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# **LOCSD Exploring New Water Sources**



The Los Osos Community Services District is working to bring a water solution to the area

By Neil Farrell

ost everyone agrees that Los Osos' water supply situation is shaky at best, walking a perilously thin line on sustainability, and the Community Services District is working on a possible solution that could bring a supplemental water source to town to alleviate some of the worries.

Los Osos CSD General Manager Ron Munds said his agency is looking into possibly building a water pipeline snaking down South Bay Boulevard into Chorro Valley, where it might be able to tie into the Chorro Valley Pipeline, which brings the State Water Project to Morro Bay and provides the majority of the City's drinking water supply, some 1,313 acre feet a year.

Munds told Estero Bay News that in September 2021 he initiated a "water resiliency report" to look at the groundwater basin and it's ability to sustain the communi-

At about the same time, he said, the County Planning Department issued a report that listed Los Osos in the Top-5 "vulnerable communities" in terms of a reliable

water supply.

Munds asked the CSD board for permission to look at alternatives, including a potential tie-in of the Chorro Valley Pipeline that brings in ready to drink state water.

LOCSD engineer Rob Miller was tasked with doing a preliminary design on such a pipeline and coming up with some preliminary cost estimates and options on where and how to hook up. Munds said that report should be done in September or possibly October.

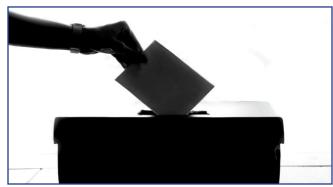
Tapping into the County's unused State Water Project allocation is preferable to tapping into the Whale Rock Pipeline, which brings water from Whale Rock Reservoir in Cayucos to the City of SLO's treatment plant off Hwy 1 near Cal Poly.

The Whale Rock Commission that runs the pipeline and the reservoir is Cal Poly, the California Men's Colony and the City of SLO, which also provides the Commission

"Whale Rock is raw water," Munds said. "If we connected to Whale Rock we'd have to build a treatment plant too. And the City of SLO is not interested in relinquishing that water."

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# June Primary's in the Books; Now on to November



By Neil Farrell

The 2022 June Primary Election is officially in the books, after the Morro Bay City Council certified the final vote tally, as presented by the city clerk.

Councilwoman Jen Ford was declared the winner in the race for the council seat that she was appointed to in August 2021.

She was picked to replace Councilman Red Davis who died in July 2021 just a few months after being re-elected to a second term in November 2020.

Ford tallied 2,378 votes good for 57% of the votes. Her challenger, James Costanzo received 1,762 votes or 43% of the votes.

"Based on these results," City Clerk Dana Swanson said, "Jennifer Ford received the highest number of votes and is the candidate elected as a member of the City Council." Ford's term will now expire in November 2024.

The final tally comes after a check of the votes for accuracy. "The county clerk-recorder has conducted the official canvass of the returns of the votes cast in the election and has certified the results," Swanson said.

It wasn't the strongest of turnouts, as Morro Bay has 8,134 registered voters and the number of total ballots cast was 4,453, which Swanson said equates to a 54.75% voter

The election saw 4,140 total votes cast for the city council seat, which means over 300 voters didn't cast a vote in that race.

The June results came as the City was accepting nominations for three city council seats — two open council seats and the mayor — for the November General Election.

For the first time in many years, no incumbents are

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# Moving Forward: An Artifact Lost & Found - Los Osos Sunny Side Schoolhouse

By Judy Salamacha oes anyone know something about Roland Sanders Herold? Several folks would love to solve a mystery about a painting of the Los Osos Schoolhouse that is thought to have been done by him.

The next time you visit the Los Osos Library, focus your attention straight ahead at the painting before you. The signature on the artwork belongs to Mr. Herold, but that is all we seem to know about him or the creation of the painting except it traveled out of

California to languish on the floor of a small antique shop in Rocky Forde, Colorado. It had been sold by a broker passing through who said he had picked it up at an estate

A past graduate of Cal Poly, Bonnie Rosser, recognized the subject of the painting and decided it belonged back in Los Osos. Now a resident rancher with her husband in Wheatland, CA, she was vis-



A close-up of the painting on display at the Los Osos Library.

iting her daughter and intended to return it when her family of three generations of Cal Poly graduates returned to San Luis Obispo for their annual visit and participation in April's Poly Royal & Rodeo. She wasn't sure who should have it so she called and delivered it to the Los Osos Chamber of Commerce. Knowing the Chamber operations would soon be transitioning to an online support program and the office would be closing by the end of June, Pres-

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# Carlock's Bakery New Look, New Menu, New Anniversary Story and Photos by Theresa-Marie Wilson



Dante with a sampling of some of the fresh baked bread Carlock's now offers.

fter more than six decades in business Carlock's Bak-Arey will celebrate its first anniversary under current owners, husband and wife team, Dante Garcia and Patricia Mora. Their two sons, Lolo and Andy, and seven employees help keep the show running.

It has been a busy year for the couple that purchased the local icon on Sept. 16, 2021.

Like many other business owners, the coronavirus pandemic impacted their customer base, employee retention and supply chain, but they came through it with a new look and new menu to go with favorite selections from the past.

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# **New MBHS Athletic Director a Youthful Veteran**



By Neil Farrell

orro Bay High's new athletic director brings a wealth Mof experience in youth prep and college sports both in competing and coaching, taking over at a school that has met with great success despite the tribulations of the pandemic.

Tyler Hoyt, a 2009 MBHS graduate, has returned to his alma mater at a time when the overall sports program has had incredible success — from a first time ever CIF

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# Metallic-Tasting Water, OK to Drink



By Neil Farrell

Residents in Los Osos have a bad taste in their mouths, possibly due to work recently done rehabbing a water storage tank.

Los Osos Community Services District General Manager Ron Munds, acknowledged they have received complaints about a "metallic" taste to the water coming from the CSD's storage tank farm on 16th Street.

"Yes, we are aware of the taste and odor complaints," Munds told Estero Bay News, "and we are making operational changes to mitigate the problem."

He explained that the 500,000-gallon storage tank was recoated inside and out "and all rust and other climatic damage to the exterior were repaired."

The tank is one of two at the site, and the CSD also plans to recoat the second of the twins, as well. "We will be doing similar work to the north tank this fiscal year," Munds said. "These tanks are key to not only water storage but fire protection."

Despite the odd taste to the water, Munds said it's OK to drink.

"The State Water Board Division of Drinking Water gave us the OK to start using the water in the tank," he said, "after reviewing the lab analysis of the water. "The taste and odor issues, though very annoying are not a public health concern and tested weekly. The water is safe to drink according the ridged drinking water standards."

He said they care a great deal about the essential product they provide — drinking water. "We take our responsibility to provide clean and safe drinking water to the community very seriously."

# City Lands Big Water Grant

By Neil Farrell

The City of Morro Bay is celebrating a big grant from the Federal Government's infrastructure bill, supporting the costs of the wastewater recycling portion of its Water Recycling Facility Project.

The City announced an allocation of \$9.3 million from "President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law," the City said in a news release, "as part of \$1 billion Department of the Interior 'WaterSMART Water Recycling and Reuse' grants."

The city manager was pleased with the windfall. "We are grateful," City Manager Scott Collins said, "to receive this \$9.3 million grant funding as we complete construction of key components of the City's largest-ever infrastructure project. Receiving this additional federal funding for the WRF Program was a team effort by the mayor, City Council, City staff, project team and Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Alex Padilla and Representative Salud Carbajal that will help bring an additional water source to our community at a critical time."

The grant should come as welcomed relief for residents

who have seen the City's original \$126 million project — already the largest infrastructure project in City history — balloon to over \$160 million with delays and cost overruns. The City broke ground on the WRF in April 2020

The City has already used the recycling aspect of the WRF to secure low-interest Federal and State loans to finance the project.

However, recycling the wastewater has morphed from a system that the City said could produce 80% of the city's annual water demand, to one that will inject the wastewater into the Morro Creek aquifer and act as a drought buffer and seawater intrusion blocker when pumping the City's wells at Lila Keiser Park.

Indeed, the City is still testing the proposed injection well field, located on the northeast corner of the Morro Bay Power Plant property. A contract was recently awarded to dig the first injection well and test its effectiveness.

Collins said, the \$9.3 million, "will be used for the reclamation components of the WRF Program, which includes recycled water elements, a recycled water storage tank and pump station at the WRF, recycled water pipeline and the purified water injection wells and distribution line.

"The City received its full funding request from the Department of Interior, which was submitted in accordance with funding program requirements."

According to the news release, the project includes "construction of a new one million gallon per day advanced treatment facility, two new lift stations, an approximately 3.5-mile pipeline alignment, and wells to inject the purified water into the groundwater aquifer, which can be extracted for reuse through the City's existing infrastructure. Construction is expected to be completed by 2023."

The WRF treatment plant, sited on a hillside above the terminus of South Bay Boulevard, is pretty much now completed and awaiting completion of the conveyance system, so it can be tested and put online, expected to be in early 2023.

#### **CSD Gives COLA Raises**

Employees of the Los Osos Community Services
District will be getting healthy raises after the board approved a new contract with the union.

The CSD's "miscellaneous employees' bargaining unit" are represented by the San Luis Obispo County Employees' Association (SLOCEA) for "economic issues," so when the County gives raises, other affiliated groups follow.

The CSD's employees' contract actually ran out June 30 but back in May the board had approved a "side-letter" or extension that had already approved several provisions that were then included in the new contract.

Among the side letter's concessions were: a 5.25% cost of living adjustment for this year and another 5.25% COLA for 2023; employees with over 14-years on the job will be allowed to exchange five days or 40 hours of sick time into paid vacation time; employees that opt-out of the CAL PERS Medical Insurance plan will get \$725; the stand-by hourly pay rate increased to \$4.25 from \$3.25; and next year's COLA is contingent "on the completion of a salary survey by June 30, 2023, of the positions/classifications covered by this MOU," reads the staff report from LOCSD General Manager Ron Munds.

It should be noted that 5.25% is a nice raise, and no doubt welcomed by the employees, inflation tops 8.5% making the raise not quite enough to cover increasing costs of literally everything.

Among the non-economic issues the new contract worked out are: changing the resolution of disputes from "mediation" to "arbitration;" agreeing to negotiate a change to the District's performance evaluation system; and an agreement to reopen negotiations concerning a 50/50 split of increased health insurance costs a.k.a. "reopener."

Overall for the CSD, the new contract is going to cost about \$55,000 over the next 2 years.

Employee positions under the miscellaneous employees contract are Admin Clerk I, II, III; Utility Billing Specialist; Water Resource Crew Leader; and Water Resource Operator Trainee I, II, Ill and IV.

The term of the new contract runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024, with a 1-year extension, provided both sides

# Mobile Vaccination Clinics in Nipomo and San Miguel

Estero Bay News readers who still want to get a COVID-19 vaccination can do so at two upcoming mobile clinics that the County Health Department has put together.

Actually County Health set up three mobile clinics but the one in Paso Robles has already passed. The others are set for 3-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25 at Lillian Larsen Elementary School, 1601 L St., in San Miguel; and the other is from 3-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 at the Nipomo Library, 918 W. Tefft St.

The clinics are free and part of the County's push to try and prepare for an anticipated surge of COVID cases this winter.

"Health officials urge community members to get fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19 to protect yourself and your family," reads a news release. "This is especially important as we head into the back-to-school season and ahead of a potential fall/winter surge."

For updates on COVID-19 in SLO County, see: slopublichealth.org/COVID19. Assistance is available by phone, call: (805) 781-5500 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

# Pismo Molester to Serve a Century in Jail

By Neil Farrell

A Pismo Beach man was sentenced to more than a century in prison, after being convicted on multiple counts of child molestation with multiple victims in a crime spree spanning nearly a decade.

District Attorney Dan Dow announced Aug. 15 that Todd Anthony Hortillosa, 44 of Pismo Beach, was sen-

#### Correction

In the story "Moving Forward: Goin' Fishin' and Top Dog Coffee" (Vol. 4, Issue 15) Patrick Bietz was 63, not 74 when he received the fishing rod and reel. He is now 64 years old.



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tenced to 120-years to life, plus an additional 3 years and 8 months in state prison for his conviction on 10 counts of committing a lewd act on a child under the age of 14, and against three children occurring over a 9-year period.

Hortillosa's trial saw the victims — now aged 23, 14 and 11 — testify "to the prolonged sexual abuse inflicted by Hortillosa," reads a news release. "The sexual abuse escalated with each victim, but ultimately stopped after it was reported to a teacher by a then 11-year-old survivor."

According to the charging document released by the D.A., Hortillosa's crimes happened in segments, with the first victim being abused "on or between" Jan. 1, 2008 and May 10, 2013, and committed against a child under-14.

He was accused under the law of molesting the girl "with the intent of arousing, appealing to, and gratifying the lust, passions, and sexual desires of the said defendant and the said child."

The second set of charges is from May 11, 2013 to May 10, 2015 and involves a girl who was 14 or 15 at the time but at least 10-years younger than Hortillosa.

The third victim was molested from Sept. 10, 2014 to May 8, 2019, according to the court document, again with a child uunder-14. Enhancements to his sentence include a provision for multiple victims in each case.

As a result of his convictions and in addition to his prison sentence, Hortillosa must register as a convicted sex offender for the rest of his life and was ordered to undergo testing for HIV (the virus that causes AIDS), and notify his victims of the results.

The charges also sought "aggravating factors," namely, the crimes involved "great violence, great bodily harm, threat of great bodily harm, or other acts disclosing a high degree of cruelty, viciousness, or callousness."

He was also accused of locking his victims in a room with him while committing lewd acts.

And he was also convicted of unlawfully trying to prevent a victim from testifying and "suborned perjury, or in any other way illegally interfered with the judicial process," reads the indictment.

It was also alleged that "the manner in which the crime was carried out indicates planning, sophistication, or professionalism."

