

## Save Cuesta Inlet Launches Fundraising Campaign



The organization Save Cuesta Inlet recently attained non-profit status and has begun fundraising efforts to purchase the 13-acre property in Los Osos. Photo by Dean Sullivan.

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

When a treasured piece of property bordering the southeast end of the Morro Bay estuary was listed for sale this summer, a group of people organized with the goal of purchasing the land to preserve it for public use.

Now 300 members strong, Save Cuesta Inlet has attained non-profit status and officially kicked off fundraising efforts to purchase the 13-acre area site located at 1745 Doris Ave. in Los Osos. Boaters, walkers, bird watchers, photographers and painters with easels in hand frequent the popular property.

“Our goal is to take this property out of private ownership and put it into the public arena so that people can continue to enjoy access for perpetuity,” said Margaret Schmidt, Save Cuesta Inlet secretary-treasurer. “It’s just a special sort of magical place that only exists in our little corner of the bay, and we want to see preserved access.”

The immediate objective is to raise the \$1 million purchase price, which organizers say is firm. While a parcel on the land is zoned for a single-family dwelling or recreational use, Save Cuesta Inlet wants to preserve the property.

The ultimate goal is to find a long-established non-profit, land trust, or public agency to take over the property and keep it public space for perpetuity.

“We don’t want to be the long-term steward of that property,” Schmidt said. “We think that there are several entities that are better suited for that. For example, SLO County Parks and Los Osos Community Service District are both groups that manage public property.”

What about all the watercraft left near the shore in what has become an unofficial storage space? Since 2010, volunteers with the beautification group Celebrate Los Osos go out every year and check vessels for licenses and mark for removal if not in compliance. In 2021, a total of 570 vessels including kayaks, canoes, multi-hulls, mo-

## November Election to See Many Non-Races



Dawn Addis and Vicki Nohrdren will face off for the State Assembly seat in the Nov. 8 General Election.

By Neil Farrell

Local election lineups are set now, as the home stretch begins to the Nov. 8 General Election, on a ballot with many uncontested races.

Most residents of the Estero Bay Area won’t be doing much local voting, after numerous special district, CSD and school board candidates went unopposed, their races decided in walkovers that won’t even appear on the ballots.

Here’s a rundown on who’s running against whom, and which candidates got a free pass.

### Morro Bay

Morro Bay will of course have contested races as two candidates faceoff for Mayor and five vie for two Council seats.

Two-term Mayor John Heading is looking for a third term and former Councilwoman and one-time Mayoral candidate Carla Wixom is challenging Mayor Heading for the 2-year term.

In the Council race, all five people who pulled nomination papers got them turned in on time and certified by the City Clerk to qualify for the ballot.

Morro Bay Council candidates are: estate planning attorney, David “Dave” Duringer; professional server, Sarah Smith Robinson; marketer, Casey Cordes (We incorrectly identified Mr. Cordes as a woman last issue, for which we apologize); business owner, Cyndee Edwards; and home-maker, Robin “Zara” Landrum are running to fill two, 4-year term seats.

For at least the second time in Morro Bay history, there are no incumbents in the council race, after Councilman Jeff Heller decided not to seek re-election, and Council-

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## Community Steps Up for Morro Bay Maritime Museum

By Judy Salamacha

In 2016 Morro Bay residents — families, government, businesses, and community nonprofits — stepped up to help fund the first structure built at the Morro Bay Maritime Museum. In appreciation, MBMM remains a membership supported museum free to the public. During COVID, board members wisely energized the outdoor exhibits to make them interactive for residents and visitors even when closed. Now in 2022 the community is stepping up again to raise future expansion funding at “Rock the Harbor” on Oct. 6 and celebrate Morro Bay’s waterfront on Oct. 8 during the free “Maritime Family Fun Day” hosted at MBMM during Morro Bay Maritime Month. This issue’s column thanks all who have donated their time, resources, and talents to support MBMM. Read on as I highlight three such local artists.

Award winning jazz saxophonist Gary Ryan will headline Rock the Waterfront hosted by the MB Yacht Club (www.morrobaymaritime.org). A catered affair will also offer silent auction items including many day experiences and uniquely de-



Gary Ryan headlines ‘Rock the Waterfront’ hosted by the Morro Bay Yacht Club

signed treasures. I especially wanted to hear Ryan play again. The first festival I attended in Morro Bay was a jazz festival organized by Ryan. Amazing sounds by amazing musicians at three downtown locations.

Who knew the owner of Goofy Graphics also captained the retired Tiger’s Folly, Maritime Museum Continued on page 21

## Harbor Director to Retire

By Neil Farrell



Eric Endersby

The City of Morro Bay has begun a search for a new harbor director after current director, Eric Endersby announced his impending retirement last week, effective just in time for Christmas.

Endersby, who worked his way up the ranks — from a reserve officer to full time officer, then chief officer and then director of the whole Harbor Department — said his last day will be Dec. 23, ending a career that spans nearly 30 years.

“Director Endersby,” the news release said, “has served the City for nearly 30 years, beginning as a Reserve Harbor Patrol Officer in 1993. He served in a variety of increasing-

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## CSD to Assess South Bay Fire Station

By Neil Farrell



She’s been home to countless firefighters in her life, but Sold age is creeping in, and the owners want to give her a complete physical.

The Los Osos Community Services District is seeking proposals from structural engineers to take a good hard look at the condition and future useful life of the South Bay Firehouse (Cal Fire/County Fire Station 15).

“Station 15,” reads a staff report from LOCSD General Manager Ron Munds, “was built in phases; the first phase

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City to Update Costs, Fees Schedules

By Neil Farrell

The City of Morro Bay recently sought proposals to conduct a new study on the fees it charges for services, with the likely outcome of raising them.

“The scope of services,” reads the City’s RFP, “includes a cost of services and user fee study, and comprehensive cost allocation plan.”

The cost allocation plan is how the City charges its “enterprise funds” i.e. water, sewer, transportation and harbor, to compensate City Hall for providing things like payroll, HR, administration and legal services.

The cost allocation or “intergovernmental transfers,” as it is listed in the current budget, top \$2.5 million for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and ranks in the Top-5 in revenue sources to the General Fund.

Other line items that could be part of this study include fines and forfeitures (\$108,000 budgeted in FY 22/23); revenues from use of money and property (\$600,000); and licenses and permits (\$582,000).

Assistant City Manager and Admin Services Director, Sarah Johnson-Rios, said they received five responses to its RFP but they had not yet selected a winner.

She expects the contract cost to fall “somewhere in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 range, approximately, depending on whether a User Fee Study is included and depending on the final scope of work identified and vendor selected.”

Johnson-Rios said the contract amount is small enough that the City Council won’t have to approve the contract in open session.

Such studies are done on a regular basis and Morro Bay is due for one. “An update to the cost allocation plan should be done every 3 years or so as a matter of best practice,” Johnson-Rios said, “according to the Government Finance Officers Association. Morro Bay’s last cost allocation plan was completed in 2019, so we are due for a routine update, which would be completed in 2023.”

She said the same goes for the user fees, which were also last updated in 2019 and should also be a 3-year schedule. But these fees are handled differently she said. They are adjusted for inflation in the intervening years between updates, and thus are constantly being raised in small bites.

“Such an update would cover the fees in the Master Fee Schedule currently,” she said, “as well as potentially other activities that are legally cost recoverable for which the City is not currently collecting fees [we do not anticipate a high number of new fees].”

The Cost Allocation Program was first installed by the City back in the later-1990s and followed the County’s enactment of a fee schedule for its services.

SB 2557 was the State’s response to a \$3.5 billion 1990-91 budget shortfall under Gov. George Deukmejian who took away some \$708 million of state support to counties for state mandated programs to balance his budget.

According to a State Legislative analysis of AB2286 (a law that expanded the original SB2557) in 1993, SB2557 allowed counties to “raise revenues locally in four ways: a) by charging cities, special districts, school districts, county offices of education, community college districts, colleges, and universities for booking arrested persons (i.e., booking fee); b) by charging cities and other local jurisdictions their proportionate costs of assessing, collecting, and allocating property tax revenues (i.e., property tax administrative fee); c) imposing utility user and business license taxes; and, d) limiting the shifts of property taxes from no- and low-property tax cities in the Trial Court Funding Act to 90% of their 1989-90 allocation.”

The State eventually opened the door for cities to recoup their costs for services as well, from enterprise funds and citizens.

Morro Bay’s fees are listed in the City’s “Master Fee Schedule” and the fees are increased annually by the inflation rate but actual costs generally increase faster than that, leading the City to conduct these updated studies and increase — or in rare occasions decrease — fees to catch up to the true costs of providing the services. And on rare

occasions a study will show a certain fee to be obsolete and actually get removed from the fee schedule.

Under the City’s RFP schedule, a panel of City staffers will go over the proposals and pick one. Johnson-Rios said prospective bidders had until Aug. 22 to submit proposals; with several weeks for City staffers to review the proposals and do interviews, and pick a winner around Sept. 16.

That contract award would be followed by negotiations on terms and price. The scheduled start date is Oct. 3 for the study, with completion next February.

If readers wanted to take a tutorial on the State’s cost allocation scheme, the State Controller’s Office has an online tutorial, see: [www.sco.ca.gov/Files-ARD-Local/ccap\\_training\\_video\\_slides\\_with\\_narrative.pdf](http://www.sco.ca.gov/Files-ARD-Local/ccap_training_video_slides_with_narrative.pdf).

New Security at Homeless Parking Village

BY Neil Farrell

County Supervisors have approved a 2-year contract with a private security company to keep an eye on its RV camping facility for the homeless, located on Oklahoma Avenue next to the County Honor Farm.

Supervisors agreed to a retroactive contract with Good Guard Security, that is backdated to the start of the fiscal year (July 1), and continue through the end of June 2024, according to a staff report.

