

## Sad Ending for the Lady Maxine

By Neil Farrell



Sinking of Lady Maxine. Photo by Paul Irving

She once plied the sea chasing fish over the bounding main, but now she sits in Davey Jones' Locker at the bottom of the bay awaiting the day she gets raised, crushed into splinters, and hauled to the landfill.

The commercial fishing vessel, Lady Maxine, sank in late July while tied to an offshore mooring south of the public boat launch, her mast sticking high above the water and the wheelhouse and hull visible through the blue water just below the surface.

The Harbor Department called Jim Sanders of California Marine & Salvage, who had a go at raising the boat but she wouldn't come loose of the bay bottom muck. "Our original divers," explained Harbor Director Eric Endersby, "reached the limit of their capacity, unfortunately, but they did do some good prep work by removing some really heavy stuff aboard and cutting off the outrigger poles."

The Lady Maxine's deteriorating condition was well-known to the department, as the Coast Guard had long ago removed all the fuel and oil and other potential pollutants from the boat. So while the sunken ship sits on the bottom,

she doesn't need to have an containment boom encircle it.

Endersby said they've contacted the Sheriff to see if they'd assist. "We have requested the Sheriff's Dive Team to raise the boat and they have agreed," he said, "part in training and part in agency collaboration, so what you are hearing is correct. We are just waiting on them to muster the necessary members on a date that works for them, as they are generally a volunteer group."

The plan is to raise the Lady Maxine and tow her to the launch ramp, where she would be dragged up on land and demolished with an excavator, then loaded into roll off dumpsters and hauled to the landfill, a process that has marked the end for several fishing vessels.

Meanwhile, the shipwreck is a curiosity for kayakers, day sailors and paddle boarders who glide past and check her out. So why wouldn't she come off the bottom?

"She won't float because there is more water on the inside than on the outside. Yes, you can quote me on that," said an apparently frustrated Endersby.

It was the second old fishing boat to sink in the harbor

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## CSD Wants Input on District Elections

By Neil Farrell

Caught between the law and reality, the Los Osos Community Services District is moving forward with a process that should bring it into compliance with a State voting rights law, and protect against a potential lawsuit.

The CSD on Sept. 2 is holding the second of four required public hearings on possibly changing the way its directors are elected, going from "at-large" communitywide voting, where all voters get to vote for all candidates, to dividing the town into districts with each electing a representative to the board.

The idea is to make sure that certain minorities, so-called protected classes of people, are not discriminated against. It applies mainly to towns where the individual neighborhoods are dominated by one race or ethnicity of people, but all communities have to at least investigate the matter.

The issue for Los Osos started last year when the CSD was faced with the "California Voting Rights Act," a bill that sought to ensure minorities were not being disenfranchised by at-large voting in City elections.

"In order to avoid what they call a 'demand letter'," said LOCSD General Manager Ron Munds, "which would automatically result in a \$30,000 fee to the plaintiff claiming that our at-large voting system is racially polarized, we are moving down the path to districting."

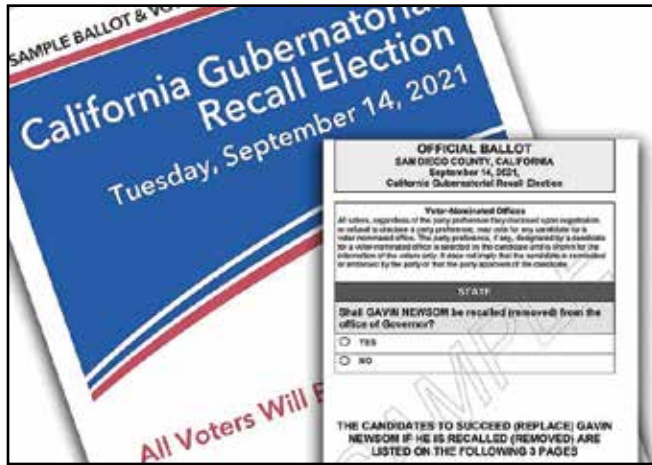
According to the California Legislative Counsel's Office: "The California Voting Rights Act of 2001 [CVRA, S.B. 976, enacted in 2002], prohibits the use of an at-large election in a political subdivision if it would impair the ability of a protected class, as defined, to elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election."

"The CVRA provides that a voter who is a member of a protected class may bring an action in superior court to enforce the provisions of the CVRA, and, if the voter

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## How to Vote in the Recall Election

By Theresa-Marie Wilson



The decision as to whether to recall Governor Gavin Newsom and who would replace him is in the hands of voters. Mail-in ballots rolled out earlier in the month for the Sept. 14 election.

All 22 million registered voters in California have the opportunity to make their voices heard by answering two questions. The first is "Shall Gavin Newsom be recalled (removed) from the office of Governor?"

The second question asks voters to choose who should replace Newsom if he is recalled. A majority vote is required on the first question — if 50% or more vote "no," the governor will remain in office. If more than 50% vote "yes," the candidate with the most votes on the second question would win the election with no majority required.

There will be a list of all 46 candidates, not including Newsom, for voters to consider, 24 Republicans, 9 Democrats, 10 "No Party Preference" candidates, 2 Green Party and 1 Libertarian.

Folks are encouraged to answer both questions, but it is not mandatory for a vote to be counted. All votes on all valid ballots are counted.

"You absolutely can vote on one or both questions," San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Recorder Deputy Director Helen Nolan told Estero Bay News. "It's completely up to the voter. All votes will be tabulated and reported to the Secretary of State. Just because someone may vote "no" to

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## Conceptual Plans for Osos Library Revealed

By Theresa-Marie Wilson



Conceptual rendering the project to expand the Los Osos Library.

It has been a long time coming, but members of the community got a look at conceptual plans for the retrofit and expansion of the Los Osos Library. It is the first public meeting on the project since it was tabled during the pandemic shutdown in 2020.

"We're super excited about the potential of this library in your community for being the cornerstone for what's next," County Director of Libraries Christopher Barnickel told attendees who were in-person or via Zoom.

As presented, the design is a 6000 s.f. LEED certified, one-story open floor plan with a site path that allows users to discover outdoor spaces, that has a variety of unique private seating (nooks) as well as group and indoor and outdoor areas for children to discover.



The proposed materials include natural wood siding, stone, brick and a boardwalk path. The parking lot would remain where it is.

The interior has two meeting spaces, a children/teen

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# What the Heck Kind of Intersection is That?

By Theresa-Marie Wilson



The new protected intersection in SLO on Madonna and Dalido Roads.

The many folks who live on the North Coast and make frequent trips to and from SLO for work or special events will likely come across a screaming green new type of lane on the road.

A protected intersection, the first of its kind in the county, was installed at Madonna and Dalido roads. It is designed to increase safety for driving, bicycling, and walking.

This new protected intersection is the first of its kind in the county and more are planned throughout the city to improve traffic safety.

The intersection opened a few weeks ago and provides a more comfortable way to take left turns by bike without having to merge across several lanes of motor vehicle traffic.

“There are separated bike lanes adjacent to the crosswalks,” said SLO Active Transportation Manager, Adam Fukushima. “Folks on bike typically make left turns by using these bike lanes by riding around the perimeter of the intersection rather than crossing lanes of fast moving vehicular traffic, which is uncomfortable for many people to do on bike.”

The intersection also features wider sidewalk corner curbs with a corner island that helps safely reduce the crossing distance for walking.

“[It] can help reduce collisions with people walking and bicycling,” said SLO Active Transportation Manager, Adam Fukushima. “So called ‘right-hook collisions’ are one of the most frequent types of collisions in the city and can be helped with improvements such as these protected intersections by reducing the speeds of motor vehicles when making right turns as well as reducing the crossing distance for people on foot.”

The newly constructed intersection began in 2020 as part of transportation improvements approved by the city council related to the San Luis Ranch development project. The protected intersection is open but will be completed in late summer 2021 when a shared-use path is connected to Madonna Road.

### Tips for Driving

For driving, a protected intersection is very similar to a typical intersection except for one new feature, a corner island.

- When making a right turn, be sure to always keeo the corner island to your right.
- Do not drive over or thrugh the marked corner island.
- Avoid the curbs, including mountable truck aprons that help larger vehicles navigate a wider turn radius.
- Look for bicycles in the bike lane. They will be travelling on your right-hand side.
- Yield to pedestrians on the crosswalk as you would a typical intersection.

### Tips for Bicycling

- To turn right, stay in the bike lane and turn right without stopping unless there are specific markings. Be sure to yield to pedestrians.

- To make a left turn, always proceed in a counterclockwise direction like you would in a roundabout to avoid merging across lanes of traffic (unless the bike crossing markings indicate two-way crossing is allowed).
- Ride straight along the dedicated bike lane to the corner island on the other side of the intersection, turn left and wait at the limit line, requesting a green light in the new direction.
- When the light is green and it is safe, proceed in the bike lane through the intersection in the new direction.
- Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, as you would a typical intersection.

Protected Intersections have been a best practice design for decades in Europe and are quickly gaining popularity across the United States to improve safety and comfort for all road users in cities like Davis, CA; San Jose, CA, and Salt Lake City, UT, Fukushima said.

A second protected intersection is also under construction at Froom Ranch and Los Osos Valley Roads and has an expected completion date later this summer. Following that, plans are to install one on Los Osos Valley Road and Auto Park Way.

For a video on how to navigate the new intersections, go so [slocity.org](http://slocity.org).



# County Urges Wearing Mask Indoors

By Neil Farrell

After watching cases of COVID-19 rise in recent weeks, the San Luis Obispo County Health Department is urging everyone to go back to wearing masks indoors, as the coronavirus’ Delta variant has gotten a foothold here.

“People are strongly recommended to wear masks indoors in settings like grocery or retail stores, restaurants and bars, fitness centers, theaters, and family entertainment centers, even if they are fully vaccinated,” reads an Aug. 18 news release from the health department. “Businesses are urged to adopt universal masking for customers entering indoor areas of their businesses to provide better protection to their employees and customers.”

The County’s announcement comes after the State Department of Public Health mandated people who are not vaccinated wear face coverings indoors. The State is also requiring all health care workers and patients, senior care facilities, jails, public transportation and schools also wear masks indoors.

“The Delta variant is sweeping quickly through our community,” County Public Health Officer Penny Borenstein said, “and we need every tool we have to stop it. While vaccines remain our best tool against COVID-19, masking in indoor and crowded outdoor settings will help us curb the spread of this latest wave of infection.”

### No Change Locally

With the County “strongly” recommending masks be worn indoors, the City of Morro Bay is following suit, though perhaps not as strenuously.

“It is a recommendation, not a requirement,” City Manager Scott Collins told Estero Bay News, “but we feel it is important that residents, employees of businesses, etc., wear masks when indoors with folks not part of their home, given the current rate of spread.”

He added that they “made the same strong recommendation for City staff and City offices and facilities.”

Collins called masks another line of defense against the virus, and, “...based upon the County Public Health recommendation and nationwide evidence, we strongly encourage folks to get vaccinated if they have not already.”

### Cases on the Uptick

COVID-19 cases countywide have been on an upward trend for a few weeks now, as the dreaded “Delta Variant” has arrived here and is spreading.

In an Aug. 17 news release, the County said, “All cases sequenced in the past week were of the highly-contagious Delta variant. This finding is consistent with statewide data showing more than 90% of all strains identified were Delta in the month of July. Because this variant spreads more easily, rapidly infecting larger numbers of people, officials say it results in more people becoming severely ill.”

On Aug. 20, the County said 98% of the newest cases were the Delta Variant. The County reported 425 new cases of COVID-19 had been confirmed from Aug. 17-20. And three more people were reported to have died of COVID over the past couple of weeks, including the first person under-30 in SLO County.

One person was in his or her 20s, another was over 90, and the latest in their 60s, the County said. On Aug. 20 there were 42 people hospitalized with COVID, with 10 in intensive care units. The County’s pandemic death toll has now reached 274.

### County Pushes Vaccine

“This is a painfully serious disease and it’s one we have the power to stop,” Dr. Borenstein said. She added that while it’s too late for the dead and hospitalized to get the vaccine, for everyone who still hasn’t taken the shot, “it’s not too late; you can protect yourself, protect the people you love, and help close the curtain on this terrible pandemic.”

