 11** • 2:00pm  
DV8D Band  
Sea Pines Golf Resort  
1945 Solano St, Los Osos

**Sat., May. 11** • 8:30pm  
Kenny Lee Lewis  
The Siren  
900 Main St, Morro Bay

**Sat., May. 11** • 2:30pm  
Nothing But Trouble  
The Siren  
900 Main St, Morro Bay

**Sat., May. 11** • 1:00pm  
Parkfield Bluegrass Festival 2019  
1st St & Oak St, Parkfield

**Sat., May. 11** • 3:00pm  
Significant Others  
Branch Street Deli  
203 East Branch Street,  
Arroyo Grande

**Sat., May. 11** • 7:30pm  
Tyler Blanton Jazz Quartet  
Unity Concert Hall  
1130 Orcutt Rd,  
San Luis Obispo

**Sun., May. 12** • 10:00am  
B & The Hive: Mother’s Day Brunch  
Avila Beach Golf Resort  
6464 Ana Bay Road,  
Avila Beach

**Sun., May. 12** • 7:00pm  
Ben Morrison of Brother Comatose  
The Siren  
900 Main St, Morro Bay

**Sun., May. 12** • 12:00pm  
Jack Cimo: Mother’s Day Patio Concert  
Rava Wines + Events  
6785 Creston Road,  
Paso Robles

**Sun., May. 12** • 1:00pm  
Moonshiner Collective & Carbon City Lights  
Mission Plaza  
1033 Chorro Street,  
San Luis Obispo

**Sun., May. 12** • 1:00pm  
Lazy Locals Concert w/ Próxima Parada!  
Castoro Cellars Winery  
1315 N Bethel Rd,  
Templeton

**Sun., May. 12** • 1:00pm  
Parkfield Bluegrass Festival 2019  
1st St & Oak St, Parkfield

**Sun., May. 12** • 1:00pm  
Sunday Music - Cadillac Angles  
Tooth & Nail Winery  
3090 Anderson Rd,  
Paso Robles

**Sun., May. 12** • 8:00pm  
Willie Nelson & Family  
Vina Robles Amphitheatre  
3800 Mill Road,  
Paso Robles

**Mon., May. 13** • 4:00pm  
Beer at the Pier: U2’s Terry Lawless  
Blue Heron  
1365 2nd St, Baywood Park

**Mon., May. 13** • 8:00pm  
Swing Dancing  
The Madonna Inn  
100 Madonna Road,  
San Luis Obispo

**Tue., May. 14** • 7:00pm  
Cuesta Jazz Jam  
Linnaea’s Cafe  
1110 Garden St,  
San Luis Obispo

**Wed., May. 15** • 8:00pm  
Blues Asylum Blues Jam  
Merrimaker, Baywood Park  
1301 2nd Street, Los Osos

**Wed., May. 15** • 5:00pm  
Miss Leo Solo  
Baywood Tavern  
690 Santa Maria,  
Baywood Park

**Wed., May. 15** • 7:30pm  
National Geographic Live - Brian Skerry  
Performing Arts Center  
1 Grand Ave,  
San Luis Obispo

**Wed., May. 15** • 6:00pm  
Luis Oliart  
Branch Street Deli  
203 East Branch Street,  
Arroyo Grande

**Thu., May. 16** • 7:00pm  
Jill Knight  
Puffers of Pismo  
781 Price Street, Pismo Beach

**Thu., May. 16** • 6:30pm  
Real Blues Jam (North)  
D’Anbino Tasting Room  
710 Pine St, Paso Robles

**Thu., May. 16** • 7:00pm  
She Wants Revenge  
The Siren  
900 Main St, Morro Bay

**Fri., May. 17** • 7:00pm  
Resination  
Avila Farmers Market  
404 Front St, Avila Beach

**Fri., May. 17** • 7:00pm  
B & The Hive  
Puffers of Pismo  
781 Price St, Pismo Beach

Paul’s Picks



Burning Bad & Cool: CD Release

On Friday May 31, Burning, Bad & Cool will celebrate the release of “On The Gospel Highway” at Painted Sky Studio 715 Main St., Cambria from 7-10 pm with special guests Daryl Vandruff on drums and Wayne Walcoff on keyboards. At the beginning of live performances leader and lead guitarist ‘Burning’ James Scoolis steps to the microphone and tells the audience “We bring you songs of faith, hope and community dipped in sweet harmonies.” With that a night of celebration begins with their enthusiastic followers partaking in dance and a warm feeling of fellowship. “We’re not about any specific system of belief,” says acoustic rhythm guitarist Jimmy ‘Cool’ Conroy, “but simply uplifting spirit, and the gospel music works as a universal joy enabler.” Bassist ‘Bad’ Billy Baxmeyer adds, “We sing & play a positive musical message, sharing sisterhood & brotherhood with you all.” It doesn’t matter what religion, race or creed you belong to, Burning, Bad & Cool seem to be on the Gospel Highway to make this a better world for everyone. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door and can be purchased at <https://onthegospelhighway.brownpapertickets.com>.

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**Fri., May. 17** • 7:00pm  
Café Musique  
D’Anbino Cellars  
710 Pine Street, Paso Robles

**Fri., May. 17** • 7:30pm  
Pianist W. Terrence Spiller  
Pavilion at the Performing Arts Center  
1 Grand Ave,  
San Luis Obispo

**Fri., May. 17** • 9:00pm  
Edge Of Art  
Cambria Pines Lodge  
2905 Burton Dr, Cambria

**Fri., May. 17** • 7:00pm  
Family of the Year  
SLO Brew Rock  
Event Center  
7855 Aerovista Ln,  
San Luis Obispo

**Fri., May. 17** • 5:30pm  
Friday Night Concert - The Jammies  
Robert Hall Winery  
3443 Mill Rd, Paso Robles

**Fri., May. 17** • 5:30pm  
Train Wreck Fridays:  
Burning James  
Pomar Junction Winery  
5036 S. El Pomar Rd,  
Templeton

**Sat., May. 18** • 2:00pm  
Back Pages Band  
Sea Pines Golf Resort  
1945 Solano St, Los Osos

**Sat., May. 18** • 7:00pm  
Erin English Jazz Trio!  
Bristols Cider House  
3220 El Camino Real,  
Atascadero

**Sat., May. 18** • 7:30pm  
The Rockin’ Bs Band  
D’Anbino Tasting Room  
710 Pine Street, Paso Robles

**Sat., May. 18** • 3:00pm  
The Royal Garden Swing Orchestra  
Branch Street Deli  
203 East Branch Street,  
Arroyo Grande

**Sat., May. 18** • 5:30pm  
Sunset Winos All-Star Band  
Rava Wines and Events  
6785 Creston Rd,  
Paso Robles

**Sun., May. 19** • 3:00pm  
Brandon Ridenour  
Performing Arts Center  
1 Grand Ave,  
San Luis Obispo

**Sun., May. 19** • 6:30pm  
Harpdog Brown & Uptown Blues Band  
The Siren  
900 Main St, Morro Bay

**Sun., May. 19** • 4:00pm  
NoEgosAmigos  
D’Anbino Tasting Room  
710 Pine St, Paso Robles

**Sun., May. 19** • 12:00pm  
The Patio: Paul Black  
Rava Wine + Events  
6785 Creston Road,  
Paso Robles





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were arrested for non-violent offenses.”

The grant will be used to set up a “diversion” program between the courts and community-based organizations, among other goals.

The program will include hiring “key personnel” to run the program; setting up an interagency group with law enforcement and behavioral health officials; and to “Develop and implement a comprehensive plan of evidence-based practices, strategies, and services using a multi-agency approach that includes housing and community supports.”

At least half the money must be awarded to non-governmental organizations to provide housing and support services.

The goals of this program are in line with the “Stepping Up Initiative” designed to get people with mental illness into services before they get arrested. “It will expand current Behavioral Health services at the community level working in conjunction with the Sheriff Department and other law enforcement agencies,” Hill said.

The Probation Department is highly supportive of the Health Agency applying for this grant, as it too has such a diversion program in place and is anticipating also getting a grant to expand its program throughout the county.

But Probation’s program is only for juveniles and their families; this Prop 47 grant would allow the diversion idea to be available for adults in the community, too.

The County expects to get the grant monies in installments of \$333,000 a year and 70% or \$700,000 of the \$1 million will be go to “supportive housing providers” chosen through a bidding process.

Ten percent or \$100,000 will be spent on evaluating the program and 20% or \$200,000 can be used for supplies, computers and so-called indirect costs.

Boat Nearly Sinks at South T-pier

By Neil Farrell

The Morro Bay Harbor Department recently had a close call when a large cabin cruiser at the South T-pier started taking on water and nearly sank.

According to a report for the Harbor Advisory Board’s May meeting, at about 6 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, the Harbor Patrol was notified of a 50-foot Chris Craft vessel sitting very low in the water, with just 18-inches of free-board above the surface.

“With quick work from Harbor Patrol Officers and help from the Coast Guard,” reads the report, “they were able to pump the water out before it was a complete loss.”

Had the boat gone to the bottom of the bay, it could have caused a major marine incident, as the sinking of a fishing boat several years ago did.

That fishing boat, the “Susan Diane,” on July 20, 2006 popped a plank and sank tied to the South T-pier. It damaged another vessel, The Osprey, that was next to it and sent an oil slick stretching all the way to Baywood Point in Los Osos.

This boat on the 17th apparently did not cause an oil slick.

So why’d the boat take on water? “The cause of the flooding looked to be some rotten planks [and] a failed use of bilge pumps,” reads the report. A harbor patrol officer said the battery for the bilge pump was missing. A leak in the hull near the bow was apparently repaired by a diver.

In other harbor news, Morro Bay Safe Boating Day is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at the North T-pier, part of National Safe Boating Week, May 18-24.

There will be free tours of the Coast Guard Motor lifeboats, the Sheriff’s Department’s patrol boat and Fish

and Wildlife’s patrol boat, The Bluefin.

There will be a lifejacket exchange sponsored by the State Parks’ Division of Boating and Waterways. Bring your ratty, old, lifejackets and exchange them for new, properly fitted Coast Guard approved lifejackets. One per person while supplies last.

Boater safety lectures will be given and the Coast Guard Auxiliary will do free vessel safety checks down at the public launch ramp. Such checks could let boat owners qualify for cheaper insurance, among other benefits.

And coming up in June, The Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department will hold its second marine swap meet from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 29 in the parking lot at the Maritime Museum, 1210 Embarcadero.

Vendor space is just \$10 and the swap meet will feature all things nautical — surfboards, marine supplies and hardware, fishing gear, nautical antiques, maritime artworks and collectibles, diving and scuba gear, food for sale and more.

Admission is free and if readers would like to be a vendor, go online to: [friendsofthembbhd.org](http://friendsofthembbhd.org) or sign up in person at the Harbor Office, 1275 Embarcadero during regular business hours.

Proceeds benefit the Friends group and the Morro Bay Maritime Museum Assoc.

And, the Harbor Department is now officially taking bids for three water lease sites in the Back Bay south of the launch ramp.

The leases, Nos. 34W, and 35W-36W, are opposite the 200 block of Main Street (225 Main and 235-245 Main). Sites 35W and 36W used to include a 250-foot wharf and was instrumental to the fish/shellfish offloading of “The Cannery” operation, but that operation has been closed for about 20 years and the wharf was removed several years ago by the City as part of a lawsuit settlement.