Good Guard Security will get a total of \$312,883 to provide 24-hour security at the County’s “Parking Village,” which has had some issues with safety since it was created in August 2021.

The Parking Village was put together by the County mainly in response to a situation that had developed in Los Osos, when numerous vehicles owned by homeless folks began parking on Palisades Avenue, near the community center and public library. At its height, about 40-50 cars, trucks, campers and RVs were parked on Palisades, with some people pitching tents.

The Parking Village was put into a vacant parcel next to the County Animal Shelter. The “pilot parking program” was intended “to provide persons experiencing homelessness while living in their vehicles with a place where they could sleep and access hygiene services.”

“The program,” reads the report, “provides a place where people experiencing vehicular homelessness can legally park and stay 24-hours a day for a 90-day period. The site also provides access to hygiene and sanitation facilities.

“Security is on site 24-hours a day to check people in and to monitor the site for safety. Security provides 24-hour unarmed, on-site monitoring to help maintain a safe environment for clients.”

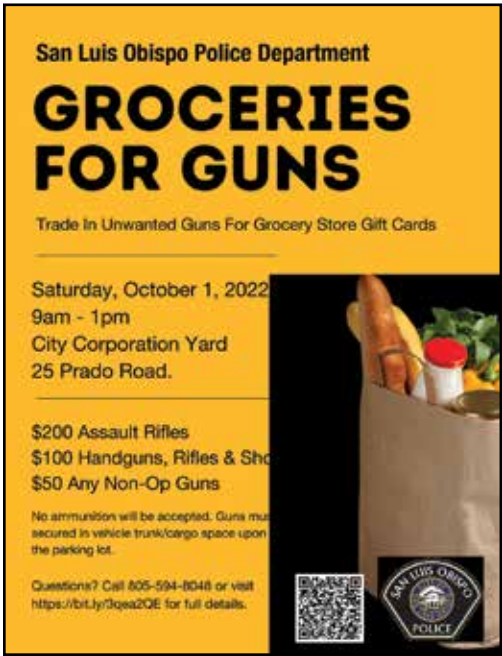
The new parking village lot filled up quickly and now there are an average of 65 people staying there each night, the report said.

The security contract isn’t the first for the program as the County hired Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO) in Fall 2021 “to provide case management services for the people on the site to aid them in finding permanent housing or other positive destinations, however, CAPSLO does not currently provide operational management or security for the site.”

CAPSLO’s involvement didn’t last long, as the County Department of Social Services in November 2021 took it over. Last spring, County Purchasing and DSS looked at the security issues and decided to switch security firms, dropping Condor Security and bringing in Good Guard, and began working out a contract. Good Guard is part of larger security company, Spectre Security, and based in Paso Robles.

So how much money has the County spent on this temporary parking arrangement? Supervisors authorized last March to allocate \$1 million out of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies, which will cover the security contract. The remainder of the monies will be eaten up with services, supplies, sanitation, and such.

Trade in Unwanted Guns for Groceries



By Theresa-Marie Wilson

Unwanted guns can help put food on the table.

The San Luis Obispo Police Department is hosting its first gun buyback event, “Groceries For Guns,” on Saturday, October 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They say the goal is to reduce firearms in the community, which helps reduce the risk of gun violence, accidental discharges, domestic violence, gun theft, and suicide.

Although the SLO P.D. puts on the program, people throughout the county can participate — it is anonymous.

“Our target goal is the city but the county is welcome,” SLO P.D. Captain Fred Mickel told Estero Bay News. “The whole idea is to get unwanted guns out of the hands of the people that don’t want them. We give them an avenue to safely have somewhere to take those guns.”

Some of those unwanted guns may have been inherited or left behind by a former roommate thereby leaving it in the possession of a person that doesn’t have the means to safely store it.

“We’re not trying to take guns out of legal gun owner’s



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hands,” Mickel said. “We are curbing gun violence — you don’t have a gun that’s now in a position to be stolen or used by maybe a juvenile or someone else that should not have had it in their hands in the first place. That’s really the target.”

Mickel said that since this is the first buyback the department has done, he is not sure how many people will participate.

“If it’s just one [gun] that is not used in a crime in the future, it’s worth every penny,” he said.

Operational and non-operational guns will be accepted at the City Corporation Yard parking lot, 25 Prado Road, San Luis Obispo, The grocery gift card amounts are as follows:

- \$200 Assault Rifles
- \$100 Handguns, Rifles and Shotguns
- \$50 Any Non-Operational Guns

ID will not be required, and no questions will be asked. Only guns will be accepted, no ammunition. Gift cards purchased at a variety of grocery stores in SLO will be offered for each gun turned in (three maximum per person).

“We’re trying to keep our money local,” Mickel said. “We were able to do gift cards through all our local grocery stores. It’s helping keep the money in the community. It is coming out of the city’s budget to fund this. We can help our local businesses that way, which is also one of the one of the big pushes.”

All guns must be secured in the truck/cargo space prior to arrival at the Corporation Yard. Participants must remain in their vehicles unless otherwise instructed by a SLOPD staff member. Do not handle any firearms yourself. An officer will remove the firearms from your vehicle.

“If you don’t know what you’re doing, guns can be dangerous,” Mikel said. “We don’t want to have any accidents happen. I’m going to have my range masters be the ones that are handling the firearms, making sure they’re empty and safe, and then bringing them over. It’s just is the safest way to do it.”

Information You Will be Asked:

1. The number of firearms in your vehicle.
2. The location of the firearm(s) within your Vehicle.
3. Confirmation that the firearms are not loaded. If you are turning in a firearm that you are unsure if it is loaded, be prepared to inform the officers of this information.

Advise the officer if you have any other items in you vehicle that could be considered hazardous such as ammunition, gun powder, military ordnance items, or fireworks. If those items are present, the officer alone will handle and control these items for everyone’s safety.

Participants will not be asked any questions by assisting police personnel. Personal information regarding the firearm’s origin, if voluntarily offered, will be kept confidential.

What does the police department do with the guns collected? As per Department of Justice rules, paperwork is filed to transfer the firearms into the police department’s name, removing any trace back to the person that turned it in, and then they are destroyed.

Legally, anyone who owns a gun must have it properly secured in a safe.

“If you are going to have guns in the home, please, properly secure them. If not, then feel free to bring them out on October 1,” Mickel said.

Readers with additional questions, should reach out to Captain Fred Mickel at fmickel@slocity.org or 805-594-8048.

Rescues at Sea and Land



A Harbor Patrol boat tows a white Bayliner that was saved from sinking with three people rescued off Montaña de Oro. Photo courtesy Morro Bay Harbor Patrol

A cooperative search and rescue mission in August led to the saving of three people off a sinking boat off Montaña de Oro State Park, and the rescue of a woman who fell on the rocks and bloodied her face.

According to a report in the City Manager’s September Newsletter, on Aug. 17 the Harbor Patrol and Coast Guard received a distress call over marine radio of a vessel with three people on board taking on water south of the harbor entrance off Montaña de Oro.

A passing fishing boat, the Renegade, was first on scene and pulled the people off the boat, a 21-foot Bayliner, and out of the water.

When Harbor Patrol and Coast Guard arrived, “the vessel’s stern was completely submerged, leaving only the cabin and about a foot of bow above water.”

Harbor Patrol connected a line to the boat’s trailer eye and took it in tow. Towing the boat on a “half-plane” brought it up out of the water and the sea began draining out through the scuppers.

The Coast Guard took the passengers, who were unharmed in the incident, off the Renegade and as the towed

boat entered the harbor a second patrol boat came alongside to continue dewatering.

A Coast Guard crewman climbed aboard to assist, that’s when it was discovered that the boat had not sprung a leak at all but had “taken a wave over the stern [rear], causing the deck scuppers to drop below the waterline, and thus began sinking.”

A scupper is an opening in the sidewall of a boat that allows water to drain out instead of pooling inside the boat.

All aboard the Bayliner were rescued without injury. It wasn’t so nice for a woman who took a tumble on the rocks outside the Harbor Office.

According to another entry in the newsletter, on Aug. 19, a woman came to the office for some gauze for her mother, “who had fallen nearby. Patrol proceeded to the victim on the embankment in front of the Coast Guard building and about to tumble down toward the water.”

The fire department soon arrived and took over care of the poor woman, who had “substantial blood coming from her face,” according to the report. She was taken to Sierra Vista Hospital via ambulance for treatment.

Readers are reminded to be careful around the water’s edge and especially when climbing on or around the rock revetments, which are not secured in place and subject to moving.

Man Arrested in Slashing Case

By Neil Farrell

Morro Bay Police have arrested a local man on a slew of felony charges after he allegedly slashed the face of his ex-girlfriend’s new beau.

Morro Bay Police Sgt. Nicole Taylor said in a news release that the incident started about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13 with a report of a disturbance at a home in the 1000 block of Quintana Rd.

“It was reported,” Sgt. Taylor said, “that an ex-boyfriend of the victim’s girlfriend had broken into the residence, punched the victim in the face and demanded money.”

That set off an altercation between the victim and the intruder, identified as Jordan Christopher Graham, 41.

“During the altercation Graham grabbed a large kitchen knife and held it to the victim’s throat threatening to kill him. The victim was able to slip out of Graham’s hold, but during his escape, Graham cut him with the knife causing a 9-inch laceration on his face, which required medical attention. Graham then fled the residence leaving in his vehicle.”

MBPD detectives took over the case and put out a bulletin on Graham and his vehicle. A couple of days later the

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law caught up to him.  
“On Thursday Sept. 15,” Sgt. Taylor said, “members of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department Gang Task Force assisted Morro Bay Detectives in apprehending Graham. Graham was contacted while driving his vehicle in Templeton.”  
Graham was arrested with a fight and booked into County Jail on suspicion of assault causing great bodily injury, criminal threats, robbery and burglary.”  
According to the County Jail’s “Who’s in Custody” webpage, Graham was no longer in custody as of 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6.