The Health Department is now giving away \$25 gift cards to those who get vaccinated at one of their three clinics — in Paso Robles at 723 Walnut Dr.; in Grover Beach at 286 South 16th St., Building B; and in SLO at 2191 Johnson Ave.

There’s also an upcoming “pop-up” vaccination clinic schedule for 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 30 at Cuesta College, Rm. 1400T (in the main gymnasium, use parking lot 5 around the back side of campus).

You must make an appointment in advance to get the shot through the County. Book an appointment online at: [myturn.ca.gov](http://myturn.ca.gov) or call (833) 422-4255. You’ll have to choose which clinic you want to go to, which could depend on which vaccine is being administered and where.



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See: [www.RecoverSLO.org/Vaccine](http://www.RecoverSLO.org/Vaccine) to check the hours each clinic is open.

The [myturn.ca.gov](http://myturn.ca.gov) website is also supposed to have lists of pharmacies and private health clinics that are giving the shots as well. Or check with your local pharmacy about getting the vaccine.

Nearly 2/3rds Here Are Vaccinated

How is SLO County doing on the vaccine rollout? Not bad but there are still a lot of people who haven't gotten the shot.

According to County stats (see: [www.recover slo.org/en/detailed-vaccine-stats](http://www.recover slo.org/en/detailed-vaccine-stats)), as of Aug. 15, some 60% of SLO County residents over 12 had been fully vaccinated, which means they've gotten both doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or the single dose Johnson & Johnson shot. The vaccines have not been approved for anyone under 12.

Some 68% of those 12 and older have gotten one of the two-shot elixirs or the single J&J shot.

And 32% of those eligible haven't gotten vaccinated. The County Health Clinics have given over 170,600 vaccination doses to over 90,400 people. Some 82,300 are fully vaccinated and 7,800 are partially done.

SLO County has a resident population of some 282,484 (estimated) as of April 1, 2020, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

County Wants to Replace South Bay Bridge

County Supervisors were expected to approve moving forward on a project to replace a bridge on the main road linking Los Osos and Morro Bay.

"The South Bay Boulevard Bridge," reads a report from the County, "is located between Los Osos and Morro Bay and is a Diablo Canyon Power Plant evacuation route. Based on an Earthquake Evacuation Study performed by Pacific Gas & Electric Co., the South Bay Boulevard Bridge was identified as having high potential for damage in a significant seismic event."

Caltrans studied the bridge's structural integrity under current earthquake standards, and determined that the replacement is eligible for Federal Highway Administration funds to pay for it.

The plan is to build a new bridge over Los Osos Creek right next to the existing bridge so traffic lanes can remain open during construction. Once completed, the road would be directed onto the new bridge, the old bridge torn down and the creek "restored."

The new bridge would be 50-feet wide and 300-feet long. The existing bridge is 36-feet wide and 200-feet long. The new bridge would have wider shoulders for bike lanes and sidewalks for pedestrians, according to the report with a traffic lane in each direction.

The project is estimated to cost some \$19 million and "is dependent on acquiring permits from the resource agencies and future allocation of (FHWA) Bridge Program funds."

Crossing a stream like Los Osos Creek is a complicated effort with numerous agencies — both State and Federal — having to review and sign off on plans. It can take years to wade through.

For example, the County and City tried to replace the old "Twin Bridges," a pair of short, wooden bridges, located a couple of miles further down South Bay Boulevard and spanning Chorro Creek.

Twin Bridges was subject to flooding every winter forcing school children on buses and residents to drive to San Luis Obispo and back up Hwy 1 or Los Osos Valley Road, depending on direction of travel. The detour added about a half hour to the trip.

Some 35 different agencies were involved and it was over 40 years before the project finally got approved and the "Chorro Creek Bridge" was built, under the leadership of the City. This even though Caltrans had repeatedly deemed the Twin Bridges as substandard, deteriorating, and in need of replacement.

With this project, the County is issuing a "Mitigated Negative Declaration," with regards to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which means there are no impacts to the creek environment that can't be mitigated.

"The Environmental Division Manager," the County report said, "found that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment with inclusion of suitable mitigation measures that are designed to avoid and/or reduce project related impacts to insignificant levels."

The so-called "Neg-Dec" review covered: "aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, recreation, and tribal cultural resources."

As for how the County will lessen impacts, "Mitigation measures associated with the project include, but are not limited to: implementing standard vehicle emissions and dust control during construction, preconstruction surveys for special status species, worker environmental awareness training, restricted refueling areas, use of suitable Best Management Practices, and hazardous waste handling and disposal measures."

Bike Path Closed for WRF Project

BY Neil Farrell



A birds-eye view shows the tunneling work at the former U-Haul Store site on Quintana Road. The WRF project will tunnel underneath the Roundabout, connecting with the other end of the tunnel on Las Tunas Avenue. Photo courtesy City of Morro Bay

Work on the conveyance system of pipes for the Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility project continue up and down Quintana Road with the work now affecting access to a dedicated bike lane.

The City said in a news release that the bike lane running from Main Street to Atascadero Road, between the Hwy 1 fence and the eastern edge of the power plant property, is now closed for "several months."

Bicycle and pedestrian traffic is being detoured up to Main Street to get into Downtown, which would mean high school kids riding bikes or walking to school would have to use Main Street.

"Please use extra caution when using the detour," the City said, "as cyclists and vehicles will be sharing the road. Please plan for traffic delays and allow extra time when using the detour, including travel to and from Morro Bay

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Laying the array of four new pipelines — two raw sewage pipes, a treated water return/recycling pipe and a wastewater discharge pipe — will be done in segments, the City said, and will include trenching and tunneling work.

Construction will be on weekdays but the bike lane will be closed full time.

In other WRF pipeline news, work on a side pipeline going from the City’s Lift Station 2 (LS-2), located under the Front Street parking lot by the Maritime Museum has begun. The City is putting in a sewer main line that will bypass the existing sewer main that collects along the Embarcadero and Downtown and also drains the Morro Heights neighborhood, nearly half the town.

The City will run that main line through the power plant property and hook up with the other sewer main being installed between Atascadero Road and Main Street (the bike lane), and into a new lift station going in on Main Street next door to Lemos Ranch store. Work on that lift station has been going on for months.

Meanwhile, construction along Quintana Road is now nearly up to the Roundabout, where they plan to tunnel underneath the busiest intersection in town, coming up on Las Tunas Avenue near the Morro Bay Coffee Co., and Las Tunas Pocket Park.

You must access the coffee company either from Balboa Street (off Kings Avenue), or form the other side through the Roundabout.

The contractor, Anvil Builders of San Francisco, have also started trenching on Quintana from La Loma Street towards the Roundabout, making a turn at Las Tunas to hook up with the Roundabout tunnel. “The eastbound lane on Quintana Road is open,” the City said, “and the west-bound lane is closed to traffic except for access to business driveways.”

To access the Perfect Union pot store, patrons can take Kings Avenue, down to Quintana and avoid the construction zone entirely.

Construction is scheduled on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Properties along the construction area, the City said, will receive printed notices before work begins near their address, and construction notices will be regularly posted online at: [www.morrobaywrf.com](http://www.morrobaywrf.com). Residents can email [wrfinfo@morrobayca.gov](mailto:wrfinfo@morrobayca.gov) or call 877-MORROBAYH2O with questions about the City’s WRF project, and they promise “a team member will get back to you within one business day.”

Another Veteran  
Policeman Retires



Sgt. Dale Cullum whi retired form the police force in July

There have been more changes at Morro Bay Police Department, as a long-time officer retires and another is promoted to take his place.

Sgt. Dale Cullum retired form the police force in July, after some 27 years on the job, the last 11 at MBPD.

And the department promoted Senior Ofc. Gene Stuart to Sgt. Stuart to fill Cullum’s spot. Sgt. Stuart was

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News Briefs

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

It Pays to Vaccinate for  
Cuesta Students

Cuesta College is offering \$250 to all students fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccinated students will also be entered into a drawing for a \$5,000 scholarship.

To be eligible, Cuesta College students must be currently enrolled in any credit or non-credit class, CCAP dual enrollment, Continuing Education course, and Community Programs.

To receive a \$250 gift card, students must bring proof of full vaccination and a valid photo ID in person to the San Luis Obispo campus or North County campus in Paso Robles. The drawing for the \$5,000 scholarship will be announced at a later date.

“Being vaccinated is one of the most important things we all can do to help prevent the continued spread of the coronavirus,” said Dr. Jill Stearns, Cuesta College Superintendent / President. “It’s been exciting to see our students and employees back on campus, and I hope that these incentives urge those who are not yet vaccinated to protect themselves and keep our campus community safe.”

In partnership with the San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department, walk-in mobile clinics for the free vaccine are available to students, employees, and the public on both Cuesta College campuses during the following dates and times:

- Monday, Aug. 30 at the San Luis Obispo Campus from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in| 1400T by parking lot 5. Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson (first and second doses available)
- Wednesday, Sept. 2 at the North County Campus in Paso Robles from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Campus Center behind the cafeteria. Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson (first and second doses available)

For more details about the Cuesta College Vaccine Challenge, including gift card pick-up locations and hours, visit [bit.ly/vaccinateCuesta](http://bit.ly/vaccinateCuesta).

City Seeks Bids on  
Water Tank Repairs

The City of Morro Bay is looking for someone to make extensive repairs to some of its drinking water storage tanks; part of the City’s work to maintain the drinking water and fire hydrant systems.

The City called for bids to do extensive work on two of its steel tanks — one at the Blanca Street tank farm and the other on the Kings Avenue.

The tanks on Kings are where the town receives State Water and also blends that water with well water from the Morro Creek Basin. From there it is distributed to various other tanks scattered around town.

The engineer’s estimate for the work is between \$2 million and \$2.5 million. Bids are due at the end of business on Tuesday, Sept. 2 with a contract expected to be award soon after that.

The full scope of work is: furnishing and supplying labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, and services necessary to complete the subject project, which includes, not limited to, removing and recoating the interior paint system of steel tanks, spot repair and over-coating of exterior of steel tanks, replacement and installation of tank appurtenances and equipment.

New Roundabout  
Coming to SLO

A new project heralded to significantly improve traffic flow and safety in south San Luis Obispo is underway.

Crews began construction on a new roundabout at the intersection of Orcutt and Tank Farm roads. The project will include some temporary lane closures and detours over the next eight months, but when completed in Spring 2022, the roundabout will hopefully benefit the community in a variety of ways.

“Traffic at the Orcutt/Tank Farm intersection has significantly increased in recent years, particularly during the afternoon commute,” said Project Manager Jennifer Rice, a transportation planner/engineer with the City of San Luis Obispo. “The new roundabout will reduce traffic delays for drivers and vehicle emissions and improve public safety for all modes of transportation with the addition of dedicated crossings for pedestrians and cyclists.”

Construction on the Orcutt/Tank Farm roundabout will be executed over five phases. Nearby Islay Hill Park will remain open during construction, however access to the parking lot will be limited during certain stages. This phased approach will reduce duration of the closures and detours, ease traffic disruption, and reduce the overall cost of the project compared to a non-phased approach.

Roundabouts are substantially safer and beneficial compared to other types of intersections because they reduce vehicle speeds through the intersection and eliminate the types of dangerous collisions that most often lead to serious injury or death, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Souza Engineering Contracting Inc. and Cannon construction management is working with the city and other project partners to ensure that temporary road closures and detours run as smoothly as possible.

For more information about the project, including ongoing updates and educational resources about roundabouts, visit [www.slocity.org/roundabouts](http://www.slocity.org/roundabouts).

CSD Seeks Committee  
Members

The Los Osos Community Services District is looking for two qualified people to serve on its Utilities Advisory Committee, which is one of the more busy of the CSD’s committees.

“If you have experience in the water and/or drainage field and want to join a dynamic committee which is working on important issues facing our community, please consider submitting an application for consideration by the Board,” reads a notice form the CSD.

Submit applications in person at the LOCSD Office, 2122 9th St. Ste. 110, or email to: [ldurban@lososocsd.org](mailto:ldurban@lososocsd.org). Mail applications to: LOCSD, P.O. Box 6064, Los Osos, CA 93412.