These lease sites don’t have access to the land, as it sits adjacent to private property.

The other lease, 34W, has a small, 4-slip marina with an onshore restroom/shower facility. It does have established access to the land and several parking spaces up on Main Street for boat owners, according to the City.

“The Properties will be available for short-term Interim Lease initially,” reads the City’s notice, “then on a long-term water-area lease basis [meaning there is no ‘land’ being leased, and all improvements are the property and responsibility of the lessee, subject to the terms of the lease], after Concept Plans for site redevelopment are approved.”

The City will take bids through 4 p.m. July 12. See: [www.morrobayca.gov/Bids.aspx?bidID=79](http://www.morrobayca.gov/Bids.aspx?bidID=79) to check out the bidding documents.

Downed Wire Caused Outagea

Some Morro Bay residents got sent to the Dark Ages before electricity when a downed wire on Saturday, April 20 sent a blackout across half the City.

According to Pacific Gas & Electric spokesman, Mark Mesesan, the outage began at 5:20 a.m. when an electrical wire came down on Beach Street between Main Street and Morro Avenue.

“We were not able to establish why the wire came down,” Mesesan said in an email.

A fire department official said they couldn’t figure out why the wire came down either, as there were no obvious causes like a downed pole or a smoking transformer.

The wire tripped several safety circuits and knocked out power to the south part of town.

Initially, some 5,000 customers were without power, but Mesesan said, “Most customers had their electrical service restored within 2 hours.”

Some customers had to wait a lot longer. “The last

250 customers who were still out after that were restored shortly before 4 p.m. that day,” he added. “Our crews were unable to determine what brought the line down. Safety must be our more important responsibility. PG&E regrets the inconvenience to our customers.”

The outage got a lot of play on the Next Door Morro Bay gossip website as users went online to share the story and keep each other updated.

“We were told a ‘transformer blew,’” posted one neighbor. “Strangely, the bathrooms at The Rock were closed today, since ‘no one told Waste Management about the outage until later in the day,’ per a WM worker there, who was spraying a bleach solution on the tarmac around the bathroom bldg. So, next time, I’m calling Waste Management myself when there’s an outage, since I needed to use that particular restroom on my walk today.

“Other than this small glitch, Morro Bay is a GREAT place to live public service-wise.”

Another had a warning for residents. “Traffic light at Main & Quintana is still flashing red as of about 30 minutes ago when I was there... Crazy for the weekend traffic, so avoid it!”

Some folks in Los Osos chimed in too. “Had about three ‘mini-outages’ in a row out here in Los Osos,” wrote another neighbor. “Something’s up.”

The next time the power goes wonky readers can check PG&E’s website to get information on outages, see: <https://m.pge.com/#outages>. You can also sign up for alerts from the company.

County to Seek Bids on New Animal Shelter

By Neil Farrell

Efforts to build a new County animal shelter are purring along with County Supervisors recently approving an environmental review on the multi-million dollar project.

On April 23, Supervisors unanimously adopted a mitigated negative declaration document for the \$13.7 million project, slated for vacant pastureland adjacent to the County Honor Farm on Oklahoma Avenue. The site’s also in close proximity to the existing animal shelter, as well as Woods Humane Society’s animal shelter. It’s also adjacent to Hwy 1.

The agenda item also authorized the County Public Works director to seek bids from three companies that have been prequalified for the design-build contract, and also approved a Resolution that requires specific brands or trade named products be used for the project.

According to project manager Robert Ruiz’ staff report, Supervisors created the project back in February 2017 and

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every incorporated city in the county has signed on to share the costs with SLO County.  
However, Atascadero and Paso Robles initially withdrew their support to see if they could save money by building a North County-only animal shelter.

That idea was dropped months later after the Supervisors agreed to take on another \$1 million of the construction costs and the two cities decided a separate shelter would be too expensive and rejoined the County project.

Kitchel Const., was hired in 2017 for construction management and architectural services to see the project through the design phase.

In August 2018, the County issued “requests for statements of qualifications,” and seven responses were received. Three firms were deemed qualified to do the job and those are: Diani Building Corp. of Santa Maria; F&H Construction of Lodi, Calif.; and Specialty Construction of San Luis Obispo.

Ruiz said the selection committee consists of representatives from SLO County, Atascadero, Grover Beach and San Luis Obispo City.

He said the second step in the 2-step design-build selection process “is initiated when the RFP, including project Facility Conceptual Layout and Specifications [known as Bridging Documents], are issued.”

The RFP will require the companies to submit “a conceptual design of the facility they intend to construct with their proposal and the RFP scoring criteria requires that greater points be awarded to the design that provides the best value to the County,” Ruiz’ staff report said.

Once the committee chooses the winning firm, Ruiz said they would bring a contract for Supervisors to award, along with a “budget adjustment” to allow the contract and to “cover corresponding soft costs.”

As to the specific products ordered be purchased, it’s because there are no alternative ones available.

“The applicable components are door security and safety systems including locksets, door closers, and panic hardware; security camera system; fire alarm; plumbing flush valves; and energy controls,” the report said.

As for the environmental review, the County Environmental Division which is within Public Works, concluded the project wasn’t going to do any significant harm.

“The Environmental Coordinator,” the report said, “found that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment because of the inclusion of suitable mitigation measures.”

# CA Prosecutors Launch Recruitment Campaign

The California District Attorneys Association Foundation launched a new campaign aimed at encouraging young people from all backgrounds to consider becoming prosecutors and fostering greater diversity in district attorney’s offices throughout the state.

“The role of being prosecutor is incredibly rewarding because we represent the people of the State of California in the pursuit of truth to hold offenders accountable, to protect the rights of crime victims, and most importantly to do so while upholding the highest standards of ethics and fairness towards those accused with a crime,” said District Attorney for San Luis Obispo County Dan Dow in a news release. “The values with which we conduct our professional duties are universal to people of all backgrounds and we strongly encourage anyone who shares these values to seek out an opportunity to join our noble profession of public safety.”

A new website, <https://www.californiaprosecutors.org/>, provides tools and resources for those considering a legal career or who currently are attending law school. It includes information on law schools, minority prosecutor associations, internships and jobs.

The website features written and video testimonials from California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and deputy district attorneys from throughout the Golden State about why they chose their careers.

The project was the idea of Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey who recognized the need for prosecutorial offices to reflect the diversity of the communities they serve. District attorney’s offices statewide are involved in the effort.

“Prosecutors have the unique ability in the criminal justice system to seek truth, justice and accountability through traditional courts or alternative diversion programs that they design to meet the needs of diverse communities, victims and offenders” said Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig. He established a restorative justice program called Neighborhood Court, which keeps many lower level cases out of the criminal justice system.

Alpana Samant, a Deputy District Attorney in San Mateo County, described her first encounter as an intern connecting with a domestic violence victim who needed another woman to hear her story. “I realized then that I too wanted to take on the responsibility of helping people feel safe and heard and visible in my community,” she said. “I too wanted to invest my time and energy into doing work that mattered to people who sometimes felt like they didn’t matter to anyone.”

# Speed Limits Lowered on Ramona and Ninth

Drivers in Los Osos should be aware of speed limit changes being made to two of the town’s busier streets.

County Supervisors in March voted to change the posted speed limit on Ninth Street and Ramona Avenue, with the Highway Patrol in charge of enforcing the law.

According to the staff report, “The California Vehicle Code [CVC] allows the Board of Supervisors to adopt posting of speed limits but requires that speed limits be established based on an Engineering and Traffic Survey or E&TS. These surveys include analysis of roadway conditions, collision report history and a sampling of the prevailing speed of traffic.

“A safe and reasonable limit is set at or below the speed at which 85% of the motorists travel. California Highway Patrol [CHP] enforces speed limits on County roads, and in order for CHP to enforce the posted speed limits, the speeds must be determined based on an E&TS.”

Two locations in Los Osos were identified by the surveys to warrant a change in speed limits. The first is on Ninth Street from Los Osos Valley Road to Ramona Avenue, where the road makes a sweeping turn westward.

Ninth Street is a 2-lane collector street and one of the main ways to get from Baywood Park to Downtown Los Osos. The speed limit through that stretch was 35 mph. But the E&TS survey led the County to lower the speed limit to 30 mph.

A citizen’s request was made for the speed limit to change on Ramona Avenue, also classified as a collector street, from Ninth to Pine Avenue, which didn’t even have a posted speed limit.

Ramona is the street that one takes to get to the Sweet Springs Nature Preserve and passes by Morro Shores MHP, as well. As such there are a lot of pedestrians traversing the area daily.

The County’s survey determined that the speed limit on Ramona should be set at 30 mph from Pine to Ninth, including the part from Fourth Street to Ninth Street.

Supervisors also voted to change speed limits on Frontage Road, Pomeroy and Camino Caballo in Nipomo and on Vineyard Drive in Templeton.

Why the changes? Under the vehicle code, an E&TS study has to have been completed within 5 years of getting a ticket in order for it to be enforceable, according to the County.



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## These restaurants scored highest, lowest in health inspections

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Planning to eat in San Luis Obispo? The Tribune has assembled a list of restaurants that scored the highest and the lowest in health inspections conducted by the county Public Health Department in February 2019.

All information in this report was obtained through a public records request. County health inspectors have been edited for length and clarity. Learn more about health inspections and cleanliness of your favorite restaurant here at EatSafeSLO.org.

**HIGHEST RATED RESTAURANTS**

These restaurants received San Luis Obispo County’s Award of Excellence with a score of 100 with no violations.

- **Maya Restaurant**, 2490 Main St., Morro Bay.

**LOWEST RATED RESTAURANTS**

- **Poke Morro, Inc.**, 922

Ensure hand-wash signs posted at wash sinks.

**Jose’s Country Kitchen**, 81 Wellsona Road, Paso Robles. Points lost: 16. Notes: County inspectors observed repeat violations. Ensure employees are educated in adequate sanitizing technique. Observed zero chlorine dispense from automatic dish machine, discontinue use and repair. Observed grease and food debris accumulation behind cook line. Observed excess restaurant equipment stored outside of facility. Remove to prevent harborage of vermin.

These restaurants also received scores below 90 due to violations:

- **Izakaya Raku**, 953 W. Grand Ave., Grover Beach. Points lost: 15.
- **Fatoush**, 5 Santa Rosa St., San Luis Obispo. Points lost: 13.5.
- **Gino’s Pizza**, 1761 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo. Points lost: 12.
- **Arigato Sushi LLC**, 667 Marsh St., Suite C, San Luis Obispo. Points lost: 12.
- **Pepe Delgadinos**, 1601 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo. Points lost: 12.
- **Little Caesars Pizza**, 532 W. Tefft Street, Nipomo. Points lost: 12.
- **Olive Garden Italian Restaurant**, 11966 Los Osos Valley Road, San Luis Obispo. Points lost: 11.5.
- **Yogurt Creations**, 1540 E. Grand Ave., Suite D, Arroyo Grande. Points lost: 11.5.
- **La Locanda**, 1157 Garden St., San Luis Obispo. Points lost: 11 (5 points lost for a box of chantedelle mushrooms obtained from a wild forager instead of a commercial distributor).
- **Avila Village Hotel Bar**, 6655 Bay Laurel Drive, Avila Beach. Points lost: 10.5.
- **Piazza Del Pane Italian Cafe**, 1144 Pine St., Paso Robles. Reinspection required.