Home Invader Arrested

A Cambria man was arrested for suspicion of sexual assault, burglary and auto theft, after he allegedly attacked a woman inside her home, in a strange case involving several home invasions.

According to Sheriff’s spokeswoman, Grace Norris, the Sheriff’s got a 9-1-1 call at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4 as an attempted sexual assault in the 2400 block of Wilcombe Rd., Cambria. Responding deputies found an adult female victim, who was not identified in the news release.

“The victim,” Norris said, “reported she was in her home when she found an unknown male, later identified as 29-year-old John Michael Ludwick, standing in her living room.”

Ludwick reportedly grabbed the victim, “and made a sexually explicit statement,” Norris said, giving no further indication of the man’s exact words. “The victim was able to run out of the house and to a neighbor’s residence.”

Norris said the suspect “appeared to follow the victim,” but then he walked away. It apparently wasn’t his first invasion of the woman’s home. “Through the investigation,” Norris said, “deputies discovered Ludwick had entered the victim’s home earlier that day, stole her credit card and took her vehicle.”

This strange tale took an odd twist. “Ludwick then returned the vehicle and the credit card when he encountered the victim and attempted to sexually assault her,” Norris said.

This wasn’t Ludwick’s first home entry. “Further investigation,” Norris said, “revealed that Ludwick had entered a different home the previous day, [Sept. 3], in the 2400 Block of Banbury Road in Cambria. The home was empty at the time he entered, however, the residents returned

home and confronted Ludwick.”  
He was apparently not very intimidating. “Residents did not believe Ludwick was a threat,” Norris said, “and did not report this incident to the Sheriff’s Office. Ludwick then returned to the same address on Sept. 4 at approximately 11:30 a.m., however the residents were home and told him he needed to leave.”  
Ludwick was arrested after the incident on Wilcombe Road and booked at the San Luis Obispo County Jail for suspicion of “assault with attempted sexual assault with attempt to commit a felony; two counts of burglary; Vehicle Code 10851 driving a car without consent; receiving stolen property, and illegal use of access card unlawfully obtained.”

The Sheriff’s Office is asking for the public’s help identifying any additional unreported incidents involving Ludwick, “as well as any surveillance footage from Sept. 3 to Sept. 4, 2022. Contact the Sheriff’s Detective Division at (805) 781-4500 with any information. Anonymous tips can be submitted to Crime Stoppers by calling (805) 549-STOP (7867) or on their website: slotips.org.

Pismo Woman Arrested in Cayucos Incident



John Michael LudwicPhoto shows a Sheriff’s Department negotiator and the command and staff assembled during a standoff with a Pismo Beach woman, involved in a hit and run and child endangerment case on Sept. 2. Submitted photo

A Pismo Beach woman was arrested for suspicion of child endangerment and assault with a deadly weapon, after a car chase and standoff in Pismo Beach, the Sheriff’s Office said.  
According to Sheriff’s spokeswoman, Grace Norris, the incident started at about 3:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2 in the 6000 block of Hwy 1 north of Cayucos with a report “of a woman trying to run over a child with her car,” Norris’ news release said.  
The 9-1-1 caller reportedly knew the woman and identified her as deputies responded. Initial reports were apparently inaccurate.  
“While en route,” Norris said, “it was determined that the suspect had actually rammed a vehicle occupied by an

adult male and a juvenile. The victims and suspect left the location prior to deputy arrival.”  
Deputies immediately began an investigation and search for their suspect, who they were told lived in Pismo Beach; and Norris said they got reports that she might be armed and having a mental health crisis.  
Pismo Beach Police, State Parks, and the Highway Patrol all assisted the Sheriff’s Department with pursuit of the suspect vehicle, “as she evaded across jurisdictions,” Norris said. About 7:05 p.m., the woman “came home to the 200 Block of Santos Way in Pismo Beach and entered through the garage.”  
That’s when specialized teams of law enforcement got involved. “Deputies formed a perimeter and made PA announcements,” Norris said, attempting to have her come out peacefully.  
The Sheriff’s Office Crisis Negotiation Team responded, Norris said, and attempted to contact the suspect by phone and the PA system. They decided to bring in drones and eventually go in after her.  
“Detectives wrote a ‘Ramey Warrant,’” Norris said, “for child endangerment PC 273a and assault with a deadly weapon PC 245(a)(1). The Sheriff’s Unmanned Aircraft System Team (UAS), and Special Enforcement Team (SED) were deployed.” (SED is SLO County’s version of SWAT and UAS flies surveillance drones.)  
The SED members went in around 1:46 a.m. (Sept. 3). At approximately 2:11 a.m. the woman was arrested without incident by the SED team.  
Willow Osah Waddell, 49 of Pismo Beach, was booked into County Jail on suspicion of Child Endangerment and Assault with a Deadly Weapon and bail was set at \$250,000.

Woman Dies Crossing Hwy 101

The Highway Patrol has released the name of a woman who was struck and killed by a car while attempting to cross Hwy 101 in Nipomo.  
According to a news release, at 6:52 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 the CHP received a report of a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident on Northbound Hwy 101 south of the Tefft Street interchange in Nipomo.  
When officers arrived the female pedestrian had died at the scene and the driver of the vehicle was uninjured. Their preliminary investigation discovered that the pedestrian was crossing the northbound lanes from east to west and was in the No. 1 lane. The drier of a 2010 Toyota Prius, identified as Taylor Michio, 21 of Santa Monica, was reportedly going 70 mph with another car in front of him, when that car suddenly swerved right.  
“Mr. Michio,” the CHP said, “observed the pedestrian directly in front of his Toyota and he swerved to the left in an attempt to avoid colliding with the pedestrian. The pedestrian ran towards the median, to the west, and the right front of the Toyota collided with the pedestrian.”  
Amanda E. Figueroa, 30 of Santa Maria reportedly died of her injuries. Michio was not arrested in the accident. Weather conditions at the time of the accident were reported as “hot and clear.”



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News Briefs

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

Cal Poly Earns 30th Consecutive Best in the West Ranking

Cal Poly was named the best public, master’s-level university in the West for the 30th straight year in U.S. News & World Report’s annual Best Colleges guidebook. The 2023 guide, assessed an all-time high 1,500 U.S. bachelor’s degree-granting institutions on 17 measures of academic quality. It lists Cal Poly as No. 2 overall in the West — the same as last year — and as the region’s top-ranked public master’s-level university. In addition, Cal Poly was again named No. 1 in the West for Most Innovative Schools; several Cal Poly College of Engineering programs were ranked among the best in the nation for masters-level educational institutions; and the university was for the third straight year ranked as the top school in the West for veterans among public and private institutions that participate in federal initiatives helping veterans and active-duty service members pay for their degrees. The Western regional rankings include public and private institutions in 15 states that provide “a full range of undergraduate and master’s-level programs but few doctoral programs.” (Universities that grant doctoral degrees, such as those in the University of California system, are listed in a separate category.) More details on Cal Poly’s 2022 U.S. News rankings are available online at: [usnews.com/best-colleges](https://usnews.com/best-colleges).

Pedestrian Safety is Every Month

With traffic deaths at crisis levels, particularly among people who walk and bike, the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) released a statewide education campaign aimed at encouraging drivers to “Share the Road. Share the Responsibility.” to help reverse the deadly trend. Coinciding with California’s Pedestrian Safety Month, this year’s campaign will also feature messag-

es geared toward the safety of bicyclists. The “Share the Road. Share the Responsibility” campaign first came out last September and features 10-second videos highlighting the benefits of safely sharing the road with all road users. In addition, shorter social media videos will add context to the relationship between higher vehicle speeds and a greater likelihood of serious injury or death for pedestrians or bicyclists. Based on data projections from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), drivers struck and killed 7,485 people in 2021, or an average of 20 people every day – an 11.5% increase from 2020 and a 40-year high. In all, an estimated 42,915 people were killed in vehicle crashes throughout the country last year, including 4,258 deaths in California – nearly 10% of all traffic deaths in the U.S. “We are losing people every day in California who walked or rode a bike, only to have their lives cut short,” OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. “Every bicyclist and pedestrian should be confident they will reach their destination safely, and the OTS strives every day to make that a reality. Education is one of many important tools to reduce the number and seriousness of crashes involving bicyclists and pedestrians, and I hope this campaign has a meaningful impact to improve safety.” The education campaign is part of comprehensive traffic safety measures the state is taking to eliminate deaths and serious injuries on our roads as part of the “Safe System” Approach, which emphasizes safer street designs, safer vehicles, and safer people all working to make crashes, when they do happen, less severe. The OTS and Caltrans have easy-to-follow tips for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians to “share the road” and look out for one another. To view the PSAs and learn about ways to stay safe on the go, visit [www.gosafelyca.org](https://www.gosafelyca.org).

Free Flue Shots

It’s that time of year. Flu shots are widely available countywide, including special events on October 4. Health officials are urging county residents to get protected before flu season takes hold locally. They are making it easy with free pop-up flu shot events on Tuesday, October 4 in Atascadero and Arroyo Grande. “Nobody wants to be sick with the flu, especially with the added worry of COVID-19 circulating at the same time,” said Dr. Penny Borenstein, county health officer.

