

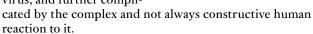
This publication dedicated to Morro Bay High School and Cambria's Coast Union High School Class of 2021

To the Graduates of 2021:

By District 2 Supervisor Bruce Gibson

Congratulations -- you are truly an extraordinary group! I marvel at the perseverance and determination that have gotten you through a year and a half of pandemic struggle to the threshold of the next great phase of your life.

I know it hasn't been easy, and in fact for some, it's been brutally difficult. Your world of friends, activities, learning and family was upended by a relentless virus, and further compli-



In recent months you've had to adapt to new and farfrom-perfect learning situations, separated from friends, all of which have had big impacts on your life at home. We've all felt the stress on our mental health and I hope you have been supported and offered support to those who've been affected.

And so today we see some light ahead – it's like we're emerging from the depths of a dark forest. We see some rays of hope and yet the landscape ahead looks somewhat unfamiliar. We can reasonably wonder what our new "normal" is going to be.

Let me suggest that this particular, frustrating, challenging and uncertain time presents a rare opportunity for you to help define what the new normal will look like.

So much in our world is changing and so quickly – our understanding of race, our relation to social media, our commitments to democratic government and political process, and our understanding of our physical environment.

What you've seen is that the "adults" don't have it all figured out. In fact, a lot of them don't seem to have a clue.

You've seen what works and what doesn't. You have seen the power of people coming together to help one another, and you've seen the chaos that's caused when lies are broadcast as truth on social media, and how violence sometimes follows. You've seen that good people do speak up to condemn racial injustice and that things can change. You've also seen that our climate is changing, as wildfires ravage entire towns, and we need to do something about that.

I strongly believe you understand what's right and wrong about our world much better than most adults think you do. So, while society looks chaotic and you may wonder what one person can do to change things, you do have agency to make the world a better place.

It can start small – one gracious word to someone you may not know well. An hour of your time spent helping someone. An effort to organize a group to clean up a front yard, a city block or a whole town. It's in these acts of community that I think we can build a better future.

As you launch toward new adventures, I urge you to embrace your community. Register to vote, and more importantly, cast that ballot, because that says you care. From these simple acts we can build a better world and I look forward to your contribution.

Now, let's celebrate your graduation!
Bruce Gibson

This year is has been one for the books.



Ryan Sullivan - Class of 2004

We're a multi-generational Morro Bay High School family.

My oldest son, Ryan, graduated from Morro Bay High School in 2004. Next in line was my younger son, Connor, with the class of 2019. For his graduation, we featured him and several friends in the paper. They'd started out in preschool and had been clicking through the years together all the way to graduation. You may have remembered them from the cover of the paper in June of 2019.

Then is was time for my youngest, Aly, to graduate. I started thinking about what I could do to celebrate Aly and her class' graduation almost once they started their senior year. Then COVID-19 hit and derailed plans for so many families.

In a way it was lucky for me even though it meant my youngest being part of the first class that I can remember that didn't have a formal graduation, prom, a last day of school that they knew was the last day of school, or anything normal.

This dad's solution to his youngest's non-graduation was to feature every one of her classmates in the paper. I realized at that point that unless a student was a star athlete, prom queen or valedictorian, that individual wasn't likely to be in the paper, and 2020 was the perfect year to change that

That resonated with the community. I had so much great feedback that we want to do it again this year. And,



Connor Sullivan - Class of 2019

hopefully, in coming years as well.

And that class of 2020? Wouldn't you know, they did it. They ended their public school journey with the weirdest year of their life experience. Now, they are on their way to make their mark in the world, and I could not be more proud of Aly and all her friends. They will go far.

Now it's the class of 2021's turn, the first senior class to start the year at home with Zoom and to inherit a whole



Aly Sullivan - Class of 2020

bunch of new problems to solve. If there is one thing I got from school was how to solve problems. Memorizing stats, names and dates is a start, but it's another thing to find a fix, create a solution and figure out how to problem solve.

The class of 2021 has a head start on that front.

If they can make it here, they can make it anywhere. As a former student of Morro Bay Junior High School, (no, we didn't call it middle school) and a student of Morro Bay High School (middle and high school combined on the same campus), from the early 70s no less, I am so proud of this school, the staff and students for figuring it out. That same pride goes to all our area schools, educators and students as well.