These restaurants received San Luis Obispo County’s Award of Excellence with a score of 100 with no violations.

- **Maya Restaurant**, 2490 Main St., Morro Bay.
- **The Sea Chest**, 6216 Moonstone Beach Drive, Cambria.
- **Moonstone Beach Bar & Grill**, 6550 Moonstone Beach Drive, Cambria.
- **Ancient Peaks Winery**, 4A

ware-wash areas and hand-wash stations. Ensure sink has sanitizer available for use to wipe contact equipment. Grease emulsion is removed under cool line to prevent fire or vermin. Observed floor drain back manager corrected on site.

**Ma Maria Brewing Co.**, 1401 Park St., E. Paso Robles. Points lost: 16.5. Notes: County inspectors observed repeat violations. Food is not being properly stored. Observed pump gear disassembled and not properly reassembled. Employee replaced dispenser during inspection. Ensure a food manager’s certificate is obtained and stored on site. Observed grime and grease accumulation on floors, under equipment.

**Denny’s**, 1310 24th St., Paso Robles. Points lost: 16.5. Notes: County inspectors observed repeat violations. Clean and sanitize floors, under cook

**Quonset Hut** From page 1  
just a narrow vacant lot next door without a sidewalk.

They also propose to re-stripe the existing parking lot and add several parking spaces in the rear, accessible from Morro Avenue at the back of the property. The lot spans the block from Main to Morro.

A small, existing workshop would remain, and a carport would be removed. They would put in a handicap parking space out front and build handicapped accessible restrooms inside the showroom, too.

And the façade at the front of the Quonset hut will also be redone with a new overhang, wider front doors, paint and more.

Steve Wilson, who is retired from the produce business, told Estero Bay News that the whole thing started when wife Linda, who is also in produce, said she’d really like to have a place on the Coast.

“I started thinking ‘What would I do on the Coast?’” Steve said. They were seriously considering getting an RV so they could travel. One Sunday they were in town to see about spaces at the Cypress RV Park next door and had parked at the antique store, which was closed. He noticed a big “For Sale” sign.

“I sent her [Linda] next door to the RV park and I called the number.” A woman answered and agreed to show them the building that day. With such a vast interior space, Steve said he thought about a classic car showroom for the space. “I could find plenty to do with cars,” he said, describing himself a “shade-tree mechanic” sort who has always loved to tinker with cars.

But they’re not looking to show and sell cars that cost a fortune and never get driven. That’s not what he’s about. “I want to sell cars that bring back memories of

when people were young,” he explained. He wants to sell not-too expensive cars that get driven.

He added that with many classic cars it’s “Hands off” but, “I want a place where people can come in and let their kid sit in the car seat.”

Linda added, “And take pictures in the car.”

Several people have contacted them with their ideas for the Quonset hut. Steve noted one person wanted to put in a theater, another was with Little League and thought the peewees could play inside. A micro-brewing company contacted them too. Steve said he writes down their contact information and tells them “If we fail at what we do, we’ll let you know.”

The building is still in pretty good shape. “If the Army Corps of Engineers built it,” Steve said, “it was probably built pretty well.”

It’s one of a handful of Quonset huts scattered around town — remnants of the old military training base — that were moved up into town or otherwise repurposed after the war and the closure of the base.

It’s zoned commercial (C-1) so the City, which is facing a looming budget shortfall, has insisted that a sales-tax-generating use go in.

The Wilsons are proposing sales of vintage automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and automotive memorabilia, with “some light vehicle restoration.”

The Planning Commission is slated to hear the project at its Tuesday, June 18 meeting.

The Wilsons said if they get approval for their plans, they hope to get to work soon and if they are done by the end of the year, “That would be perfect.”



Police Blotter



• **April 28:** Police contacted a suspicious subject at 11:33 p.m. in the 1000 block of Kennedy Way. Logs indicated the 47-year-old all star had a bench warrant, which led to his being searched, and the inevitable discovery of suspected methamphetamine, plus a crack pipe and a hypodermic needle, and of course concluding that he’s under the influence of stimulants. He was injected into a jail cell.

• **April 28:** Police responded at 3:57 p.m. to a disturbance in the 900 block of Balboa. Police documented the uncivil dispute.

• **April 27:** Police contacted a suspicious woman, 31, at 12:16 a.m. in the 3300 block of Panorama Dr. She had a warrant and was allegedly schwacked on drugs, so went to the County re-education center.

• **April 27:** A home in the 900 block of Mesa was burgled and Deputy Dawg’s sniffing out the scoundrels.

• **April 27:** A citizen in the 1100 block of Monterey reported the theft of his or her front license plate, though it’s no doubt even money it fell off.

• **April 26:** Police responded at 11:12 p.m. to a single car crack-up on South Bay Boulevard. Logs indicated the 30-year-old driver was arrested for suspicion of driving UTI on hooch and drugs, no doubt pie-eyed as well.

• **April 26:** Police contacted a suspicious woman at 7:30 p.m. in the 300 block of Surf. The 54-year-old probationer was allegedly Zig-zagged and of course arrested.

• **April 26:** At 3:42 p.m. a pair of juveniles at Rockies Teen Center who were apparently in the midst of sharing a green moment, but no doubt had a brown moment in their freakin’ pants when police busted them and called their proud parents.

• **April 25:** Police and probation officers paid a little visit at 9:30 p.m. on a probationer in the 2300 block of Hemlock. A 34-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of UTI and a 26-year-old fellow was charged with suspicion of violating probation and being a convicted felon in possession of “dangerous weapons and ammunition.”

• **April 25:** Some kid at the high school reported getting threatening text messages.

• **April 25:** Someone stole items from a construction site in the 400 block of Piney Way. Police noted the loss.

• **April 24:** At 6 p.m. a bicyclist crashed in a parking lot in the 400 block of Quintana. The rider dusted himself off and reportedly refused medical attention.

• **April 23:** Someone found a wallet and gave it to police. Police found an unregistered vehicle by the beach and gave

it to the tow driver.

• **April 23:** At the High School, some stoner got busted for alleged possession of “Green leafy substance” and “obtained from a court supervised probationer,” not the way to make the honor roll.

• **April 23:** Police towed some apparent scofflaw’s trailer for false plates and no tags in the 400 block of Atascadero Rd.

• **April 23:** Police contacted a familiar fellow at 12:11 p.m. in the 1700 block of Embarcadero who had a no-bail, felony warrant — a one-way ticket to the gaol.

• **April 23:** Someone fell in public and landed at the police station at 9 a.m. to report the mishap.

• **April 22:** Police responded at 8:30 p.m. to the 2600 block of North Main at the Holland Inn where a Visalia man said someone stole his credit card and cash. Police documented the tourist tax.

• **April 22:** Police were called at 1:30 a.m. to a motel room in the 800 block of Morro. Logs indicated a kid on vacation with his parents apparently took a vacation from his parents and snuck out of their motel room. He’s not from around here and reportedly didn’t know anyone or have family in the area, and so ought to blend right in.

• **April 21:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle out at the suspect time of 1:05 a.m. in the 300 block of Morro Bay Boulevard — the very heart of the Danger Zone. Logs indicated the driver, 57 was arrested for suspicion of driving well-oiled and his passenger, 48, went to the poky for suspicion of being lubricated in public.

• **April 20:** Police contacted a suspicious subject at 10 p.m. traipsing up the 300 block of Surf St. Logs indicated the 53-year-old stumblebum was arrested for suspicion of being deep in the horrors, but the train wreck was taken to the hospital first, “...due to falling down and causing self-inflicted injuries to his face,” and then hopefully to a padded cell.

• **April 20:** Police contacted suspicious fellow at the Rock parking lot at 7:20 p.m. The 22-year-old apparent snot waffle was arrested for suspicion of being high as the Rock on drugs, possessing drugs and of course giving police a fake name.

• **April 20:** Some honest Abe found an ATM card at Shasta and Morro Bay Blvd., and gave it to police. Someone else found a cell phone at the Morro Rock north parking lot, and on April 19, someone found a cell phone at Clarabelle and Norwich.

• **April 20:** Police responded to a disturbance at 10:44 a.m. in the 700 block of Harbor. Logs indicated a 25-year-old apparently loaded fellow was pinched purportedly for pickled in public.

• **April 20:** Police responded at 4:39 a.m. to Main and Kern for a voluntary missing adult report. Then at 9:50 a.m. in the 200 block of Harbor another voluntarily missing adult report was taken, no doubt a bit of pettifoggery.

• **April 19:** Police towed an apparently abandoned car out of the Rite Aid-Albertson’s parking lot on Quintana Road.

• **April 19:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 6:30 p.m. in the 500 block of Atascadero Rd. Logs indicated the scofflaw driver had fraudulent registration tags and was

arrested for the apparent Morro Bay felony. His passenger was also arrested for outstanding warrants, yet another unfortunate case of lay down with dogs, wake up with fleas.

• **April 18:** Police and fire responded at 6:31 p.m. to a 2-car crash somewhere on Hwy 41. No injuries reported. Earlier, at 10:42 a.m. there was a 2-car collision at South Bay and Quintana, where they should put the next round-about.

• **April 18:** Police responded to the 900 block of Ridgeway where some scoundrel got into an unlocked vehicle and stole a wallet “containing a government I.D. card,” and now they’re an undercover agent for the F-B-I...

• **April 18:** Police took a runaway juvenile report in the 300 block of Sequoia. No word on the age of the stray pup.

• **April 18:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle out at the be-snitching hour of 1 a.m. in the 300 block of Radcliff. Logs indicated the 19-year-old rookie was busted for suspicion of driving “impaired,” which is zero tolerance for a minor.

• **April 17:** Police arrested a 34-year-old squit for a misdemeanor warrant in the 1700 block of Main.

• **April 17:** Tourist season must be upon us after a phony Franklin was passed in the 900 block of the Embarcadero.

• **April 17:** Police took a public accident report at Harbor and Embarcadero after someone apparently tripped and fell into a lawsuit.

• **April 17:** Someone reported a car crash at 7 a.m. at Pacific and Bernardo. No juicy details were available.

• **April 17:** Police contacted an apparently suspicious fellow in the 800 block of Embarcadero just past midnight, probable cause in these parts. Logs indicated the 36-year-old driver was arrested on a warrant and when they got to County Jail, of course they allegedly found drugs on him, so he was also charged with bringing a controlled substance into County Jail, his hiding spot apparently not quite good enough.

• **April 16:** A citizen told police he or she was getting disturbing phone calls, which is why God invented blocking.

• **April 16:** Police responded at 1:17 a.m. to a report of a suspicious subject in the 1200 block of Scott St. Logs indicated they latched onto a 19-year-old apparent sneak thief and charged him with suspicion of vehicle tampering, possession of stolen property and possessing a switchblade knife.

• **April 15:** Police contacted a suspicious subject at 11:06 p.m. in the 700 block of Kern. Logs indicated the 46-year-old dingus saw charges roll when he was arrested for resisting arrest by namely giving them a fake name no doubt because he also had a warrant, a.k.a. the snow-bull effect.