“Getting the flu is miserable and inconvenient, and it can be a very serious illness for some people. Getting a flu shot is a quick, simple step you can take to spare yourself from that ordeal. We’re making it as easy as possible with our free clinics on October 4.” Two clinics will be available, both on October 4 from 3–6 p.m.: • Arroyo Grande—Five Cities Fire Authority, Station 1, 140 Traffic Way in Arroyo Grande • Atascadero—Colony Park Community Center, 5599 Traffic Way in Atascadero Vaccines will be available at no cost for all attendees age two and older. There are no requirements related to insurance, income, residency, or immigration status: everyone is welcome. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Flu Mist and high-dose flu vaccine will not be available; adults age 65+ who wish to receive high-dose flu vaccine can schedule an appointment at a Public Health clinic. These one-day events are part of the Public Health Department’s drills to prepare for emergencies. “The COVID-19 pandemic tested our capabilities in this area and I’m proud to say that as a community, we were able to get vaccine in arms as quickly as it arrived in SLO County,” said Dr. Borenstein. “Events like this help us practice and refine our process in collaboration with the Medical Reserve Corps and the city fire departments.” Getting the flu vaccine is especially important while COVID-19 continues to spread widely in the community. It helps protect against illness and inconvenience and also helps protect local hospital capacity. COVID-19 vaccines will not be available at these pop-up events but are widely available at no cost from pharmacies, health care providers, Public Health clinics and mobile clinics countywide. To schedule an appointment for a flu shot or COVID-19 vaccine, contact your local pharmacy or health care provider or visit [VaccineFinder.org](https://VaccineFinder.org) or [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://MyTurn.ca.gov). Public Health phone support is available at (805) 781-5500 Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## City Lands Grant for Coleman Park

By Neil Farrell

The City of Morro Bay is celebrating receiving two grants to address some needed public improvements, including finally replacing a public restroom in a waterfront park.

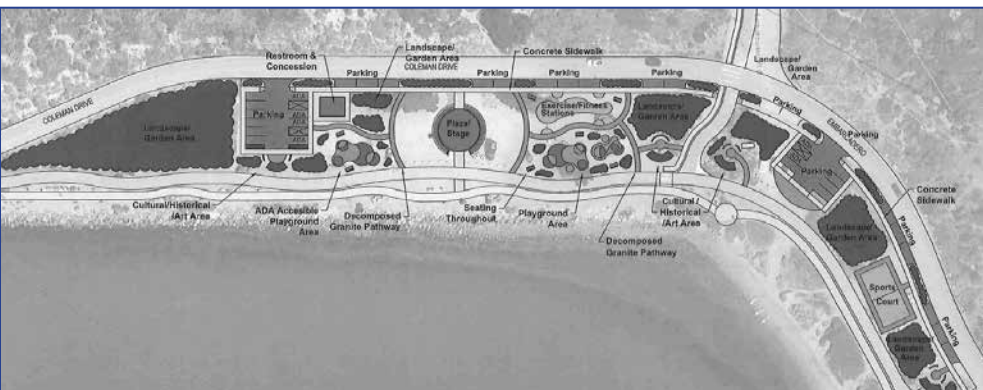
City Public Works Director, Greg Kwolek, reporting in the latest City Manager's Newsletter, announced the receipt of a \$600,000 grant from the State's Rural Recreation and Tourism Program (RRT); and \$490,000 from "Community Betterments — Safe Accessible Streets for All" program administered through the San Luis Obispo County Council of Governments (SLOCOG).

The RRT monies are going towards the Coleman park Improvement Project, which if fully implemented, bring great changes to Coleman Park and the entire Harborwalk area out to Morro Rock.

"These funds will be used towards the creating of a trail, stage/plaza space, playground with an accessible play equipment option, an exercise station, non-invasive landscaping, educational panels, as well as supplementing the previously awarded Per Capita Grant to replace the former restroom with a 4, single occupant restroom structure, drinking fountain and parking," reads Kwolek's announcement. "This grant will also support the addition of potentially four cultural/historical installations at Coleman Park."

Back in January, when the City Council approved applying for the RRT grant, according to the meeting minutes, its stated support was for: "consolidated, accessible parking and parking along Coleman Drive provided it can be done safely; removal or relocation of basketball court; a plaza or stage for small events; continued access for kayakers and stand-up paddle boarders; additional lighting, tables and barbecues; dune landscaping; new cultural resources and preserving current monuments at same or different location; and, addition of a second public restroom." That motion passed unanimously.

There was pushback from former councilwoman and current council watchdog, Betty Winholtz, who said she preferred the basketball court and parking areas remain in their current locations. She opposed having a stage in this



Here's the City's rendering of potential improvements to Coleman Park and the Harborwalk area heading out towards Morro Rock.



This aerial photo from the City of Morro Bay shows what the Coleman Park and Harborwalk areas are like now.

area and favored more passive recreation with children's play equipment.

The City, in October 2021, held two public workshops to gather input on what changes people would like to see at Coleman Park. That sand covered play area has never had much there — just a swing set, a bathroom (torn down long ago), a picnic table and outdoor basketball court, which was put in after the original skateboard park apparatus was moved to the Atascadero Road Teen Center (soon to be a Boys & Girls Club facility).

The conceptual design, at least the third time it's been proposed for redevelopment, is a dramatic difference from what exists today, a mostly undeveloped sandy area, with a scattering of dune plants.

The newest design would turn several mostly natural areas into landscaped gardens, move the restrooms and install paved parking areas. It would also increase the available parking spots from 32 to 33, according to the report.

This concept must still be formally organized into a project that the City can then apply for a Coastal Development Permit from itself, undergo a full public hearing process and ultimately have to be approved by the Coastal

Commission, as that area is in the Commission's jurisdiction.

That process can be lengthy, as it was when the City built the Harborwalk, and subject to potential changes the Commission decides to make.

Among the potentially most controversial features could be the addition of a concert stage in the midst of what is now a mostly quiet, leisurely stroll along the bay for residents and visitors.

Meanwhile, the SLOCOG grant, "will increase the scope and effectiveness of the City's budgeted project for ADA Accessibility and Safety Upgrades" at the signalized intersection of Main Street and Quintana Road, reads the announcement.

The proposed improvements include: upgrading the curbs, ramps and sidewalks to current ADA standards; install audible push button and pedestrian heads (crosswalks that speak to pedestrians); explore and implement signal modifications for bicycles, bicycle crossing or push buttons from the Class II to the existing Class I (separated) bike path and upgrade the traffic signals; improve the striping of the crosswalks; and repaving the intersection to match the new ADA improvements.

## Kiwanis Club of Bay-Osos Names New Officers



Olivia Martinez receives the Kiwanian of the Year award from Kiwanis Club of Bay-Osos President Cathy Nesser.


The Kiwanis Club of Bay-Osos in Los Osos held their annual dinner and installation of directors and officers for the 2022-2023 Kiwanis year on Wednesday, September 14 at the Sea Pines Golf Resort in Los Osos.

Current officers and directors were promoted by Lt. Governor Kevin Anderson from the Kiwanis Club of Atascadero who also installed the incoming leaders. Kiwanis officers are said to be promoted as their opportunity



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to provide service to their community does not stop at the end of their term.

President Cathy Nesser ended her term but not her responsibilities as she assumed the office of immediate-past president. Cherrie Katayama takes over the reigns as president for the 2022-23 Kiwanis year. Deanna Sweeney moved up as president-elect and Annaliese Wahler stepped up as vice president. Secretary Heidi Smith and treasurer Warren Lilly remain in office.

Steve Auslender, Kailey Breazaale, Jay Davenport, Jim Delmore and Olivia Martinez make up the board of directors.

The leadership team is committed to continue providing excellent community service, club leaders said. Interested parties are welcome to join them for lunch to see what Kiwanis is all about. Lunch meetings are held on Wednesdays at noon at the Sea Pines Golf Resort, 1945 Solano Street, Los Osos.

Cambria Celebrates Anniversary with Organization in Uganda



A motorcycle donated by the Rotary Club of Cambria to help deliver medication at the Kristina Health Center in Uganda.

The Rotary Club of Cambria is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Kristina Health Center in Uganda, an organization they financially supported.

Julius Achon grew up in poverty in a small village in Northern Uganda, was kidnapped at the age of 12 by a militant rebel group and forced to become a boy soldier. He then became a world-renowned runner and later found his calling as director of the Achon Uganda Children's Fund to help the many children orphaned in northern Uganda due to decades of civil war. In 2012, Julius realized his dream of opening the Kristina Health Center, a rural clinic that serves hundreds of severely sick or injured patients every month. The health center is named for his mother who died in 2004 due to lack of medical care and equipment.

The Rotary Club of Cambria got the chance to meet Julius in 2018 when they sponsored a run and barbeque at El Chorro Regional Park as well as a film/narration

of "The Boy Who Runs, The Odyssey of Julius Achon," organized by Bruce Howard at the Fremont Theater. The events raised \$20,000 towards the purchase of an ultrasound machine for the health center. The next day, Julius attended the Cambria Rotary meeting and International Services Chair, Gerry Porter, presented Julius with a check for \$1,795 for the purchase of a chemistry machine. Club members at the meeting raised an additional \$1,000 for the ultrasound machine and training.

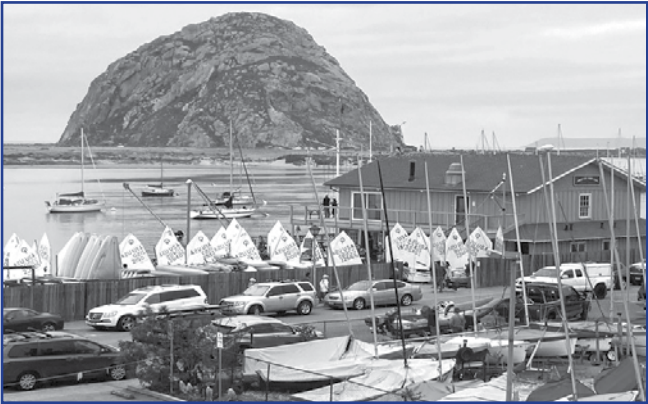
In 2022, the Club donated a motorbike to the center so staff can deliver medications to those in need.