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Senior Ofc. Gene Stuart was promoted to Sgt. Stuart.

also the school resource officer at Morro Bay High last year. That means the department will eventually hire an officer to fill the new vacancy.

Sgt. Cullum holds the distinction of being the only MBPD officer to shoot someone in the line of duty when he wounded an aggressive homeless man who was witnessed breaking into a local store and stealing some rather bizarre items before fleeing on bicycle. Cullum and another officers caught up to him on Coleman Drive. The man was shot in the leg after resisting arrest and attacking the officers with a big stick.

Also, MBPD Officers Daniel Palumbo and Kevin McCool completed their field training and started solo patrols the first week of August.

## Zoom Meeting to Discuss Smokestacks



Are the Morro Bay Power Plant smokestacks marvels of design and monolithic icons to be preserved, or eyesores and leftovers of an industrialized past that should be removed?

The City of Morro Bay is holding an online forum to hear from residents, who have to live with the trio of spires every day, and whose input could help decide the fate of Morro Bay’s second-most famous feature.

The forum on Zoom is set for 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8 “to discuss the future of the Power Plant Stacks,” reads a news release from the City.

The meeting will have several government speakers presenting information on different aspects of what could be a difficult decision to make, as sentiments clash with realities.

Slated to speak are representatives from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, the San Luis Obispo Air Pollution Control District, and the Coastal Commission. Listed topics are the current condition of the “stacks” and consideration of the future for the stacks.

The DTSC has an active pollution case covering several areas of the 117-acre plant property, acknowledging the existence of several toxic substances in the soils and considering a plan that would essentially leave the pollutants in place and limit the future reuses of the property, unless the

soil is cleaned up.

And there are miles of steam piping and four giant boilers in the plant covered in asbestos insulation, another potentially toxic substance that will have to be dealt with in demolition.

The APCD oversaw the plant’s emissions and would be involved in the demolition, setting air quality standards for taking the old plant down.

And the plant property is within the Coastal Commission’s jurisdiction.

Plant owners, Vistra Energy, have applied to build a 600-megawatt Battery Energy Storage System or BESS project covering some 22 acres and located on the site of an old fuel tank farm, which was removed years ago.

As part of its proposal, Vistra is exploring removal of the 16-story (165 foot) power plant building and the three, 450-foot tall stacks, reporting that all had deteriorated to the point of being un-reusable, unless the City decides it wants to leave the stacks standing.

The three stacks are the tallest, man-made structures in SLO County. (The steel-clad power plant building is the third tallest, with the twin domes of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, at some 190-feet, being the second tallest.)

The northernmost stack was built in the mid-1950s for Units 1 and 2 at the plant. The middle and southern stacks came in with Units 3 and 4. The stacks vent the products of combustion from the old fossil fuel burning plant.

Originally, the plant used different fuels — fuel oil, diesel, and kerosene — and the tallness was designed to better disperse the exhaust. The plant switched over to natural gas in the mid-1990s until it closed for good in 2014.

If readers would like to send in comments on how they feel about the stacks, they can email to City Manager Scott Collins at: [scollins@morrobayca.gov](mailto:scollins@morrobayca.gov) until Sept. 1.

See: [www.morrobayca.gov/civicalerts.aspx?AID=2631](http://www.morrobayca.gov/civicalerts.aspx?AID=2631) to find a link to the Zoom meeting.

## County Completes Cayucos Water Tank Upgrade



The San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works celebrated the commissioning of two new 210,000-gallon water storage tanks located west of Hacienda Drive, in Cayucos, on time and below estimated cost.

The County Public Works Department recently cut the ribbon to celebrate the completion of a major upgrade to the drinking water system for South Cayucos.

County officials were on hand to mark the completion of the \$2.2 million project that saw two, 210,000 gallon storage tanks built at the tank farm above Hacienda Drive, replacing one old tank that didn’t adequately supply the County Services Area 10A water customers with sufficient fire fighting capabilities.

Dist. 2 County Supervisor Bruce Gibson was delighted with the service upgrade. “I’m so impressed by the way the community came together and supported this project, Gibson said. “Folks clearly saw the value of investing in this important water storage facility — and it pays off with improved resiliency and fire protection.”

CSA 10A funded the project using a U.S. Department of Agriculture rural assistance low interest loan, available

to communities with populations of 10,000 or less. The Cayucos Sanitary District also tapped USDA to finance it’s \$25 million sewer treatment plant, recently completed on Toro Creek Road. John Madonna Const., of SLO was the contractor on the job.

The two new tanks replaced a single, 60-year-old deteriorated tank, the County said, and, “will provide system redundancy to facilitate operations and maintenance, and to meet the California Fire Code for fire flow storage.”

The CSA 10A area had been woefully unprepared for a major fire, with regards to available water supply. During construction, other storage tanks located at the water treatment plant by the Cayucos-Morro Bay Cemetery, were available in case of emergency, which thankfully wasn’t necessary.

CSA 10A provides drinking water and charges to fire hydrants using water from Whale Rock Reservoir, as do the other water purveyors in town. All the lake water is fully treated at the reverse osmosis treatment plant below the Whale Rock dam that was built back in the 1990s, in order to comply with drinking water standards for surface waters — water diverted from rivers, streams, creeks, and lakes and reservoirs. Though no human contact is allowed at Whale Rock, it is subject to potential contamination from the surrounding hills, most of which are used for cattle grazing.

In addition to redundancy and fire flow, the County said the new tanks “provide emergency water storage for three days.” The average daily water use for CSA 10A is about 110,000 gallons, according to the County. But the usage spikes on the 4th of July, when Cayucos is packed with visitors, to about 325,000 gallons a day. On an annual basis, the CSA 10A uses 132-acre feet of water or about 43 million gallons a year.

In the photograph, Supervisor Gibson, center with big scissors, gets ready to cut the ribbon and celebrate the water tank project. Submitted photo

## Coastal Commission Takes Over Cayucos Motel Review

By Neil Farrell



A rendering of the proposed Cobb motel in Cayucos.

As expected, the Coastal Commission voted to take over the permitting of a proposed motel in Cayucos, adjacent to Cayucos Creek one of the last big vacant lots in Downtown Cayucos.

Forest Donovan, a coastal planner with the Commission based in Santa Cruz, said, “The Commission unanimously voted to find substantial issue and take jurisdiction over the CDP [Coastal Development Permit] application based on the staff recommendation and the identified

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issues. We will bring the project forward via de novo review at a future date pending staff resources.”

The Commission had already asked for the project’s file from County Planning Department in a letter dated back in April. The Commission staff had listed several issues they wanted the County to clear up and with the appeal filed on the project, will embark on what can be a lengthy process, in some cases lasting a year or more.

Among the issues the Commission raised was how the County arrived at a 38-foot setback from the beach for the project, which sits on a small bluff at the mouth of Cayucos Creek.

In letters to the County Planning Commission, it was revealed that the site has a great deal of fill dating back to the building of Highway 1.

Setbacks are supposed to account for sea level rise over 100 years, according to the Commission staff. The County figured out the setback by assuming 28 feet to account for normal erosion, plus another 10-feet for sea level rise and wave action over 100 years.

“There are several potential problems with this approach and the setback applied,” the Commission staff said. They said it was “unclear how the 10-foot buffer was calculated.”

They also said the setback calculations didn’t account for increased erosion that could be done by the creek, which in winter can run several feet deep, swelled with rain runoff.

They also questioned the purpose of a retaining wall between the motel and the public path, that’s part of the design.

The commission said the wall raised questions “about whether this retaining wall is intended to and/or will actually serve as some type of armoring device,” the Commission staff said. Under the Commission’s sea level rise policy, they discourage of armoring the coast with features like seawalls and other methods to fight back the sea.

“In short,” the Commission staff said, “the County’s approval allows a large hotel facility on a dynamic bluff top, oceanfront, and creek-adjacent property subject to numerous coastal hazards risks, and the County’s approval raises questions about whether such risk was adequately account-

ed for in project siting and design.”

The Commission also wants to review the project’s conformance with Coastal Act requirements for lateral and vertical public access and providing “lower-cost accommodations,” which the Coastal Act also requires. However, the plan was to rent the motel’s available rooms as vacation rentals, which the Commission has in the past considered affordable because several families can split the costs.

The Commission received some 50 letters on the project, which were not available due to the Commission’s website having trouble displaying its reports and agendas.

Jay and Lisa Cobb are the applicants on the proposal to build a 17-unit, 3-story hotel/vacation rental project on the 1.1-acre parcel, located just north of the Cayucos Pier.

As currently designed, the motel building would sit back from the edge of the property and take up 0.7-acres of the site. The rest would be parking, a swimming pool and guest amenities, and a pedestrian trail overlooking the beach.

It would also have space for a retail business and a bar/restaurant on the bottom floor, a feature that drives up the required number of parking spaces under the County’s rules. The County agreed to lower the required number of spaces, which some neighbors of the property oppose.

The site is bordered by condominiums on the west, the beach to the south and creek on east, with Ocean Avenue on the north side.

According to the County’s planning commission report, “One of the proposed units will be used as a manager’s unit for overnight management staff. The proposed structure includes three stories with a total of 20,114 square feet of floor area. The project also proposes a public scenic vista pathway and public recreation amenities. The proposed outdoor guest amenity area and the public scenic vista pathway will be physically separated by a retaining wall feature which will act as a border to the public pathway.”

It’s unknown when the project would be ready for a full appeal hearing before the Coastal Commission.

Council Taking Applications for Open Seat

By Neil Farrell

The Morro Bay City Council is accepting applications to fill its vacant council seat, and the deadline to apply is fast approaching.

For the first time in the town’s history, the city council is seeking to fill a vacancy after the death of one of its members, Councilman Robert “Red” Davis, who died July 24.

Several other council people over the town’s more than 50-year history have left office by resignation and recall but Davis was the first to die in office, presenting the Council with the rare responsibility of appointing someone to fill the seat.

It’s also the first time Municipal Code Section 2.06.030, Paragraph B, passed by voters, will be applied to a Council vacancy.

That means whomever is appointed will have to face voters in a special election that is tentatively set for next April 2022 (or no less than 114 days from the appointment). The winner at that election will serve out the remaining over 2 years of Davis’ term, which is up in 2024.

Applicants must be at least 18, reside within the Morro Bay City Limits and be registered to vote in Morro Bay at the time of the application. Party affiliation should be irrelevant, as the Mayor and City Council positions are officially non-partisan.

Applications are available online on the City’s website (see: <http://morrobayca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/15820/Application-for-Appointment-to-City-Council>), or by contacting the City Clerk’s Office at (805) 772-6205 or via email at: [cityclerk@morrobayca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@morrobayca.gov). The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3.

Interviews with council members are tentatively slated for Tuesday, Sept. 14. Once the selection has been made and accepted by the applicant, the lucky person will start immediately with that night’s regular meeting.

A lot is on the line with regards to pending and

proposed issues, which include the world’s largest Battery Energy Storage System or BESS proposed by Vistra Energy, owners of the Morro Bay Power Plant; the potential of offshore wind farms bringing their energy ashore in Morro Bay; the future of bayside RV camping; an affordable workforce housing proposal at Morro Elementary, as hinted at by the local school district; development of a former Navy Fuel Depot up on Panorama Drive with over 40 home sites possible; budget issues and more.

More Work on Hwy 1

Caltrans has begun another maintenance project on Hwy 1 in Monterey County and motorists can expect some delays through the end of November, weather permitting.

The project will replace a rain culvert and repair erosion at an area popularly called “Lucia Fountain” and located about a third of a mile south of Limekiln State Park and 1.4 miles north of Kirk Creek Campground.

There will be one-way traffic controls in place through the construction zone.

The traffic controls will be in effect Mondays-Fridays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and open over the weekends. The contractor on the \$750,000 project is Serafix Engineering of Santa Rosa, Calif. There will be directional signs put up along the highway.

This will be the only construction zone on Hwy 1 through Big Sur currently underway. Caltrans earlier in August had closed the scenic highway overnight for inspections on the supports of the iconic Bixby Bridge.

With a highway subject to landslides and severe erosion, Caltrans explained why working on the road’s drainage is important.