In a previous article, EBN confirmed with the D.A.'s spokesman that the victims and Hortillosa were related, which is why such abuse carried on for so long.

"We applaud the courage of these young victims," District Attorney Dan Dow said, "to report and testify about what the defendant did to them and we thank the jury for providing justice for these three young survivors.

"This lengthy sentence amply reflects the horrific betrayal of trust and devastating effects of Mr. Hortillosa's crimes. We will continue do everything within our power to hold child predators accountable to the maximum extent possible." The case was investigated by the County Sheriff's Office Det. James Wyett and D.A. Investigator Rosalba Denny. The case was prosecuted by Deputy D.A. Danielle Baker of the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Prosecution Unit.

# New Utility Scam Making the Rounds



As if the real cost of electricity isn't bad enough, scam artists are trying to bilk unsuspecting customers of Pacific Gas & Electric Co., out more of their hard-earned money.

PG&E officials are warning about a new scam that is making the rounds and connected to the company's relatively new, "SmartMeter Program."

"In recent weeks," reads the company's news alert dated Aug. 8, "PG&E has received dozens of reports on an emerging scam: utility impostors demanding immediate payment for a SmartMeter deposit to avoid disconnection.

"As the number of these scam attempts targeting utility customers continue at an alarming rate, Pacific Gas and Electric Company wants to help customers recognize the signs of a scam so that they can avoid falling victim."

In this latest swindle, "Scammers are contacting customers via both email and phone, falsely telling them that their utility meter needs to be replaced and that immediate payment of a deposit is required to avoid disconnection."

PG&E Region Vice President, Teresa Alvarado, said, "Scammers are constantly changing their tactics to target unsuspecting victims, and this latest scam campaign is another example of that.

"Please remember, if you receive a call from someone claiming to represent PG&E who is threatening disconnection if you do not make immediate payment, just hang up and call PG&E at 1-833-500-SCAM or log into your PGE. com account to confirm your account details and balance."

The scammers are trying tactics that the company would never do, like make threats and demand payment over the phone. "PG&E will never ask you for your financial information over the phone or via email," Alvarado said, "nor will we request payment via pre-paid debit cards or other payment services like Zelle."

"So far in 2022," the company said, "in San Luis Obispo County, 111 customers reported scam contacts, with

the highest number in Paso Robles where 25 scam reports were counted.

"In Northern Santa Barbara County, where PG&E provides electric service, 84 customers reported scam contacts so far in 2022, with the highest number in Santa Maria at 69."

And while this trend is spiking, the company said, "It is only part of an increased number of scam reports seen by PG&E during 2022. Year to date, PG&E has received more than 7,200 reports from customers who were targeted by scammers impersonating the company, marking a dramatic increase over 2021 when there were just over 11,000 reports for the entire year."

Are these scams really costly? Yes, according to the company. "In 2021, PG&E customers lost over \$600,000 to scammers," the news release said. "Callers claiming to represent PG&E requesting payment via a pre-paid debit card or payment service like Zelle should be a red flag for customers."

These crooks take advantage of people when they are vulnerable. "Scammers are opportunistic and look for times when customers may be distracted or stressed," the release said, "as has been the case during the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, scammers have increased calls, texts, emails and in-person tactics, and they are constantly contacting utility customers asking for immediate payment to avoid service disconnection.

"As a reminder, PG&E will never send a single notification to a customer within one hour of a service interruption, and we will never ask customers to make payments with a pre-paid debit card, gift card, any form of crypto-currency or third-party digital payment mobile applications"

The company added, "Scammers can be convincing and often target those who are most vulnerable, including senior citizens and low-income communities. They also aim their scams at small business owners during busy customer service hours."

What are the signs of a potential scam? PG&E has a few tips:

- Threatens to disconnect: Scammers may aggressively demand immediate payment for an alleged past due bill;
- Request for immediate payment: Scammers may instruct the customer to purchase a prepaid card and then call them back supposedly to make a bill payment;
- Request for prepaid card: When the customer calls back, the caller asks the customer for the prepaid card's number, which grants the scammer instant access to the card's funds; and,
- Refund or rebate offers: Scammers may say that your utility company overbilled you and owes you a refund, or that you are entitled to a rebate."

How can you protect yourself? PG&E has a few of Scam Continued on page 6



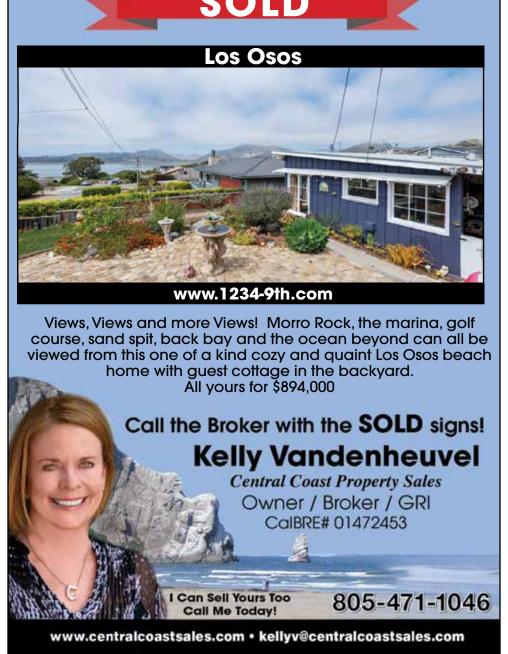
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# Siren Test This Saturday

There is no need to panic when warning sirens blast this Saturday.

PG&E will conduct their annual San Luis Obispo County Early Warning System siren test on August 27 at 12 p.m. and again at 12:30 p.m.

During the test, no action is required on the part of residents, but should



you hear the sirens at other times, tune to a local radio or television station for important emergency information. If at sea, tune to Marine Channel 16.

# New Executive Director at SLO Hillel

The Board of Directors of San Luis Obispo
Hillel named a new executive director serving Cal
Poly State University and
Cuesta College.

Lauren Bandari, who has worked in Jewish organizations, arts and corporate entities, and in scholarly publishing, officially started on August 1, succeeding Rabbi Micah Hyman, who served as Hillel's professional leader



for 2 years and remains in the community.

Lauren was selected after a selection process with governing board and student board leaders. She joins SLO Hillel after twelve years as the executive director of San Luis Obispo's Jewish Community Center-Federation of San Luis Obispo, where she still serves on its board of directors. During her tenure, she instituted the SLO Jewish Film Festival, JCC's Camp Shoreshim, Cal Poly's Jewish Festival of Learning, and the Jewish Family Services of SLO. Lauren's professional background also includes corporate roles in executive administration at Harley Davidson Motor Company, Sotheby's, Inc, and at academic presses of University of Chicago and University of Wisconsin-Madison.

#### **News Briefs**

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

Lauren earned her bachelor's degree in history from University of Wisconsin-Madison with a focus on Jewish studies, along with a master's in public administration with a focus on nonprofit management from University of Illinois-Chicago.

"At each step of my career I've had an eye towards connecting with my own Jewish journey that set me on my path," Lauren said. "At the same time, my career in non-profit administration helped me realize the magical work of lifting up the voices and spirits of the students who will lead our future. I am so excited to roll up my sleeves and get to work."

In addition, Lidar Eini will join SLO Hillel as the new Jewish Agency Israel Fellow starting in mid-August. Lidar is excited to serve as Cal Poly's Israeli emissary, get to know the area, and engage with the student body and faculty.

Lidar, 24, is from Ness Ziona, Israel and served in the IDF in the Intelligence Forces. After his military service, he worked two summers at the Jewish summer camp URJ Eisner Camp in Massachusetts. He completed a bachelor's degree in education and Jewish studies at Haifa University.

# First Monkeypox Case in SLO County

The first case of monkeypox was identified in a San Luis Obispo County resident on August 15 following an uptick in cases globally and in California. SLO County Public health says the risk to the general public from this virus remains low, as the virus is usually spread through prolonged, close physical contact.

"This case of monkeypox was diagnosed thanks to the prompt action of the individual and their health care provider," said Dr. Penny Borenstein, county health officer, in a news release. "Monkeypox spreads through prolonged, close physical contact with someone who has symptoms or with contaminated materials like clothes or bedding. It does not spread easily through the air or through brief contact like walking by someone on the street. Anyone who has an unusual rash and is concerned about monkeypox should contact their healthcare provider for an evaluation."

Monkeypox is a disease caused by the monkeypox virus, a relative of the smallpox virus. Monkeypox often causes flu-like symptoms (such as chills, fever, and swollen lymph nodes) followed by a rash or sores, which can look like pimples, blisters, or an ingrown hair. It spreads primarily through close, often skin-to-skin contact with people who have monkeypox symptoms such as rash and sores or, less commonly, with unwashed materials used by someone with monkeypox symptoms.

A vaccine can provide protection against monkeypox,

but vaccine supply is currently very limited.

For more information about monkeypox and to sign up to receive updates (including vaccine updates), go to slocounty.ca.gov/monkeypox. Public Health phone assistance is available at (805) 781-5500 Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Cambria Rotary Welcomes Teachers and Staff



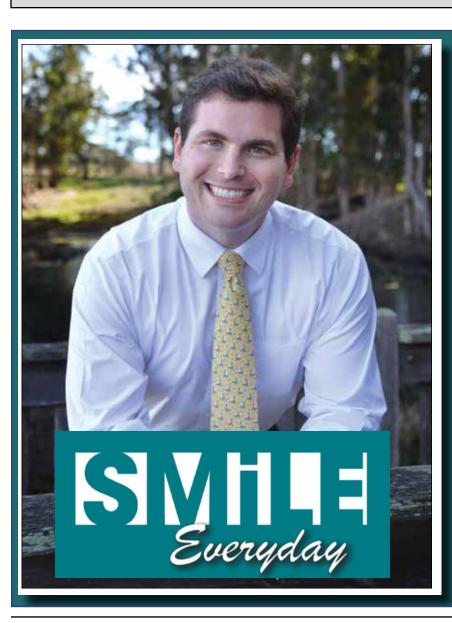
The new school year has started and the Cambria Rotary Club decided to showed local teachers and staff how much they appreciate them for all they do for students.

Club members recently gathered at Coast Unon High School cafeteria on a Sunday to prep breakfast. There was ham to be chopped, potatoes and fruit to cut and dozens upon dozens of eggs to crack and scramble.

The next day they gathered again, just after sunrise, to work on final preparations before serving faculty and staff a big breakfast to start the day right.

"The hard work is always worth it when the staff shows up with smiles on their faces," said Rotary Club member Sue Robison. "We know how hard they work all year, so it is our pleasure to do this annual breakfast as our way of saying 'thank you."

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### Poly's New Eco Friendly Glue Project

A Cal Poly faculty member and several students, in collaboration with an East Coast company, have developed a new adhesive that has the potential to significantly impact the amount of consumer materials that are recycled in the U.S. and worldwide.

Professor Philip Costanzo has been developing a new glue in his Cal Poly laboratory in partnership with the technology development and consulting company Geisys Ventures, LLC (Geisys). Their public-private partnership is the basis for a joint commercial venture. So far, seven students have been involved in developing the ecology-friendly

"Working with Dr. Costanzo in undergraduate research and in partnership with Geisys Ventures has been an exciting and rewarding experience in multiple ways," said Taylor Vaughan, a Cal Poly biochemistry major. "Seeing the positive progression of our project over the last few months has been invigorating. I have really enjoyed the hands-on learning environment and being a part of a fun group of people that also are passionate about chemistry and learning."

Costanzo and Dr. Kristoffer Stokes, CEO of Geisys, combined their know-how in polymer science and industrial applications to generate a new type of glue. The technology began its life in the Costanzo lab with applications in biobased, fully recyclable coatings, and Stokes recognized adhesive recycling challenges in the textile and consumer electronics markets that technology could solve. The material is currently patent-pending, and the two entities recently formed a memorandum of understanding outlining their intent to collaborate on further development and commercialization of the product.

They created the new adhesive as an alternative to low-cost glues frequently



Cal Poly students Reed Kellar, a construction management major, and Taylor Vaughan, a biochemistry major, work in Cal Poly Chemistry Professor Phil Costanzo's research lab. Reed is cutting adhesive coupons, and Taylor is bonding fabrics.

used in consumer materials, such as clothing and electronics. Those glues tend to have bonded parts that are permanent, requiring energy-intensive recovery facilities to recycle. Thus, discarded products often end up in landfills.

"The goal is to significantly impact recycling and actually enable the circular economy," Stokes said. "The part of the circle that has been completely neglected is this disassembly part. People talk about recycling plastics or using biobased materials, but rarely do you hear about disassembly of the item at the end of its life."

Stokes said that adhesives that can be removed require either harmful solvents or extremely hot conditions. Many can't readily be removed without destroying the whole item.

The aim of the Cal Poly-Geisys partnership is to manufacture and market a product that breaks down much more easily.

"This (new Cal Poly) technology will take a durable glue bonded item, and — after treatment — make the glued parts peel apart like sticky notes," Costanzo said. "We are currently focusing on adhesives in garments but are particularly interested in larger markets like consumer electronics."

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# **Old Creek Bridge Work**



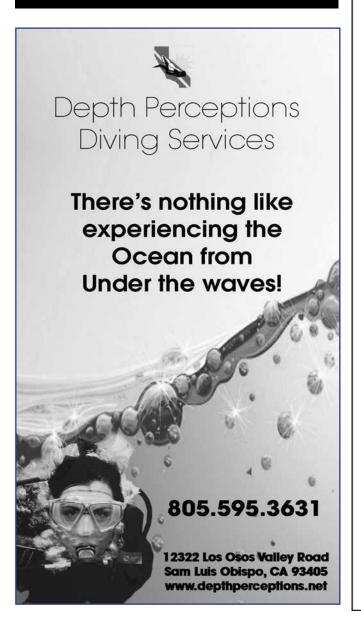
Work on replacing the northbound Hwy 1 bridge over Old Creek in Cayucos has been progressing quickly with Papich Construction of Arroyo Grande having made quick work of demolishing the old bridge and preparing the creek bed for the new one.