"We are proud to have played a small part in the success of the Kristina Health Center, now celebrating their 10th anniversary," said Sue Robinson with the Rotary Club of Cambria.

Readers can learn more about Julius Achon, the Achon Uganda Children's Fund and Kristina Health Center on their website at <http://www.achonugandachildren.org>. The Boy Who Runs: The Odyssey of Julius Achon by John Brant, an inspiring book about Julius's life from poverty to Olympic runner to humanitarian, is available on Amazon.

Events and Activities

By Theresa-Marie Wilson



You're invited to indulge in a late morning champagne brunch for up to six guests to be scheduled in May of 2023. Setting overlooks Morro Bay's view of Morro Rock and MBYC. Special guest SLO journalist Neil Farrell will share some of his wildest interviews after a lifetime of coverage of for the Sun Bulletin, Bay News and Estero Bay News among other publications. The meal is hosted and prepared by fellow columnist Judy Salamacha at her home. This is just one of the many experiences to be offered at silent auction during the Morro Bay Maritime Museum's Rock the Waterfront event to support its next expansion. Want to fly over Morro Rock on the Estrella Warbirds Big Betsy or help Captain Annie pilot a Morro Bay chowder cruise with friends on the Chablis. Take a private tour of MB's Power Plant with Vistra before it becomes a memory or witness a personal Mooro Bay Fire Department demonstration of equipment and station operations. Tickets

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Police Blotter



• **Sept. 11:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 8:52 p.m. at San Jacinto and Coral. A 34-year-old woman was nicked for suspicion of driving schmammered.

• **Sept. 11:** Police took a vandalism report in the 500 block of Harbor. No word on whether it was an act of mass destruction or the work of some graffidiot.

• **Sept. 10:** Police took a smash-n-dash report in the 2300 block of Laurel.

• **Sept. 10:** A 35-year-old woman surrendered to police at the stationhouse on a felony warrant, and was actually sent to the dungeon.

• **Sept. 10:** Police contacted two suspicious people at 9:44 a.m. in the 300 block of Quintana. A 50-year-old man and 58-year-old woman were both cited for suspicion of possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. He got released but she was hauled to the nick, which seems rather uncivilized.

• **Sept. 9:** Police responded at 9:26 p.m. to Rite Aid in the 700 block of Quintana to deal with a squat who was refusing to leave. The 49-year-old mulish jenny was arrested.

• **Sept. 9:** Police responded at 6:50 to a traffic hazard in the 1100 block of Allesandro. Logs indicated some dingus left a car up on jacks in the roadway with no parking brake or tire chuck, so police towed it away.

• **Sept. 9:** Police contacted a repeat customer at 6:30 p.m. in City Park on Harbor Street. The 40-year-old fiend was arrested for five bench warrants, as the message will now finally get through.

• **Sept. 9:** Police stopped a suspicious fellow at 9:43 p.m. at Morro Bay Boulevard and Hwy 1. The 64-year-old apparent swagman had a bench warrant and was issued another and released.

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• **Sept. 9:** Two cars went boom at 8:54 a.m. on Hwy 1 at Yerba Buena. No injuries to report.

• **Sept. 8:** Police contacted another model citizen at 11:17 p.m. in the 500 block of Quintana. He had two bench warrants and was issued a third and released back into the wild.

• **Sept. 8:** Police responded to a disturbance at 4:16 p.m. in the 600 block of Napa an assisted a vigilant citizen make a citizen's arrest for trespassing.

• **Sept. 7:** Police responded at 11:55 a.m. to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Napa. Logs indicated they arrested a 45-year-old louse for harassing his spouse, in violate of a court order.

• **Sept. 7:** A harbor patrol officer turned over a wallet that someone found.

• **Sept. 7:** Police responded at 9:23 a.m. to the Morro Dunes RV Park in the 1700 block of Embarcadero where some unhappy camper had their bicycle stolen.

• **Sept. 6:** Police took another hit-n-split crash report in the 2800 block of Main.

• **Sept. 6:** Police responded at 2 p.m. to the 200 block of Atascadero Rd., for a reported runaway juvenile. No word on when the juvenile was found.

• **Sept. 6:** Police towed away a vehicle from the area of Butte and Balboa because the owner hasn't given the DMV its pound of flesh in over 6 months.

• **Sept. 6:** Police responded at 11:22 a.m. to Albertson's Market where they caught yet another nillionaire using the help-yourself lane. The 36-year-old fellow was cited for suspicion of shoplifting and trespassing.

• **Sept. 6:** Police stopped a suspicious fellow at 1:05 a.m. at Albertson's. Logs indicated the master criminal, 66, was arrested for suspicion of being stoned on drugs, possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, being a drug addict in possession of a firearm and possession of a short barrel rifle, in this week's example of why we need SWAT.

• **Sept. 5:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 8:57 p.m. in the 400 block of Surf. Logs indicated a 51-year-old toma-to was nicked for suspicion of driving stewed.

• **Sept. 5:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 5:56 p.m. in the 500 block of Embarcadero. A 44-year-old man was popped for suspicion of driving inflated.

• **Sept. 4:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 9:30 p.m. in the 1300 block of Main. The 38-year-old driver got hooked up for suspicion of driving twisted.

• **Sept. 4:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 4:24 p.m. in the 300 block of Quintana. Logs indicated the driver, 41, got cited and released for expired tags, but his passenger, 49, was a keeper and went to the hoosegow for an out-of-state felony warrant.

• **Sept. 4:** Police towed off a vehicle with expired tags over 6 months that was discovered occupying the streets apparently reserved for paying customers at Radcliff and Bolton.

• **Sept. 4:** Police responded at 10 a.m. to a disturbance in the 400 block of Napa. Logs indicated some bonehead violated a stay-the-hell-away court order.

• **Sept. 4:** Police stopped an apparently strange vehicle at 8:08 a.m. in the 600 block of Morro Bay Blvd. Logs indicated the driver, 32, was arrested for being too smashed to drive, and no doubt too early in the morning to be drunk.

• **Sept. 3:** Police responded at 12:23 p.m. to Miner's Hardware in the 500 block of Atascadero Rd., where they caught

some 63-year-old apparently sticky-fingered knucklehead allegedly shoplifting. He got booked into the Parkinson Plaza.

• **Sept. 2:** Police spied a suspicious woman at 3:24 p.m. at City Park on Harbor Street. Naturally, she had a bench warrant and was issued a second disappearance ticket and released to catch another day.

• **Sept. 2:** Police responded urgently at 1:36 p.m. to a suspicious subject reported at Urgent Care in the 700 block of Quintana. A 35-year-old irritating mope was nicked for suspicion of being high on dope, possessing dope, and being a dope that violated parole.

• **Sept. 2:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 12:22 p.m. at Albertson's Market in the 700 block of Quintana. The 67-year-old fellow was cited for a suspended license and sentenced to spend eternity in Hades, at the DMV.

• **Sept. 1:** Police responded at 2:11 p.m. to Albertson's for a disturbance. Logs indicated they arrested a 43-year-old harasstard for violating a restraining order and alleged drug and paraphernalia possession, a violation of Rule 66 — Nev-er carry drugs when harassing someone.

• **Sept. 1:** Police were at Albertson's Market at 12:19 a.m. and contacted a suspicious fellow, 38, who they arrested for a bench warrant and alleged possession of a crack pipe, his stash no doubt gone up in smoke.

**Aug. 31:** Police contacted a familiar foe at 11:39 p.m. in the 1700 block of Main. The 36-year-old scofflaw had a warrant and suspected crack pipe on him, so he went to the hoosegow.

• **Aug. 31:** Police responded at 4:52 p.m. to the 200 block of Atascadero Rd., for a reported smash-n-dash.

• **Aug. 31:** Police responded to a disturbance at 4:39 p.m. in the 700 block of Morro Bay Blvd. Someone was apparently having a bit of a fit and got put into a 72-hour timeout.

• **Aug. 31:** A citizen came to the police station to report receiving threatening text messages.

• **Aug. 31:** At 12:30 p.m. police towed away an offending vehicle parked too long in the 800 block of Napa.

• **Aug. 31:** Police charged to an apartment in the 400 block of Main and took a report for suspected credit card fraud.

• **Aug. 30:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 10:30 pm. at Main and San Jacinto. Logs indicated the driver, 33, was first contacted at Hwy 1 and Easter and apparently didn't stop right away. He was nicked for suspicion of "driving while addicted to controlled substances" and of course DUI.

• **Aug. 30:** Someone found a set of car keys and turned them over to police to find the owner, who wouldn't be expected to have gotten too far.

• **Aug. 29:** Police responded at 9:30 p.m. to a disturbance in the 700 block of Embarcadero. Logs indicated the incident involved spousal battery and strong arm robbery and was sent to the district attorney.

• **Aug. 29:** Police responded at 4:41 p.m. to the 700 block of MBB for a report of a disorderly fellow raising Caine. A 43-year-old ruffled ruffian was nicked for suspicion of being bent in public, 'cause when you ruffle a peacock's feathers, he's just a chicken.

• **Aug. 29:** Police responded at 3:36 p.m. to a disturbance in the 1400 block of Quintana. A 43-year-old role model was nicked for suspicion of being high as the stacks on dope.

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The mural is part of the university's permanent collection, which serves as a resource to support teaching and scholarly activities at Cal Poly and to enrich the cultural life and aesthetics of the university.

Parking for the artist's talk and ribbon-cutting is avail-

able in lot H2, located at Highland and University drives. Visitors should park in metered spaces and use the ParkMobile App for hourly parking. General parking permits are available for purchase at parking pay stations for lot H12. More parking information can be found on the Transportation and Parking Services website at: <https://afd.calpoly.edu/parking/parkingon-campus/permits>.