I don't think things will ever be the same, but when there's a problem that needs creative solutions, I'm calling on the class of 2020 and 2021. They are just awesome in my book.

Dean Sullivan Publisher/Owner/Dad





Acuna Vazquez, Alejandro



Aguilar, Rafael



Alfaro Verastegui, Elizabeth



Andrews, Francesca



Anton, Xavier



Appell, Brayden



Ashworth, Nolan



Asuncion, Gary Franz



Babcock, Matthew

ongratulations to the Class of 2021. These graduates have been through so much during their four years at MBHS. Their high school careers started amongst massive changes to the campus and constant construction noise during classes. During their sophomore year, there were changes to administration and more construction. Then comes their junior year which started off with the opening of renovated STEAM classes and an updated stadium. Then the unthinkable happens, they, along with the entire world, get shut down and have to finish the school year from home.

Moving into their senior year, it was unknown what to expect for their final year of high school. Amongst other challenges throughout the year, this class was looking at an entire school year of distance learning to finish off their high school career. But, they were given hope of a return to campus when the county COVID-19 numbers began to drop. On March 15, almost one year to the day after converting to distance learning, they were allowed to return to campus to finish their senior year. Although not all seniors chose to return, it was great to see their (masked) faces around campus and the excitement to finally be back.

Through all the challenges and changes that this class has had to endure, they have come through stronger than ever. The amount of scholarship money they have earned is off the charts, and they add excellence to our society as a whole. I am proud to have served this class as assistant principal and interim principal for the past three years. I wish you all the best for all your future endeavors!

Jeff Cadwallader Interim Principal, Morro Bay High School



Wishing all the graduates of 2021 many more successes in the future! Congratulations!

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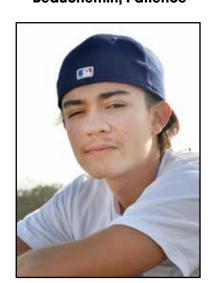
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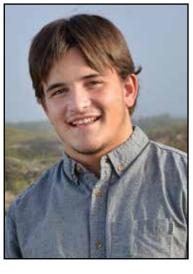
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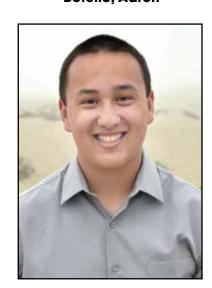
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Campbell, Gannon



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Clokey, Sage



Coats, Cinda



Cordes Mendibles, Lamar



Corning, Taylor



Costa, Brenden



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Cruz, Adair



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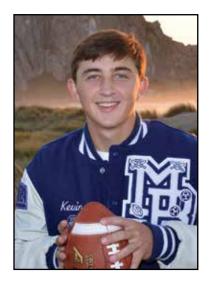
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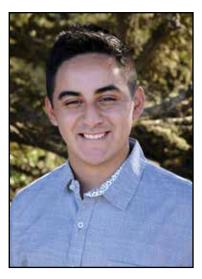


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Gregory, Deklan



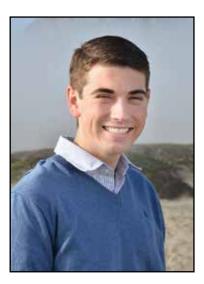
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Gutierrez Martinez, Diana



Hansen, Matthew



Harrison, Tristan



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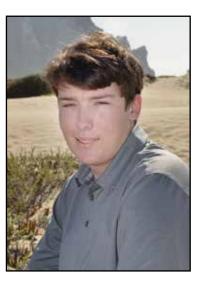
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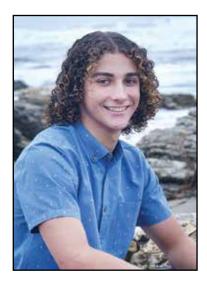
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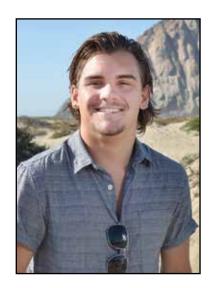


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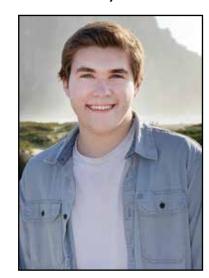
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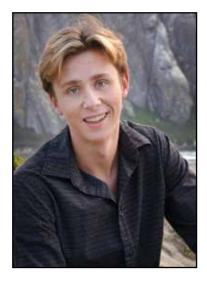
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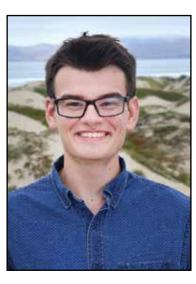