Taking a peek behind the construction wall, Estero Bay News stopped in to snap a few photos of the crew at

What, you don't knock? Secret cat stuff going on here.

Photo by Cat Noir CC

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work, who were in the process of framing in and pouring new concrete pilings for the bridge deck.

Papich has been documenting its work on Hwy 1 as well as a new bridge job underway on Nacimiento Lake Drive in North County, and a solar power project in Ocotillo Wells down in San Diego County on its Facebook Page, including photos and drone videos.

See: www.facebook.com/papichconstruction for some fascinating looks at major construction jobs in progress.
Photo by Neil Farrell

#### **Scam** From page 3

those tips as well:

• Customers should never purchase a prepaid card to avoid service disconnection or shutoff. PG&E does not specify how customers should make a bill payment and offers a variety of ways to pay a bill, including accepting payments online, by phone, automatic bank draft, mail or in person;

• If a scammer threatens immediate disconnection or shutoff of service without prior notification, customers should hang up the phone, delete the email, or shut the door. Customers with delinquent accounts receive an advance disconnection notification, typically by mail and included with their regular monthly bill;

• Signing up for an online account at pge.com is another safeguard. Not only can customers log in to check their balance and payment history, but they also can sign up for recurring payments, paperless billing and helpful alerts; and.

• Scammers Impersonating Trusted Phone Numbers: Scammers are now able to create authentic-looking 800-numbers, which appear on your phone display. The numbers don't lead back to PG&E if called back, however, so if you have doubts, hang up and call PG&E at 1-833-500-SCAM. If customers ever feel that they are in physical danger, they should call 9-1-1.

For more information about utility scams, see: pge. com/scams.

#### **Sunset Avenue Closure**

The biggest affordable housing project in Morro Bay since 2015 is becoming the biggest traffic headache next to the City's new sewer project.

The apartment house development at 405 Atascadero Rd., (named: Rockview at Sunset Apartments), saw the complete closure of Rockview Street for a month while a giant retaining wall was installed, will now see Sunset Avenue closed from Monday, Aug. 22 through Friday, Aug. 26, the City of Morro Bay announced.

The closure will be from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily so the builders can do roadwork.

The 35-unit apartment complex, developed by the Housing Authority of SLO, will have a mix of one, two and 3-bedroom apartments priced for low-income people and families.

Applications for these apartments will be taken starting in January 2023. See: www.haslo.org for announcements.

#### **Eco Friendly Glue** From page 5

Stokes said that many apparel items including rain jackets, performance athletic wear, and even intimate wear are glued at the seams.

"Often, glue holds dissimilar materials that cannot be recycled together," he said. "By defeating the adhesive, you can break apart this composite and more readily recycle the components."

The team used existing procedures and materials and incorporated novel chemistry linkages (a sequence of bonds that links one polymer chain to another), referred to as Diels-Alder linkages, into the product. Polymers are substances with large molecules and are the basis of many living organisms and man-made materials.

"The procedure is straightforward, scalable, and suitable for completion by undergraduates, which demonstrates the robustness of the system," Costanzo said.

Geisys is planning manufacturing scaleup and exploring further partnerships with selected adhesive manufacturers



On August 18, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced the award of \$9.3 million to the City of Morro Bay for its Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) project. This federal funding is part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which provides \$1 billion to the Department of the Interior for its WaterSMART Water Recycling and Reuse grants program.

"We are grateful to receive this \$9.3 million grant funding as we complete construction of key components of the City's largest-ever infrastructure project," said City Manager Scott Collins. "Receiving this additional federal funding for the WRF was a team effort by the Mayor, City Council, City staff, project team and Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Alex Padilla and Congressmember Salud Carbajal that will help bring an additional water source to our community at a critical time. It's a huge win for our community!"

The \$9.3 million will be used for the reclamation components of the WRF Program, which includes recycled water elements, a recycled water storage tank and pump station at the WRF, recycled water pipeline and the purified water injection wells and distribution line. The City received its full funding request from the Department of Interior.

According to the Department of the Interior, the 25 projects selected nationwide will advance drought resilience and are expected to increase annual capacity by about 213,000 acre-feet of water, enough water to support more than 850,000 people a year. Funding was appropriated for the planning, design and construction of water reuse projects around the country.

#### **About the Water Reclamation Facility**

The City of Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility Program involves replacing the City's existing wastewater treatment plant with an advanced water purification facility that will meet state regulations and protect the environment. The project will be capable of creating a drought buffer in the future.

The project includes construction of a new one million gallon per day advanced treatment facility, two new lift stations, an approximately 3.5-mile pipeline alignment, and wells to inject the purified water into the groundwater aquifer, which can be extracted for reuse through the City's existing infrastructure. Construction for the treatment facility and 3.5 mile pipeline is expected to be completed in early 2023, with the construction of the injection wells beginning in early 2024 and completed in 2025.

To learn more about the WRF, please visit the project website https://morrobaywrf.com/.

## Re-imagined Avocado-Margarita Festival, Sept. 9-11

Photos and Story by Neil Farrell

It started as a way to celebrate Morro Bay's signature crop
— the alligator pear — and quickly morphed into something much bigger, and one of the town's signature special

And now after a 2-year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic response, the Annual Avocado-Margarita festival is returning to the waterfront. But just as the world has changed after the pandemic, this 2022 version is much changed in duration, location and even in name, too.

Now dubbed the "Avocado-Margarita Food & Drink Festival" the event this year is a three-day affair, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 9-11, with the main festival at Tideland's Park, and for the first time ever, a big concert at Morro Rock featuring one of the area's biggest up-and-coming bands.

Erica Crawford, the CEO of the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, which has produced the festival since 2006, said the festival's success was in part responsible for this reimagined event.

"The last one was in 2019," Crawford explained. "So 2018 and 2019 were the largest events ever. We had over 11,500 people on site in one day."

That mass of people was packed into the relatively small parking lot at 714 Embarcadero, and the closed off street from Marina to Harbor.

The space issues were compounded by site restrictions like fencing around alcohol areas ordered by the State ABC and fencing to delineate the festival grounds that irked business owners on Embarcadero; plus the City is actively trying to sell that parking lot for redevelopment which means it won't always be available, and really made the old site unworkable anymore.

They've been working with Hannah Liquenaitova of Project XO, a date night planning service, who has planned their annual gala dinners. "At the first of the year," Crawford said, "we started looking at budgets and talking with Hannah."

The key question was where could they put the festival that's big enough to handle a big crowd and still benefit businesses? Another event company, Just Us Events, which they'd used at past festivals, Crawford said, was a pandemic casualty and could not do it anymore.

Tidelands Park, which used to host a huge 4th of July Music and Fireworks Show, was the logical location. That would allow the festival to be in a controlled area, and have people be able to wander the Embarcadero and access businesses at will.

What they came up with is in part philosophical — "Morro Bay is the resort," Crawford said, "and the Chamber is the cruise director."

With Tidelands the primary venue, Crawford said they decided to go big and for the first time ever, will hold a big 1-day concert event at Morro Rock.

Getting permission for that was difficult as State Parks, which owns Morro Rock, wasn't interested but the City,



You can see both locations of where the festival will be held this year

which controls the big dirt parking lot, was amenable.

So on Saturday the 10th, "We're going to build a big stage at the base of the rock," Crawford said. The Rock concert will feature Proximo Parada, a local band, which Crawford said is on the verge of making it big. They now tour all over the U.S. and only play a few local gigs a year. They also played the Avocado Festival in 2017.

Crawford said in 2017, "They brought the sun out," referring to that show which dawned foggy and cold, but cleared when Proximo Parada took the stage. "They have a really positive vibe."

EJ Worland, who toured with Donovan Frankenreiter, is opening the show on Saturday.

That show starts at 6:30 p.m. There will also be food trucks and beverages at the Rock. (It would be advisable to dress in layers, as the Rock's weather can change quickly.)

At Tidelands Park, the festival starts on Friday afternoon with family friendly events and Devin Welsh performing (lineup subject to change). And there will be a full complement of food and beverages at the park.

Friday will also have an outdoor, family movie night. If readers want to go to Friday's event, Crawford said they will have to buy a 3-day pass. (Tickets available on 805TIX or on the Chamber's event site, see: avomargfest.com)

Saturday at Tidelands is stacked with live music, with 30-40, mostly food and beverage vendors, though there will be some merchandise vendors and avocado growers, too.

The effort this year has also been focused on the food part of the festival's namesake. Crawford said they will have local chefs compete for best avocado-infused dishes, not just have regular food with avocados thrown on, as the festival was criticized for having in the past.

Among the bands scheduled to play Saturday are Kenny Taylor, Cocktail Shorty, Silk Ocean, Hilary Watson and Band, the Charities, Carbon City Lights, and Dante Marsh and the Vibe Setters (again, the schedule could change).

On Sunday, the bands scheduled are Jessica Neie, the Damon Castillo Band, and Moonshiner Collective. (For up to date schedule, see: AvoMargFest.com).

The festival will be a paid affair too, with individual tickets sold for each day and for each venue, or 3-day passes. "Everything's for pay," Crawford said. "The entry, food beverages; admission gets you free music."

Tidelands Park will be closed to the public, but if someone wanted to go fishing or launch a boat, the launch ramp will be open. Liveaboards who normally use the parking lot will need to get a parking permit. There will be no festival parking at Tidelands and a City trolley will be shuttling people up and down the Embarcadero from Morro Rock to Tidelands for \$1.

The concert at Morro Rock will only take up a small portion of that lot, she said.

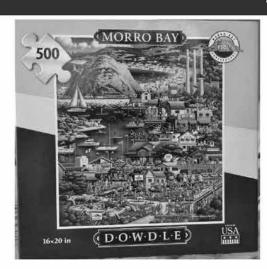
And local businesses that rent things like golf carts could potentially set up a shuttle service too, she said.

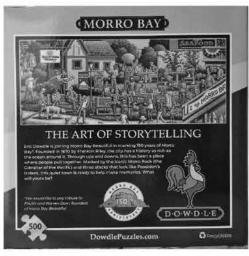
And they are working with a local limo service about shuttling people around should the Rock parking fill up. Each venue will have its own admission charge.

While they may have a great capacity limit with the two venues, Crawford advised everyone to go online and get advanced tickets.

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# Where can you get the Morro Bay PUZZLE???





In Morro Bay: \* Giovanni's Fish Market - 1001 Front St

\* Hungry Fisherman Restaurant - 399 Beach St.

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(has puzzles AND prints)

In Cambria: \* Etcetera Etcetera - 789 Main St.

(has puzzles and prints)

In Cayucos: \* Cayucos Market - 301 So. Ocean Ave

In Los Osos: \* Rexall Drug - 989 Los Osos Valley Road



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# Police Blotter



- **Aug. 13:** Police responded at 5:07 p.m. to O'Reilly Auto Parts in the 700 block of Quintana to deal with some pest of a fellow. Logs indicated the 37-year-old squit was nicked for suspicion of possession of drugs and paraphernalia and being higher than the stacks, which naturally follows.
- **Aug. 13:** Some petty thief committed petty theft in the 200 block of Surf. Police documented the offense.
- Aug. 12: Police responded to Lila Keiser Park at 10:15 p.m. for a reported assault. Logs indicated the scuffle was between two juveniles with one crying foul! Police will investigate the battery charge.
- **Aug. 12:** Somebody found something somewhere in the 1000 block of Main and police got stuck with it.
- **Aug. 12:** Police responded at 7 p.m. for a disturbance in the 400 block of Shasta and some apparently upset fellow was placed for 72-hours in the lovin' arms of County Mental Health.
- Aug. 12: Police responded at 4:30 p.m. to some apparent rapscallions milling about in the 400 block of Quintana. A 50-yearold mope was nicked for suspicion of possessing illegal drugs and paraphernalia, and being fit-shaced on dope. A 48-year-old woman had two bench warrants but was just issued a third and released to catch again tomorrow.
- **Aug. 12:** Something else was found in the 1600 block of Main and given to police for safekeeping. Under the house rules, if no one claims it in 30 days it's finders-keepers.
- **Aug. 12:** Police responded at 12:45 p.m. to a reported injury suffered in the 1300 block of Main. Logs said the injury happened at the City's WRF jobsite and police documented the tragedy for the inevitable lawsuit to follow.
- Aug. 12: Police responded at 11:31 a.m. to a car crash at San Bernardo and Anchor, no doubt at one of the City's infamous uncontrolled intersections. No injuries or blame were noted.
- **Aug. 12:** Police responded to a disturbance at 11:10 a.m. at a home in the 500 block of Main. Logs indicated a 24-year-old was nicked for suspicion of possessing drug paraphernalia and being stoned.
- **Aug. 11:** Someone came to the police station on Morro Bay Blvd. and turned over a black backpack they'd found somewhere in town that contained an iPad.
- **Aug. 11:** Police responded at 5:50 p.m. to a possible child abuse report on La Loma St.
- **Aug. 11:** At 5 p.m. police chanced upon a familiar face in the 400 block of Atascadero Rd. The 57-year-old citizen of the year was popped for allegedly being schwacked on drugs.
- **Aug. 11:** Police responded at 2:50 p.m. to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Napa. Logs indicated some mulish person violated a stay-away court order and police will file a report with the district attorney, so he's in trouble now.
- Aug. 11: Police contacted a suspicious woman at 1:15 p.m. in the 700 block of Quintana at McDonald's. The 37-year-old scoff-law was nicked for a felony warrant and then allegedly resisted arrest, which seems about six fries short of a Happy Meal.
- **Aug. 11:** Police responded at 1 p.m. to a report of a mentally disturbed person on Nutmeg Avenue. He or she was taken for a 72-hour hold "for danger to self."
- **Aug. 11:** At 8:46 a.m. in the 2100 block of Seaview, police towed away a car parked in one place for too long.
- **Aug. 11:** Police responded to a disturbance at 7:18 a.m. at Hwy 1 and Atascadero Road. Logs indicated they arrested a 37-year-old ruffian on a battery charge.
- **Aug. 10:** Someone turned in a cell phone and Vietnam Veteran ball cap they'd found somewhere, as apparently the owner is MIA.
- **Aug. 9:** Police responded at 7:45 p.m. to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Morro Cove. Logs indicated police contacted the victim regarding a domestic dustup between husband and wife. A report will be filed with the D.A. but logs didn't indicate whether 'twas he or she what done the wrong.
- **Aug. 9:** At 4:37 p.m. someone came to the police station and reported a sexual assault. Police will investigate and God willing punish the bastard.
- Aug. 8: Police responded to the 500 block of San Joaquin for a report of some larcenous skint siphoning gas out of parked cars, which really sucks.
- **Aug. 8:** Police responded to the 600 block of Shasta where a juvenile said he or she was getting threats. Police will investigate the bullies.