• **April 15:** Police responded to an elderly care facility on Teresa Drive for a disturbance. Two elderly patients apparently came to blows over some disagreement, no doubt soon forgotten anyway.

• **April 15:** A citizen said he or she lost their wedding ring in the 1400 block of Quintana.

• **April 15:** People in the 400 block of LaJolla and the 400 block of Hill view reported their unlocked cars were “rummaged through” sometime overnight by some unknown scrounger. Apparently neither had anything worth stealing.



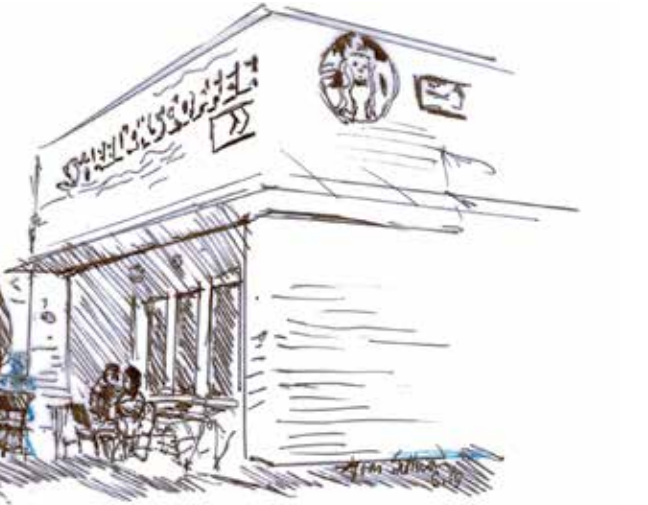
For those of you who don’t know the history of Starbucks — it opened in Seattle Washington, March 31, 1971. Anyone who visits Seattle is aware of the block long waiting line to get your coffee at the original Starbucks. As of 2019 the company has more than 30,000 locations around the world. You can go online for the details of its history.

I’m dedicating this column to my brother, Jack Betts, who is an actor and lived in Rome several years, while he

was making spaghetti westerns. He has many stories to share about his experiences living and working there. He equates Starbucks with the piazzas in Italy.

Jack said, “Starbucks has become a meeting place where people, students and friends find a place to get together and just talk. That is what Italy is famous for. Every little town city or village has its piazza where people just meet to see each other and talk, and that is what [former Starbucks CEO Howard] Shultz created. Aside from the coffee, that’s not what it’s really about, I don’t think. It is a place where people love to meet and just have coffee and talk. What is wonderful with Starbucks is that wherever you go in the entire world you can get the same piece of lemon cake that you get in Hollywood.

“Strange that this was created for more than just a coffee place, but a place where students come, plug in their computer and study or work on something. It has become the American version of the famous Italian piazzas, which go back to the beginning of Rome.”



And that’s what Starbucks is to me — a place to meet with friends and be with people. Coffee of course adds to the occasion.

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# Community

## Inaugural Greening Event a Success



Greening Los Osos members celebrated Earth Day, in part, by planting a 6 ft. Monterey Cypress at Sea Pines Golf Course. Photo by Ben DiFatta

The newly established tree group in Los Osos, Greening Los Osos, held their first event at Sea Pines Golf Course on Saturday, April 27 by planting a 6 ft. Monterey Cypress on the grounds of the resort.

The group's inaugural Earth Day coincided with the first Barefoot Concerts on the Green summer music series featuring the Damon Castillo Band.

Children's activities included oak acorn planting, coloring tree sheets, tree book reading lists and an exhibit from elementary classes at Monarch Grove Elementary School Garden Club with expressive poster tree art, hung up and on display.

Dozens of visitors learned about the group's goals of planting new trees throughout Los Osos along with information on what species do well, are drought tolerant and how to plant them. They also participated in a drawing for Cypress trees and watched a demonstration of a rain barrel collection system. More than 40 coast live oak, toyon and Monterey cypress seedlings were distributed.

The organization's mission is to preserve, maintain and enhance the tree population in Los Osos many of which have been lost to disease, drought, development, decommissioning of septic tanks and age.

Working with the community and SLO County, the group intends to Green Los Osos, one tree at a time. Contact them at [greeninglosos@gmail.com](mailto:greeninglosos@gmail.com)

## Honor Farm Donates to Babies



The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Women's Honor Farm recently presented baby quilts, bibs, soft toys and adorable infant clothing to Pregnancy and Parenting Support of San Luis Obispo County. This organization provides free support and assistance to families during pregnancy through a child's second year.

These donations not only provide handcrafted items to families in need but also give our inmates a feeling of satisfaction for giving back to their community.

"I don't think any of us realized the huge impact our sewing program would have on so many lives", said Senior Correctional Deputy Piotrowski. "These baby items allowed the women who cannot be with their own children an opportunity to help someone else's child... it's all about the act of kindness."

## Donation to Windmill Project



Cayucos Garden Club, Cayucos Beautiful and the Lindquist Family (in memory of their beloved wife and mother – Dixie – also member of the Garden Club for many years) presented a check for \$4,000.00 to Carol

Kramer who is project head for the Cayucos Heritage Foundation. The Foundation is in the process of re-locating and re-furbishing the Windmill that previously stood in downtown Cayucos to the Frank Andrew Park between 4th and 5th Street in Cayucos.

Pictured are Cayucos Garden Club and Cayucos Beautiful members along with Bill and Scott Lindquist and Carol Kramer

## Morro Bay's Mural Mile: It's a 'Thing'

By Kathleen Stout



Photo by James Marcum

As any local or visitor may have noticed, Morro Bay has long been a city that supports the creation, display, and maintenance of our many colorful murals. Recently a local non-profit group, Morro Bay in Bloom, has created a comprehensive map entitled the Morro Bay Mural Mile featuring twenty-three local murals, their locations, artist's names and titles. The Morro Bay Mural Mile is now a thing to do in our lovely public space.

Morro Bay in Bloom's chapter President Walter Heath, who can often be seen around town volunteering his time planting flowers in public spaces, says the idea came from his participation in the national America in Bloom contest. One of the judges suggested the group form a map to "Make these pieces of public art more accessible to residents and visitors," Heath says. That's how the Mural Mile program was born.

As for the goals of the program, Heath states he'd like to promote more appreciation of public art. "I would like to see more people get out and enjoy these murals. Most people are not aware that there are almost two dozen pieces of beautiful public art situated along an easily-traversed, one-mile route."

Historically, art in public spaces has been known to contribute to the evolution of the culture of a community.

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Think how iconic public works of art like the Pyramids, the Seattle Space Needle, and the Statue of Liberty have shaped cultures, and it is no stretch then to recognize how art is indeed necessary in public spaces.

According to Americans for the Arts, art in public spaces “Reflects and reveals our society, it enhances meaning in our civic spaces, and adds uniqueness to our communities.” Additionally, “It provides an intersection between past, present, and future, between disciplines and ideas. Public art matters because our communities gain cultural, social, and economic value.”

Heath says there’s a need for more volunteers, more outreach, and more promotion for the program. As the trend to create more public art increases, the murals are continuously evolving, as is the map.

“Some of the original artists periodically refresh their murals,” said Heath. “I would like to see greater promotion of the Mural Mile and an annual updating of the map. New murals have appeared and some murals are no longer available to be seen.”

Traversing the Mural Mile is a lot like combining an open studios tour with an old-fashioned scavenger hunt. Most of the murals are easy to find, but some of them are in obscure locations.

Many of the murals are displayed on public buildings like Taco De Mexico, which has three, and one across the parking lot. Brent Cookingham’s oceanic “Coast Guard to the Rescue” is on the North Side and Pintor Espinoza’s untitled piece is displayed on the south. Espinoza’s work is one of the most colorful, and features eclectic iconography of Latino culture, including a life size portrait of Madonna, Elvis Presley, as well as traditional Hispanic foods and nature features. On the backside of the restaurant is mural that is untitled and by an unknown artist. Next door on the wall of Backside Salon sits Jeffrey Odell’s nebulous beauty ‘Moon, Sky, Boats, Water,’ a colorful play on the Morro Bay waterfront.

Again, the strikingly intricate tile mosaic mural that adorns the west wall of the library is another hard to miss mural. Designed by artist Pete Ladochy, the piece contains colorful images of our city’s iconic past: the pictographs of the Chumash and Salinan tribes, the history of missions and explorers, as well as more abstract images of the neighborhoods, nature, and cosmos that makeup our home.

Another dazzling mural is the underwater scene featuring a beautiful blue whale that graces the outside of Bottle Liquor and the decades old “Polynesian Ocean Scenes” mural outside of Harbor Hut. Viewing Brook’s



Photo by James Marcum

work provides viewers a kind of familiar feeling, much like that of ‘coming home’ to Morro Bay.

Other murals are not so easy to find, which makes the exploration of the mile even more adventurous. Hugh Slayden’s meticulously crafted “Sailing Ship and Captain” is located within Hungry Fisherman Restaurant and is a one of a kind etched glass mural that should not be missed. Artist Dona Deack’s “Panoramic Ocean Scene” inside of A.S.A.P Reprographics is another “hidden” mural worth mentioning.

Many of the murals are over thirty years old and are imprinted in the memories of locals and tourists alike. It’s difficult to view Brenda Gale’s colorful, surf-inspired, panoramic mural “Boomer Romping” on the side of the laundry mat without feeling a kind of familiarity, the whimsical comfort of being in Morro Bay.



Photo by Kathleen Stout



Photo by Kathleen Stout

As artists continue to scout suitable locations for their murals, several have turned to garage doors as their canvas. Two noteworthy murals that have not yet been added to

the map are artist Charlie Collins brightly colored man in the Mustang, located behind Achievement House, as well as the brilliant ocean sunset scene adorning the garage doors of Jim’s Automotive.

Filled with quintessential imagery of Morro Bay, these murals highlight the dedication of artists in our community to engage their audience in the artistic display of the many abundant benefits of our community: the clean open spaces, the joys of the ocean and wildlife, and the important history of the area. Appreciating the efforts of these artists and their work not only supports their artistic intentions, but it generates the desire to preserve and prioritize public art. This community synthesis provides for the continued beautification and enhancement of this special place we call home.

Maps can be picked up for free at the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce located at 695 Harbor St.



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# Events and Activities

**The Cayucos Land Conservancy** is celebrating its 20th Anniversary on Friday May 10 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Lunada Garden Bistro, 78 N. Ocean Ave. Cayucos. Join your friends, neighbors, and the CLC Board for cake, coffee and bubbly beverages, along with the latest greenbelt news. RSVP maryb6@mac.com, 805-235-4543 or cayucosland-conservancy.org.



Photo by Lindsey Morgan.

**Don't miss Weekly Acorn Adventures:** Guided Hiking Tours in the Children's Garden at the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, then enjoy a breezy hike with your little ones along the Garden's Discovery Trail. Join Nature Explorers Fridays in May from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Engage in nature observations, learn from plant and wildlife friends, and share your imagination. Lots of fun activities and great for kids 3-years-old and older. 3io64Meet in the Children's Garden. Parent participation is appreciated. Bring a picnic lunch or snack if desired. There is a suggested \$2 donation per participant. No pre-registration required. Visit slobg.org, for more information.