“The network of culverts that lace Highway 1 on the Big Sur Coast,” the agency said in a news release, “serve as critical infrastructure to keep water and debris off the roadway during winter weather. Maintaining the integrity of culverts and erosion repair efforts contribute to the resiliency of the roadway during inclement conditions.”

For traffic updates on state highways in Caltrans District 5, contact the public affairs office at (805) 549-3318 or see the District 5 website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>.

City Seeks Input on Goals, Priorities

By Neil Farrell

The City of Morro Bay wants to know what its citizens think should be their goals and priorities, in advance of two upcoming special meetings where the City Council will debate and decide what those goals should officially be.

The City has started an online POLCO poll to give citizens a way to give input to the council, see: <https://polco.us/morrobay> to access the poll. The surveys are confidential.

The goals and priorities the Council sets this year will guide the City Government’s actions over the next two years.

The poll consists of a series of general questions asking you to rank various City services and your priorities on what the City ought to focus its efforts on. It takes about 5 minutes to complete.

In case readers wonder what the existing goals and objectives are, here’s a summary from the City website:

The four City Council goals for 2019-2020 are as follows:

- Goal 1: Achieve economic and fiscal sustainability;
- Goal 2: Improve public infrastructure;
- Goal 3: Complete updates to City Land Use Plan and Zoning Policies and address affordable housing issues; and,
- Goal 4: Improve communication and engagement with community;

Approved in May 2019, the City Council’s 2019/20 goals had 26, “discreet and measurable action items...” Each of the goals is loaded with these action items. For example, Goal No. 1 has 13 items listed; No. 2 has six. Goal No. 4 has five and No. 3 — involving communication with the public — has the least at two. (See: [www.morrobayca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13493/FY-2019-2020-City-Council-Goals--Objectives](http://www.morrobayca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13493/FY-2019-2020-City-Council-Goals--Objectives) to access the list of existing goals.)

Citizens are also encouraged to take part in the remaining meeting set for the afternoon of Sept. 28.



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## Changes Coming to Cambria Rotary

By Jill Turnbow



The new co-presidents of the Cambria Rotary Club, Linda Sherman, Patty Griffin, and Christel Chesney.

There are big changes coming to the Cambria Rotary Club. Established in 1971, the local organizations is celebrating 50 years of service to the community. One of the biggest changes, one that has never happened in the past, is that for the next two years, three co-presidents will head up the service club. Patty Griffin, Linda Sherman, and Christel Chesney will each hold the office and share many of the club's duties. They will each implement the organization's new motto, "Serve to Change Lives."

Patty, Linda, and Christel had all been approached about filling the president's seat but felt they would be even more effective together.

"They make a great team," said Sue Robinson, community service chair. "They each bring unique skills to the table. And Rotary is about change, so why not! Patty's

energy is uplifting, Linda is excellent with technology, and Christel is really great with outreach and getting things done."

During the pandemic, the three co-presidents, along with Miguel Sandoval from San Simeon Beach Bar & Grill, were instrumental in ensuring the regular weekly meetings could continue virtually as well as some in-person meetings. The virtual aspect of attendance may continue in the future as well.

"It's been so much easier getting great speakers on Zoom," Robinson said. "I think we'll keep that up."

Now that many restrictions have been lifted, the Rotary is returning to some of their regular projects, such as highway cleanup and, one of their favorite days, providing a hot breakfast to returning teachers and staff of Coast Union schools.

As part of the 50th Anniversary celebration, Rotary will turn the spotlight on some past presidents and look at some of the origins of the club's many on-going projects.

"The last Friday of every month we will focus on these special events and Rotarian birthdays," Robinson said.

They have also begun planning for their entry into the upcoming Pinedorado parade. The Cambria Rotary is known for their successful fundraising that has benefitted many other organizations in the community, especially school-age kids. When asked about some of the most rewarding Rotary projects, Robinson was quick to point out the Christmas gift giving for the kids in San Simeon.

"It's really personalized. The kids write letters to Santa so we're able to give them just the things they really want. I love it."

The funds they raise throughout the year are used to provide scholarships for graduating seniors at Coast Union, sports equipment for all grades, a leadership camp for high school students, and clean water for those that are in need. On an international level, Rotary is committed to eradicating polio by providing vaccines to developing countries.

The Cambria Rotary meets every Friday at noon at the San Simeon Beach Bar & Grill. Lunch is \$20. For information on how you can join, call 805 769 4749 or email [Cambriarotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:Cambriarotaryclub@gmail.com).

## Events and Activities

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

**SLO Skiers, a local, non-profit sports and social club** for adults will hold its next monthly meeting at Cuesta Park in San Luis Obispo at 5:30 p.m. on September 1. They meet just past the children's playground equipment on the lawn and have a tall blue and white pennant. Meetings are free and yearly membership is only \$50.



**Beginner's Guide to Creation Care** and the Climate Crisis is a virtual facilitated five-session series that takes place from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursdays from September 9-October 7.

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church in Los Oso, invites persons of all faiths to join in the series. Explore what's driving climate change, how to think anew about God's call to be good stewards, and concrete steps to take at home, church, and in community to make a difference. Sessions include Bible reflections, short videos, and discussion. Come and share your questions, insights and ideas.

To learn more and to register, go to [stbenslosos.org/events/](https://stbenslosos.org/events/)

If the dates and times for the live sessions aren't convenient for you, you can use the materials on the website for individual or group study.



**The Morro Bay Yacht Club Sail, Pedal, Paddle** takes place Aug. 28. Grab your weekend beach gear; boats, bikes, paddle/surf boards and kayaks with your family and friends for a fun relay race at the Morro Bay Yacht Club. Skipper's meeting is at 9:30 a.m., S.P.P. relay starts at 10 a.m., and a BBQ lunch and awards are at 12:30 p.m.

Starting at the water front dock of MBYC, there will be a short sail course rounding a few channel markers and finishing back at the dock. From there, the cycling leg of the relay begins. The course takes the cyclist to the MB Rock and then over at Coleman Park. Then the last leg of the relay launches on any paddle vessel associated with their team. The paddle finishes back at the MBYC dock. All checkpoints will have a token of completion to present at the finish line.

Each team is 2-4 participants. Team price is \$35 for members (only one needed) and \$40 for non-members. This includes a BBQ lunch for each team member. BBQ lunch sold separately for \$10. Tee-shirts are also available for pre-purchase \$20.

Go to <https://my805tix.com/e/sail-pedal-paddle>, for all entries or purchases.

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**The Morro Bay Art Association** presents Art in the Park at Morro Bay Park on corner of Morro Bay Blvd and Harbor Drive. Times are: Sept. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This 65th annual show offers artists and crafts people a high quality outdoor setting to display and sell their wares to an appreciative audience. There are 108 booths representing 125 independent artists and craft workers and a wide variety of food and drink available at the festival. Entry is free.

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### Morro Bay invites you to attend a Community Forum regarding the Power Plant Stacks

The City of Morro Bay is holding a community Forum on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm to discuss the future of the Power Plant Stacks. Zoom in to hear Facts about the stacks.



Photo by: Danna Dykstra-Coy

### Morro Bay Community Forum Power Plant Stacks - Facts and Figures

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Wed, Sept. 8th  
Via Zoom, see Meeting Calendar at <https://www.morrobayca.gov>

See: [www.morrobayca.gov/civicalerts.aspx?AID=2631](https://www.morrobayca.gov/civicalerts.aspx?AID=2631)  
to find a link to the Zoom meeting.

#### Presenters:

- Vistra
- CA Dept of Toxic Substance Control
- SLO County Air Pollution Control District
- City of Morro Bay

#### Topics:

- Current condition of the stacks
- Considerations for the future of the stacks



The City wants to know your questions about the future of the stacks!

Send specific questions to City Manager

**Scott Collins at [scollins@morrobayca.gov](mailto:scollins@morrobayca.gov)**

by September 1st to allow presenters time to prepare answers for the forum.





Police Blotter



Morro Bay Police Logs

- **Aug. 15:** Police contacted a 52-year-old woman at 7:45 p.m. somewhere in town and nailed the scofflaw for a warrant, and low and behold, they actually took her to jail, will wonders never cease.
- **Aug. 15:** Police responded at 4:30 p.m. to the 1100 block of Main for a no doubt hairy car crack-up, though no injuries were reported.
- **Aug. 15:** Police contacted a 35-year-old fellow at 3:37 p.m. in the 400 block of Surf. The apparent spike, 35, was cited for alleged possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **Aug. 15:** Police spied another citizen of the year with a bench warrant at 2:22 p.m. in the 1700 block of Embarcadero. The froggy lass, 45, was issued another disappearance ticket and loosed back upon the world.
- **Aug. 15:** Police responded at 1 p.m. to the 700 block of Piney Way where a citizen told them they'd been robbed of something worth less than \$950, as it was a misdemeanor. And a task force will no doubt be formed to find the fiend.
- **Aug. 15:** At 1 a.m. police saw a car at Main and Atascadero Road make a wide left turn and then speed off weaving down the road. Naturally, they pulled the car over and a 47-year-old hombre was arrested for allegedly being half cut at the wheel.
- **Aug. 15:** Police responded at 4:13 p.m. to a disturbance report in the 400 block of Hillview. A 45-year-old woman was arrested for suspicion of domestic battery.
- **Aug. 14:** Police responded at 2:30 p.m. to a disturbance in the 400 block of Trinidad. Logs indicated a 62-year-old upset fellow was taken to the hospital for a little timeout.

- **Aug. 14:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 12:18 a.m. at Main and South. Logs indicated the driver, 48, was tossed to the nick for suspicion of driving deep in his cups.
- **Aug. 13:** Police responded to a hit-n-split at 8:15 p.m. at Olive and Fresno. Police filed a report with the district attorney's office for likely inaction.
- **Aug. 13:** Police responded to a report of a disturbance at 6:24 p.m. in the 1200 block of Embarcadero. Logs indicated an allegedly spifficated woman, 70, was arrested.
- **Aug. 12:** Police contacted a suspicious man at 1:45 p.m. in the 1700 block of Main. The 39-year-old skipjack had a warrant and was given another citation in advance of the next one and the five more he'll probably get after that.
- **Aug. 11:** Police responded at 8:11 p.m. to a fight reported in the 800 block of Embarcadero. A 56-year-old model citizen was arrested for suspicion of assault.
- **Aug. 11:** Police responded at 8:46 a.m. to the 1700 block of Embarcadero for a report of a stolen disabled car placard and handicap scooter, for which there's a special place in hell for the responsible nodcock.
- **Aug. 11:** Police responded at 1 a.m. to the 2600 block of Main where a known fellow, 32, reportedly assaulted someone and then made like a tree and leafed.
- **Aug. 10:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 8:22 p.m. at Main and Surf. The driver, 32, had a suspended license and was cited and released to catch again next week.
- **Aug. 10:** A citizen in the 2600 block of Main said his or her cell phone was stolen, and their life is no doubt over now.
- **Aug. 6:** Someone turned in a Kentucky State identification they'd found.
- **Aug. 10:** Police responded to a traffic collision at 12:39 p.m. at Hwy 1 at San Jacinto. A woman driver, 59, was cited at the scene for allegedly being smashed like her car.
- **Aug. 10:** Police contacted a suspicious fellow at 6:51 a.m. at Las Tunas and La Loma. The man, 23, was arrested for suspicion of resisting arrest, threatening a police officer and making terrorist threats, and, of course, parole violation.
- **Aug. 9:** Police caught up to another scofflaw with a warrant at 9:20 p.m. at Morro Bay Boulevard and Bernardo. He was issued another summons that he'll no doubt ignore.
- **Aug. 8:** Police responded at 12:08 a.m. to a disorderly knucklehead causing a ruckus at Harbor and Monterey. The 35-year-old sponge was arrested for being soaked.
- **Aug. 8:** Police responded at 12:46 p.m. to Legend's Tavern at Main and Harbor where a woman, 28, and man, 30, got into a fight over a pizza pie and wound up in the clink for suspicion of being pie-eyed in public.
- **Aug.** Police responded at 8:30 p.m. to yet another disturbance this time in the 800 block of Main. A 40-year-old fellow was sent to the gulag for suspicion of being zooted in public.