- **Aug. 8:** Police responded at 8 p.m. to a mental health emergency in the 400 block of Las Vegas and carted the poor soul off on a little vacation.
- **Aug. 7:** Someone dropped off something at the police station that they found somewhere in town, and someone else did likewise a few hours earlier, hey, maybe someday they should hold a garage sale.
- Aug. 7: Police responded at 2 p.m. to the Rock parking lot to speak with someone who said his or her credit cards and cash were stolen out of their locked vehicle, as the tourist tax is collected once again.
- Aug. 7: Police responded at 7 p.m. to Hemlock and Avalon for a hairy car crack-up. No injuries reported.
- **Aug. 7:** Police spotted a suspicious fellow allegedly in Cypress Plaza at Subway, at 2:05 p.m. The 30-year-old persona non-grata was cited for suspicion of trespassing and a little matter of a bench warrant. He was released to trespass his a\*\* away from here.
- **Aug. 7:** Police contacted a suspicious subject at 12:23 p.m. in the 1600 block of Main. The 36-year-old annoying flesh monkey was nicked for suspicion of being stoned on drugs.
- **Aug. 6:** Police responded at 3 p.m. to a reported shipwreck at Piney Way and Pacific. Logs indicated a low-hanging utility wire "was struck by the mast of a towed sailboat."
- **Aug. 6:** Police responded at 10 a.m. to an apartment in the 2600 block of Main where they ended up arresting a 40-year-old man for alleged possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia and being stultified. He checked into the County B&B.
- **Aug. 5:** Police responded at 6:21 p.m. to the 700 block of Embarcadero for a reported assault. Logs indicated the case was a domestic violence incident involving robbery and car theft. A complaint is being sent to the D.A.
- **Aug. 5:** Police contacted yet another glowworm, 37, at 12:30 p.m. in the 1600 block of Main who was then arrested for the unholy trilogy possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia and being zig-zagged.
- **Aug. 5:** Police contacted a woman, 60, in the 800 block of Napa who had a bench warrant. She was issued another ticket and released, because here we throw back the little ones.
- **Aug. 5:** A vehicle burglary was reported in the area of Olive and Bernardo and police have no leads to go on.
- **Aug. 4:** Police took a report of possible child abuse on Dunbar Street that apparently occurred back on July 19.
- Aug. 4: Police responded at 11:42 a.m. to the 600 block of

- Ponderosa. Logs said the resident had passed away and was found by a family member.
- **Aug. 3:** Police responded at 9 p.m. to a disturbance at Albertson's Market. An apparently raucous chap, 64, was nicked for allegedly being schnockered in public.
- Aug. 3: A woman in the 800 block of Main told police that some apparent grifter woman is "trying to extort money from her via threats of civil action over property," an apparent case of never bow before hyenas.
- **Aug. 3:** A citizen in the 3100 block of Coral called at 2:36 a.m. to report that some apparent hooligan tried to break into their backyard garden shed.
- **Aug. 2:** Police contacted another suspicious subject at 10:38 p.m. at Harbor and Piney Way. The 30-year-old idjit was arrested for suspicion of possessing illegal drugs.
- **Aug. 2:** Someone gave local police a firearm that was found in an Air B&B in the 2000 block of McCabe St., in Cambria, as apparently the Sheriff's Department, which patrols Cambria, was unavailable.
- **Aug. 2:** Police stumbled upon an apparent stumblebum, 26, traipsing about at Pacific and Embarcadero at 1:13 p.m. Logs indicated the swizzle stick was nicked for being thick as a tick.
- **Aug. 2:** Police responded at 5 p.m. to the 1300 block of Prescott for a smash-n-dash collision.
- **Aug. 2:** Police responded at 3 p.m. to the 2000 block of Bayview where a woman said her valuable ring was missing from inside her house.
- **Aug. 2:** The Harbor Department turned in a collection of jet-sam and flotsam they'd collected from the waterfront and around the bay.
- **Aug. 2:** At 3:42 a.m. in the 300 block of Quintana, police contacted a couple of regular customers a 48-year-old woman with four bench warrants, and a 37-year-old fellow scofflaw with one, so naturally, they issued another summons for them to ignore.
- **Aug. 1:** Police responded at 10:26 p.m. in the 100 block of Sandpiper Ct. and placed someone under a mental health timeout, as a danger to themselves. At 11:24 p.m. in the 300 block of Las Vegas, another citizen went into crisis with the same actions
- **Aug. 1:** Police responded at 9:12 p.m. to a guy going al woolly-booger in City Park on Harbor St. Logs indicated a 48-year-old humanicus dooficus was nailed for suspicion of being hammered in public.

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# A Fun Day at the Beach for All

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

The seashore can be fun and therapeutic, but, for some, it is difficult, if not impossible, to reach. The Cayucos Lioness Club provides the use of beach wheelchairs, known as surf chairs, that allow people with limited mobility the chance to stick their feet in the water and toes in the sand.

"The availability of these chairs has helped many get on the beach when they thought they would never be able to do that again," said Kathy Boyte, chairperson for the Club's surf chair project.

Boyte said Amp Surf, an organization dedicated to adaptive surfing, schools taking beach field trips, grandparents attending weddings, disabled children, elderly people and folks who have recently had foot or leg surgery have utilized the chairs.

"It is such a great feeling to hear the happiness in people's voices when they return from the beach," she said.

Brother and sister, Jack Betts, 93, and Joan Sullivan, 96, recently enjoyed the beach wheelchairs on an outing with

"It was fun to feel the sand between my toes and have the water rush up and get my slacks wet," Sullivan said. "It reminded me of the many days I sat at the water's edge in Miami Beach letting the tide come up to greet me."

Beach access wheelchairs have been available for use on Cayucos Beach since the early 1990s when lifeguards checked them out to beachgoers in the summer months. In 1995, the Cayucos Lioness Club took over, added an additional chair and made them available year round with some exceptions such as weather, the big Fourth of July celebration on the beach and the condition of the ramp that leads to the sand.

The Club could use some help with the ramp.

"The small ramp on the beach where it is possible to get the chairs onto the beach has had a severe erosion problem," Boyte said.

Currently there is a volunteer who keeps the sand



Brother and sister, Jack Betts and Joan Sullivan, enjoy the beach with the help of specially designed wheelchairs, pushed by Lynne Johnson and Ryan Sullivan, that the Cayucos Lioness Club makes available to the public. Photos by Dean Sullivan

built up, but Boyte said government agencies have thus far stymied installing a permanent ramp.

Readers should be aware that the chairs are manual and require someone to push them though the soft sand, which can be physically demanding, but worth the effort.

"I definitely would recommend getting in that water regardless of how you got there," Betts said. "The ocean can be great therapy for anyone regardless of age. It's hypnotic. I loved walking on the sand and in the water — great fun."

The chairs are free to use, but require an ID to check out. The Cayucos Lioness will also store traditional wheelchairs in a locked shed while folks enjoy the beach.

For more information about chair availability or to make a donation for repairs and replacement, call 805-995-

The Cayucos Lioness Club welcomes civic-minded woman to join the organization. They participate in fundraising efforts for community betterment projects and

music and art; provide mutt mitts and pick-up of associated trash receptacles; host the Easter Dog Parade; and finically support multiple projects and organizations. Interested women need to be sponsored by a current member. To start the ball rolling, go to Cayucoslionessclub.

charitable causes including scholarships for college, camp,

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org and click on Join Our Club.

And for VIPs, the harbor cruise boat, Chablis, will dock at the Tidelands side tie dock and serve as a "VIP Lounge," she said.

They are still seeking event sponsors, and they've already gotten the big local companies on board — nhc, Vistra, Visit Morro Bay, Visit SLO — but they welcome additional business sponsors and have various levels of

And with two Saturday venues sitting over a mile apart, they will need lots of volunteers from the community. "You can sign up on the website," Crawford said. "For a 6-hour shift you'll get a 3-day pass and a T-shirt." The Lions and Rotary Clubs are also volunteer sponsors and Crawford said people could volunteer through them, too.

Bringing back the festival is part of the Chamber's purpose in its partnership with the City — economic devel-

We're getting those cash registers ringing," Crawford said, "bringing people to town and supporting the businesses. And with economic development, we're figuring out how to do events again."





# Events Activities Activities

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid Central Coast invites supporters and donors to an elegant night of food and wine under the stars on September 10 at the Paso Robles Event Center. The Clubs are dedicated to helping all youth reach their full potential by providing safe, fun, and enriching experiences for kids when they are not in school. Club Programs support academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character development that have positively transformed the lives of many of our Club members.

This year's fundraiser is a Winemaker Dinner with four delectable courses by Chef Jeffery Scott. The seasonal menu is paired with local wines from a variety of winemakers and vineyards. There will be a live and silent auction, along with a happy hour and other fun activities.

The live auction features items like trips, dinners, and one-of-a-kind experiences. A diverse array of silent auction items include gift certificates, jewelry, products to pamper yourself, and more.

Auctioneer, Todd Ventura, and Mistress of Ceremonies, Gina Fitzpatrick of the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce will keep things lively and ensure that all attendees have a wonderful evening. Tickets are \$150, sponsorships and tables of eight are also available and can be purchased online at e.givesmart.com/events/puF/



Tickets are on sale now for Yoga on the Terrace with Cheryl Wakefield at the SLO Botanical Garden starting Sept. 3. It runs Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 to 9 a.m.

An instructor for 15 years, Cheryl will guide you through a series of asana poses, breathwork and full body meditation to get you connected with your love for yourself in a fun and expressive class. Classes are \$10 for non-members and \$8 for members. Sign up at slobg.org/calendar.

The annual Lioness Club of Cayucos Annual Enchilada Sale is taking pre-orders now through Friday, September 30; pick up Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Cayucos Community Church, 60 So. 3rd Street, Cayucos

A package of two homemade enchiladas (beef, chicken or cheese) is \$13, and a tray of 12 is \$75. Proceeds benefit Cayucos student education projects. To pre-order, call (805) 235-2289.

TO DESTARS

The Estero Bay Kindness Coalition presents: A Family Friendly Dance Party Featuring Zongo All-Stars on Friday, August 26 at SLO Brew Rock, 855 Aerovista Ln, San Luis Obispo. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., a raffle is at 9:30 p.m., and food and drinks are available for purchase, outdoor seating available.

Pre-order tickets are \$15 each at https://my805tix.com/e/kindness2 or \$20 at the door. Proceeds will help provide nutrition and healthy meals to the food insecure members of the Estero Bay community.

SLOFunny Comedy Show returns Aug. 27 with two shows 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the

Morro Bay Veterans Memorial Building, 209 Surf St., Morro Bay. The show is hosted by Patrick Keane with Alyssa Poteet, Jackie Gold, Featuring Roberto Rodriguez and Headliner Bronston Jones. Tickets are \$25 at the door or in advance for \$20 on My805Tix.com.



Under the baton of Brenda Hascall, The Pride of Morro Bay, The Morro Bay White Caps Community Band, will perform Pops, Classical and Jazz on Saturday, August 27 from 10:30 to 12:00PM on the South T-Pier.

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SLO Skiers, a local, non-profit sports and social club for adults is having its next monthly meeting at Dairy Creek Golf Course Clubhouse in

San Luis Obispo at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Meetings are free and yearly membership is only \$50. Social and sports activities occur year round.

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randon Tokunaga knows a thing or two about families **D** suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. When Brandon's beloved father, Nelson Tokunaga, died at just 60 years old of early onset Alzheimer's, Brandon vowed he would share what he discovered with others to ease their pain and offer support and hope where none seems possible. Because Brandon is a talented painter, he chose art as the best vehicle for him to raise awareness, offer support, and raise money to work toward a cure. Now there is food, wine, music, a silent auction, and of course the art. This year marks the ninth year of Forget Me Not: Art Against Alzheimer's. It takes place at The Village at The Oaks, 61 Broad Street in San Luis Obispo, on Friday, August 26 from 5 – 8 p.m. This is an outdoor event and all are welcome. For more information, call Laura DeLoye with the Alzheimer's Association at (805) 342-0956 or Brandon Tokunaga at (805) 431-3765.

The Quota Club is bringing back its annual Fashion Show fundraiser and a Morro Bay boutique is providing the bling this year.

Quota International of Morro Bay is having the "Fall Into Fashion" fundraiser from noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 at the Madonna Inn. Tickets for the event are \$60 per per-

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# EVENT SCHEDULE

# SEPTEMBER 9"

(Exclusively for 3-Day Pass holders)

#### 3:00pm — 6:30pm

Exclusive Avocado Margarita Festival Preview Live Music on stage! Beer, Wine, Easy-Margs, and limited food.