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**On Saturday, May 11, elementary school** jump ropers from across San Luis Obispo County will compete in the Y's annual Jump-In Competition. This family-oriented event takes place at the Cuesta College Gymnasium from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The two-part competition includes timed speed jumping and choreographed musical performances by YMCA After School Enrichment Program participants. Each local school site team has picked a theme, music and costumes, and has been busily practicing and perfecting their jumping skills. Judging the event this year are Michael Keleman (Tenet Health), Maria Kelly (Justin Winery), Jason Curtis (Cuesta College), and Kayla Cash (AMF Media Group). Teams will be scored on their precision, creativity, and difficulty, in hopes of defeating the reigning champions, the Harloe Hoppers.

All Central Coast families are invited to cheer on the competitors and learn about the Y's summer programs. Local community organizations will also be on hand to share additional health and education resources.

Jump-In is part of the Y's HEPA (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity) program and demonstrates the Y's areas of focus, youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. The event is sponsored by Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center, Twin Cities Community Hospital, Cuesta College, and Justin Winery. Admission is free to the public. More information about the SLO County YMCA can be found at sloymca.org.



**Join Workshop Mamas at The Garden Shed** located at 2024 Main St in Cambria for a fun Mother's Day workshop of painting on pots on May 10 and 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. There is a variety of prices for different sizes and a \$10 special for a child's pot.

The Workshop Mamas will also be at The Cambria Center for the Arts located at 1350 Main St Room 12, May 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. for a very fun acrylic paint session using dots and drizzles. Cost is \$65 and includes all material. Pre registration is required for this one. For more information or to register, go to workshopshopmamas.com.

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**There will be a Birth & Baby Fair** for New and Expecting Families on May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sierra Vista regional Medical Center, 1010 Murray Avenue in San Luis Obispo. As a leader in women's healthcare, Sierra Vista is hoping to bring together the local birthing community and provide new and expecting families with the resources they need. The Birth & Baby Fair will be a one-stop-shop for all things baby: nursing nook, car seat checks, baby CPR, raffles, birth center tours, kids play area and more. Guests will have the opportunity to meet local professionals who can help navigate the journeys of pregnancy and parenting: physicians, doulas, midwives, massage therapists, photographers, lactation consultants and childbirth educators. In addition, other local resources and business will be available for growing families.



Photo courtesy of SLOBG.

**Join the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden's** Open House and Outdoor Eats on Friday, May 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. to celebrate National Public Gardens Week. Members and friends are invited to enjoy music, food trucks, and SLO's public garden! Grab something to eat, walk the grounds, explore the Garden Shop and get an introduction to the SLOBG Education and Event Center. All proceeds benefit SLOBG's mission of honoring and preserving connections with nature through our education, volunteer, and membership programs. The event is free and takes place at San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, 3450 Dairy Creek Rd. For more information, call 805-541-1400 x 304.

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**The Los Osos Library continues** to offer events for people of all ages. The library is located at 2075 Palisades Ave, and they can be reached at 528-1862.

• **Book Discussion Group** – Thu., May 16 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

All adults are invited to attend our reading and discussion group on the third Thursday of each month. Free.

• **Book Sale** - Sat May 18 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Don't miss great bargains the quarterly book sale. Proceeds support the Los Osos Library and the Friends of Los Osos Library. Rain cancels.

• **Family Movie** – Sat., May 18 at 2 p.m.

Enjoy free popcorn and a movie for the whole family. Always G/PG. Call library for movie title. All ages welcome.

Library Legos - Thu., May 23 at 3:30 p.m.

• **Build Legos** based on the monthly theme, or free build using your own ideas. Come prepared to use your imagination. Ages 3-12 welcome. Free

• **Seed Stories** – Thu., May 23 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Have you checked out seeds from the library catalog? Come listen or share your "tales from the garden." Elizabeth Johnson is a wealth of knowledge about seed saving techniques and the seeds the library has available. Seed Catalog membership not required. Free. Adults only.

• **Family Movie** – Sat., May 25 at 2 p.m.

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**The 13th annual Morro Bay Mermaid & Pirate Parade** (& Sea Creatures Too) will be held on Saturday, May 18. Mermaids, pirates and sea creatures (and their parents!) are invited to join the parade along the Harbor Walk to Dockside Too. Sign-ups begin at 10 a.m. at Target Rock. There is no registration fee as this event is funded entirely by donations, Dockside and the Morro Bay Recreation Services. The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. There will be goodie bags and a shell-ebration with seafood snacks for participating children. For more information contact Morro Bay Recreation Services at 772-6278. AARRGGHH!



**Creativity goes far with the pairing** of flower arrangements and fine paintings at the Petals and Pal-ettes Show, a collaboration between the Cambria Garden Club and Cambria Center for the Arts in Cambria. This show is open for viewing until May 26 on Thur., and Fri. from 1-4 p.m. and Sat. and Sun. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.. All are welcome. As always it is free. Along with the featured show, there will also be an exhibit of work by other artists. These submissions usually follow the theme of floral, plants and landscapes. These include as well, three-dimensional art. Come by and check it out at 1350 Main Street, Cambria, at the Old Grammar School. For more information, visit [www.cambriacenterforthearts.org](http://www.cambriacenterforthearts.org).

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**The Small Wilderness Area Preservation** (SWAP) 3rd Saturday Nature Walk in the Los Osos Elfin Forest takes place on May 18 at 9:30 a.m. This is a Wild-flower Walk. Dirk Walters will take attendees on a de-lightful tour of every blooming plant that is visible from the boardwalk in the Elfin Forest. There will be bright yellows of Rush-roses, Deerweed, Golden Yarrow and of course California Poppies. White Popcorn flowers, Pearly everlasting and Yarrow plants are in abundance too, as well as pink Cobwebby Thistles and blue Wild Hyacinths. The Silver Dune Lupines at Bush Lupine Point should be covered with pale blue blossoms, and alive with honeybees and Moro Blue butterflies. Treat yourself to a springtime experience in Nature's own garden. Walks in the Elfin Forest begin at the north end (1100 block) of 15th Street off Santa Ysabel in Los Osos. Wear closed-toe shoes, long sleeves and pants to avoid poison oak and mosquitoes. Park carefully, avoiding driveways and mailboxes, and leave pets at home. The easy paced walks last 1-1/2 to 2 hours. For more information call (805) 528-0392.

**The Cal Poly Music Department's** student pro-duction ensemble RSVP will stage its annual transmedia concert, this year titled "RSVP XXIV: Invitation," at 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, May 28 and 30, in the Pavilion of the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center. This is the 24th season of the series, which combines a variety of media elements including music, dance, costume and lighting to convey its story. This year's production is a thoughtful trace of a famous rock star's life, the choices he faces during his career, his rise to iconic fame and artistic influence and the invitation to his induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

"This show answers the question: What do heavy met-al, a promised land and aliens have to do with each other?" said RSVP Artistic Director Antonio G. Barata, a Cal Poly Music Department faculty member. "The production showcases themes of inspiration, consumerism, darkness and legacy as we follow an aspiring rock star's rise to fame, and the challenges that follow his success."

The composition, performance, soundscape and stag-ing combine the creativity of students in Barata's Sound Design classes with choreography by Evan Ricaurté, an ar-chitecture senior. Barata, the founder of the Sound Design Program, said it gives music students the skills and expo-sure to the technology needed to create the production. His students create the media elements involved to bring the show to life. Tickets are \$14 and 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).

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**The Morro Coast Audubon Society** Community Program "A Bird in the Hand: Adventures in Bird Banding" takes place Monday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the SLO Botanical Garden Oak Glen Pavilion in El Chorro Regional Park. Join Jessica Griffiths for an evening of entertaining stories and colorful photos as she recounts her experiences banding birds in Australia, Hungary, and all across California.

All MCAS Community Programs are free and open to the public. As always, all ages are welcome.



**Join Grammy winning pianist/composer Peter Kater** for an intimate home concert on May 19 in Morro Bay. Doors open at 1:30. The 90-minute concert starts at 2 p.m. with a reception following immediately. Price is \$50, all ages.

Grammy winning/multi-platinum selling pianist/composer Peter Kater has been a leading innovator of con-temporary instrumental music for over three decades. He has received many awards and accolades for his rich and diverse music, including 13 Grammy Award nominations and a Grammy Award in 2018. A prolific composer, he has released over 70 critically acclaimed recordings and has scored the music for more than 100 television and film productions. From solo piano and contemporary jazz en-sembles to full orchestral works, his music is heard all over the world. He is know for his many groundbreaking col-laborations with musicians such as Native American flutist R. Carlos Nakai, Sting guitarist Dominic Miller, Sacred Chantress Snamat Kaur and archival songstress Peia Luzzi. Come join us for an intimate concert in a Morro Bay home where Peter will invite you to lie underneath the piano for the full effect, if you choose! Tickets and performance address available at: <https://tickets.brightstarevents.com/event/peter-kater-in-concert-san-luis-obispo-2019>.

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**UC Berkeley Gender and Women's Studies** faculty member Eric Stanley, Ph.D., will visit Cal Poly on May 14 to give a talk, "Is Love a Necessary Revolutionary Affect? Gay Shame, Queer Hate and Direct Action in Silicon Valley."

**Stanley, who uses the gender-neutral pronouns** they/them, will lead a discussion of Gay Shame, a queer direct action group based in San Francisco, and its work confronting the hyper-gentrification of the Bay Area pro-pelled by the tech industry. Describing itself as, "a virus in the system," Gay Shame utilizes its collective "bad atti-tudes" to "instigate, irritate, and agitate to build cultures of devastating resistance." Stanley argues that the Left's focus on love as a tool for social revolution can backfire or have unintended consequences — that revolutionary move-ments focused on love as a tool for social change (at the exclusion of hate and of rage) may actually uphold rather than challenge capitalism and gentrification. Stanley is an assistant professor in UC Berkeley's Department of Gender and Women's Studies and also is affiliated with the Haas LGBTQ Citizenship Research Cluster and the Program in Critical Theory.

Sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts Lottery Fund, the talk is free and open to the public. It will take place at 4:40 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, in the Advanced Technology Laboratories (No. 7) on campus.

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**Join the El Moro Democrats** at their next meeting in Los Osos on Tuesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at Central Coast Pizza (formerly Round Table); or at 6:30 to order food. An interesting and timely topic will be presented by Eric Veium, Chair of the SLO Climate Coalition. Their mission is to leverage the community's creativity and expertise to accelerate this region's efforts to become carbon free. Veium will discuss the importance of the North Coast com-munities actively engaging in the work of the Coalition and what is required to achieve the goal of Community Choice Energy; he will be joined by a representative of the Climate Reality Project. All members of the North Coast communi-ties are welcome. There will be time for questions. Contact Vita Miller at 805-704-3173, for more information.

## Not one, but two: Clarification

**I**n the Estero Bay News (Vol. 1, Issue 7) a story about changes in the Morro Bay business com-munity incorrectly reported that a building at Main and Harbor streets — formerly TKD Surf Shop — was sold last year and the new owner left to sell off a store full of merchandise. The owner of the building said there was a change in tenants but he didn't sell the property. Also, a new business is slated to open there soon.

## Correction 2

**I**n Estero Bay News (Vol. 1, Issue 7) Morro Bay Car Show organizer Steve Carnes was incorrect-ly listed as deceased. We apologize for any alarm the error may have caused with family members and friends of Mr. Carnes.