Check out the latest exhibit at the SLO History Museum, The Varian Brothers. Sigurd and Russel Varian were raised in Halcyon before going on to invent the Klystron tube, a necessary prerequisite for such technologies as radar, satellite communication, medical scanners, guitar amps, and much more. Without the Klystron - without the Varians - the technology that makes up our modern world would not be possible.

Learn about Sig and Russ, from their early days in San Luis Obispo County to their success in Silicon Valley.

The History Center Museum is housed in the historic Carnegie Library building across the street from the Mission and is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Tuesday. Admission is free, donations accepted.

Join the people of St. Benedict's on October 2 for a Blessing of the Animals! This tradition is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. The event takes place at 2:30 p.m. outside the South Bay Community Center 2180 Palisades Ave. and at 3:30 p.m. in



the Los Osos Middle School back parking lot at South Bay Blvd & Pismo Ave.

Take part in a free, fun filled, interactive art demonstration by award winning artist and poet, George Wm. Asdel. George will be demonstrating how to draw animals and write haiku at the same time on October 10 from 3 – 5 p.m. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main Street, Morro Bay



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Our Waterfront and our Harbor are Morro Bay's crown jewels, and it is critical their infrastructure be well maintained for the use and enjoyment of both residents and tourists. It has been years since any serious money has been spent on its piers, docks, seawalls, revetments, restrooms, and the Harbor Walk.

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Takin' Care  
of BUSINESS

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

Community Radio 7th  
Annual Fundraiser

Central California's only volunteer-operated and listener supported community radio station 97.3 and 107.9 The Rock are celebrating nine years on-the-air with an annual fundraising concert at Morro Bay Community Center, Saturday, October 1 at 5 p.m. Everybody is invited as they wrap up their annual donation drive with Rockstock 2022, a live show featuring Dulce Taylor opening for The Bel-Airs.

"It's truly amazing to see the community come together to donate their services, time and money to make this concert and the station a phenomenal success," says The Rock founder, Hal Abrams.

There is no admission fee for this special concert. However, there will be freshly tapped beer, wine, and great food available for purchase. A silent auction will happen between musical acts. Make sure to bring valid ID and your best friends.

Central Coast Community Radio 97.3 and 107.9 The Rock, is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. The Rock is operated and supported by listeners and residents. The station features diverse and eclectic conversation, music, hyper-local information and emergency services for San Luis Obispo County. Listen at 97.3 FM in the Morro Bay area and 107.9 FM in North County. Learn more at CentralCoastRadio.org.

Poly Plans Grand  
Re-Opening of Renovated,  
Renamed Book Store

Following an extensive remodel, Cal Poly's newly renamed Mustang Shop will host a Grand Re-Opening Celebration for the campus community from 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29.

Following years of collaboration with the Cal Poly Corporation and the university, Follett Higher Education has completed the renovation and has more additions coming this academic year.

"The new Mustang Shop will offer a fresh perspective for new students and a fun introduction to Cal Poly for their supporters," said Andrea Burns, Cal Poly Corporation associate executive director. "We are so excited to continue to make improvements that enhance the student experience."

The reopening event will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Cal Poly Corporation CEO Cody VanDorn and Follett Higher Education President Ryan Petersen.

The remodel work includes a newly relocated entrance in the University Union Plaza, a completely redesigned interior layout and updated lighting to create a brighter, more convenient shopping experience. Students will be able to easily find books and materials, and all customers will be able to shop an expanded assortment of merchandise.

Other updates include a more efficient check-out counter located near the new entrance. The textbook space has been moved to a more convenient location, and the entire store received new flooring and paint.

The in-house Apple Store was relocated to the west side of Mustang Shop to create more room.

Along with the new entrance, exterior changes to the Mustang Shop include new metal marquee awnings with lattice work.

The Mustang Shop is a service of the Cal Poly Corporation.

25-year anniversary



This month marks the 25-year anniversary of KCBX Morning Cup host Neal Losey's career with the station.

Losey reflected on the events in his life that brought him to this point and said, "I was geared for this and I didn't even realize it until I got the job here."

Growing up in Tehachapi, Losey said one of his favorite pastimes as a child was sharing music with others, like when he used to bring records to show-and-tell in early elementary school from the likes of James Brown, the "101 Dalmatians" soundtrack, and The Drifters. Then in junior high, he brought tapes of songs from the radio to play for other students at school.

"I was always listening to music, and then always wanting to play it for other people; wanting to share the excitement of hearing a song for the first time," Losey said.

Losey's career in radio began in 1989 during his time at Cal Poly, where he studied history and got involved with the university's station, KCPR. But even then, Losey said he didn't anticipate a future on the air. That changed in 1993 when he was working at Boo Boo Records in downtown

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San Luis Obispo, and he started volunteering at KCBX as a host of the soul and funk show Night Train, which was followed by a permanent job hosting Morning Cup of Jazz beginning in 1997.

Morning Cup of Jazz eventually expanded to include other genres of music in 2013 at the encouragement of Program Director Marisa Waddell and General Manager Frank Lanzone. But the evolution to today's eclectic format didn't happen overnight. Instead, Losey began gradually incorporating other genres into the program, doing his best to make each song flow within the programming and hoping the songs he chose would be liked by listeners.

"That's the fun thing, is making things fit," Losey said, "not wedging them in and having that jagged thing you get with algorithms, but where a human brain is actually putting things together."

These days, Losey curates every show based on the first song he plays that day, which is usually decided upon his arrival at the station each morning.

In addition to Morning Cup, you can hear Losey as the host of Night Train on KCBX every Saturday night, and he works behind the scenes as the music director for all of KBCX's other locally-produced music shows. As the music director, Losey works with the volunteers who host the shows by recommending music to help them create playlists that suit their programming and by maintaining and acquiring new music for the station's library. The most important part of Losey's job as music director, he said, is acquiring the music for the DJs to share with listeners.

Losey can still be seen from time to time picking up shifts at Boo Boo Records. He also continues to revisit his roots at KCPR by volunteering to help the next generation of radio DJs at Cal Poly by coaching students about how to be on the air, how to build programming, and by offering moral support.

"It's exciting to me, and I really love doing it," Losey said. "It's hard to find the time to do it with all the other

things that I'm doing, but it's something that I always want to make time for to be able to help there however I can." Listeners can hear Losey's programs on KCBX by

tuning into Morning Cup from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday and Night Train from 9 p.m. to midnight on Saturday.

Morro Bay Chamber to Hold Election Events

Chamber Meet the Candidates Roundtable Event

The Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce invites its members, community leaders, and the broader business community to an intimate "Meet the Candidates" event at the Inn at Morro Bay on Monday, September 26 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a networking social with light appetizers provided by the chamber.

Candidates should prepare to deliver a brief 1-minute statement to open the event, another 1-minute statement to close the event, and to answer direct questions from voters seated at up to 7 tables (the number of tables will match the number of participating candidates).

After opening statements, candidates will be assigned to one of the tables where attendees (voters) are seated. Candidates will have 10 minutes at that table, then event organizers will prompt candidates to rotate tables. This will proceed until all tables have had 10 minutes with the candidates. Candidates will close the event with 1-minute closing remarks. The speaking order will be random with both the open and closing remarks.

This engagement is free to all candidates and you are welcome to bring your campaign staff. This event will feature complimentary appetizers and is open to chamber members for \$10 and non-members for \$25.

Community Candidates' Forum with the League of Women Voters

The chamber will promote and coordinate this televised and recorded forum moderated by the League of Women Voters (LWV) taking place October 5 from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building.

A league moderator will ask all questions. A series of five questions solicited from the business community by the chamber in advance will be provided to the league and will be asked first, followed by questions submitted by the audience in real-time on index cards, sorted by the league.

Candidates should anticipate contact from the League of Women Voters directly in the coming weeks. The League takes lead on direct coordination with candidates on the forum.

RSVP for this engagement no later than Friday, September 23. As in years past, all candidates will be asked to contribute financially in equal portions to the total cost of AGP services and the hall rental. This is a free event, open to the community, and broadcasted live on Channel 20 and slo-span.org. AGP will also rebroadcast the forum on Channel 20 through election day.




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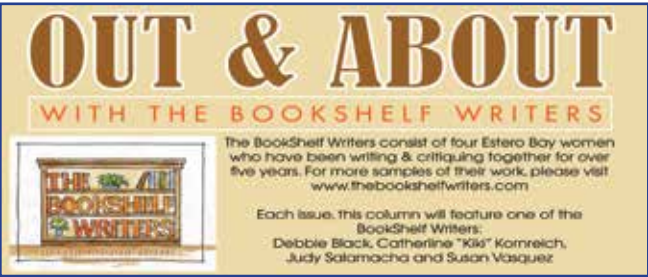
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An Invitation:  
Local Novelist Looking  
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Are you an avid reader of novels? Do you have time, interest, and a desire to help a local author? Deborah Brasket, and I, hope some of you will agree to test out this rare public opportunity. Although a seasoned published writer in a variety of area publications, “This Sea Within—The Hour of the Garden,” is Deborah’s first novel. She has completed her manuscript and when she invited SLO NightWriters, our mutual writers’ organization to read and comment, she also willingly accepted my suggestion she invite readers of EBN’s Bookshelf Writers’ the same chance.

Today’s authors often enlist what is called “beta readers” before they submit their manuscript to an agent, publisher, or self-publish. It has become a standard tool industry-wide to check a manuscript’s potential flaws before pitching or publishing. By definition, a beta reader is a test reader of an unreleased work of literature, who offers feedback from the perspective of the average reader. Typically, friends and associates are invited to read and provide comments based on the objectives the author hopes to gain.