#### 5:30pm — 9:30pm

Daou & Danior Dinner at the Boatyard Welcome reception followed by a multi-course, family-style seated dinner directly on the bay.
Relax and experience the world class menu of
Chef Spencer and Danior Catering showcasing
local products. Every exquisite dish will be
accompanied with a glass of DAOU Vineyards
exceptional wines, paired by their own Sommelier.

#### 7:00pm — 9:30pm

Family Friendly Picnic Movie Night at the Park (feature presentation TBD) Beer, Wine, and Easy Margs available. \*Picnic blankets and low back chairs welcome (Friday only)

# 20,12 SPECIAL "SATURDAY SATELLITE" **EVENT AT MORRO ROCK**

Check out the schedule on the map (back-side of this page)

# SEPTEMBER 10<sup>m</sup>

(Available with Single Day or 3-Day Pass)

#### 8:00am - 10:00am

Breakfast and Coffee with Avocado Growers in "The Grove", and Yoga

Avocado and Farmers' Market Specialty Goods at Tidelands Park

#### 10:00am - 6:30pm

Avocado Margarita Food & Drink Festival, Day 1!! Beer, wine, hand-crafted margaritas, and specialty drinks. Gourmet foods & small bites featuring the Central Coast's incredible California Avocados.

- "Best of Festival" Competitions
- Chef Competition 11am 2pm
- Festival Food Competition (All Day)
- Margarita Competition (All Day)

Live music ALL DAY from the Tidelands stage

# SEPTEMBER II<sup>TH</sup>

(Available with Single Day or 3-Day Pass)

#### 10:00am - 3:00pm

Avocado Margarita Food & Drink Festival, Day 2!! Beer, wine, hand-crafted margaritas, and specialty drinks. Gourmet foods & small bites featuring the Central Coast's incredible California Avocados.

#### 1:00pm

"Best of Festival" Winners Announced

- Chef Competition Winner
  - Festival Food Competition Winner
- Margarita Competition Winner

Live music ALL DAY from the Tidelands stage

\*Vendors close at 2:00pm

## LIVE ON STAGE



Weekend performances include music from Próxima Parada, EJ Worland, Devin Welsh, Kenny Taylor, Cocktail Shorty, Silk Ocean, Hilary Watson and Band, Carbon City Lights, The Charities, Dante Marsh and the Vibe Setters, Jessica Neie, Damon Castillo, and Moonshiner Collective.

# VIP LOUNGE @MORRO ROCK and @TIDELANDS PARK THE ULTIMATE AVOCADO MARGARITA FOOD & DRINK EXPERIENCE!

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Festival preview from 3:00pm - 6:30pm Movie Night from 7:00pm - 9:30pm (exclusive to 3-day passholders)

#### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10

Breakfast, Coffee & Farmers' Market, and Yoga 8:00am - 10:00am Festival 10:00am - 6:30pm / includes private VIP Floating Lounge on the Chablis at Tidelands Park (until 2pm) Concert at the Rock 6:30pm - 10:00pm

#### SUNDAY. SEPTEMBER 11

Festival 10:00am - 3:00pm / includes private VIP Floating Lounge on the Chablis at Tidelands Park (until 3pm)

#### Your VIP Pass includes

- Full access to the main festival at Tidelands Park on Saturday and Sunday
- Friday's festival preview and family movie night on the lawn
- Exclusive access to our private VIP Floating Lounge on the Chablis at Tidelands Park (complimentary food and non-alcoholic drinks)
- Admission to our Saturday Night Concert at the Rock featuring Próxima Parada and opening act EJ Worland plus an exclusive Avenue Twelve Satellite Lounge at Morro Rock (complimentary food and non-alcoholic drinks)

































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son (some \$30 is tax deductible), with proceeds benefitting Quota's many local charitable programs and projects.

Clothes this year will be provided by Poppy's Boutique, located at 911 Embarcadero in the Harbor Center. The emcee for the show is KSBY-TV's Weatherman Dave Hovde, and there will be door prizes and a silent auction. For tickets, call Shary Goulart at (805) 771-8364.

CERTAIN MATTER

A 8400P EXMINITION OF MATERIAL ABSTRACTION IN CONTEMPSRAPY ART

The Certain Matter group exhibition featuring artwork by local, national, and international artists that examines the intersection of abstraction and materiality in contemporary art, takes place at The Harold J. Miossi Art Gallery at Cuesta College through Oct. 14.

Certain Matter provides viewers with a bright, vivid, and engaging opportunity to explore contemporary abstraction, weaving together the works of nine multidisciplinary artists featuring paintings, sculpture, ceramics, and digital artwork. The exhibit focuses on the material's role in each artwork's capacity for expression as both the subject, the idea the work is about, and the object, the physical artwork itself. Featured artists include Alexis Arnold, David McDonald, Sarah Mikenis, Christopher Pate, Linda Sormin, Connie Martin Trevino, John Trevino, Amy Vensel, and Garet Zook. Admission to the gallery is free. For a schedule of exhibits and hours of operation, go to cuesta.edu/student/campuslife/artgallery/or call (805) 546-3202.

The Cambria Center for the Arts (CCA) is hosting its final fundraiser of the summer—an afternoon reception to enjoy the sunset with art and wine at a stunning masterpiece of architecture on over 200 feet of ocean frontage in Cambria.

This special fundraiser is Saturday, September 24, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are limited and are just \$50. Details and tickets can be found at cambriaarts.org.

The location of this special event is an oceanfront masterpiece originally built in 1929 and then completely re-envisioned and updated in the 1980s. Surrounded by majestic Cypress pines, this home long owned by mid-Century artists Walton and Mona Titus is considered by many as one of the most beautiful locations on the Central Coast. Its current owners have generously agreed to host this unique experience to help support CCA's mission. Directions to the event will be provided once tickets are purchased.

The Cambria Center for the Arts activities include the CCA Gallery at 1350 Main Street, live theatre performances, the annual Cambria Film Festival and a host of classes and workshop for both adults and students.

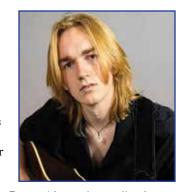
The Central Coast ■ Watercolor Society's August program meeting takes place on Tuesday, August 30 in the Wesley Building of the San Luis Obispo United Methodist Church, 1515 Fredericks St, SLO. Social time for this free event is at 1 p.m. is followed by a demonstration at 1:30 p.m. by Central Coast watercolor and silk painter Sheila Underwood.



Underwood, an award-winning artist who began her artistic journey after a long career in interior design, will demonstrate her methods for creating her Impressionistic watercolors. Attendees can learn about how life, photos, and imagination inspire her work. She uses large brushes and "juicy" paint to convey movement and emotion, exaggerating to make the ordinary dramatic.

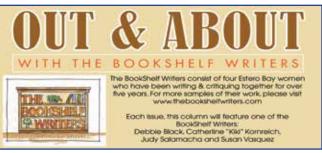
CCWS requires all attendees to be fully vaccinated and boosted at least two weeks prior to the event. Masks are optional, but social distancing is required. Prospective members are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Publicity Chair Mari O'Brien at 805-439-0295 or arttrekfineart@gmail.com. For more info, visit www. ccwsart.com. Image by Shelia Underwood.

Singer-songwriter Cole Gallagher and his band make their Central Coast debut on Sept. 3 from 8 to 10:30 p.m at the Siren in Morro Bay, 900 Main St. The show is free. The 20-year-old Californian was raised in the San Gabriel Valley. Picking up the guitar at 13, he gravitated to the music of John Fogerty,

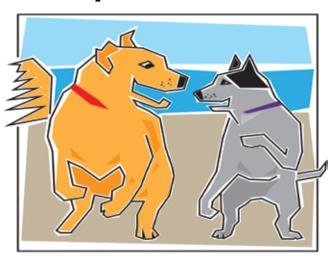


Bruce Springsteen, and Tom Petty. Almost immediately, Cole began composing, and within a year, he'd written eight songs. The Siren can be reached at (805) 225-1312.

Send your event listing at least three weeks in advance to 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.



# **Molly and Malcolm**



By Catherine "Kiki" Kornreich

Tiptoeing along the high tide line, she glanced behind her every few steps to make sure Dad was following. Molly was in a terrific mood, and not just because she was at the beach, untethered and free. She was on top of the world because just before Dad grabbed her leash, she heard Joe's voice through the telephone, and that meant only one thing: Joe was bringing Malcolm to the beach

She started doing her happy dance while Dad was still on the phone. She'd know Joe's voice anywhere. And sure enough, as soon as he hung up, Dad went to the closet for the leash and her ball.

Ohboyohboyohboy!

today!

Molly got to go to the beach every day. And she knew she was a lucky girl – the beach was like a giant sandbox where all the happiest dogs got to come out to play and swim and play fetch and roll in dead things. It was doggie heaven! And when she was a puppy, she did all of that along with her friends

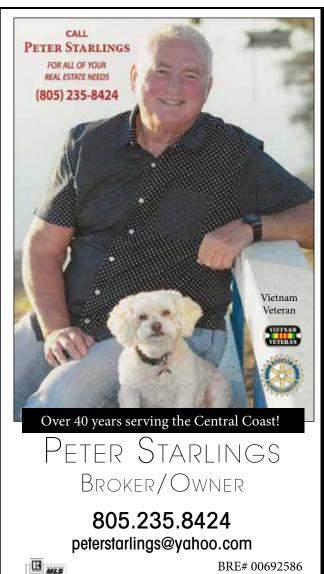
But one day when she was almost two, Molly got to see just how wonderful her life could be.

Dad had chucked her ball waaaay up the shoreline and as she galloped along to fetch it, she noticed that it had landed at the feet of a beautiful Queensland stud. He wasn't looking at the ball — he was looking at her.

She stopped running about ten feet out and just stood there, staring. Slowly, they walked toward each other, tails

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# **Community Hit-Miss Engines** on Display



Photos by Neil Farrell

hey filled a myriad of jobs and led the way into the I industrial age helping make life on the farm and in the factories a little easier. The Central Coast Vintage Machinery Association returned to Cayucos Aug. 8-9 at the Antique Gas Engine Show in Downtown Cayucos.

These "hit-miss" engines — named for how they sound when working - were displayed doing a number of different jobs, from milling grain to pumping water, and gave visitors a glimpse into how today's modern age got its start.

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high, but waving gently, the ball a distant memory.

Soon they were nose to nose, nose to tail, nose to nose again. Then he asked her to dance and it was the most exquisite dance on earth. Time stopped as they tumbled and rolled and danced and kissed and ran. She had never met anyone who could dance like this boy, and she was in love. She finally understood what Dad was talking about when he'd told her about meeting Mom!

His name was Malcolm, and he was a little older. There was no question he felt the same way about Molly. They ran over to their dads, crashing into their legs, trying to explain to the humans just what they'd found in each other. By the tone of their voices, it sounded like they understood.

That night when she dreamed, Molly's feet were on the aircycle – she was running with Malcolm all night, calling out his name as she charged through the roiling sea.

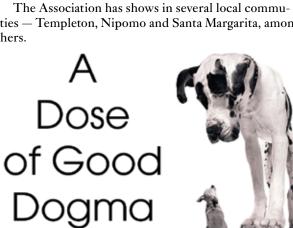
The next day Molly sat by the closet, waiting for the leash to come out so she could go to the beach and find Malcolm.

Catherine "Kiki" Kornreich is a member of The Book-Shelf Writers. To see more of her work, visit www.thebookshelfwriters.com.

Essentially through the use of belts and pulleys, even the smallest of gas engines, usually one cylinder models, could be adapted to do any number of jobs, with overhead belts and pulley systems being used to power factory machinery and take the load off the backs of men and beasts of burden.

This is the 48th year the association has gathered in Cayucos and the first show during the coronavirus pandemic, which forced the cancelation of the show in 2020 and 2021.

The Association has shows in several local communities — Templeton, Nipomo and Santa Margarita, among



# Do You Have a **Sled Handy?**

By Lisa Ellman

People often ask me what the most common issue is that dog owners want to work on. It's taken me a while to think about, but I think, if not necessarily their priority at the time, the issue would be leash pulling. Almost everyone I've worked with has, at some point, had that problem. It might be a young dog they've recently acquired, or even a dog they've had for years, and as the person has gotten older, its become an injury risk.

The problem of leash pulling can pose the risk of injury for both human and canine. The risk to the dog comes in the form of damage to the soft tissues around the neck and shoulder area, from constant pulling, or damage to the trachea (windpipe) from constant pressure.

The injury to the human can be anything from a dislocated shoulder to a broken hip, if one is older and more fragile. I know several people who have been "taken down" by their dog when its bolted toward something.

I observe people routinely working on different ways to resolve the pulling problem. The most common thing I see is the stop and wait, or the turnaround and start again. My favorite one is the verbal instruction to the dog to "stop pulling," like the dog has some understanding of what that means; unfortunately, it doesn't.

What matters most in training the dog not to pull, is actually teaching the dog to do the right thing. Using vocabulary that corresponds to a behavior, like "heel" or "close," or whatever word you choose to use, so the dog begins to associate the sound of that word with a particular behavior. The same way one would teach "sit" or "stay." And then, when the dog is pulling, using a gentle correction to bring it back in place when the new word is given. By "gentle" correction I mean a gentle flick of your wrist, not a yank or jerk. And when the dog is in the right position, next to you, leg to leg, using verbal praise to reinforce the position. I've found that people can be focused too much on correcting and too stingy with the praise. A little verbal praise can go

For me as a trainer, another really important aspect of teaching the heel (I'll call it that), is to have the most effective collar and leash. For big, strong dogs, I always suggest using a head collar. These are great in terms of controlling the bigger dogs. Look at it this way, instead of trying to control the entire weight of your dog with a harness or collar around its neck, you only have to lead the head. It's trying to manage 70 pounds of body or 8 pounds of head.