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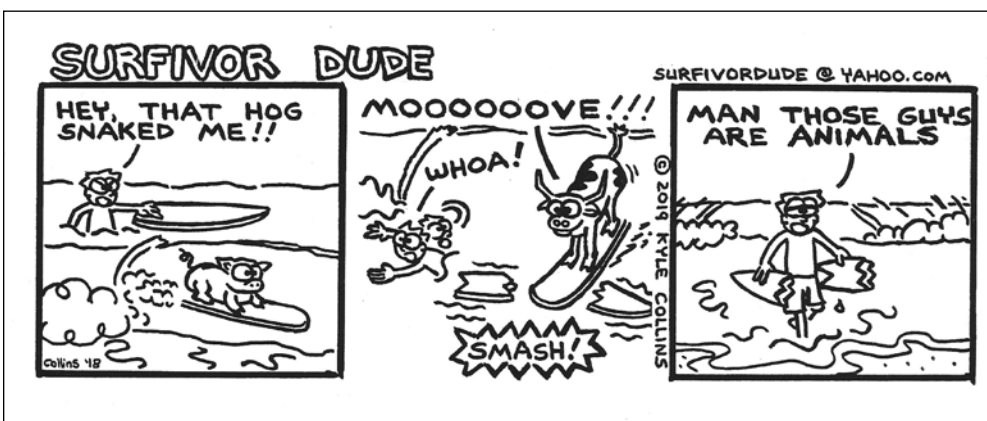
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## Morro Bay Kite festival

Photos by Danna Dykstra-Coy



It was a soaring good time at the Morro Bay Kite Festival. The family fun event featured flying octopuses, a visit from Mary Poppins and a slew of superheroes not to mention hundreds of kites filling the sky.



## Amgen Tour Rolls Into Town, May 15

By Neil Farrell

The Amgen Tour of California, the largest professional cycling race in the U.S., will return to Morro Bay Wednesday, May 15, and plans are to make an all day festival out the event.

This is the 14th Annual Amgen Tour race and marks a return to SLO County after being skipped over in 2018 due in part to the closure of Hwy 1 through Big Sur.

The fourth stage on the 15th will start at Laguna Seca Raceway in Monterey, head south on Hwy 1 through Big Sur (provided the highway remains passable), ending on Harbor Street near the Post Office in Downtown Morro Bay.

The race to the finish line will include a ride around Lower State Park Road, up Main Street and down Marina to the Embarcadero.

Then they'll ride up Harbor Street for an uphill finish that should happen at about 4 p.m. But fans should arrive early to Harbor Street, bring a folding chair and refreshments, and help cheer on the greatest cyclists in the world, being covered by the world's cycling press.

The race is quite a production and will be covered live on TV and online.

Readers can expect streets to be closed and traffic flow interrupted for much of the day especially that afternoon. Parking along the middle of the Embarcadero (Marina to Harbor) will be prohibited, and the street will also be closed to traffic, as the riders get closer.

It will be the third time Morro Bay has been involved with Amgen and the second time it's hosted a stage finish. Previously, Morro Bay hosted the start of Stage 3 in 2016, and the finish of Stage 3 in 2017. Both times, former World Champion Peter Sagan won the stage.

And while Morro Bay hosts a finish, Pismo Beach will host the start of Stage 5 on May 16 at the Pismo Pier. Stage 5 goes from Pismo to Ventura.

With the cycling world focusing on Morro Bay, and the Tourism Department running the show, naturally, the City wants to turn on the hospitality and make an all-day event out of it.

The City plans fun rides at 1 p.m.; a meet and greet with a cycling legend and some current tour stars; and a vendor's fair.

Samantha Pruitt, founder and CEO of RACESLO, a sporting events production company, is organizing and coordinating the tour stop in Morro Bay.

Pruitt said they will host two fun rides — one of 5 miles for families and riders of all levels; and a 12-mile ride for advanced riders — from 1-2 p.m. Both fun rides will start and end at the finish line on Harbor Street.

The rides are fundraisers for local non-profits Bike SLO County and the San Luis Obispo Bicycle Club to support their

advocacy for cycling and educational programs for children. (To sign up for the fun



rides go online to: [www.morrobay.org](http://www.morrobay.org).)

As for the vendor's fair, Pruitt said any vendors were welcome, not just those selling cycling gear. She urged local businesses to get involved and take advantage of the business opportunity to offer your wares to visitors.

"The more well-rounded we make it," Pruitt said, "the better for us; so it's not just a narrow audience, not just for cyclists."

But perhaps the coolest aspect of the day comes after the race. At 6 p.m., Bob "Bobke" Roll, a former pro cyclist, author and TV sportscaster, along with some of the current Tour pros will mingle with fans at The Siren, corner of Main and Harbor Streets.

Roll was a pro cyclist with the 7-Eleven Cycling Team before switching to the Motorola Cycling Team in 1991, and joining Greg Lemond's Z Team in 1992. That's when he also started racing mountain bikes and competed in mountain bike racing until 1998. Roll is now an internationally famous cycling sportscaster and TV celebrity.

The meet and greet at The Siren is free but you must sign up beforehand on the City's Facebook Page.

Pruitt said they are seeking volunteer course marshals for the two fun rides. Email to: [amgenvolunteer@morrobayca.gov](mailto:amgenvolunteer@morrobayca.gov) if interested.

And the Tour needs about 150 volunteers course marshals as well. See: [www.amgentourofcalifornia.com/volunteer](http://www.amgentourofcalifornia.com/volunteer) and fill out an application to volunteer.

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## Succulent Plant Sale to Be Held May 10-11 at Cal Poly

More than 100 varieties of succulents will be available at Cal Poly's Succulentopia plant sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 10, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Horticulture Unit near the Poly Plant Shop.

More than 4,000 plants will be available for purchase. Five students are involved in the student-run project, which is one of several hands-on experiences offered by the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences' Horticulture and Crop Science Department.

Student succulent manager Karianne Rydberg, a senior agricultural and environmental plant sciences major who oversaw the student production team, said the experience gave her greenhouse management skills that she will use in her career after she graduates in June.

"We have an incredible student succulent crew that handles every aspect of the growing process, including propagation, fertilization and pest management," she said. "Working on this project was a great supplement to my coursework because it gave me a practical application for the things I have learned throughout my time at Cal Poly."

Four additional agricultural and environmental plant sciences students also assisted with the succulent production: sophomore Boden Cunningham, senior Kelsea Jones, sophomore Shannon Kerner and senior Ted Fitzgerald. Lecturer Mike Bush oversees the project.



Cal Poly's Succulentopia.

"I am simply knocked-out at the quality of our plants," Bush said. "The student succulent team has been extremely professional in their production and the results of their efforts could not be better."

The cost of the plants is determined by size: 4-inch pots, \$4.50; 4.5-inch pots, \$5.50; 6-inch succulent garden, \$12.50; 8-inch succulent garden, \$25; and additional large plants priced accordingly. Varieties include Crassula, Echeveria, Sedum, Sedeveria, Aloe, Gasteria, Haworthia, Kalanchoe, Graptopetalum, Graptoveria, Senecio, Agave, Peperomia, Aeoniums, Callisia, Cyanotis, Adromischus, Sempervivum, and Orostachys, among others.

## Letters to the Editor

### Good Choice for V.P. at Poly

Congratulations on the "New V.P. for R&D at C.P." article in the recent Estero Bay News. Everyone should read the article about Renee A. Reijo Pera, PhD. She is going to have a major and positive impact on Cal Poly.

Dr. Pera has had an amazing career that started modestly with a B.S. in biology (University of Wisconsin Superior) and went on to an M.S. at Kansas State (Agriculture with an entomology specialization). Her Ph.D. was from Cornell, and she did 4 years of post-doctoral research in human genetics at MIT. She was a professor and center director at Stanford for 6 years and a vice president at Montana State for the last 5 years. Not surprisingly, she is widely published, and has received many awards and honors, focusing primarily on biomedical issues, including their practical application.

I can go on and on; I was just blown away by your piece. I hope you and your staff stay plugged in as her career blossoms at Cal Poly. With her background of success, Dr. Pera has the potential to dramatically change and improve Cal Poly.

I will pass on to President Armstrong my thanks for a wise decision.

Lou Tornatzky, PhD (Stanford)  
Former Professor and Industrial Technology  
Chair, Cal Poly

### Thank You From the Car Show

This year the 23rd Annual Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show was able to bring 528 vehicles to town and fill the streets with classics from as far north as Canada and as far east as Tennessee. This car show continues to have a large impact on Morro Bay, becoming an anticipated event for many of the locals and businesses each year. Volunteers from organizations such as the Rotary Club of Morro Bay, Morro Bay's police explorers and police volunteers, Morro Bay Dragon Boat Surviveoars, Morro Bay High School autoshop, Morro Bay High School athletics, Morro Bay in Bloom and the Boy Scouts of America all pitch in to help the show run smoothly. Without the help of the volunteers, dedicated sponsors, local business and help from my fellow car show committee members, this show would not be possible. Thank you all for your assistance in making this year's show another success.

Chris Parker  
President - Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show, Inc.

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# Events and Activities

## Largest Business Expo on the Central Coast May 15th at the Alex Madonna Expo Center



On May 15, 2019, a couple thousand professionals, community leaders and business owners will stream into the Alex Madonna Expo Center to see more than 120 businesses featured at the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce’s 25th annual EXPO at the Expo.

“This is a regional event—you’ll see more than 100 businesses from San Jose to northern LA County,” said Jill LeMieux, SLO Chamber director of membership. “We’re always excited to host this opportunity to connect with one another; find local services, products and people

close to home; and meet potential partners, who can work together to support shared goals.”

The EXPO at the Expo provides local businesses with exposure to the general public, as well as the opportunity to connect with other regional companies, find service providers close to home, and meet potential partners who can work together to support shared business goals.

Originally created to help smaller Chamber members without space to hold their own Membership Mixer, today’s Expo offers the opportunity to experience displays of local offerings including restaurants, salons and retailers as well as professional and business services.

“EXPO is what strengthening our communities and our local economy looks like,” said Jim Dantona, Chamber president and CEO. “As one of the largest Chambers in California with more than 1,400 members representing more than 38,000 employees, our mission is to connect the business community with ideas, inspiration and each other, bringing people together to shape the place we love.”

The three-hour event is free with a business card or \$5 for non-business affiliated individuals. The doors open at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, and the event runs until 7 p.m. with complimentary reusable bags for the first 1,000 attendees.

The event sponsors include Tachi Palace, 1st Capital Bank, 805 Beach Breaks, Madonna Inn, ITECH Solutions, KSBY, New Times and The Tribune.

Chamber staff and select exhibitors will be available for interviews; please contact Jacqui Clark-Charlesworth by 5 p.m. on May 14 at (805) 786-2770 or jacqui@slochamber.org for early access.

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## Cougar Welcome Days at Cuesta

Cuesta College is hosting Cougar Welcome Days on May 10, 11, and 18. The annual welcome event invites incoming Promise Scholarship students, first-year students, and parents to tour the campuses, register for classes, receive information on programs and services, and interact with faculty and staff.