- **Aug. 7:** A citizen turned in a Garmin watch they'd found somewhere by the high school. Garmin watches are designed for cyclists, which could be a hint as to who lost it.
- **Aug. 7:** Police responded at 1:15 p.m. to the 700 block of Alta Ct., where they encountered a man with a warrant out of Tulare County. He got a SLO County summons, which will no doubt be caught when he's back in Tulare, and the wheels on the bus go round and round...
- **Aug. 7:** A citizen in the 400 block of Luzon reported mail theft. Then a business in the 700 block of Quintana took in some funny money, as the crime wave continues.
- **Aug. 7:** Police contacted a suspicious fellow at 8:50 a.m. in the 200 block of Main. The man, 24, had a felony warrant from Orange County and actually got taken to SLO County Jail.
- **Aug. 5:** Police responded at 3 p.m. to Morro Rock for a reported fight. A 48-year-old ruffian was cited for suspicion of battery.
- **Aug. 4:** Police contacted a pair of employees of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the 600 block of Quintana. A 46-year-old fellow had a warrant and was cited and release; and a 50-year-old dude got cited for alleged possession of a glass crack pipe.
- **Aug. 4:** Police responded at noon to the 600 block of Bernardo where they cited a 19-year-old apparent interloper for suspicion of trespassing, a life sentence if you're at the Capitol.
- **Aug. 4:** A 61-year-old man asked police to hang on to his Katana (Samurai) sword for safekeeping, from what or who, logs didn't say.
- **Aug. 4:** Police contacted a familiar fellow, 52, at 4:15 a.m. in the 800 block of Napa. He was cited and released on a bench warrant for being stoned in public. They returned at 5:06 a.m. to the same block where a citizen said his or her bicycle was stolen. No word on if the two cases are connected, but that's the way to bet.
- **Aug. 3:** Police towed away a car in the 900 block of Morro Bay Blvd., for blocking the road.
- **Aug. 3:** Someone found a blue, boy's mountain bike in the 3000 block of Main and police are riding it around now.
- **Aug. 3:** Police contacted a suspicious woman at 9:12 a.m. in the 900 block of Piney Way. The 25-year-old brat was cited and released for two bench warrants.
- **Aug. 2:** Police contacted a swizzle stick wafting along in the 800 block of Market at 6:18 p.m. The 49-year-old suffered intoxicifornication and was booked into County Jail.
- **Aug. 2:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 3:49 p.m. at Main and Quintana. The 41-year-old driver was cited and released for a suspended license but his innocent car was arrested and hauled off to impound, now where's the justice in that?

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# Community

## 150th Birthday Bash, Sept. 11

The celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Morro Bay's founding is building up steam, along with anticipation of the soon-to-be-revealed, collectible, jigsaw puzzle of Morro Bay.

Morro Bay Beautiful, the city's longest running non-profit public beautification group, will along with the City, hold the 150th Celebration from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Morro Bay Community Center. Admission is \$1 and there'll be birthday cake, too.

MBB will also unveil a custom, jigsaw puzzle created by world-renowned artist and puzzle maker, Eric Dowdle, who will be on hand to meet the public and unveil the special painting he's done of Morro Bay.

He will also deliver the first run of jigsaw puzzles created from his artwork that MBB will sell at participating retailers in town as a fundraiser for the organization.

After that run, the puzzle will be widely available at retailers and from the Dowdle Puzzle Co.'s online store, see: [dowdlefolkart.com](http://dowdlefolkart.com).

Morro Bay's Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary of its founding by Franklin Riley was actually in 2019 but passed without recognition. MBB past president Ann Reisner said she learned about it too late for a celebration to be organized, and then the Coronavirus Pandemic hit and shut down all public celebrations. So this would be a belated, Happy 150th Birthday.

It will also be a chance to come together in remembrance of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks' 20th anniversary (and possibly to celebrate the end of the war in Afghanistan the attacks led to).

Reisner put out the welcome mat. "We look forward to seeing you, your friends, and your neighbors at this great celebratory event," she told EBN. "Come one — come all!"

Readers can get more information about MBB and the 150th celebration online at: [www.morrobaybeautiful.org](http://www.morrobaybeautiful.org) or call 805-772-8117.

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volunteers who can lead their own harvests in neighborhoods throughout the county. A training session takes place Sept. 8 starting at 9 a.m. Sign up and location is at [glean.slo.org/harvestlist.php](http://glean.slo.org/harvestlist.php). Harvest leaders allow GleanSLO to schedule many more harvests than with just staff members.

If you already glean with them, and have a few hours to spare each month, this might be the perfect opportunity for you! Trainings are two hours or less, and include an in-the-field demonstration.

For more information, contact Willy at [ewilson@slofoodbank.org](mailto:ewilson@slofoodbank.org).

*Send your event listing at least three weeks in advance to [Editor@EsteroBayNews.com](mailto:Editor@EsteroBayNews.com). Make sure to include the who, what, why, where and when of the event and contact information. Please, type out in paragraph form rather than attaching flyers.*

# National Night Out

Photos by Neil Farrell

The Morro Bay Police Department and Neighborhood Watch hosted the National Night Out on Aug. 3 at Cloisters Park. The whole community was invited to turn out and learn about their local emergency services departments — police, fire and harbor patrol — and to meet some of the new officers the department has hired over the past year-and-a-half. And it was a chance to have some fun too with games to play and a dunk tank that the chief of

police courageously took a turn in the tank, as did the city manager.

But when several officers lined up to take a shot at dunking the chief, not one was able to hit the target, which made the chief no doubt very pleased. Attendees ate barbecued hot dogs, chips and sodas and enjoyed cake that Neighborhood Watch brought.



Morro Bay Police Chief Jody Cox addresses the crowd at the Aug. 3 National Night Out.



Ofc. Alex Gillespie poses for a photo with a couple of boys who took timeout from eating a hot dog.



Community Volunteer Woody Wordsworth was in 'Jail' at the National Night Out.



Ofc. Art Vasquez enjoys a shaved ice treat at National Night Out.



City Manager Scott Collins rode in the front seat of a police car paper cutout.



Morro Bay Police officers lined up to try and dunk Chief Cox. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, none of them could hit the target.



Carolee Truesdale with Neighborhood Watch shows the beautiful cake the organization brought.



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# Community

## Bank Building Sold to Coffee Company

By Neil Farrell

A family-owned coffee house company has bought the former Bank of America building at the corner of Morro Bay Boulevard and Monterey Avenue, announcing plans to turn it into a coffee roasting plant, coffee shop, bakery and restaurant.

Jon and Sara Peterson, a husband-wife team and owners of Scout Coffee, which has two locations in San Luis Obispo, were the winning bidders in the sale of the bank property, which closed in February 2018.

It had been dormant until the bank could build ATMs in town to continue to service their customers. Those were completed earlier this year, being built at the Sinclair Gas Station located at the Roundabout on Morro Bay Boulevard. Once those opened, Bank of America put the property up for sale in an unusual manner, as the bank wanted to see what bidders planned for the sizable property's future, along with other specific questions it wanted answers to.

The Peterson's told The Tribune that the Morro Bay store would be their fourth. They have two already opened in SLO — at 1130 Garden St., and 880 Foothill Blvd. They also are working on a third SLO location on the Cal Poly Campus, expected to open soon.

Jon Peterson told the Tribune that he heard about the property in Morro Bay from his banker, who knew they were looking to expand outside SLO.

It was 7 p.m. on the day before the real estate company officially started taking bids on the property. According to the Tribune article, they quickly worked up a bid and submitted it just before the 5 p.m. deadline. They won the bid and have already closed escrow on the property.

The article said they got a "preliminary go-ahead" from the City Planning Department before they put in a bid. Community Development Director Scot Graham confirmed that "go-ahead" was confirmation that their idea for a coffee roasting plant and restaurant was allowed by the property's zoning.



But it isn't an easy transformation, going from bank branch to coffee roaster and restaurant. Graham said they would need a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), "related to the roasting activity and likely a Conditional Development Permit [CDP] for exterior improvements they will likely be making."

And although many people savor the aroma of fresh brewed coffee, roasting coffee beans emits a different odor. And just as barbecue restaurants have to control smoke and odors, they'll have to deal with it, too.

"They will need to have odor filtration on their exhaust/emissions," Graham said. But that would seem an easy enough fix when you have to put in all the roasting equipment, as well as a commercial kitchen.

And if the bank building isn't already equipped with fire sprinklers, they will have to do that too. "I don't know if it has sprinklers," Graham said, "but it likely does because it was a bank."

That issue will be handled by the fire marshal when he looks over the plans. In Morro Bay changing the use on any building over 1,000 square feet requires fire sprinklers be installed, if they are not already.

In the Tribune article, the Petersons said they want to put in roasting equipment to roast beans for all of their

stores and will have yummy baked goods and other dishes like they offer at their coffeehouses in SLO.

The roasting area would be behind a see-through partition giving customers the added feature of watching the roasters at work.

One thing is sure the old bank building is large enough to accommodate their plans.

The property has an 8,451 square foot, 2-story former bank building, with 6,451 s.f. on the ground floor and 2,000 s.f. on the second floor. At over 6,400 square feet, it would be the largest restaurant in town and would be in direct competition with some nine other coffeehouses scattered around in town.

It also has the largest parking lot in Downtown, behind the building and the total area of the property is 32,135 s.f. (0.74-acres). It's the largest property in the Downtown Commercial District and had been touted by the Chamber of Commerce as an "opportunity site," a place that could lift up all the surrounding businesses, especially vacant properties on the same block of Morro Bay Boulevard, of which there are four counting the bank.

Chamber CEO Erica Crawford said they don't normally comment on individual projects or proposals but, "That said, we are delighted to see some activity in the B of A lot which has sat vacant for many years. It's great to see a locally grown company invest in our city and relocate its headquarters to Morro Bay."

The Petersons told the Tribune they expect to hire 25 to 30 people to work in the Morro Bay store. Their other stores offer a lot more than just coffee with the company's website (see: scoutcoffeeco.com) talking about the country-kitchen style furnishings, as well as baked goods and more.

"Scout Coffee," the company website said, "has been making happy coffee since January of 2014. The combination of scratch made pastries, craft roasted coffee, and curated goods in a creative space makes stepping into Scout a memorable and magical experience."

In the City's recently updated General Plan, the zoning on that site was to be changed to a more flexible split zoning of "Community Commercial" and "Transitional Mixed Use." That meant the sizable property could have a mix of commercial and residential development.

As for what other interest the City got from potential bidders, Graham said, "We have had some general interest from a couple of different folks about doing a mixed use project on the site — commercial on the front and residential behind/above, [but] nothing too specific. I did run this concept by the Scout folks and they also had some interest in doing something more with the area in back, but we again didn't discuss much in the way of specifics."

Graham said as of Aug. 17 that plans had not yet been submitted to the City on the property's redevelopment.