There are several options now for head collars, including "Learn to Lead" leashes, Gentle Leaders, or Walk n' Trains. I do not recommend retractable leashes for teaching a heel (or anything else, really), but that's just me. A standard 5-6' leash (leather or canvas) is what I like to use. Using a harness on big dogs that pull can sometimes be counterintuitive. The more you pull back, the more they tend to pull forward. Using a regular buckle collar and trying to get them to slow down is where the tissue damage can happen; you're basically choking them the entire way.

Before working on the "heel" command itself, I like to use activities that begin to teach the dog to walk with me. One of the games is "Follow the Leader" where you are teaching the dog to just follow, instead of lead, and an exercise called "Calming Ovals," a slow paced controlled walk. I use both of these techniques in my classes with one on one work, and they've been quite successful. But, as with any training, it takes consistent practice and a lot of patience.

Good Dogma has been training humans and their dogs since 1996. Readers are invited to submit questions to gooddogma@ botmail.com. Contact information for all offered services can be found on our website www.GoodDogma.net





# Letter The Editor **Beware Offshore Wind Money**

n the August 11 (Vol. 4, Issue 15) edition of the Estero ■Bay News, on page 18, one will find interesting comments regarding a voter approved initiative authored by Ed Ewing and Joe Giannini, and passed by a vote of Morro Bay residents in the early 1980's — Measure D.

Without quoting the Measure, which is simple to read and even easier to understand, it protects North of Beach Street and West of the Embarcadero from "waterfront creep." The "creep" that we have all witnessed in coastal communities is when tourism displaces and overruns traditional and historic infrastructure.

Existing business were grandfathered in when Measure D passed but anything not to do with the fishing community was to be forbidden.

I knew the authors as many of you did and their vision and wisdom wasn't just about preserving an area on the Embarcadero for the fishing industry. It was also designed to preserve a place on the waterfront where even non-fishers, both residents and visitors alike, could have the pleasure of visiting and enjoying without the usual tourist

I understand the need of the city to massage and apply Measure D with a liberal touch of free enterprise but how does a gift shop and a scooter rental shop fit into any stretch of Measure D and it's intent?

Exceptions lead to exceptions and then exceptions become the rule, and now Offshore Wind may just be the deathblow that some in the city would like to see for Measure D. The city knows there is more money in supporting Offshore Wind than supporting fishers.

The article states that Morro Bay "USED" to pride itself on being a "working waterfront." It also goes on to say that Measure D "doesn't do a thing to save commercial fishing," the fishing industry is a "shell" of it's former shelf, and we are a "ghost town" because there are no more "trawlers stacked on the piers." Is fishing doomed as many think? If the city creates the narrative does that mean it will become reality? Is that their hope? If fishers are gone does it get

easier to accomplish what the privileged few at the top of the heap want?

Yes, the fishing business is different from what it once was but ALL food producers in California as well as the United States are different. Fishers have had to change but have survived and until Measure D is appealed by the voters, or NOT, then at least the spirit of Measure D should be embraced.

Beware of the money Offshore Wind brings to Morro Bay. They have a war chest full of it and they are and will use it to influence our community, making changes many of us will not like the looks of.

Mark Tognazzini Dockside Restaurants F.V. Bonnie Marietta

Director, Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization.

# In response to J. Fillmore Ill's **Comments**

et me be the first to congratulate you for bringing to Light just how fast the traffic has become in our neighborhoods (Vol. 4, Issue 15).

I'm the grumpy old man on Main Street in Morro Bay. I'll be very specific. Main Street from Olive to Piney Way, a 30 mph road, has become a corridor for people driving 40 to 45 mph. The road narrows at Olive and, from that point on, the sidewalk that is made from asphalt, the same material as the road, has become so uneven it's almost impossible to negotiate.

Last but not least there are no bike lanes on either side of the street, which I consider to be the most important safety issue of all. Motor vehicles rarely grant bicyclists the lane and usually speed past them using the opposite

This situation has gotten out of hand, it is very unsafe, and I worry that someone could get hurt.

In closing, the people driving at these speeds are not all out-of-towners. I'm seeing grandpas, soccer moms, locals of all ages following suit.

> Ed Spera Morro Bay

Please include your full name and town you live in on all letters sent. Although we do welcome longer opinion pieces, publishing is as space permits. Estero Bay News reserves the right to edit for length and clarity. Email letters to

The Los Osos Valley Garden Club

(LOVGC), the oldest

garden club in San Luis Obispo County, is celebrat-

Founded in 1933, it has remained true to its mission

of promoting "gardening appreciation, civic beau-

tification, environmental

tural education."

tree giveaways.

responsibility and horticul-

Not surprisingly,

membership is booming.

The club has grown from 13 members in 2020 to 47

currently. Club members say the success

has been driven by its "dynamic president

Wendy McKeown, a tireless board of directors and the generous contributions of its

members, individuals and businesses in the

Over the past year, the LOVGC has

and community service events that are the

focus of the club's activities. Recent local

Center, maintenance and upgrades to the

club created Los Osos Library Pollinator

Garden, trees and understory plantings at

St. Benedict's Church, donations to schools

to for garden improvements, and plant and

Many of the club's new members

joined to learn more about plants and their care. For example, there is a lot of interest

and pollinators to gardens among other topics. Members are welcomed by an amiable

group with a wide range of knowledge and

dening. Wonderful friendships have been

interests in all types of plants and gar-

in how to attract beneficial insects, birds

community outreach has included: planting a new garden at the South Bay Community

community that have supported us."

organized educational programs, tours

ing its 90th Birthday during its 2022/2023 fiscal year.

editor@esterobaynews.com

#### **Old West Shoot Out**



Photos by www.photobyvivian.com

he Old West came to San Luis Obispo for 27th Annual Chorro Valley Shoot-Out on Aug. 10 through 14 at the Public Shooting Range,

**Cowboy Action** Shooting is a timed, scenario-based shooting competition where participants use firearms that are typically associated with the Old West and the American Cowboy. Single action revolvers, lever action rifles, and a "scattergun" are the order of the day in this shooting sport. The range is set up with shooting facades



that resemble early western buildings, storefronts, corrals, and, a little down the beaten path, their own "Boot Hill."

The Chorro Valley Regulators put on the annual event.

# **Los Osos Valley Garden** Club Celebrates 90



Los Osos Valley Garden Club Board members display recently won awards for the club - (left to right) Wendy McKeown, president, Haydee Pampel, vice president, and Dave Keitel, member-at-large.

In addition to celebrating 90 years and lping to make the community a better place to live, the club has received numerous awards in the past year from California Garden Clubs Inc. (CGCI). This umbrella organization includes 350 gardening-related clubs with 21,000 members, so winning these awards is a big achievement.

Awards received this year included: · First Place for Civic Development (for the South Bay Community Center Project)

- First Place for Pollinator Education (for the South Bay Community Center Project)
  - Second Place for Club Programs
- · Third Place for Social Media facebook.com/LOVGardenClub
- · First Place for a Class II Garden Club (20 to 29 members) for being recognized with the most awards for 2021

The Club welcomes green thumbs and brown thumbs alike. Annual membership dues are \$25 for an individual and \$35 for a family. The club invites folks to learn more at lovgardenclub.org, and questions can be directed to info@lovgardenclub.org.

# <u>Morro Bay Ducky Derby</u>

ROTARY CLUB OF MORRO BAY invites you to support our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

Ducky Derby Fundraiser for our Community and win cash awards!

Sponsor a Ducky in the Derby for \$10 ea.

Go to morrobayrotary.org & click on link

Rotary Club

Morro Bay

RACE STARTS at Galley/Hof Brau parking inlet on **Embarcadero and ENDS at Tidelands Park** 

#### Race Day - 8:30 am October 8th 2022 on Embarcadero

1st Place = \$300 cash prize

Winners announced 10:30 at

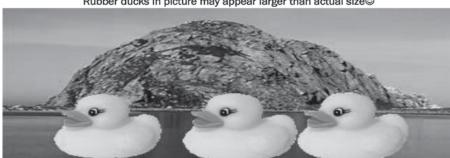
2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$200 cash prize

3rd Place = \$100 cash prize

Morro Bay Maritime Museum Family Fun Day 10 am to 4 pm

Central Coast SurviveOars will be in the Dragon Boat as "Ducky Wranglers"!

Rubber ducks in picture may appear larger than actual size®



Proceeds go to support the "Help Us Help Others" Campaign providing grants to local non-profits that enhance our Community.









# Takin' Care BUSINESS

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

# **Cambria Nursery Opens New Home Store**

he new Cambria Nursery Downtown is open and ▲ welcomes customers to adorn their home in beautiful houseplants and planters, jewel-toned furniture, rattan decor, locally made gifts and more. The store is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and is located at 4039 Burton Dr., Cambria.

A grand opening celebration takes place on September 2, from 5-7 p.m. Visit after-hours and browse the new store, enter a raffle, enjoy snacks and refreshments, live music and a new outdoor patio area.

"We are so excited to be part of the downtown community," said Mike Arnold, manager of the Cambria Nursery Downtown and Cambria Nursery and Florist. "When we were thinking about this special, historic location, we knew we wanted the new shop to be something unique and welcoming, and I think we've achieved that."

Visit the downtown location and gain new design inspiration for your home, find the perfect gift from a local mercantile partner, enjoy a refreshing beverage or charcuterie board at the Cafe, lounge on a comfy couch and more. Each section of the store has been carefully curated and features hand-selected, contemporary household items. The store will stay stocked with the latest home trends and will be a new experience each visit.

The Downtown location partners with local businesses that are women-owned, sustainably operated and create high-quality products. Items featured in the new location include specialty food and drink items, jewelry, home décor and health and beauty products.

"We are proud to partner and support so many amazing local businesses," said Arnold. "Our goal is for guests to find a new piece of the Central Coast to take home with them while supporting a local business."

For the latest details about the Cambria Nursery Downtown, follow on Facebook or Instagram.

# **Cambria Scarecrows** Wanted

In preparation for this year's scarecrow festival, organiz-Lers want to showcase an important group of community members.

Paulla Ufferheide, the President of the Cambria Scarecrow Festival says the festival would like to do a display that represents some of the local nonprofit organizations.

The idea is to have scarecrows wearing non-profits logoed apparel and have a small sign that explains and promotes your organization to visitors and community

The Rotary Club of Cambria already plans to showcase their Highway One cleanup efforts with scarecrows dressed up in caution vests with gloves and gear.

The Chamber itself will promote the Car Show as well as what they do the rest of the year.

The Chamber has a limited number of scarecrows available to redress in logo wear, unless organizations want to make their own scarecrow.

For more information or to get involved, contact either Terri at DrCrow@cambriascarecrows.com or Kim at SocialMedia@cambriascarecrows.com.

# **Chamber Recognizes Law Office**



he Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce recently recognized the Law Offices of Jane Heath with a Spotlight

"Jane has been in the legal field for over 30 years," the Chamber said. "Her passion for helping businesses and individuals navigate conflict is something to behold. She is an astounding lawyer who truly cares for her clients. She is always informed on the latest legal information for businesses owners with resources to help. She is an advocate for business owners in our community and for that we tip our caps."

For more information about, the Law Offices of Jane Heath, go to sloconflictmanagement.com/

Are you or a neighbor Taking Care of Business? Submit your awesome local efforts for publication here. Is your business supporting our community? Maybe you're launching a new business, or you're making updates to your current business model, or re-opening. Or perhaps you have a job opportunity, or have been doing some volunteer work, or are collaborating with another business or a non-profit. Or maybe you know someone who is. Fill out our online form at EsteroBayNews.com.

## **Rotary Club Welcomes New President**



he Rotary Club of Morro Bay announced John Solu as ■ 2022-23 club president. John joined Rotary in 1998 and was awarded the 2021-22 Dan Reddell Humanitarian

"I'm excited to lead our club as we continue to grow and give back more to our community," said John. "This year we plan to increase our community service and bring more awareness to the service projects Rotary is doing throughout the world."

President Solu is a naturalized American citizen whose family moved to the United States on the same day that Neil Armstrong walked on the moon 50 years ago. He often says that watching the scene of man walking on the moon on the day he arrived in America made him believe that anything was possible in this country.

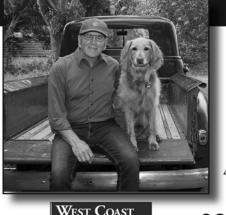
He and his family moved to Morro Bay in 1998 and purchased a small inn. His four sons graduated from Morro Bay High School. Three of them are currently attending college pursuing degrees.

John fondly remembers how welcoming and kind people were to him and his family when they moved locally. Other business owners and people from the neighborhood stopped in and introduce themselves, volunteers from the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce called or came by and even the mayor paid them a visit. That first week they went down to the Chamber and asked to become members and were asked to help with the upcoming 4th of July event at Tidelands Park. That was the beginning of nearly 25 years of service in the Morro Bay community.

Solu has served as president of the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, Visit SLO County, and the Morro Bay Harbor Festival and volunteered for Del Mar Elementary PTA and the Morro Bay High School Athletic Boosters. He was regional vice president, western states for the Hil-



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ton Hotel Corporation and a small business owner prior to retiring in 2018.

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# City, Chamber Release **New BID Study**

Bv Neil Farrell

he City of Morro Bay and the Chamber of Commerce have released a study on possibly forming a "Business Improvement District" and local business people are being encouraged to sign up and attend an upcoming meeting to hear the results.

The Chamber of Commerce sent out an alert regarding the study and meeting.

"The Morro Bay Chamber and the City of Morro Bay," reads an announcement on the Chamber's newsletter, "collaborated on a Business Improvement District [BID] feasibility study, conducted by The HRM Corp. in the

Chamber is sponsoring an informational meeting at Pizza Port at Main and Morro Bay Boulevard, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29. The meeting features two speakers, Bettina Swigger, the Chief Executive Officer for Downtown SLO and Jocelyn Brennan, the President/CEO of The HRM Corp.