“This year’s Cougar Welcome Days will have an improved experience that ensures every participant walks away registered for summer and fall 2019 courses with a full understanding of their educational path,” said Jeffery Alexander, director of outreach and enrollment services.

Those who plan to attend must first submit their Cuesta College admission application and then complete the online orientation. Registration for the event is required. More information can be found at [bit.ly/cougarwelcomedays](http://bit.ly/cougarwelcomedays) or by calling (805) 546-3952.

**Schedule**

**Friday, May 10**, 1 – 5 p.m. at the San Luis Obispo Campus

**Saturday, May 11**, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the San Luis Obispo Campus

**Saturday, May 18**, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Paso Robles Campus

Cougar Welcome Days is expected to draw over 1,000 participants.

## Assistance to Bystanders of Oceano Dunes Shooting

District Attorney Dan Dow is encouraging any individuals who attended the Cinco de Mayo concert at Oceano Dunes on May 5 and who were present at the time of the shooting, to seek assistance.

In the wake of the shooting that injured six people at the Oceano Dunes Recreation Area, the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney’s Office Christopher G. Money Victim Witness Assistance Center is contacting victims of the shooting to provide assistance and assure access to all available resources.

As this event was observed by many individuals who have not yet been identified as being impacted by the incident, District Attorney Dan Dow is encouraging those traumatized by the event to call the Christopher G. Money Victim Witness Assistance Center at (805) 781-5821. Victim-Witness staff will assist these individuals with accessing available resources and provide support to help reduce the trauma resulting from this incident.

The Christopher G. Money Victim Witness Assistance Center works to reduce the trauma, frustration, and inconvenience experienced by victims, witnesses, and family members affected by crime. This is done by providing a wide variety of services to victims of crime and their families, in addition to supporting victims and witnesses throughout the criminal justice process.

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# Obituaries

## Master Sgt. O’Onna Kennedy Dies at 72

By Neil Farrell

Retired Army Master Sergeant D’Onna Kennedy died April 8 after a sudden illness. She was 72.

A bit of a Renaissance woman, Kennedy entered the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War when she was a single mother. She stayed on active duty for many years and later at 47, she landed a civilian job at Ft. Irwin, and had to join the National Guard. She served her country for a total of 32 years.

Kennedy was best know locally for the run for the City Council she made in 2010 and for her efforts on behalf of veterans. She’d been living in Pismo Beach the past several years, and she died at home from complications from pneumonia.

Kennedy was praised by her son, Jamison Shewman, in a school essay written some 22-years ago, when he honored her for her love of country, and the ability to be both soldier and mother.

Jamison’s essay said, “She truly believed in ‘lead by example’ and through her pride and beliefs she instilled in me the faith in myself to follow a path I chose, not what others might choose for me. She instilled in me the belief in myself to go for my dreams and not allow even her or her wishes to discourage me.”

He admired her for her strength of character. “Through the years my mother has overcome many obsta-

cles. She was a single parent and never accepting a hand out but not afraid to accept a hand; and knew from the very beginning from the time I was born that the two things she wanted to achieve in her lifetime was to be a good mother and to dedicate her life to her country by serving in the Armed Forces.”

At 46, she was laid off from a job and Jamison said she took on a new dream — stand-up comedy.

Kennedy became the leader of “The Moxy Crew,” a stable of some 30 comedians working the Riverside and Los Angeles club circuit in the early 1990s.

In an undated article from the Riverside Press-Enterprise, she was described as a 47-year-old grandmother, sergeant in the National Guard, manager/agent for the Moxy Crew, a performer herself, a “chauffeur-ette” and was also running a crafts business. She was described as being “up for a sitcom role,” too. The article described her as having a laugh “somewhere on the raspy side of Phyllis Diller.”

She was quoted as saying, “Comedy may be dying but the comedians aren’t.”

MSG D’Onna Kennedy burst onto the Morro Bay political scene seemingly out of nowhere to run for City Council in 2010 as a true outsider. Though she didn’t win, she gave it a strong effort and even struck back when she was criticized in a political publication. In a letter to The



Bay News, she wrote:

“One statement in reference to me was that I have only voted in Morro Bay since 2008. That is true. As many know, I have been serving my country for the past 32 years and have always voted absentee ballot due to the fact I never knew where in the world I would be.”

She continued, “It is blogs such as these that reinforce the fact that there really is Freedom of Speech here and although many facts were skewed and some were total non-truths, it let’s us know the freedoms we have that so many other countries do not.

“I proudly served my country for our freedom and I will always stand up for those who wish to speak, however, I really would like to see opinions stated and not lies.”

When she didn’t win election, MSG Kennedy turned her efforts to helping her fellow veterans.

In 2013, realizing that Morro Bay did nothing to honor veterans on Veteran’s Day, she organized a free dinner for the local vets and their families, bringing the commander of Camp San Luis to be the keynote speaker.

She also started the “Central Coast Veterans Support Group,” in association with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which she was a member.

“Here in Morro Bay,” Kennedy said in a 2013 news report, “we have a desperate need to fill for seniors who are veterans and residents who are newly returned from wars overseas. I started the Central Coast Veterans Support Group because there are so many new laws and benefits. The PTSD and effects of Agent Orange during the Vietnam War are finally recognized by Veterans’ Services. So many individuals I have spoken to lack information and some are too proud to ask for help.”

MSG Kennedy was also a school teacher, limo driver, and worked for the Gas Company along with sister Sue, where she was known as “Bart” (after Bart Simpson) because of her blonde spikey haircut.

She was a Cam-Am motorcycle rider, and president of her homeowner’s association.

She enthusiastically pitched in with fund-raising events that involved military veterans, children, and animals. She also remained active with arts and crafts and jewelry design.

In his essay of long ago, son Jamison said, “I have experienced many things in my life and all have influenced me in many ways, but my mother has been my greatest influence and has given me, not only the gift of life, but the gift of living.”

A memorial service for MSG D’Onna Kennedy is set for 10:45 a.m. Friday, May 24 in Pismo Beach, at 995 Terry Dr. Please RSVP via text message to Aimee at: (805) 458-7678. Respectfully, no children.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made in memory of D’Onna Kennedy to a charity of your choice.

**Albert Lee** From page 11

Once downed fliers had been interrogated, their usefulness was at an end, and they then became part of the Luftwaffe-administered prison camp system. Al Findley was part of a prisoner-of-war shipment bound for an overcrowded camp, Stalag XIII-D, near Nuremberg, Bavaria, sited on a parade ground that was once the scene, in Hitler’s heyday, for Nazi Party rallies. Findley remembered a camp that was overcrowded—Allied airmen in other camps had been brought to this one as the Red Army began to overrun eastern Germany—and rife with dysentery, bedbugs and fleas. “I think I spent half my time in the chow line,” he remembered ruefully, where standard fare was soup with bugs in the beans, which he and his comrades decided were their meat supply. (In reality, the diet for German civilians wasn’t much better.) The poor conditions were relieved by a reunion with his B-24 crew, with the pilot the last man to come into the prison camp. Pilot Byron Johnson cried when Findley and the other survivors told him about the four lost crewmen, including the lost flight engineer, the only married man with a child among the crew, who had gone back to get the gunners out and wound up dying with them.

Findley’s confinement ended on April 4, 1945, when the prisoners of Stalag XIII-D were ordered out and into

the countryside as George Patton’s Third Army closed in. While on the march, Findley and his fellow prisoners had to endure friendly fire: they were strafed by American fighters who mistook them for German troops. (Findley’s boxcar, on its way to Nuremberg, had likewise been strafed by Allied fighters.) At their stopping point the next day, the prisoners garnered enough toilet paper to spell out “POW” in the field where they were to sleep. Fighters passed over them, but this time the planes waggled their wings and departed. The bedraggled column finally stopped at Moosburg, ninety miles south of Nuremberg, where they were united with prisoners of war herded from Stalag VII. A week later, Findley and the mass of prisoners realized one morning that the Germans were gone. Third Army arrived at Moosburg at about noon, and Al Findley was free. Both Findley and Dwight would be flown to a recuperation center near Le Havre, Camp Lucky Strike, where their injuries would be tended to (Dwight’s shoulder would eventually require surgery) and where, as Findley noted, “they fattened us up again.” They were then put on ships and sent home.

Albert Lee Findley Jr. will be interred at March Air Reserve Base next to his wife.

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icized the item saying it made a big change in the way environmental review is done in San Luis Obispo County. She added it was wrong to lump the two together and it “seems like an end run in the democratic process. It takes local control away.”

Morro Bay Councilman Red Davis disagreed and told the Board the Council has listened to the community and adapted many of their suggestions. He noted that citizens approved a new rate schedule to pay for the project and through the Council’s actions the project costs had been reduced by some \$41 million.

He said the project must be in construction by Oct. 23 or face losing a low-interest federal loan, and a construction price of some \$63 million would expire, and the project would have to be re-bid.

Another critic of the project, David Nelson of Morro Bay, urged Supervisors to pull the item and re-do it. He said the City has wasted some \$20 million and claimed Davis’ testimony wasn’t true.

“They’re not listening to the people,” Nelson said. He added the Council has said they are listening, but then said, “We just don’t agree with you.”

“We need this process to avert disaster. We’ve spent almost \$20 million and don’t have anything” to show for it.

A project supporter Glen Silloway, pointed out that every election since 2012, the project has been a major issue “and every vote was to support this plan.” He noted that the minimum charges of \$191 a month are in line with what Los Osos and Cayucos residents are paying for their new sewers. “It’s the best price we’re going to get,” he said. “Time is of the essence.”

Councilwoman Marlys McPherson, who sits on the project subcommittee with Davis, acknowledged the project has divided the community but the public in Morro Bay has had multiple chances to discuss the project. There have been over 100 meetings, she said, and the Council was able to reduce the costs by \$41 million. “It would be a huge risk to stop this project now,” McPherson said.

Marla Jo Sadowski, who was representing Home Front Environmental Justice Morro Bay, also wanted the item pulled and asked Supervisors to vote “No” on both parts. “This is about due process,” she said. Public participation was being hurt and “That’s just dirty pool.” She added this was a coup d’état on public process.

Mayor John Headheading said the Council last January told the staff to pursue consolidation of the permitting to save time. He said they’d been discussing the issue for nearly a year with the Coastal Commission staff and in order to meet looming deadlines, they need the permitting

process quickened.

He later told Supervisors that the Coastal Commission has agreed to hear Morro Bay’s coastal development permit at its July meetings slated to be held in San Luis Obispo.

Attorney Cynthia Hawley, representing Home Front Environmental Justice, sent a letter to Supervisors claiming the County Counsel omitted a key provision in the law and consolidation is allowed “only if public participation is not substantially impaired by it.” Her letter adds, “Omitting this part of the law is fundamentally deceptive and misleads the public and decision makers to believe that the law supports the staff recommended action to approve consolidation — which, based on the concealed language, it does not.”

Hawley and other speakers noted the project does not have a complete description, no budget, no property and is now only at 30-percent design.

Former Councilwoman Betty Winholtz told Supervisors there was significant opposition to the project. A co-chair of project critics, Citizens for Affordable Living or CAL, Winholtz said they have 30 core members, some 300 supporters and more than 2,000 rate payers who voted against the project rate increase. She wanted the Board to also retain its full authority and not cast authority to a non-elected official. “The decision today,” Winholtz said, “is about the process.”