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Then on Saturday, you’ll want to come back for more with an epic afternoon show with local Americana legends Cuesta Ridge. If you missed their season opener concert at Sea Pines (or even if you did!), you won’t want to miss out on the fun these guys serve up. This all star lineup includes Pat Pearson on guitar and vocals, Toan Chau on guitar, Dan Keller on mandolin, Dylan Johnson on bass, and Brent Vander Weide on drums. The show starts at 2 p.m.and goes until 5 p.m. Details are at bigbigslo.com

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Chris Beland Album Release Party w/ Ragged Jubilee  
SLO Brew Rock  
855 Aerovista Place, San Luis Obispo

**Fri., Aug. 27 • 5:00pm**  
Concerts in the Plaza: The Kicks  
Mission Plaza  
989 Chorro St, San Luis Obispo

**Fri., Aug. 27 • 5:00pm**  
Carbon City Lights  
Harmony Cellars  
3255 Harmony Valley Road, Harmony

**Fri., Aug. 27 • 7:30pm**  
Live From Paso Concert with The Brass Factory  
Robert Hall Winery  
3443 Mill Road, Paso Robles

**Fri., Aug. 27 • 7:30pm**  
Mother Corn Shuckers w/ The Turkey Buzzards  
The Siren  
900 Main St, Morro Bay

**Fri., Aug. 27 • 6:00pm**  
Next Life  
Olde Alehouse  
945 Los Osos Valley Rd., Los Osos

**Sat., Aug. 28 • 8:00pm**  
Blackstar “A David Bowie Experience”  
The Siren  
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**Sat., Aug. 28 • 7:00pm**  
Diggin’ Dirt + The Charities  
SLO Brew Rock  
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**Sat., Aug. 28 • 2:00pm**  
Last Resort (Eagles Tribute)  
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**Sat., Aug. 28 • 7:00pm**  
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**Sun., Aug. 29 • 6:00pm**  
Live Outside Concert: True Zion  
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Rockin’ The Ranch: The Big Sirs of Swing  
Filipponi Ranch  
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**Sun., Aug. 29 • 1:00pm**  
Trumpet Alliance - Arroyo Grande Summer Concerts  
Heritage Square Park  
201 Nelson St, Arroyo Grande

**Wed., Sep. 1 • 5:30pm**  
Unfinished Business  
Templeton Concerts in the Park  
550 Crocker St, Templeton

**Thu., Sep. 2 • 7:00pm**  
Robert Alberts Quintet  
The Madonna Inn  
100 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo

**Thu., Sep. 2 • 3:00pm**  
Top Secret Thursdays:  
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Paul’s Picks

Tipsy Gypsies return to Concerts in the Plaza



San Luis Obispo’s best Friday evening party is alive and well, and their September 3 show will feature award winning Topsy Gypsies! They describe their sound like this: They blend their influences into an intoxicating elixir of musical mixology. If you listen closely one could find hints of swing and Gypsy Jazz on the nose, and yet the body embraces more of an R&B and Motown richness. Surprisingly, the finish exudes clear overtones of pop and rock. Currently featuring musicians Hilary Langdon on vocals, Forrestt Williams on guitar, Brian Lanzone on bass, Laura Foxx on saxophone and clarinet, Reese Galido on vocals and Daryl VanDruff on drums, the Topsy Gypsies have been mixing these drinks for over ten years now. Although they haven’t billed this as their CD release party, this will be the first opportunity for us to hear selections from their latest recording “TEN” in a live setting. Don’t miss this one! Concerts in the Plaza run from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. each Friday at Mission Plaza. They’re free and family friendly. More info at downtownslo.com.

**Fri., Sep. 3 • 6:00pm**  
Brass Mash - First Fridays  
Liquid Gravity  
675 Clarion Court, San Luis Obispo

**Fri., Sep. 3 • 5:00pm**  
Concerts in the Plaza: The Topsy Gypsies  
Mission Plaza  
989 Chorro St, San Luis Obispo

**Fri., Sep. 3 • 8:30pm**  
DV8D 80’s show  
The Siren  
900 Main St, Morro Bay

**Fri., Sep. 3 • 5:00pm**  
Harmony Twilight Concerts  
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**Fri., Sep. 3 • 7:00pm**  
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**Sat., Sep. 4 • 7:00pm**  
Counting Crows  
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**Sat., Sep. 4 • 6:30pm**  
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**Sat., Sep. 4 • 2:30pm**  
Route 66  
The Siren  
900 Main St, Morro Bay

**Sat., Sep. 4 • 7:00pm**  
Starlight Dreamband  
The Madonna Inn  
100 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo

**Sun., Sep. 5 • 1:00pm**  
The Narrow Bridge Band  
Dark Star Cellars  
2985 Anderson Road, Paso Robles

**Sun., Sep. 5 • 1:00pm**  
Jack Milstead w/ Sun Casino  
Filipponi Ranch  
1850 Calle Joaquin, San Luis Obispo

**Sun., Sep. 5 • 7:00pm**  
Train  
Vina Robles Ampitheatre  
3800 Mill Road, Paso Robles

**Sun., Sep. 5 • 6:00pm**  
Turkey Buzzards Concert  
Venteux Vineyards  
1795 Las Tablas Road, Templeton

**Wed., Sep. 8 • 8:00pm**  
Jackson Browne  
Vina Robles Amphitheatre  
3800 Mill Road, Paso Robles

**Wed., Sep. 8 • 5:30pm**  
Templeton Concerts: Los Gatos Locos  
Templeton Park  
550 Crocker St, Templeton

**Wed., Sep. 8 • 7:00pm**  
Wynonna Judd  
The Fremont Theater  
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**Thu., Sep. 9 • 7:30pm**  
Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo  
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and a college student, to just name a few. We need a Johnson Rod adjuster, fairy dust collector and a chocaholic to round this out.

No one politician is perfect, especially during one of the most difficult times in our lifetime, yet some people think the answer is to just get rid of him and try some other idiot.

It is amazing to me that what use to be a system that wasn't perfect, but worked, is just no longer a reality. Vote, someone wins, someone loses. If you don't agree with them, wait and vote again next election time. Wow, what a concept.

*John Paul (J.P.) Drayer*  
*Cayucos*

Ok, got it.

Now, let's take a look at who thinks they can do a better job with one of the biggest states with one of the largest economies. We have a hairstylist, father, pastor, retail store worker, mother, cannabis advisor, entertainer, mechanic

**I**want to thank you for your excellent newspaper, and I especially appreciate being able to read it online.

*J. Fillmore III*  
*Los Osos*

*Josie Hyde*  
*Morro Bay*

**T**he California State Association of Counties (CSAC) – the voice of California’s 58 Counties – would like to thank San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Bruce Gibson for his strong leadership in supporting Broadband for All in the California State Budget.

Recently, Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 156, authorizing a \$6 billion infrastructure investment to supply high-speed broadband internet access to unconnected and under-connected homes and business statewide by building a statewide open access middle mile network and funding last-mile network construction.

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Supervisor Gibson's support and advocacy were critical in advancing this largest-in-the-country public investment in broadband infrastructure, and the work is not yet done. Supervisor Gibson and CSAC will continue to advocate for additional legislation to ensure that the education, health and economic access needs of our residents are prioritized so all Californians benefit from 21st century digital infrastructure.

As a fourth-term County Supervisor, Gibson represents San Luis Obispo County on the CSAC Board of Directors, Executive Committee and several policy committees. His insight and expertise help shape Association policy during challenging times.

We are so appreciative of Supervisor Gibson's dedication to digital equity for his community and the state.

Graham Knaus  
California State Association of Counties, executive director

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*Linda Martin*  
*Los Osos*

**H**ello Estero Bay news! I am a new occasional visitor to your area. I discovered your newspaper, and I want to thank you for your Police Blotter section!

As a newly retired middle school English teacher, your write-ups for each crime are a joy to read! If I had taught one more year, I would have incorporated something like what you have into a fun creative writing activity. Thank you for making me giggle!

*Jennifer McDermott*  
*Chino Hills, CA*

This is rebuttal letter in regards to Jeffrey W. Eisinger's letter "The Bible is not Science" that was published in the August 12, 2021 edition of the Estero Bay News. I want to point out that the Bible is not a fairy tale nor is it pixie dust. About two-thirds of the Bible is Bible prophecy, in general, when you refer to "a fairy tale" and "pixie dust," to me that belongs to the subject of the late Walt Disney, who I greatly admire as the man I have found with the most creativity and imaginative spirit, when it comes to his animated movies and Disney theme parks such as Disneyland and Walt Disney World.

My favorite animated movie and character is "The Little Mermaid" and Ariel. I am an Arielholc because she is the most fun loving Disney princess from the voice of Jodi Benson, to the Cosplayer Traci Hines. In closing, Disney-animation is the best form of artwork created by Walt Disney, December 5, 1901- December 15, 1966.

Scott C. Presnal  
Morro Bay

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Community

A Dose of Good Dogma



Drama and Trauma at the Vet Clinic

By Lisa Ellman

A few years ago I went to school to dip my toes back into the world of working as a veterinary technician. I had done this job off and on for several years, but had never completed my certification. I worked for two months, accumulating more hours, as an intern at a very busy clinic in Southern California. I witnessed, and partook in, some fascinating cases; a necropsy on a St. Bernard that had just “dropped dead.” A bandage wrap on a necrotic wound using store bought honey. A week later the wound was still open, but the tissue was now bright pink and healthy. Astonishing stuff to witness for a former biology student!

But the topic I want to discuss, what disturbed me most, was the mundane. Things like a nail trim, a fecal exam, trying to examine a dog’s mouth. Dogs came into that clinic terrified and anxious before we even got them back to the treatment room. I saw a dog so terrified that the owner had to drag her to the back, just to get a nail trim. I won’t go into gory details, but I vowed to NEVER participate in that kind of traumatic treatment again. A trauma like that, for any animal, can only be worse next time. And it wasn’t the first time with this particular dog. I’ve heard there are some vets in town that actually tell the owners that they cannot go forward with the exam/procedure because the dog is too anxious and stressed. THAT is the right thing to do.

Vet techs do not usually have classes in dog psychology/behavior. There is some information in the books about how to work with anxious or frightened dogs, but it is very basic. Some of what I observed, at this particular clinic, seemed contradictory to easing any stress and anxiety. As vet techs, it is our job to do whatever it takes to assist the vet or perform the tasks requested by the owner. And we do whatever it takes to get the job done. To that end, there are many ways to get your dog comfortable, and even relaxed, when visiting a scary place like the clinic.

First, acclimate your dog to the new environment

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Fuel Run Motors Through Morro Bay

Photos by Neil Farrell

The 2021 “Fuel Run Monterey,” an annual road rally starting in Santa Clarita and ending in Monterey for Monterey Car Week, motored into Morro Bay Aug. 12, taking a pit stop for lunch at Great American Fish Co., before speeding up Hwy 1 with a high-pitched roar.

The Fuel Run features the fastest and most expensive sports cars in the world — Ferraris, Porsches, McLarens,

Lamborghinis, Mercedes, and more.

The Fuel Run has been stopping off for lunch at GAFCo., for 5 years now. This year there were 100 cars and 200 participants. These photos show just some of the tens of millions of dollars worth of automotive artistry that was on display.



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# Community

## Chamber Mixer at Gaia's Garden



The Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce held a business mixer Aug. 18 at Gaia's Garden, a new crystal, house-plant and gift shop, located at 600 Morro Bay Blvd, Suite C and owned by mother-daughter team, Sierra Mace, 26, and her mother, Summer Birchell. The mixer was just the second, in-person gathering the Chamber has had since the start of the Coronavirus Pandemic in March 2020. Chamber mixers are held once a month and officials said they have events booked through the end of the year. Food for the mixer was prepared by Morro Bay Butcher Shop.



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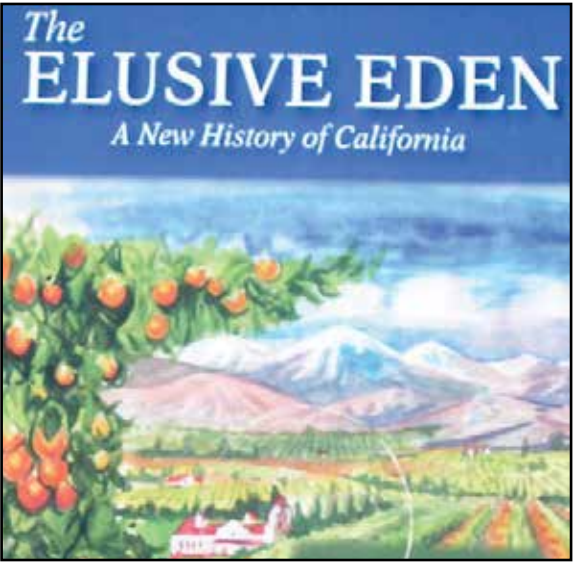
(smells, sounds) by going into and just sitting in the lobby. Bring lots of small treats! Hangout for 5-10 minutes then leave. Do this until your dog loves going in and out. Get them on the scale, give treats. Introduce them to the staff and the doctor(s). On another visit ask if you can take your dog into an exam room. Sit there while the dog investigates. Give treats. On another visit, ask a tech (if not busy) to take your dog to the treatment room and meet people and sniff around with treats. Between your introductory visits, make sure you are engaging your dog in desensitizing routines. This means touching the feet and toes (nail trims), examining and gently cleaning your dog's ears (otoscope for ear infections), lifting their lip and gently massaging the gums (brushing teeth), opening their mouth to look inside

(foreign objects). Ask the techs to do this with your dog as well.