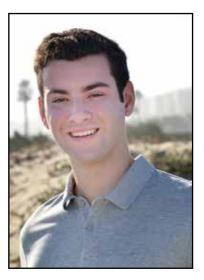
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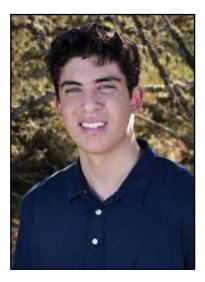
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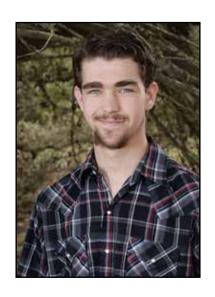
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Quintana, Leilani



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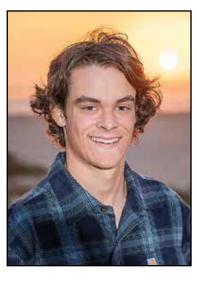
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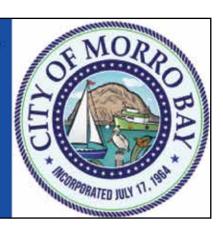
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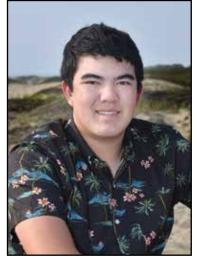
Your life is your story, and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfill your own purpose and potential

-Kory Washington Caps off to all the 2021 graduates from all of us at the City of Morro Bay - Enjoy your next adventure, stay safe and healthy!





Sympson, Kevin



Sze, Jonathan



Tavira, Emely



Taylor, Dante



Tetz, Amber



Turner, Jordyn



Ubay, Matthew



Unks, Matthew



Uzonyi, Aubrey



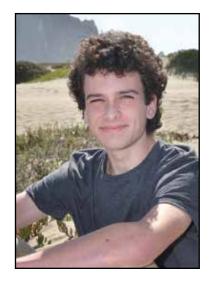
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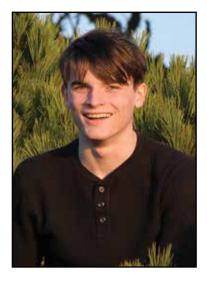
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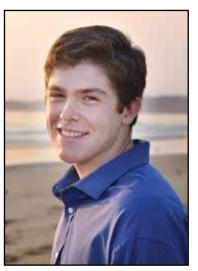
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Becerril, Axel



Bedard, Andre



Castillo, Cristian



Chavez, Cesar



Esparza, Joselin



Fabela Trujillo, Crystal



Thave the privilege of being the Principal at Coast Union High School and have enjoyed getting to know the Class of 2021 over the past four years. It has been an honor and a blessing to work with these students, especially during this challenging time. Thirty-one of the 32 graduates are going to either a community college or 4-year college next year, with one of our graduates entering the workforce. With graduates planning to go all over the nation, whether to Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly, Cal State Chico, UC Berkeley, Arizona State or Notre Dame, they have shown success and will continue to do so, representing our small community. Our graduates received over 141 total local community scholarships, totaling more than \$117,000. Their extracurricular accomplishments, whether in FFA, Sports, Cyber Security, Mock Trial, or other involvements, have been outstanding.

This amazing class has had to endure one of the most difficult times in their lives this past year, and yet they persevered and have made it to this special graduation day. I am so proud of them and am honored to be their principal. Way to go Coast Union High School Broncos! You are remarkable and I wish you the best in your future.