The meeting is free to attend but pre-registration is encouraged, see: www.morrochamber.org/events to register.

So what's this entail? "In this case the City of Morro Bay, at the request of business or property owners within a certain defined area, levy an assessment on businesses or property owners to fund services or improvements that benefit the self-assessed businesses or property.

Business owners and property owners form BIDs because they provide localized services. Cities find BIDs helpful because a BID can promote economic development and, increased tax revenue for the city from the self-assessed BID area. They also carry out economic development services by working to attract, retain and expand businesses."

These BIDs are already in place in other SLOO County cities. "SLO County BID examples," reads HRM's report, "are the San Luis Obispo Downtown Association. The Main Street Association Downtown Paso Robles Business Improvement Assessment District, and The Atascadero Parking and Business Improvement District."

The report discusses a particular type of BID, a "Property Business Improvement District" or PBID. "PBIDs benefit real property within their districts. They offer services that include cleaning public rights of way; sidewalk and gutter maintenance; trash removal; security services; parking or transportation related services; economic development; special lighting; business attraction and retention; planning and zoning; graffiti removal; advocacy; tree maintenance and planting; marketing and promotion; sponsoring special events; and beautification and decorations. "Assessment methods are determined by each BID," HRM's report said, "based on a combination of factors that can include lot size, level of service received, business type, gross receipts, building size, street frontage, business license, and usage. Depending on these factors, annual assessments are calculated and a budget is formed. "

The description ends with a somewhat debatable claim. "These assessments are not taxes."

The report is available online at: https://bit.ly/3dunwEI.

## Morro Bay High's New Football Coach

By Neil Farrell

Morro Bay High has said, "Aloha," to a new football coach this season, riding high on a wave of success from last year's championship team, and the arm of a veteran quarterback.

Robert Dougherty, a veteran coach who hails from Visalia but comes to Morro Bay via Hawaii, where he's lived for the past 10 years with his family, teaching and coaching

'My wife is from Maui," Coach Dougherty told Estero Bay News before a recent practice. "She spent 17 years in the Valley, and I had to do my time," he smiles. The family has been back on the mainland for just a months but settling in has been easy.

"This is a very supportive environment," Coach Dougherty said. "I've never seen a more supportive high school, and I've coached at four different ones. So far it's been all good; it's been very refreshing."

He takes over a team coming off its most successful football campaign ever, winning a CIF Divisional and Regional Title, and playing for a State Championship, which they came up short on. One things for sure, this team has good bones.

"We are talented," Coach Dougherty said, "but thin on players; we don't have a lot of bodies." He added hat the roster has about 23 kids now but he hopes more will come out the first week of school (starting Aug. 18).

He's hoping he can bolster the junior varsity's numbers with incoming freshmen and possibly bump some of the better players" up to varsity.

He sees the team's strengths in the offensive and defensive lines. "They are smart, bigger kids, and very mobile,"

Last year's star runner, Dylan Turner, graduated, but the coach likes what he sees at running back. At running back," he said, "I think we'll be fine. Nami Hoag is a special running back. And Aiden is a burner at wide out."

He also has quarterback Nicky Johnson, who led the Pirates' championship run, along with departed back, Turner. Coach Dougherty knows Johnson is a special player, as he's seen his kind of talent before.

He's also got a few coaching openings. "I'm looking for more coaches," he said, "one or two more guys."

Coach Dougherty was born and raised in Visalia, and attended Mt. Whitney High School lettering football, bas-

"I attended College of the Sequoias," Dougherty said, "where I played both football and basketball and was fortunate enough to be offered a scholarship to Boston University to play football."

He's coached at Corcoran High School, Exeter High and his alma mater, Mt. Whitney. His family includes wife Allison and children Makena, Maile, Madelyn, and Sands, who is a freshman at MBHS this year.

They moved to Maui in 2013 to be closer to his wife's family. He took a job as an Athletic Director that lasted six years but he missed coaching.

"I realized that I missed what was truly my calling," Coach Dougherty said, "teaching and coaching, so I took a job as a teacher and head football coach at Maui High

And now the family is back in California and he takes over a program that rose quickly to championship caliber under former coach, Jake Goosen-Brown, who left Morro Bay after three years for a coaching job at Notre Dame Academy in Southern California.

Goosen-Brown should be commended for keeping the program together after the coronavirus pandemic struck in March 2020, and the response put kids learning from home for the entire school year.

The pandemic response also disrupted the 2020 football season, which got pushed back to Spring 2021 but with a very limited schedule.

The Pirates have already held their annual scrimmage against Avenal and were scheduled to open the season last Friday (Aug. 19) at home against San Marcos, in the first of



Morro Bay High quarterback, Nicky Johnson, will lead the Pirates into battle for the 2022 season.

four, pre-Ocean League season games.

Morro Bay travels to Carpinteria Aug. 26 and to Santa Ynez on Sept. 2 before hosting Fresno High on Friday, Sept. 9. That game will usher in "Youth Night" when the new athletic director, Tyler Hoyt told EBN, young kids get free admission and they plan a flag football exhibition.

It should be noted that JV games begin at 4 p.m. and Varsity at 7:30.

Ocean League play starts on the road at Pioneer Valley on Thursday, Sept. 15, according to the schedule posted on the school's website. They travel to Santa Maria the following week for another league game before hosting cross-district rivals, San Luis Obispo on Saturday, Oct. 8.

How does the new coach find the facilities and atmosphere at Morro Bay High? "Everything is fine," he said. "The weight room is adequate, and I'm dedicated to making it even better. The practice facility is very good, the support from the boosters and administration has all been good."



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New MBHS Director From page 1

Section and Regional Champion football team that played for a state title; a boys' track team that won the school's first ever Mountain League Championship; and CIF playoff teams in several girls and boys sports.

Hoyt is taking over for former, long-time A.D. John Andree, who stepped down from the post after last school year. Hoyt was hired by Principal Scott Schalde, who knew him from their time at Laguna Middle School.

But 2022-23 is a new year and Hoyt has already had to make several changes, as some coaches left the school.

Hoyt said he grew up in Los Osos and after Morro Bay High School, where he was a cross country and track star, he went to U.C. Santa Cruz. At UCSC, cross country wasn't an official sport and after two years, Hoyt said he was contemplating a move to possibly St. Mary's or Humboldt State

"I stuck around Santa Cruz," he said, while sitting in the school's trainer's room. "They were starting an NCAA program and I stuck around to help them start it."

After college, Hoyt said he intended to leave the area and not come back. But jobs working outages at Diablo Canyon and helping build a big solar energy plant in California Valley intervened.

So he earned a teaching credential from Cal Poly and came back to the Home of the Pirates specifically to help one promising young man — Austin Lay — with his cross country training. Austin would eventually earn a scholarship to U.C. Santa Barbara where he had a great running career, Hoyt said.

He landed a teaching job at San Luis Obispo High, he explained, and worked with their legendary cross country coach, Steve Boaz. "He was a Nerelli-like coach," Hoyt said, referring to his former MBHS cross country coach and local coaching legend in his own right, Cary Nerelli.

He caught on at Laguna Middle School as a long-term substitute math teacher, he said, and also took over their cross country and track programs. The Lancers sported 80 cross country runners and over 120 on the track team, he said.

The move to MBHS will be a good one for he and his family — wife Jessica and two young sons — Dylan, 3, and George, 1.

He gets excited when we talk sports and the various coaching changes he's already gotten to make. With the fall sports, he said, with the exception of the new head football coach, Robert Dougherty, there are no other changes.



Tyler Hoyt is the new athletic director at Morro Bay High School. Photo Submitted

He's looking forward to the football season, and spoke enthusiastically about the upcoming cross country Invitational Meet, slated for Saturday, Sept. 10.

They plan to expand the racing that day to include middle school races, which, he said, goes with his efforts to bring in the younger kids and promote athletics. After all, LOMS feeds athletes into the high school.

He's got a new boys soccer coach, Shea Webber, a Cal Poly graduate whose been coaching in San Clemente. Kim Washon coaches the girls team.

The girls' water polo team's coach is Ryan Davis and they're hoping to make a run at Arroyo Grande this year, which dominates the sport amongst local schools.

Joseph Tomlison comes to MBHS from the Bay Area, Hoyt said. He'll be coaching the boys' water polo squad. Hoyt said they're holding a water polo tournament on Sept. 10, the same day as the cross country meet.

Dan Szentesi will coach boys swimming and Hoyt said he's searching now for a new girls swimming coach, though he has several candidates he's talking to. "I want a girls coach that will work really closely with the boys team," he said

There is one new "sport" — Stunt/Cheer — and MBHS plans to compete there as well. And the girls' beach volleyball team will compete again too.

The boys' basketball team has a new coach as well after the departure of coach Tyler Fetchner. Kevin Russell, a former assistant coach at Hancock College, will take over that team, Hoyt said.

And the Pirates' wrestling program is getting a new coach too after the highly successful and MBHS grad, Mike Aanerud and his wife Katie, who was the school's athletic trainer, moved to Ohio.

Albert Garza will take over the wrestling program, Hoyt said. And in January they're bringing back the California Invitational Tournament, or C.I.T., one of the largest, toughest and most prestigious wrestling tournaments in the whole state. The C.I.T. was canceled in 2021 and this year too because of the Pandemic response.

"Albert has big shoes to fill," Hoyt said of the new wrestling coach. "But he knows how to do it." Here too they plan to engage the Los Osos Middle School kids putting together a team to compete against other middle schools in a mini season after the high school season ends.

This engagement of the younger kids is really a theme in what he'd like to do. On Sept. 9 they're planning a Youth Night at the football game against Fresno High, with kids getting in free that night and a flag football exhibition, too. "The Morro Bay Rec Department," Hoyt said, "is offering flag football and there's kids from SLO too."

The girl's volleyball and basketball teams have put on youth camps this summer, too. "We're trying to do as much as we can," he said.

With the Coronavirus Pandemic restrictions that caused so much disruption to the sports calendar in 2020 and 2021, now seemingly behind them, the school is back to fielding a full complement of 23 sports teams.

"We made it through COVID," Hoyt said, "Participation is high and the kids are excited. We're all excited to have sports back and in full form."







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# **Obiruaries**

# Ron Roundy 1943 - 2022

Ron Roundy, 79, died peacefully in the beloved cabin he built on Cedar Mountain in Southern Utah, during the early morning hours of August 9.

Ron, a longtime resident of Los Osos, was many things, a father, a husband, a realtor, a runner, a race director, an animal lover, and a raconteur extraordinaire. More than anything else, Ron was an artist. It was a rare day when Ron did not work creatively using whatever medium



was in his hands at the moment. He simply could not stop creating. After he retired from 33 years of, "playing" realtor, as he called it, his immense creative energy ramped up, and he produced artwork-drawings, sculptures, assemblages, whatever-at an almost furious pace.

He is survived by his wife, Erma Stauffer, his children-Luke Roundy, Will Roundy, and Faye Padayachee, seven grandchildren, a huge body of creative work, and a multitude of stories about his lifetime of exploits.

There will be a celebration of life for Ron at a future date. An appropriate way to honor Ron's exuberant life is to tell your favorite story about him.







Publisher's Note:

Ron was a friend and a big supporter of the newspaper. He had a creativity that was unique to say the least. The only person I have ever know that was put on advertising probitation because he was always willing to push the boundries. He made me laugh.

Dean Sullivan

# Jean Catherine Arthur Leage 1929 - 2022



Tean Catherine Arthur Leage passed away peacefully in her sleep on August 3, 2022 at the age of 93.

Jean was born on July 6, 1929 to Ellen Dorothea Lindsay and Gilbert Veall Arthur in Hot Springs, Virginia. Shortly after her birth the family moved to Skaneateles in the finger lakes region of New York state where Jean and her five siblings lived an active life, swimming, boating, and ice skating. In 1940 the family moved to Washington state where Jean attended high school in Puyallup and then the University of Washington in Seattle.

She also had the opportunity to work in Sun Valley, Idaho participating in the ice shows and water shows. It was a wonderful experience that she often reminisced about.

While attending the University of Washington Jean met her future husband Orval Jensen Leage. Jean and Orval married in 1950 and their first four children were born in Seattle. The family moved to Morro Bay, California in 1955 and Orval built the El Morro Oyster Company over the following years.

Jean was a talented artist and, when family demands allowed it, she took drawing and painting classes. She was an active member of St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church, president of the Episcopal Church Women, president of the PTA, a Campfire Girl leader of one of the first Bluebird troops in Morro Bay, as well as a Morro Bay High School Booster, always encouraging her children's participation in athletic activities.

As a young mother Jean organized a volleyball game for the neighborhood mothers after the kids were off to school in the mornings. In addition she was an avid Bridge player her entire adult life, and enjoyed participating in the local dance club.

Jean took tennis lessons, became a tennis instructor, and participated in numerous local tennis events, amassing shelves full of trophies. In 1977 she helped local tennis instructor Bill Brown, along with others, to start what is known today as the Central Coast Women's Tennis League which includes doubles teams from all over San Luis Obispo county. Jean also helped found our own local Surfside Tennis Club for players of all ages and abilities.

After her children graduated from high school Jean returned to college at Cal Poly and accomplished a long-held dream by completing and receiving her bachelors degree in Recreation Administration in 1981.

For many years Jean helped Orval in the Cannery Fish Market located in the iconic white block building on Main Street. Orval and Jean sold the business and retired in 2000. Orval unexpectedly passed away in August 2003.

Jean did some traveling in Europe, South America, and New Zealand and, in 2007, she married James Raymond Connelly. Together they enjoyed numerous cruises and trips. In 2018 the couple moved into The Villages retirement community in San Luis Obispo. Ray passed away in 2019 and Jean lived out the rest of her life there. She was president of the Palms Residents Association and led the Bridge group at the Villages until very recently.