Once you think your dog is comfortable and ready, take them in for a nail trim, or a body check, then assess the results to determine if more practice is needed. It should be an adventure going to the vet, not a catastrophe.

I've only discussed dogs in this column because cats are from another planet, and there's no reasoning with them.

*Good Dogma has been training humans and their dogs since 1996. Readers are invited to submit questions to [gooddogma@hotmail.com](mailto:gooddogma@hotmail.com). Contact information for all offered services can be found on our website [www.GoodDogma.net](http://www.GoodDogma.net)*



A painting, "Redland Foothill Groves" for the book cover of "The Elusive Eden, A New History of California." Book cover by Joan Sullivan

When I take time out to peruse the past 95 years I've been hanging around, it comes to mind that life happens in chunks of time, which reminds me of the 17 years the California State Archives Foundation commissioned me to create awards for the many services that were given by notable members of our society.

In 2020, I created an award for Richard J. Orsi, professor emeritus, California State University, East Bay. I usually received information along with images relating to the award that I watercolor painted on parchment paper. One of these many awards was done for Richard J. Orsi that included an imager of The Redlands Foothills Groves (2000)

Mr. Orsi, one of several authors of "The Elusive Eden, A New History of California" published in 2020, selected the image from his award for the book's cover art. Needless to say over those many years I learned a lot of California history creating awards for several organizations including the Society of California Archivists, Society For American Archaeology and the California Preservation Heritage Commission.

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Zongo Yachting Cup Recap

The Zongo Cup, an annual ocean race/cruise from Morro Bay to Avila Beach, hosted by the Morro Bay Yacht Club, has become a favorite among Central Coast sailors over the past years. Landlubbers and sailors alike enjoy the wrap-up party featuring a performance from Zongo All-Stars. Even with the pandemic, the 12th annual event was a great success.

The sailing race took place with light to moderate air on Saturday, August 13, with 21 miles of sailing from a foggy Morro Bay to a sunny Avila Beach.

There were 13 entries, all PHRF/monohull, that started the race. Due to light air and most racers wanting to get down to Avila for the party, put on by the San Luis Yacht Club, all but one boat made it to Avila.



Perhaps one of the most coveted ocean sailing trophies were designed by Ted Emrick of Emrick Studios.



First place went to Janina / Santa Cruz 27, skippered by Mark Hilden and John Krossa with a finish time of 3:23:42/ corrected time of 3:35:24.



Second place was captured by Skipper Kevin Williams (right) on the Fear Knot/Holder 20 with a finish time of 3:49:25/corrected time of 3:44:19.



Skipper Tony Gomez took home third place on the High Five/Farr 40 finishing in 3:16:21/corrected time 4:17:24.

Results

**First Place - Cruising Class:** High Five/Farr 40 with Skipper Tony Gomez and time of 3:16:21/ corrected time of 4:17:24. This trophy goes to the first boat crossing the finish line by any means — sail, motor, paddle and row.

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Cruising Class Times

*Guayacan* - Alden Schooner 43/PHRF 291 - Skipper Judith Lynn Meissen - finished at 4:01:50

*WindRunner* - Newport 28 MKII/PHRF 192 - Skipper Larry Purcell - finished at 4:14:00

*Second Wind* - Catalina 30/PHRF 192 - Skipper Thomas McNeill - finished at 5:23:00

*Spirit* - 85 Beneteau Idylle/PHRF 126 - Skipper Jon Hovdal - finished at 5:53:00

Takin' Care  
of BUSINESS

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

Wood's Receives  
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As part of their community partnership, Perfect Union donated nearly \$5700 to Wood's Humane Society. The funds were collected from customer contributions.

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A in Morro Bay.

Pictured are: On left is Meredith Luke and on the right is Shayna Schonauer, director of community outreach for Perfect Union. Photo by Perfect Union

## Contact Tracers Need Public's Help

COVID-19 contact tracers in San Luis Obispo County need the public's help as a surge in cases is straining County Public Health Department resources.

"Don't wait to isolate," said Dr. Penny Borenstein, County Health Officer. "Our contact tracers are trying to keep up with the surge in cases but we are not able to personally speak with everyone. We need your help. Stay home for at least 10 days if you test positive or have been exposed."

Contact tracers are working as quickly as possible to call and investigate all highest-risk cases, including those over age 50 and all health care workers. However, contact tracing resources are stretched beyond capacity due to the current surge and individuals who test positive will receive a text message (with a link to complete a questionnaire) rather than a phone call. It is critical that all those who receive a call or message immediately isolate and inform their close contacts.

If you test positive for COVID-19, self-isolate for at least 10 days immediately. If you have been in close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) with someone who has tested positive, begin self-quarantine for at least 10 days immediately. In either case, don't wait for a contact tracer to call. Stay home except to seek medical care and separate yourself as much as possible from other members of your household.

When quarantine or isolation is complete, self-certify online to be released rather than calling the County Public Health Department. For those whose employers require documentation showing that an employee has been

released from isolation or quarantine, the County provides an online form to help individuals self-certify that they have completed their ordered isolation or quarantine period and meet the eligibility requirements for release. After completing the form, eligible individuals will receive documentation that they have been released from isolation or quarantine. This option will not apply to those who work or live at a board and care facility (e.g., Skilled Nursing Facility, Residential Care Facility, etc.) and those who are immune-compromised. The Public Health Department will instead call to release those individuals.

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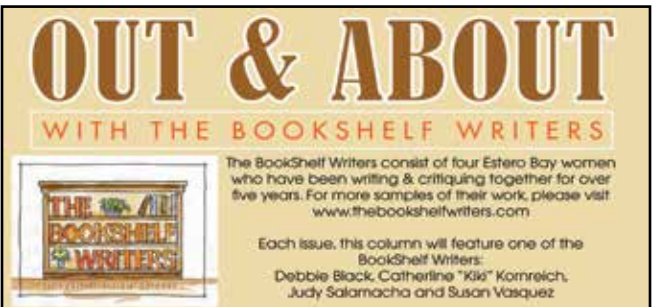
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## Beware The Thorny-Headed Worm

By Debbie Black

Hopefully I have your attention — particularly if you own a dog like Chase, our golden retriever who loves eating sand crabs.

Chase has spent a good portion of her three years on the beach. How not? She's a golden and we live in Cayucos! Besides being waterdogs, goldens love to eat stuff, and by "stuff," I mean anything that looks even remotely edible, even if it isn't.

For her, the only thing better than chasing a tennis ball on the beach is darting about, eating sand crabs. My husband and I actively discourage this, having heard that the crustaceans may be mildly toxic. But she still manages to scarf several crabs on each beach walk. That never seemed to be a problem—until Wednesday, April 28.



Sand crabs found on the beach. Photo by Debbie Black

A few weeks prior, we noticed she'd lost some weight, but she's an active young dog, and in all aspects quite healthy. That night, however, she was restless, panting. The next morning, she lost her breakfast and continued to throw up throughout the day. By Friday morning, we knew this wasn't simply a case of upset stomach. She was listless, wouldn't eat, couldn't keep broth down, and seemed disoriented.

We drove our very sick Chase to Atascadero Emergency Pet Hospital. They took her right in, did an ultrasound and found an abscess on her intestines, which Dr. Aaron Schechter said was extremely unusual. Within an hour, he was operating. He found that the abscess had ruptured, causing peritonitis. Chase was so sick; she would have died within a few hours.

Dr. Schechter removed the abscessed section of her intestines, flushed out her abdomen and started antibiotics. Around the abscess, he and Dr. Cody Brooks discovered something else. Chase was teeming with strange worms like they'd never seen before.

The doctors sent photos of the worms to their veterinarian colleagues. This effort, along with the lab's parasitology report, identified the nasty little buggers as *Profilicollis altmani* (thorny-headed worms)—not the typical worms found in dogs.

Dr. Brooks rolled up his sleeves and got to work trying to figure out what Chase could have gotten into. After researching numerous papers and consulting with the veterinarian at Monterey Bay Aquarium (who specializes in these worms in otters), Dr. Brooks confirmed that Chase likely got infected from eating sand crabs.

I want to stress that this is a rare incident. The veterinarians don't know why Chase happened to be affected. Lots of dogs eat sand crabs (and worse) on the beach and don't seem to have problems. Dr. Brooks said maybe she ate just one too many and passed some threshold of infection, whereas most dogs are not affected.

Thorny-headed worms are found in 90% of the sand



The thorny headed worm, a rare threat. Photo by istock.com/Sinhyu

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Lady Maxine From page 1



Jim Sanders of California Marine & Salvage (in the hat) and one of his workers, get ready to remove the outriggers from the sunken Lady Maxine. Photo by Neil Farrell

in 2 months.

The other boat, which Endersby said they didn't have a name for but called it "Big Traveler," had sunk while tied up at the harbor docks at the North T-pier. The steel-hulled boat "tried to sink last year" but a diver patched a hole in the hull and she was re-floated and moved from a mooring to the docks. The Harbor Patrol helped the owner in "removing all the gear and junk hoarded on it the past 25 years," he said. They got it cleaned up and were given a permit by the EPA to sink it.

He said, "Maritime Logistics [the two, big, black, white and red boats at the South T-pier] just towed it 50 miles out last Sunday [Aug. 15] to get rid of it on their way to another job in SoCal."

The Harbor Department deals with such derelict boats sinking at least a couple of times a year. Each time there's the danger of pollution escaping the boats, which could have gasoline or diesel fuel in the tanks, hydraulic and motor oils and even such hazardous materials as paints, solvents and even sewage.

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recall, doesn't mean they don't have the right to also select the replacement."

A vote for a replacement candidate does not imply a "yes" vote on the recall question.

About 185,000 ballots went out in SLO County last week, and Nolan is expecting a high return rate.

"In the November election, we received a record amount response; I believe it was 88.35% of all registered voters voted, which is amazing," Nolan said. "We were fourth in the state for voter turnout. We're very proud of that. I'm hoping to see a really high turnout in this election as well."

Ballots can be returned by mail, dropped off at any one of the 17 official ballot boxes throughout the county, in person to the County Clerk-Recorder's Office, or at any polling place on Election Day between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Be sure to sign your vote by mail return envelope or your vote

will not be counted.

Nolan recommends getting ballots in as soon as possible.

"I would recommend going into the post office and getting it postmarked," she said. "We can accept a ballot if it is postmarked on or before September 14th up to seven days beyond the election only if it's postmarked by the postal service. Otherwise, it has to be in our hands, no later than 8p.m. on election night."

Readers can also drop of their votes in ballot boxes, subject to their operating hours, at the Los Osos Library, 2075 Palisades; Cayucos Library, 310 B Street; Morro Bay Library, 625 Harbor St. and Cambria Library, 1043 Main St. All Ballots returned at these boxes are collected directly by the election office.

Folks can also vote in-person at their polling location on Sept. 14. Keep your vote by mail ballot to surrender at that time, and you will be given a new ballot for in-person voting.

If you did not receive your mail-in ballot, first to check your voter status slocounty.ca.gov to make ensure you are properly registered. After that, call the County Clerk-Recorder office at (805) 781-5080.

"We may be able to fix it here in our office with a simple phone call," Nolan said. "You don't necessarily have to re-register, because that triggers a reissue in our system. We are absolutely going to do everything within our power to get a ballot into the hands of people who want one."

Every signature on every ballot will be looked at by one of the 22-fulltime staff members or about 35 people brought in temporarily for the election.

"We'll start signature checking as soon as we start getting some volume," Nolan said. "We manually signature check every vote by mail envelope to come through our office. Every signature is scanned, so that we can visually compare the signature on the envelope to the signature that's in our system. If the two don't match, we will send a letter to the voter, so that they can, what's called, cure the signature."

Newsom was elected as governor in 2018. This is the first gubernatorial recall election in California since 2003 when voters replaced incumbent Democratic Governor Gray Davis with Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger. The estimated cost of this election is \$276 million.

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section, a general fiction and non-fiction area, five designated outdoor areas, a lobby/front desk space, a staff work-room and restrooms.

Renderings and design information displayed at the meeting are not a done deal, but provide a strong base to work from.

"This is just capturing the feedback that we got from community considerations and our operational considerations that we learned from other branches as well as this one," Barnickel said. "Nothing is set in stone at this point in time."

During the meeting, folks questioned if the new facility would allow for an increased collection size.