Blessings, Scott Ferguson CUHS Principal



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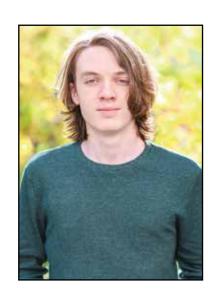
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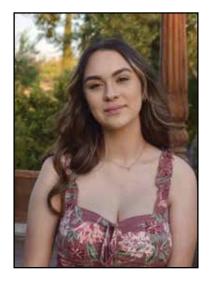
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Latham, Brina



Linn, Caden



Lizaola Orozco, Karolina



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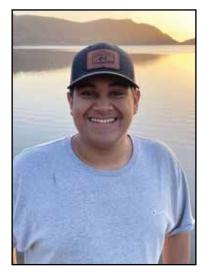
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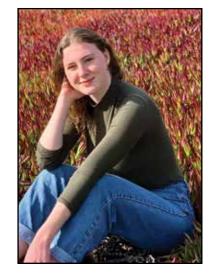
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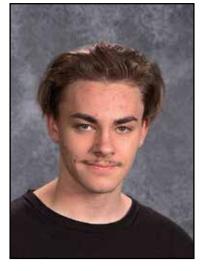
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Spradley, Kendel



Stephenson, Zachary



Walker-Whitebear, Morgan



Woeste, Carson



Wright, Lilianne







The RECC congratulates the class of 2021. We know that you have been dealt a difficult hand recently, so please try and remember that what happens to you is FAR LESS important than how you react to what happens to you.

Go have some fun in life!

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Clean up From page 1

Vistra's flyer, headlined "NOTICE" reads: "Starting MAY 24, 2021 the property owner will remove all unauthorized items from this land.'

The notice has an overhead view of the power plant's wooded northeast corner, bordered by Morro Creek and

"In conjunction with Morro Bay Police," the notice continues, "on Monday, May 24, any persons on this property will be provided notice of Trespass. All property and items left on this land on or after May 24 will be removed. All tents, structures, or other living arrangements will be torn down and removed."

It ends with this ominous warning: "Clean up will begin May 24, 2021 — Remove any belongings you do not wish to surrender before May 24."

The notice has no attribution, which would be required with an official notice from the City or police department. An official notice would also list the municipal code or the penal code number that gives them the authority to act. This notice has none of that.

On May 24, Vistra kept its promise and crews moved in on several encampments on the south side of the creek.

"This week," Vistra spokeswoman Meranda Cohn said in an email to Estero Bay News, "Vistra culminated an operation to move about 20 to 30 people from a densely forested and unsecured area of the retired Morro Bay Power Plant, where they had been trespassing and living in

"We undertook the initiative because of the growing size of these camps and the long list of hazardous health, safety, security, and environmental conditions that devel-

She added that on May 24, "Vistra Corporate Security, assisted by Morro Bay Police, told all who remained to gather their belongings and vacate."

She added that "representatives for homeless outreach were on-site and offered resources for help. The company also allowed some of the homeless to return on Tuesday to load more belongings into a pickup truck." Representatives with the Salvation Army and CAP-SLO, which runs homeless programs for SLO County, were on hand during

In a May 25 news article published online, The Tribune had a different take on the situation.

"A large section of an illegal homeless encampment in Morro Bay was bulldozed Monday morning by Vistra Energy Corp., a Texas-based company that owns the plot of land containing the old Morro Bay Power Plant," reads the lead paragraph of the story.

"The work began Monday morning at around 7:30 a.m., and residents described scrambling to gather whatever belongings they could before a front-end loader tore through random areas of the encampment.

"Trash, clothing, bedding, tents, needles and other paraphernalia at the site were plowed over and mixed into the soil while the front-end loader cut down trees and thick underbrush in the area around Morro Creek

"Vistra was expected to continue the bulldozing on Tuesday."

The story and an accompanying video of a homeless woman who was being uprooted goes on to question whether Vistra has the authority or needed permits to clear out vegetation and remove trees.

The clearly distressed woman, identified as Lisamarie Abbattista, told The Tribune, "We weren't given basically any time to figure things out and find another place to live before Vistra came with the bulldozers. Now they (Morro Bay police) are arresting us if we go back down there, and Vistra is just bulldozing everyone's homes down there,

She noted that the police have issued warnings of an impending clean up with orders to clear out, but then they

The City has on a several occasions conducted similar cleanups, sometimes hiring the California Conservation Corps to assist in cleaning up trash in the dunes along the dirt segment of The Embarcadero leading to Morro Creek. The power plant owners — Dynegy before Vistra took over guard against seawater intrusion. have also funded the cleanups.

Each time it's been done, it has been a traumatic experience for those who shelter in tents and ramshackle shelters amongst the thick growth of trees and thick under-

Trash accumulates, as there are no garbage dumpsters available, and there is nowhere to go to the bathroom after the City parks close at sunset. The Harbor Department last summer did put out some portable toilets nearby for its RV camping spaces by the creek.