Authors work months – even years – on their manuscript, but often become too close to see the obvious. Beta readers provide general comments and opinions to make it a smoother, more enjoyable read for average readers. Beta readers comment not to change the author’s story or char-

acters but to give the author thoughtful ideas to respectfully enhance the published product.

“I envision a four-book series,” Deborah said. “This first book is Lena’s coming-of-age story. She begins her journey as an innocent, inexperienced and idealistic activist seeking purpose in life, a way to help change the world for the better. She discovers the adventure, love, and sexual fulfillment she’s always dreamed of, as well as new purpose and direction in life, standing at Raoul’s side, fighting to free San Balanque.”

Deborah’s synopsis reads: It’s 1973. Students are burning their draft cards and marching in the streets, protesting the Vietnam War. Richard Nixon is knee-deep in the Watergate scandal and about to be impeached. Below the border in San Balanque, a small country in Central America, students protest against their brutal dictator propped up by the U.S. Rebel forces are rising up to overthrow their governments. Meanwhile Lena Landan, a surfer and anti-war activist from a wealthy suburb of Santa Barbara, is ready to graduate with a double major in art and journalism. Before starting graduate school, she decides to travel to San Balanque, her estranged mother’s homeland, to learn more about her heritage. While there she goes with a journalist friend to interview the Aguileros, the Freedom Fighters, who want to overthrow President Ortiz’s brutal regime. She’s strongly attracted to Raoul, the charismatic leader of the rebels. He invites her to join the Aguileros and write their stories to win support for their cause. Unknown to him, Lena’s mother is married to Ortiz’s prime minister and right-hand man.”

Deborah’s author bio reads, “I am a writer living on the Central Coast of California. My essays, articles, book



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# Letters To The Editor



## Meteorologist or Religion

In regards to Scott Presnal's letter (Vol.4, Issue 17) in the most recent issue of Estero Bay News: Mr. Presnal, please briefly explain the relationship between your claim to be a meteorologist, which is based on science and fact, and a belief in the Christian religion, which is man-made.

William Fritch  
Los Osos

## A Tale of Two Projects

I live on Birch Ave. North Morro Bay. Several years ago the city allowed, with a load of variances, a triplex to be built at the north street end. Ostensively, the triplex was to be residential housing, but is currently being used for vacation rentals. Now at the south end, a six unit short term hotel has been permitted. Neither project fits in a residential neighborhood. We'll essentially have nine vacation rentals, with the accompanying noise, litter, and strangers in the area. Thanks to the city we have two enormities no one in the neighborhood wanted.

Carl MacDonald  
Morro Bay

## Lack of Proof is not Proof of Lack

I was moved by the recent letter to the editor by Scott C. Presnal, (Vol. 4, Issue 17)

He noted that he is concerned about the way "climate research has been done." He implies that scientists are unable to PROVE that adding more carbon dioxide to the atmosphere will result in significant harm to many people on the planet, and therefore we lefties should stop using fear to motivate people to reduce fossil fuel consumption.

The writer made a great error—confusing lack of proof with proof of lack.

I will grant that it is impossible to "prove" that CO2 is causing irreparable harm to life on Earth. Impossible because we do not have a large number of identical planets upon which to perform a randomized study. If we did, then we could subject each "Earth" to various levels of CO2 and let them roll around their respective suns for eons and see how they turned out.

Mr. Presnal implies that because we cannot prove that

excessive levels of CO2 are causing harm (lack of proof), then excessive CO2 must not cause harm (proof of lack.) This is false logic, and a dangerous and irresponsible position to take. A more logical, and prudent, position is that until we have proof that excessive CO2 causes no harm, we should significantly reduce our levels of fossil fuel consumption. This topic is dealt with more fully in a wonderful book by Nassim Taleb titled "The Black Swan." In another of his books—"Skin in the Game"—Taleb presents the idea that we should not listen to people who make recommendations unless they will suffer consequences if those recommendations are wrong. I wonder if Mr. Presnal would be making the same recommendations if he and his family lived in Tonga, an island nation that is disappearing under the rising seas.

Malcolm McEwen  
Morro Bay

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## Viewpoint At What Cost?



A 13-acre private property called Cuesta Inlet, next to Morro Bay estuary in California is up for sale, right now. It seems ironic that Cuesta translates to "cost" In Spanish.

The local community is trying to save it, or are they? For decades locals have been parking their kayaks, canoes, and Hobie Cats there, so they don't have to be transported for each outing. The community doesn't want to lose one of the many perks they get by living here. But have they forgotten about nature? Losing their kayak parking spots for their own ease versus considering the fragile ecosystem

they are destroying. To those of us that are conscious to biodiversity loss and its effects, this seems reckless. I captured these two black-tailed deer trying to find their path back to a nearby wildlife corridor overlooking hundreds of plastic kayaks and the neighborhood that has taken so much of their habitat. Can we not give a little back simply by being responsible for our leisure equipment? Try to create the balance we are so lacking? This property needs to be purchased and given to conservation to protect and rehabilitate it. People could still launch their kayaks, and enjoy the area, but bring their kayaks home versus dumping them on the coast and destroying this rich wetland and habitat. Wetlands are highly productive and biologically diverse systems that enhance water quality, control erosion, maintain stream flows, sequester carbon, and provide a home to at least one third of all threatened and endangered species.

Wetlands provide habitat for many species of amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals that are uniquely adapted to aquatic environments. Upland wildlife like deer, commonly use wetlands for food and shelter. Wetlands are particularly vital to many migratory bird species.

Can we move beyond just having a transactional relationship with nature? Sensitive ecological territory is being destroyed because human beings are selfishly wanting to use the land for their own recreation without concern for their environment.

Humanity relies on biodiversity for its health and wellbeing. More than 500 species of land animals are on the brink of extinction and are likely to be lost within the next 20 years. Urgent action is needed to curb human impacts on biodiversity. We can act by speaking up for species and places as I am here. We as individuals have a powerful role to play.

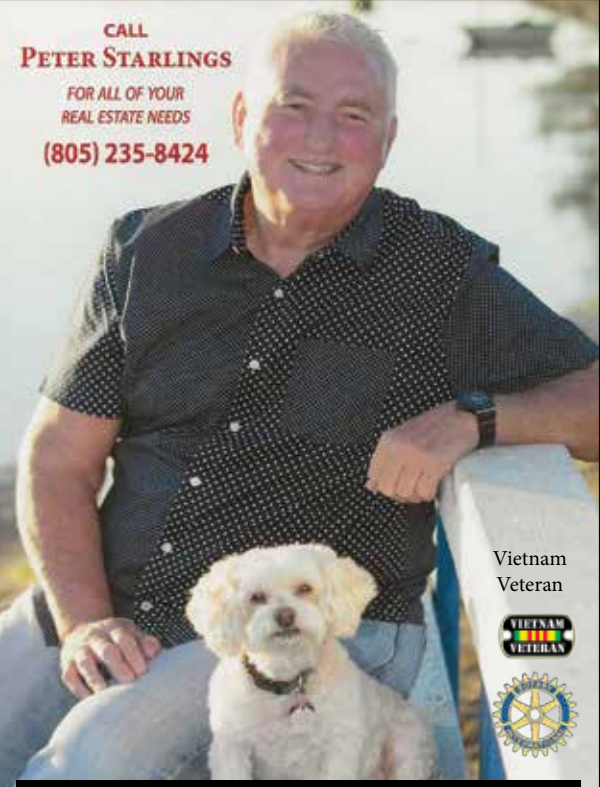
Our leaders need to support the America the Beautiful Initiative to conserve 30% of US lands and waters by 2030. We need to think about the future generation. Exactly a year ago the United Nation declared a "Code Red for Humanity." This is truly the end game to save our home planet. We must save what we can now or lose the opportunity to do so forever. Why don't we set the example of how to really save Cuesta Inlet?

Angela J. Farmer

## Are We Making a Dent in Homelessness?

Around eleven years ago towns like Morro Bay and Los Osos began to see an increase of people living on the streets. In Morro Bay, some set up camps in a creek bed nearby a city park. Compassionate individuals decided to try and help the people and began to bring meals to the park to hand out. Out of that effort the mayor put into a place an initiative to establish the Estero Bay Alliance for Care and assigned two city council persons to attend. Others who joined were from civic organizations, church members, and citizens who wanted to be involved in help-

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Community

ing. EBAC, as it is now referred to has been operating ever since and has grown to include other humanitarian and social service groups as well as County Social Services, the Food Bank, the Morro Bay Police Department, Los Osos Cares, Morro Bay Lions Club, and Yes We Can Peace-builders. While much work has been ongoing with weekly community dinners in Morro Bay and Los Osos, donations of clothing and other personal items, housing assistance, distribution of food stamps, car giveaways, laundry assistance, and more, the question remains as to whether we are making a dent in decreasing homelessness in our area.

Morro Bay Police Chief Jody Cox stated that since the pandemic they have seen an increase in homeless people in the area and that many of them are more aggressive than usual. He is glad that there is help once a week from Jason Holland from Transitions Mental Health Association as that has made it possible for some homeless individuals to be sent for appropriate psychiatric treatment. This has occurred in place of having individuals like this being arrested and sent to County Jail for transgressions such as drunkenness, drug use or causing fights. So far, a program like this, where a TMHA trained technician is available to area law enforcement to go out on the streets and encounter the problems, does not exist in every city or town on the Central Coast. That there is a need is obvious.

Homelessness in California rose by 46% from 2014 to 2020. In other areas in the country, it has decreased by 9%. There is no doubt that California is an attractive place to live, even if one is homeless. For one thing the climate is not severe and fully one third of the state enjoys mild temperatures throughout the year. While mental health, addiction, poverty, and job loss are major reasons for homelessness, the overriding reason more people are living in their cars or on the street has to do with lack of affordable housing. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition there is no state in the country that has an adequate supply of affordable housing.