"We did add more shelving for collections," Barnickel told Estero Bay News. "It isn't necessarily tied only to print materials. With different sizes/shapes of books it is difficult to quantify exactly how many more books (materials) can be housed in the new location. The space will be more usable, functional, and reflective of the growing needs of that community."

While ideas such as a suggested area to get coffee and perhaps a bite to eat within the library as well as patio interior and exterior access and the capacity of meeting rooms are ironed out there are also financial aspects to deal with.

Funding for the nearly \$5 million dollar project looks to come from multiple sources including money raised over time by the Friends of the Los Osos Library as well as grants and state and/or federal funds. Another idea is to place a bond measure on the ballot in 2024.

"I would say it is likely that there is going to need to be a community contribution to getting this library," District 2



The floor plan of the proposed Los Osos Library.

Supervisor Bruce said.

"The county does not have funds sitting in the bank that are magically going to be mobilized to Los Osos. At the same time, I see a real opportunity. I think the pandemic has shown us the value of some of these community facilities and, in particular, the loss of a library was a big deal for a lot of people.

"I think, at a very modest assessment on everybody we can get something to benefit everybody."

In the past the county has matched funds raised by a library's associated Friends of group such as with the facilities in Cambria and Atascadero. Gibson said that may no longer be something to count on.

"Morro Bay wanted their library renovated, and the math wasn't there. They did it pretty much on their own with very little county funds. That's the evolution of this. I wish we had the ability to write the check."

Next month, plans will be presented to county public works as part of the capital improvements process.

"Maybe there's a private public partnership that we haven't thought about," Barnickel said noting he didn't know of a library in the county that was funded that way. "Certainly other cities, other communities have done that. I think there are ways in which we can do this, [but] I don't have an answer for you today as to what that is."

Readers can see all the conceptual photos on display at the Los Osos Library.

The Library, 2075 Palisades Ave., was built in 1981 and was designed to serve a population of 10,000. In 1999, the Friends of the Los Osos Library and the County of San Luis Obispo began planning for a new facility on the existing site.

Other libraries within the system that Barnickel said need major work are Templeton, Arroyo Grande and Oceano.

District Elections From page 1

prevails in the case, he or she may be awarded reasonable litigation costs and attorney's fees. The CVRA requires a court to implement appropriate remedies, including the imposition of district-based elections that are tailored to remedy a violation of the act."

But the law also "would prohibit the use of a district-based election in a political subdivision if it would impair the ability of a protected class, as defined, to elect candidates of its choice. The bill would require a court to implement specified remedies upon a finding that a district-based election was imposed or applied in a manner that impaired the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice."

According to an article posted on www.cacities.org, and authored by attorneys Marguerite Mary Leoni and Christopher E. Skinnell, "The potential consequences of this legislation are significant: it could force a city or special district to abandon an electoral system that may be perfectly legal under federal law, in the process exposing the jurisdiction to the possibility of paying very high awards of

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attorneys fees to plaintiffs.”  
In response, the article said, “Jurisdictions have learned to consider changing to a district-based electoral system when they have minority group residents who are sufficiently numerous and geographically concentrated to form a majority in a single- member district, especially when that minority group, despite running candidates for election, consistently fails to elect.”

So in essence, the CSD is looking into dividing the town into districts to head off a potential lawsuit, but it’s not so easy here, as the town’s minority populations, which in Los Osos is mainly Hispanics and Filipinos, is distributed throughout the community, and not focused in any particular area. Because of this, dividing the town up could cause more problems than solutions.

Last January the LOCSD passed a Resolution, Munds explained, stating they were moving to district based elections to “provide us with legal cover until we had a chance to seriously look at this. We hired a consultant in June and had our first public hearing on the matter at our August meeting.”

The law requires there be at least four public meetings to draw a district map, an exercise that may in the end not be adopted. Munds said, “At the end of the process the Board does have to authority/ability to not move forward, though that can result in legal jeopardy if someone decides to sue the CSD.”

The situation is similar in some regards to the Americans with Disabilities Act and people who made a business out of having attorneys send demand letters to businesses, especially restaurants, for alleged violations of the ADA. The demand letters come with offers to settle out of court to avoid costly litigation.

Most businesses chose to settle for relatively small amounts of money, though the settlements usually included a pledge to correct the ADA deficiencies.

The CVRA has its critics, who claim the law makes race a predominant factor in elections and that it does not make sense to eliminate the requirement to establish a geographic district where there is a minority concentration. On the other hand, advocates claim that at-large elections allow bloc voting that can keep minorities out of office.

The change to district elections, if the board decides to make the change, could prove problematic in Los Osos in another way. Munds said, “The general consensus here is that districting is not a good idea because we have problems just getting people to run for office.”

Having to find people who live in each district to run for the board would likely complicate the situation, and if no one signs up to run in a district, that would leave the board to appoint someone.

The CSD was waiting to see what the new census says about the town’s demographics. “With the 2020 Census now out,” Munds said, “we should have a better idea about our demographics but I doubt things have changed significantly from the 2010 census.”

If there has been any significant change to Los Osos’ ethnic make up it certainly hasn’t been because of housing growth, as the town is now under a de facto water moratorium, due to over drafting of the groundwater aquifer.

The LOCSD will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 at the district’s boardroom, 2122 9th St. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing. The CSD returned to live meetings just this month for the Board of Directors and all its various committees.

“The Board of Directors,” reads a meeting notice sent out by the CSD, “will discuss, consider, and take community input on the composition of potential Board of Directors election district boundaries, and such other matters as may be related to the formation of Board of Directors districts.”

The plan is to release the proposed district map showing what the boundaries would be soon after the meeting and then the two additional meetings needed for the process would be scheduled.

For information and a staff report on the issue, residents can go to the CSD Office, 2122 9th St., or go on-line to: [www.losososcsl.org](http://www.losososcsl.org). It’s important to speak up if residents have strong feelings about the issue because if a lawsuit is filed sometime down the line, the court may limit arguments to just what has been previously brought up, either in person at a meeting or in written comments submitted prior to the meeting, according to the CSD. For more information, call CSD General Manager Munds, at (805) 528-9370 or contact him via email at: [rmunds@losososcsl.org](mailto:rmunds@losososcsl.org).

Laguna Lake Dredge Scheduled

As part of SLO’s Laguna Lake Natural Reserve Conservation Plan, the City will start a two-week project in mid-September to dredge the lake. Staging and equipment setup for the project will begin around Sept. 1.

“This program and project have been decades in the making and will help contribute to a better quality of life for many San Luis Obispo community members,” said the City’s Sustainability & Natural Resources Official Bob Hill. “Ongoing maintenance will help restore water quality over time, make the lake deeper, and allow for more recreational opportunities. Ultimately, we’re taking care of an important natural resource in our community for the benefit of both people and wildlife.”

During the dredging project, there may be some temporary closures of holes at the disc golf course as well as some parking space closures, but the disc golf course, hiking trails, playground and dog park will all remain open. The 344-acre Laguna Lake Natural Reserve includes a natural lake that has been modified over time as part of the surrounding pattern of historic development. On average, one to three inches of sediment are deposited on the lakebed each year. Runoff from the Prefumo Canyon, Sycamore Canyon, and Los Osos Valley watersheds drain to Laguna Lake.

“Over the years there has been a lot of sediment flowing into the lake because Prefumo Creek was re-routed in the early 1960s, which is creating additional management issues that we must now address. Just like City streets, the condition of the lake will continue to deteriorate if we don’t maintain it regularly,” Hill said.

The lake is an important wildlife habitat and is used for passive recreational activities, such as boating, birding, fishing, and quiet and scenic enjoyment. However, the lake has experienced toxic blue-green algae and has accumulated other naturally occurring contaminants due to the sediment and runoff flowing into the lake over the years. The City currently plans to repeat the dredging once every other year to maintain the lake and improve water quality. This maintenance program will also establish regular water quality monitoring.

This \$715,000 project is funded by local sales tax revenue through Measure G-20.

For more information about the project, contact Sustainability & Natural Resources Official Bob Hill at 805.781.7211 or [rhill@slacity.org](mailto:rhill@slacity.org).

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crabs on our beaches. They require two hosts to complete their life cycle. The intended definitive hosts are shore birds — in particular, the surf scoters. The intended intermediate hosts are our ubiquitous sand crabs, called Pacific Mole Crab (*Emerita analoga*).

Birds eat the crabs; get infected with worm larvae that develop into adults and reproduce. Eggs are expelled in bird feces into ocean. Sand crabs (filter feeders) ingest eggs, which develops into larvae that wait until crabs are eaten by birds. Cycle repeats. Things go haywire when an accidental host (otter or Chase) eat the crabs. When shore birds and sea otters eat lots of crabs per day, the ingested worms can perforate the intestines, cause peritonitis and kill them as it would have killed Chase.

Bottom line: Please don’t let your beach dog eat more than an occasional crab. It appears a few won’t hurt. Chase ate about 25 crabs each week, even as we tried to stop her. If your dog loses weight, or repeatedly loses her breakfast, please ask your veterinarian to consult with Dr. Brooks to discuss the possibility of a thorny-headed worm infection.

So, now what do we do with our sand crab scarfer? We’ll be aware of sand crab “high season” that runs spring through fall. On our early morning or evening walks (when crabs are most active) we’ll avoid high/low tide lines at the edges of what’s called the “swash zone,” and keep her on a leash. From late November through March, there should be fewer crabs, so we’ll chance letting her off-leash. As a last resort, we’ll find a comfortable box muzzle for her. After all, she’s a golden — she’s got to play on the beach!

Chase may have found some “serpents” in Paradise, but there are always work-arounds. We’ll figure out a way to live alongside the beach creatures who also call Estero Bay home.

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Obituary

Chuck Rose  
1931 - 2021



Chuck Rose passed away on July 29 in Paso Robles. He was born in Fresno, CA. on November 12, 1931.

Chuck had six children — five boys and one girl — Brent Rose, Keller Rose (deceased), Ryan Rose, Mitch Rose, Evan Rose, and his daughter Wendy Rose Johnstone. He was married to Kathy Rose who has two daughters, Denise Dove and Linda Paige, who think of him as a dad.

Chuck was a retired pilot for American Airlines and also served in the Korean War as a fighter pilot for the Black Sheep squadron. He was a devote Christian and went to El Morro Church of Nazarene. He was also a volunteer at the Morro Bay Police Department.

Chuck loved holidays and for just about any holiday there was some sort of yard art on display. His biggest, he saved for Christmas when he decorated his house for the community to enjoy. He even won first place in a local Christmas decoration competition one year.

Chuck is preceded in death by his son, Keller Rose, his mother, Pheobe Rose, and his father, Charles Rose, of Bakersfield.



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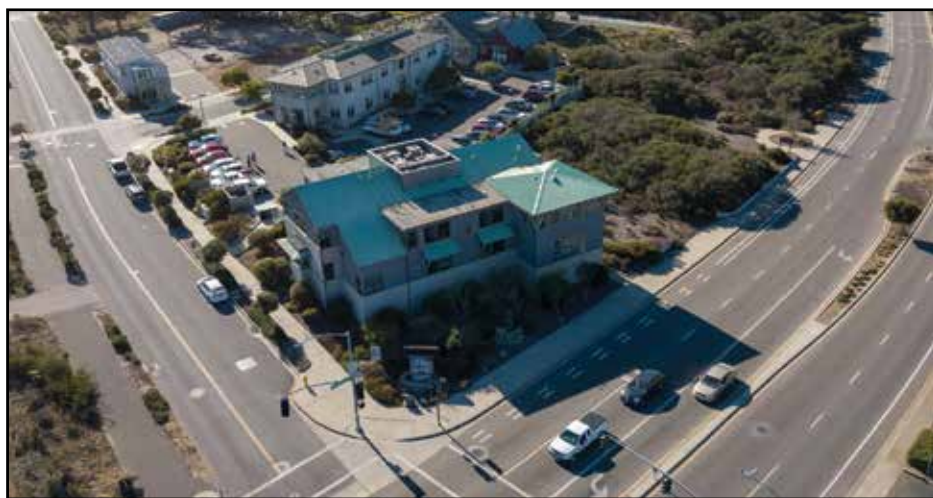
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