Vistra took exception to the Tribune's article. "I'm touching base on the clean-up of the encampment on our Morro Bay plant property," Cohn wrote in an email to EBN. "Unfortunately, the San Luis Obispo Tribune story was full of misrepresentations and false information. I encourage you to reach out to any of the agencies that have visited our site and inspected our work."

She said they hired an "experienced contractor" to do the clean-up work and that contractor used "a small mini excavator to clear foliage." That clearing was done, she said, to clear access for the crew to go in and clean up.

The Tribune quoted Lois Petty, identified as the site manager for SLO Bangers, a syringe exchange and overdose prevention program, who was apparently there too. She reportedly said the displaced people were left to sleep on the streets or find another encampment.

She goes on to accuse Vistra of trying to create "some sort of terror," among the creek denizens.

"These are human beings," Petty was quoted as saying, "and we criminalize the houseless as if it's a crime to be houseless. It's really disgusting what [Vistra] has done out

The article asked a Fish and Wildlife game warden if they had any issues with what Vistra had done? State Fish & Wildlife has permitting jurisdiction over all creeks, streams and rivers in California, including Morro Creek.

Fish & Wildlife Game Warden, Lt. Matt Gil, was quoted as saying, "As long as they [Vistra] don't cut down and remove large trees or move dirt in a way that could impact the streambed or bank, then that's fine on our end."

City officials were aware of what Vistra intended to do, even sending a police officer to guard everyone's safety, but it wasn't a City operation this time. EBN had asked City Manager Scott Collins about the matter after hearing from a local fellow that they'd bulldozed the forest. He apparently spoke with Vistra, prompting Cohn's unsolicited email of explanation.

"As you may have seen," she wrote, "the San Luis Obispo Tribune published a news story on the operation that was inaccurate in fact and context. The news story led to complaints or calls to City of Morro Bay Code Inspection, San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services, and the California Natural Resources Agency — Department of Fish and Wildlife. Representatives from these agencies requested and were granted access by Vistra Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to observe the site work and expressed no corrective or negative responses.'

The local Native Americans were also alarmed. "Vistra also allowed a representative of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council, who had also read the Trib article and was concerned about ground disturbance and wanted to see the work. He was satisfied when informed the mini excavator work was completed and encouraged the continued clean-

That entire creek area and up Hwy 41 is a known Native American archaeological area. Ancient human remains have even been found in the area in the past, once prompting the City to halt work on pounding a steel wall into the ground between the park's west softball field and the creek

The City will be trenching through the area and digging deep holes for lift stations in the general area for its Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Project and must have archaeological monitors on hand in case they unearth anything. The forested area across the creek is near the site where the City plans on installing several wells to inject its treated effluent into the groundwater basin to recycle it and

In any event the clean-up ordeal should be over for now. Cohn added, "The refuse vendor will finish gathering and hauling away debris this week." Cohn said they spent about \$20,000 on the cleanup.

Painter-Puzzle From page 16



Eric Dowdle (R), who is working on a puzzle of Morro Bay, opened a gallery in Solvang, CA

become collectibles along with some 200 fine art prints and paintings, is working on a special Morro Bay puzzle in conjunction with Morro Bay Beautiful, which will be selling puzzles locally as a fundraiser before they go out to the general public. That puzzle is expected to be ready for release this summer.

Dowdle, who has previously done two paintings/ puzzles of Solvang, speaks warmly of the Danish-themed Village in the Santa Ynez Valley. "You'll love the beautiful architecture and the authentic Danish feel of it," he said. "You've gotta go."

He pictures the new gallery as a voyage to exotic places. "It's all the places you've ever wanted to go in one place, that's us. Whether it's a puzzle, an art piece, or Disney Dowdle art, you can celebrate that all in one place."

Though based in Linden, Utah, Dowdle's connections with Solvang run deep. His puzzles of Solvang and the Danish Village are perennial best sellers, according to the release. Solvang was also the location of the first episode of the TV series, "Painting the Town with Eric Dowdle," (see: https://dowdlefolkart.com/blogs/painting-thetown/painting-the-town-of-solvang).

See: www.dowdlefolkart.com for his complete line of puzzles, prints and more and check the Estero Bay News every issue for information on the Morro Bay puzzle's release, tentatively slated for sometime in July.









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