Overall, there were 11 speakers who supported consolidation and 14 who opposed it, including several who were not concerned about Morro Bay’s project so much but about the overall implications of changing the process for the future.

County Planning Director Trevor Keith told Supervisors that his office handles one or two of these consolidation requests a year and most are minor “bridge” projects.

He told Estero Bay News that projects he might consolidate in the future would be minor ones that are not complicated by things like amending the County’s general plan or local coastal program. Morro Bay’s WRF project would need neither of those.

And the County isn’t entirely giving up overview of Morro Bay’s project, Keith said, because the City must still subdivide the property, carving out a 30-acre parcel for the treatment plant site that would eventually be annexed to the city.

Keith said that action will have to go through the County Subdivision Review Board process. It will also have to undergo the Local Agency Formation Commission or LAFCo., process for annexation.

Among Supervisors only Dist. 5 Supervisor Debbie Arnold opposed the item, which passed 4-1.



refrigeration replacement project set to be completed this month.”

Endersby said that project will replace the guts of the ice plant, installed in June 2007, and is being paid for with a grant from the Joint Cable-Fisheries Liaison Committee. Having large quantities of ice readily available for fishing boats is necessary to support the local industry, which is one of the purposes of the Liaison Committee.

Endersby said the location of the ice machine provides a nexus for using the maintenance monies. “Furthermore, since this alleyway in need of paving provides access to the ice machine, transferring this funding over to the paving project is consistent with the broad intent of the original allocation of the funds.”

Because the alleyway is neither a street, parking lot nor lease site, who’s responsible for maintenance given its condition is clearly unclear. “It does, however,” Endersby said, “form a critical component of transportation infrastructure for not only the commercial fish dock unloading, ice and storage operations, but also for the Tognazzini restaurants, Crill’s Saltwater Taffy, Morro Bay Landing, Morro Bay Oyster Company and countless pedestrians walking the City’s waterfront and Harborwalk.”

The uses of the alleyway — big rig trucks, forklifts, plus getting doused in saltwater often — has severely degraded it. It also sits at the edge of a major construction site at Morro Bay Landing just to the south of the alleyway, however, since that project began, crushed granite was laid down filling some of the larger potholes on that end.

The Harbor Department and Public Works have been working together to “identify a repair path forward that does not entail the multi-hundred thousand-dollar fix of tearing up the entire alleyway, which would be prohibitively expensive and unnecessarily disruptive,” the report said.

He solicited three “prevailing wage quotes” from known contractors for the job and the low quote was for \$19,940 from Michael Fredericks Paving.

The job “consisting of cutting-in to the existing good concrete on either end, and paving from the stepped walkway curb next to Tognazzini’s restaurant [Dockside], west to the seawall at the fish dock.”

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Sports

Central Coast Little League Highlights

Halos Bats Arise Behind Skaggs' Debut Start on the Bump

The Brewers Intermediate fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 9-3 loss to the Angels Intermediate on Tuesday, April 30. The Angels put a 5 spot on the board to start the game. The runs came off a line drive double by Case Christiansen, a single by Chris Camp and a single by Aidan Hunt in the second inning.

With no relation to the MLB Angels southpaw, Tyler Skaggs, the youngest member of the Coast Little League Angels, Joe Skaggs, got the start. The change of pace had the opposing team off balance and he got some help from his defense. Skaggs tossed three innings, allowing two hits and no earned runs while walking one. Christiansen came in relief in the 4th inning with the bases loaded and worked out of the jam without letting any runs across.

Jovan Merlos started the game for Brewers Intermediate. He surrendered seven runs on five hits over one and two-thirds innings, striking out two. Emmett Wilson, Sadie Pilnick, and Evan Davis each contributed in relief.

Wilson and Eli Brown each managed one hit for the only ones the Crew would be able to get.

The Halos had ten hits in the game. Camp, Kyson Hickman, and Aidan Hunt each managed multiple hits to lead the team.

Franklin's Clutch Hit Caps Come From Behind Walk Off Win

The Diamondbacks stole the lead back late in the game in a 9-8 victory over the first place Brewers Intermediate on Saturday, April 27. The Brewers erased a 6 run deficit in the fifth and eventually would take a one run lead in the top of the seventh. The lead wouldn't last as their closer had trouble finding the zone. With one out and the D-backs behind a run, the bases were loaded for Colton Franklin. He lined a base hit down into the right field corner scoring Cody Waldon and Timmy Taylor for the upset walk off win, 9-8.

Timothy Taylor got the start for the Diamondbacks Intermediate. He allowed three hits and one run over four innings, striking out seven and walking one.

Jovan Merlos toed the rubber for the Brewers Intermediate. He allowed six hits and seven runs over two and a third innings, striking out two and walking zero. The Diamondbacks Intermediate tallied 11 hits. Colton Franklin and Taylor each had multiple hits. Franklin led the way with three hits in four at bats.

Colton White Leads Brewers to Another Win Over Halos

The Brewers Intermediate pulled away for good with two runs in the second inning, Colton White singled on a 2-2 count, driving in two runs on Thursday, April 25.

The Brewers scored four runs in the third inning. The offensive onslaught was led by Colton, Jovan Merlos & Keyton Brebes, all driving in runs in the inning.

Eli Brown got the start for Brewers Intermediate. He tossed one and one-third innings, allowing one hit and one run while striking out three. White went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead the Brew Crew in hits. The crew ran rampid on the Halos all game stealing five bases. Colton led the way with three.

Hickman Solid Outing Gives Angels the Edge Over D-Backs

Even though Diamondbacks Intermediate collected seven hits to the Angels Intermediate's five, they still fell 5-4 on Tuesday, April 22 thanks to a gritty performance from the Halos Kyson Hickman.

Hickman was a strike-throwing machine through six innings of work. He surrendered three runs on six hits, striking out five and walking none.

The Angels took the lead for good with one run in the fourth inning. In the fourth Ben Cervantes was able to knock the go ahead run in.

The Angels Intermediate scored three runs in the third inning. Ryder Busch, Hayden Gentry and Trent Penney all moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Ryan Zust was on the hill for the Diamondbacks Inter-

mediate. He allowed three hits and three runs over three innings, striking out two and walking zero. Timmy Taylor and Talon Hawk entered the game out of the bullpen, each throwing two innings.

Timmy Taylor continued his hot bat and went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead his team on offense. Taylor blasted his third dinger of the season in the third inning as well.

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- One Honorable Mention All-League Golfer

Storytelling From page 1

Each event features storytelling, spoken word, sketch, and what Rocky calls impromptu pudding. The latter of which encourages audience participation. Each storyteller is allowed up to 10 minutes on stage, and notes are banned.

"You have to craft a story," Rocky said. "It's entertainment, it's a performance, and you can't wing it. It's not a Ted Talk, it's not a therapy dump, it's not a slide show and it's not a stand-up comedian riffing from joke to joke."

Folks looking to tell their story can pitch their idea by emailing Rocky at The.Reboot4u@gmail.com to get things rolling.

"I am a story coach," Rocky said. "I can help someone craft a story so that they feel confident, and they soar on the stage. I will help them craft a strong hook and a kickass ending."

The second season of The Reboot kicks off on May 17 from 7 – 9 p.m. The evening's theme will be camouflage, or stories about secret selves, going undercover, blending in, hiding in plain sight, existing as a wolf in sheep's clothing, or unmasking the facade.

"The intent has always been to provide a lively, entertaining evening of storytelling and wordplay around the theme of the night," Rocky said. "The theme is never a constraint, it's a spring board. There are many ways to come at the theme."

Future themes include:

June 21. Worst Case Scenario — Stories about picture-perfect plans gone wrong, unnerving twists of fate, big "uh-oh" moments, or saving the day.

July 19. Break Out! — Stories about escape, catching a break, being a breakout star, or breaking out in hives, in song, in tears.

Aug. 16. Extra Mile — Stories about going the distance and then some, over-stepping bounds, over-achieving, blazing trails, or flying too close to the sun.

Sept. 20. Schooled — Stories from the school of hard knocks, true tales about best teachers, worst lessons, test time, flunking or scoring!

Oct. 18. When Worlds Collide" or Dirty Work or your choice! (Season Finale)

Bring a cozy jacket, a blanket and a friend — or all three — and enjoy an enchanted evening of word play. Top Dog's espresso, a craft beer, and freshly baked chocolate chip cookies are available for purchase.

For more information, check out The Reboot - Storytelling ReImagined on Facebook at www.facebook.com/The.Reboot4u.

Scoring Averages

-We had the #2, 6, 9, 10, 13, 17 golfers in the league (out of 36 golfers)

-Mac Dougherty was #2 scorer in the league averaging 42 on 9 holes

-Morgan Edgworth finished #3 golfer in the league at our League Championship Tournament

-Heading to CIF D3 Team Championships in Visalia on May 6th to try and capture team and individual titles. \*Update, we placed 3rd as a team and Mac Dougherty placed 10th in individuals. Mac and Brayden will be moving on to the next round of individuals this coming.

-I volunteered for the MBHS Golf Team to not only get valuable time with my son Mac but also to help support Mac and Braydens vision of creating a league championship team. We start 4 years ago with 5 guys and placed 4th in our league. Our second year we had the same 4 guys and placed 3rd in our league. Last year we added a freshman to our squad making it 6 guys and won our league. This year we had our best turnout with 26 students. We went undefeated and won the league title this season.

SurviveOars Win in Arizona



The SurviveOars Dragon Boat racing paddle team recently competed at a big regatta in Tempe, Ariz.

The SurviveOars are one of two boats competing for Team Snap. The SurviveOars are cancer survivors and friends and took home the gold medal and the Team Snap ladies team took bronze in a 26-boat field, against teams from all over including Vancouver, Can.

The SurviveOars, who can be seen practicing 5-6 days a week in Morro Bay Harbor, compete in regattas up and down the West Coast.

Last year they competed in Hungary, where they also took home medals.

In the photo are members of SurviveOars



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## Homes for Sale



Arroyo Grande - Private 6.5 acres Edna Valley Estate single level home. Three bedrooms, three baths, 2,957 sq. ft., light open and airy with many customs features: Vaulted ceilings, sky lights, three fireplaces, wet bar, large open kitchen with pantry, center island, breakfast bar and french doors leading into a tiled back patio. Separate master suite/sitting room/walk-in closet/large jacuzzi tub and a three car garage! Priced at \$1,025,000.00



Morro Palisades; Highly desired Los Osos Heights location featuring wide 80 x 100 ft lots. Come discover this single level; 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car garage home boasting a cozy brick fireplace, dinning area and a galley style kitchen. Enjoy a Peek of the rock in the large back yard perfect for BBQ's and family gatherings. Priced at \$545,000.



This custom Craftsman Home is located on a private, gated, 1/2 acre lot with bay/rock views. The main level has a large living room with vaulted, open-beamed ceilings, cozy fireplace, custom built-in book shelves and a chef's kitchen featuring a double oven, beautiful granite counter tops and high-end appliances. This beautiful 3,267sf, 3 BD, 3 1/2 BA home has an 800sf loft/family room, creating approx 4000sf of living space. The master bedroom features vaulted ceilings, and the master bath features a tub plus a separate shower, large walk-in closet and double sinks. Additional features include a four-car garage and RV parking.

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