Jean is preceded in death by her husband Orval Leage, her sisters Audrey Saviers of Anchorage, Alaska, and Ellen Dorothea Hickey of San Luis Obispo, California, and brother Edwin "Doc" Arthur of Sumner, Washington. Jean is survived in death by her brother Gilbert Arthur of Vancouver, Washington and sister Nancy Hoskins of Eugene, Oregon, daughters Kristine Kimble (husband Bruce), Deborah Beatty (husband David), Robin Kirchner (husband Jack), Celeste Main (husband Brad), and son Gale Leage, 15 grandchildren, and 18 great grand children.

A memorial service will be held for Jean at St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church, 545 Shasta Avenue in Morro Bay on October 1 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the charity of your choice.



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#### Water Sources From page 1

Munds said they are right now looking for about 200-acre feet a year to offset some of the pumping in the aquifer, but, "It's unknown what the need will be in the future — 30-years out."

And there's also the wild card of climate change and how it will affect the water supply for everyone in California

He said the so-called "Basin Plan," which the CSD and the other water companies in Los Osos are working from, is the key to resiliency.

To whit, the CSD recently awarded a contract to Pacific Coast Drilling of Templeton to drill a new water well near the end of South Bay Boulevard and Ocean View Drive, clear across town from Palisades Avenue, where seawater intrusion is heaviest.

That \$734,000 contract is for digging a 700-foot deep well down into the town's lower aquifer. Another contractor will design the pipeline that will be needed to bring this new water source into the CSD's system and yet another contractor will eventually be hired to install that pipeline, for a total project cost that's expected to be around \$2.5 million.

And there's another card up the proverbial sleeve, the possibility of building a regional seawater desalination plant and distribution system, which has been discussed amongst staffers from the County, LOCSD, Morro Bay and others.

"The County has most of the purveyors interested in the first phase" of a project, Munds said. He said the County has asked if the CSD was interested and he plans to ask the board about it in October or November.

Because of the limited and stretched thin water supply, the Coastal Commission has been throwing up roadblocks to the County's allowing any new developments or remodels in Los Osos that increase water usage, until the situation is fixed, essentially throwing up a moratorium based on water supply This after about 30 years of a moratorium because there was no sewer system.

Munds feels the State Water Project is probably their best bet to bring in extra water any time soon.

"The City of Morro Bay doesn't always use all of their allotment," he said. They are in preliminary talks with Morro Bay about tapping its pipeline. SLO County Flood Control District, which encompasses the entire county, oversees the Chorro Valley Pipeline and the State Water Project allocations and the thousands of acre feet a year that is currently unused, flirting with the idea of selling some of that water to cities further down the Coastal Branch pipeline, which dead ends at Lake Cachuma in Santa Barbara County.

He said this whole exercise is putting out feelers to keep every option open.

Would Los Osos voters have to approve bringing in State Water? It depends.

Munds explained that the financing of the project is the key as to whether voters need to chime in. If the CSD were to tap into the State Revolving Fund and receive a low-interest loan, voters might not need to be involved. And he said there are grant monies available as well, and the new well project has already gotten \$1.5 million in grants.

"But if the community says it doesn't want it," Munds said, "we won't build it."

Munds came to Los Osos from the SLO Public Works Department where he worked on the Nacimiento Pipeline, so he understands well how difficult and complex any water supply project is to complete.

But wasn't the community sewer system supposed to recycle the treated wastewater, injecting it into the ground in a massive leach field located above Highland Drive at Broderson Avenue and make the supply more sustainable?

Yes, Munds said, but that's supposed to take 10 years to fully work "and we're not there yet."

#### June Primary's From page 1

running for re-election, after Councilman Jeff Heller declared that he would not run again; and Councilwoman Dawn Addis is the Democrat's contender in the race for newly-redrawn State Assembly District.

With no incumbents in the council race, the deadline was pushed back to 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, which falls after EBN's Aug. 18 deadline for this issue.

City Clerk Dana Swanson's list of candidates was filling in, with six people having pulled nomination papers and three having already turning them in and qualified for the ballot.

Casey Cordes, who listed her profession as "marketer,' has qualified for the ballot. So too has David Duringer, an estate planning attorney.

Also qualified for the ballot is Cyndee Edwards, owner of The Skin Shop salon and a past president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Also pulling papers, but as of Aug. 17 had not returned them and been qualified for the ballot, were Deanna Sandoval, Sarah Smith Robinson and Robin Zanzara Landrum. Since these three had yet to qualify for the ballot, the City Clerk's list didn't have anything down for a "ballot designation" (profession).

EBN had asked Mayor Headding if he was going to run for re-election and he responded with an enthusiastic "Yes," he will indeed be seeking a third term. And just under the deadline wire, Carla Wixom, a former council member and owner of Carla's Country Kitchen restaurant and gift shop, turned in her papers on Friday, Aug. 12, just a few hours under the deadline, setting up a head-to-head match up for the Mayor's seat.

Wixom told EBN that she's winding down running the restaurant herself and is turning it over to her daughter. She's gradually cutting back on her schedule, Wixom said.

Asked why she's making a comeback, Wixom she said she simply could not allow Mayor Headding to run unopposed. And with her winding down her involvement in the family business, she'll have more time to tackle what she believes are some pretty big issues in town, such as the controversial Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility that Vistra proposes to build on its power plant property.

Another issue she hears a lot about is the proposed subdivision at the old Navy Fuel Depot in the 3300 block of Panorama Drive, which literally no one living in the

vicinity supports.

She pointed out that Panorama Drive is a small inadequate street now, and the City is looking to add some 65 new home sites. They're just not listening, Wixom said of the current council majority.

In an emailed statement, Mayor Headding said, "As your Mayor, I have worked hard to improve the quality of life for our residents. Morro Bay remains a city in transition and we must preserve the unique small Harbor character of our city while concurrently embracing change to improve our economy."

The Mayor laid out his campaign platform. "If re-elected Mayor," he said, "I will continue to eliminate wasteful spending, deal with looming pension liabilities, and implement our economic improvement plan.

"I will also continue to advocate for the preservation of local police and fire services, sound fiscal policies, expansion of our economy, transparency in government, preservation of our natural beauty, and protection of our bay and harbor."

Also, the City gave an official name to a measure to raise property taxes by \$120 a year for each privately owned parcel of land within the City Limits — residential and commercial.

Measure "B-22" would raise some \$680,000 a year and be dedicated to helping pay for the repair and maintenance of city-owned, public harbor facilities.

B-22 was the brainchild of a trio of local men — Bill Luffee, Ron Reisner and Homer Alexander — who sought a way to help the Harbor Department catch up on its maintenance projects to keep the publicly owned facilities — piers, slips, rip rap, launch ramp and more — in good working condition.

As a citizen's initiative, it needs a simple majority of votes to pass. It would add \$10 per month to everyone's property taxes. There is no sunset clause in the measure.

Candidates who toss their hats into the ring, can send all election-related announcements or events 2 weeks in advance to: neil@esterobaynews.com.

Letters to the editor regarding the election can be sent to the editor of Estero Bay News, Theresa-Maria Wilson, at: editor@esterobaynews.com.

We ask that you be brief and to the point; that you not make disparaging remarks about any candidates or letter writers, no matter how wrong you think they may be; and please be respectful.

We reserve the right to edit all letters for length, and inappropriate and libelous language.

The City has a candidate's guide available online, see: www.morro-bay.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/12047/Candidate-Basic-Info-2018.

A person has to be at least 18-years old, and a registered voter living in Morro Bay (for at least 6 months) to run for council. City Council seats are also non-partisan positions.

We wish all who enter this election sparring match good luck, advise you to obey all commands (election rules), never hit below the belt, and let's have a clean fight.





Sunnyside Schoolhouse From page 1



President Jim Stanfill of the Los Osos Chamber of Commerce and chamber volunteer Gary Dove thank Bonnie Richan, Los Osos Library Branch Manager, for finding a home for an historic painting of the old Los Osos Schoolhouse that many locals' grandparents might have attended. Photo provided by chamber volunteer and photographer Ed Gelb.

ident Jim Stanfill arranged with Bonnie Richan, Los Osos Library branch manager, to have it exhibited prominently at the library for all to see.

Based on historical photos sent to Estero Bay News by Paula McCambridge, PIO at the Public Works Department of the County of San Luis Obipso, the painting is a match for the Los Osos Schoolhouse.

EBN columnist Joan Sullivan had reported, "John Peterson, a rancher, had donated land for a schoolhouse in 1875 so his daughter, Annie, could attend once she was five. It was a private school until 1891 when it became the Sunny Side School District. The two-acre parcel on the south side of Los Osos Valley Road included a house for the teacher. The Boardman family, Mary and George and their three adult children, purchased it in 1869. The Boardmans collected bits and pieces of the school's history over the years, when former students from around the state would occasionally drop by—some returning several times. They told of their early education in a one-room school. Mary discovered that many families in the Los Osos Valley area attended the school. George Souza stopped by one day in 1976 and told Mary that his father, a sheepherder, came to the states in 1873 from the Azores and had paid taxes in the Sand Hill School District. George attended Sand Hill School from 1901-1905.'

Meanwhile Gary Dove had retired from the professional lighting company he had created, Dove Systems based in SLO, and was volunteering Fridays for the Chamber. He grew curious about the painting's artist. Growing up Dove used to visit his grandmother in Los Osos before he relocated permanently after attending Cal Poly and marrying. He discovered who could have been the match to the signature. Roland Sanders Herold was born in 1927 in Panama, was a U.S. Navy veteran and died in 2002. His funeral was in Santa Barbara. His wife, Betty Dorsey Herold, is also deceased.

If you can verify more about this schoolhouse painting or have a memory about someone who attended the school or ever met or know something about Mr. Herold, contact Bonnie Richan or her staff at the library to

share what you know at www.slolibrary.org or (805) 528-1862 or 2075 Palisades AV.

A big thank you goes to Bonnie Rosser for recognizing and returning the artifact and to Bonnie Richan for providing a public area to display this historic memory for Los Osos.

Today's column might seem a simple lost and found story, but it documents a moment of time in Los Osos' history. Photos and paintings we have in a box or album or the paintings we display in our homes tell our life cycle stories — the journey and times we have lived through. Documentation will be prized by our children and grandchildren and, if not them, the historians of their times. Let's try and make it easier for them to discover the who, what, where, when and why of an artifact when they look for answers to questions about our times.

#### Carlock's From page 1

Dante, also a real estate agent with RE/MAX Pines by the Sea in Cambria, is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Napa Valley where he specialized in artisan bread making. He baked professionally for close to 28 years for the French Corner Bakery in Cambria before Carlock's became available to purchase.

"It was a goal that I always had, but I never had either the money or the opportunity right there to be taken," Dante said. "This time, we happened to have both, so we jumped in."

He now spends six days a week at Carlock's where he has remained true to many of the traditional fan favorites including handmade donuts, cakes, cookies, and steam buns, but he has added several artisan breads to the line including the best selling sourdoughs, along with ciabatta, 9-grain whole wheat, cranberry pecan, baguettes, and concha.

Dante, how emigrated from Mexico, says the bolillo, a shorter version of a baguette, is a must try.

"They are a French roll, but they are very popular in Mexico," he said. "A lot of people don't know what they are, but they make really good sandwiches. I would definitely recommend them."

Scones, tapioca and tres leches cakes were also added to the regular menu items, and several sandwiches and additional Mexican items are planned for the future.

What goes better with baked goods than a good cup of coffee? When Dante took over the bakery, he switched from Farmer Brothers brand to locally owned SLO Roasted Coffee. As of a couple weeks ago, a high-end espresso machine takes up prominent counter space and customers can now enjoy mochas, cappuccinos, lattes, Americanos, and espresso shots. Popularized in the late 1980s and early 1990s, latte art could soon be an added flourish to the steamed milk on hot drinks.

"When I was at the bakery in Cambria, we always practiced latte art, and I was able to do a few figures and stuff like that," Dante said. "It is very hard to do. I'm teaching everybody to do it, but it takes months."

If you aren't a coffee fan, Carlock's also offers boba tea, Frappuccino, iced and hot tea, and a variety of hot chocolates.



Dante Garcia, owner of Carlock's Bakery in Los Osos, makes an espresso on the new machine that gives customers new specialty drink options.

The bakery a new, very modern and inviting look as well. It has been painted and new floors and light fixtures were installed. Plans are in the works to replace the old tables and chairs and offer more outdoor seating.

"When I came, I noticed that many things needed an upgrade to the quality that people deserve," Dante said. "When I saw some people eating a pastry outside on those ugly benches or people sitting, eating, drinking our coffee right next to a bunch of chairs piled up; it just wasn't me. It made me think people deserve something better. I want to provide more enjoyment."

In Carlock's world of goodies, Danish pastries top the sweet list as best sellers and the croissants filled with ham or turkey lead the savory side. As for the doughnuts, the chocolate or maple bars reign supreme.

Over the past year, Dante said he is wormed by the support the business has received.

"I was surprised to see how many welcoming and friendly people are around here. There is a smile on their faces and they say, 'thank you for being here and providing these products."

Plans are underway to celebrate the bakery's one-year anniversary on Sept. 16 with longtime loyal customers and new ones who are drawn to the comforting smells and tastes of baked goods paired with hot coffee. For Dante, the day is even more significant because it is his home county's Independence Day.

#### Past Meets Present

Clyde and Margree Carlock, originally opened the Los Osos shop in 1961, and Dante says their name will remain a part of the new look.

"It's very popular and the whole purpose of a business is income, of course," Dante said. "The name makes it easier for people to find. It [also] brings me joy to see people like me, 40 or 50 years old, that come in and say, 'my mom used to bring me here when I was a child. I had this kind of doughnut or this kind of pastry — same location and everything.' That's always nice to hear."

Carlock's Bakery, 1024 Los Osos Valley Road, is open Mondays through Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They can be reached for call-in orders at 805-528-1845.



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