California recognized 116,548 unhoused people by a point in time count in January 2020. These are people living on the streets or in shelters. In a special count taken, 113,660 people in California were identified as unsheltered making this state home to half of all the people in the country who are unsheltered. It is the only state where 70% of the homeless population is unsheltered as compared to the state of New York where only 5% of homeless are unsheltered. Still New York City has the highest number of homeless people. This asks the question as to what is meant by sheltered? If one lives in their car, is that considered sheltered?

Local organizations such as the resource offices in Morro Bay and Los Osos grapple with this problem on a daily basis and while some progress is identified, both offices say we are a long way from solving this problem.

California is home to the most billionaires in the country; it is the fifth largest economy in the world and has a budget surplus. Regardless of programs put into place by the governor and legislature, California has not found a solution to match the homeless problem. A shift in value-based thinking on the part of the public is needed.

Homelessness will continue to rise unless we are all willing to share the wealth for as the song says, “There but for fortune, go you or I.”

Ruth Ann Angus  
Los Osos Cares and  
Morro Bay Resource Office

**Out & About** From page 13 reviews, poetry and fiction have been published in numerous publications. On my blog “Living on the Edge of the Wild” (<http://deborahbrasket.wordpress.com>), I write about nature, literature and art, and the creative process. Excerpts from my short stories, novels, poetry, social commentary, and travel writing can be found at ([www.djbrasket.com](http://www.djbrasket.com)). Currently, I am working on a novel, a collection of short stories, and a book based on my family’s six-year voyage around the world aboard La Gitana, our 46-foot sailboat. Before turning to writing full-time, I managed a bookstore, a restaurant, and a nonprofit, taught literature and composition as an adjunct professor, wrote a column for the Santa Maria Times, helped organize a state-wide organization advocating for part-time college instructors, and worked in the community advocating on social justice and environmental issues.”

If you would like to participate, contact Deborah Brasket at [dbrasket51@gmail.com](mailto:dbrasket51@gmail.com) for the details, deadlines, and copy of her manuscript for reading and guidelines for commentary.

I thank you in advance for your support and I’m confident Deborah will graciously thank you someday once her novel is published.

Judy Salamacha is a member of The BookShelf Writers. To see more of her work, please visit [www.thebookshelfwriters.com](http://www.thebookshelfwriters.com).

Poly Builds Outdoor Spaces on Campus



Cal Poly has completed two new outdoor community spaces, along with its first commissioned outdoor mural, to help beautify the campus and create places for campus community members and visitors to enjoy.

The two outdoor spaces, one in front of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) and the other outside Campus Market in the Via Carta corridor, as well as the mural were

commissioned and created by the Cal Poly Corporation. “These new outdoor spaces provide a real sense of community,” third-year business administration student Emmanuel Rivera said. “The great additions really help improve the campus. We really are so blessed as students to live on such a beautiful campus like Cal Poly.”

The CPC team moved quickly and collaboratively with Cal Poly trades and outside contractors throughout the summer to create, plan and execute the program and build the spaces.

“The new functional and beautiful gathering space outside the PAC will serve as a perfect study-outside getaway during the day and dining alfresco spot in the evening,” said Andrea Burns, Cal Poly Corporation associate executive director.

On any given night there will be two food trucks with an additional two local pop-up restaurants serving in the near PAC Plaza. The PAC Lawn was designed to be a mini haven with shaded areas for sitting, soft grass for laying, and lighting for an evening soiree. Cal Poly donated funds to beautify the perimeter spaces of the lawn area, transforming the entire space in front of the PAC.

The enhanced Via Carta Plaza features parklet-style landscaping, seating under umbrellas, Santa Maria style barbecue and a food truck area. Located directly outside Campus Market grill and salad bar, Via Carta now also is home to a three-panel public mural created by Grover Beach artist Oscar Pearson that recognizes the value and contributions of migrant workers and farmworkers, the agricultural bounty of the Central Coast, and Cal Poly students’ contributions to the field of agriculture.

The mural has transformed a divided triptych wall into a vibrant mural that encourages student and community interaction. It is located on the Food Processing Building (No. 24) at the intersection of Highland Drive and Via Carta.

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Sports

MBHS Names Athletes of the Month

By Neil Farrell

Morro Bay High School's Athletic Boosters Club, in conjunction with the school's athletics teams and new athletic director, have begun a new program to recognize athletes of all sports for their outstanding performances, as well as team leadership and sportsmanship.

Estero Bay News has agreed to help with the "Athlete of the Month" awards, as nominated by the coaches of the individual sports teams

Ken Hotaling, vice-president of the MBHS Athletic Booster's Board, said their goal is to bring more recognition to the lesser-known sports.

"One of the goals of this program," Hotaling told EBN, "is to give some accolades to the student/athletes that are in some of the non-football or non-baseball sports." For example, "Water polo barely gets any recognition in comparison to the 'bigger' sports. We're hoping to honor as many student/athletes as possible."

Here are the August 2022 Athletes of the Month:

Water Polo



Sophomore Ryker Robson was named Boys Varsity Water Polo Athlete of the Month by his coach Joseph Tomlinson. Photo by Tyler Hoyt

Sophomore Ryker Robson is the Boys Varsity Water Polo Athlete of the Month.

Coach Joseph Tomlinson said Robson deserves this award for August, as well as his consistent work ethic and focus over the past year.

Last season, the Mountain League coaches unanimously named Robson, then a freshman, to the All League Second Team. Coach Tomlinson said Robson is dedicated to the sport.

He spent the first eight months of 2022 playing club water polo on weekends, Coach Tomlinson said, lifting weights on his own or with sophomore teammate Noa Dallas, and grinding through swim season with the MBHS Swim Team.

He came into the pre-season stronger, faster and determined to forge a successful year.

Robson, "is fiercely competitive and raises the intensity level of the entire team with a quiet, determined focus," the coach said.

With the season just getting started, and including a scrimmage and first Mountain League game, Robson has led the team in goals scored and defensive steals.

"In this sophomore year," Coach Tomlinson said of Robson, "will only continue to improve, gain mastery of his skills, and dominate."

"As a coach and fan of the sport, it's fun for me to witness such an outstanding athlete's progress."

Girls Volleyball

Reese Mischel and Hannah Colletti were voted in as captains by their teammates because of their outstanding character, athletic abilities, and volleyball experience, according to girl's volleyball coach, Kate Yarbrough, who nominated them for Athlete of the Month honors.

"Both young women put in extraordinary work during the off-season and pre-season to improve both their physical and mental game," Coach Yarbrough said, "and show incredible dedication to the sport. They are role models in positive



Senior Libero, Reese Mischel, left, and senior setter, Hannah Colletti were named Athletes of the Month for August by their Girls Volleyball Coach, Kate Yarbrough. Submitted photo

attitudes, comportment, and have earned the trust and respect of their coaches and peers.

Mischel and Colletti were also named co-players of the match during the lady Pirate's pre-season opener against San Luis Obispo High.

Cross Country



MBHS Cross Country Athletes of the Month for August Annie Wieck and Michael Carbajal are shown here finishing last year's MB Invitational.

Cross Country Coach, Chuck Ogle nominated Michael Carbajal of the boys cross country team and Annie Wieck for the girl's team honors.

"Both train hard," Coach Ogle said,

"lead by example, and have their squads set up for great seasons."

But their seasons got off to slow starts as neither runner competed in the Sept. 11, Morro Bay Invitational, because they were battling illnesses and sat out the school's big season opener.

But both were outstanding last season in both cross country and track, and should get back on the road putting in the miles of training needed to lead the Pirates into the cross country season.

Pirates Host Annual Cross Country Meet

Story and Photos by Neil Farrell

Morro Bay High's Cross Country teams hosted the Annual Morro Bay Invitational on Sept. 10 welcoming some 40 schools from all over California with new courses designed to challenge even the best harriers, in a traditional kickoff to the season that dates back to the 1970s.

Pirates Coach Chuck Ogle thanked the people who turn out year after year to help with the mega-meet. "Counting the Morro Bay Pirates," he said, "40 high schools participated in the meet. Once again, we had wonderful volunteer support from parents, alumni and community members. I'm very happy that 'Mr. Lightning' stayed away, as a meet of this scale would be impossible to reschedule."

(His Mr. Lightning reference was to a freaky tropical weather system that blew in Friday night with lightning and some rain. The light show in the sky Friday night forced an early halt to the school's Varsity football game with Fresno High, with the game being called and the Pirates ahead on the scoreboard for the win.)

"Our invitational is a non-scoring meet," Coach Ogle said, "meaning no team awards are given. It is, however, highly competitive. The Top-15 in each race earned medals. This year, we introduced middle school races, which followed the high school races."


Junior, Joshua Bell of Templeton took

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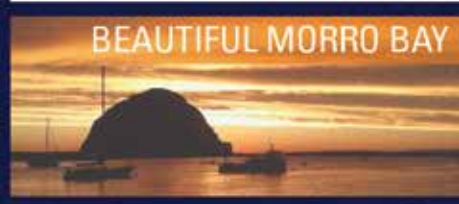
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the boys Varsity race, covering the 2.63-mile course in 14-minutes and 53.6-seconds. Junior, Josiah Delgadillo of Clovis High was second in 15:18.4.

Of note, Coast Union senior Oliver Trujillo ran 23:03.3 and senior Luke Smith in 23:15.8.

In the Girls Varsity Race, junior Nicole Bridges of Liberty Union, who was a State Meet medalist last year, ran away with the race, leading from wire to wire and posting an 18:28.2 time. Second place went to Madera South junior, Jimena Rivera in 19:11.8, with third place going to Paso Robles senior, Sydney Moore in 19:17.

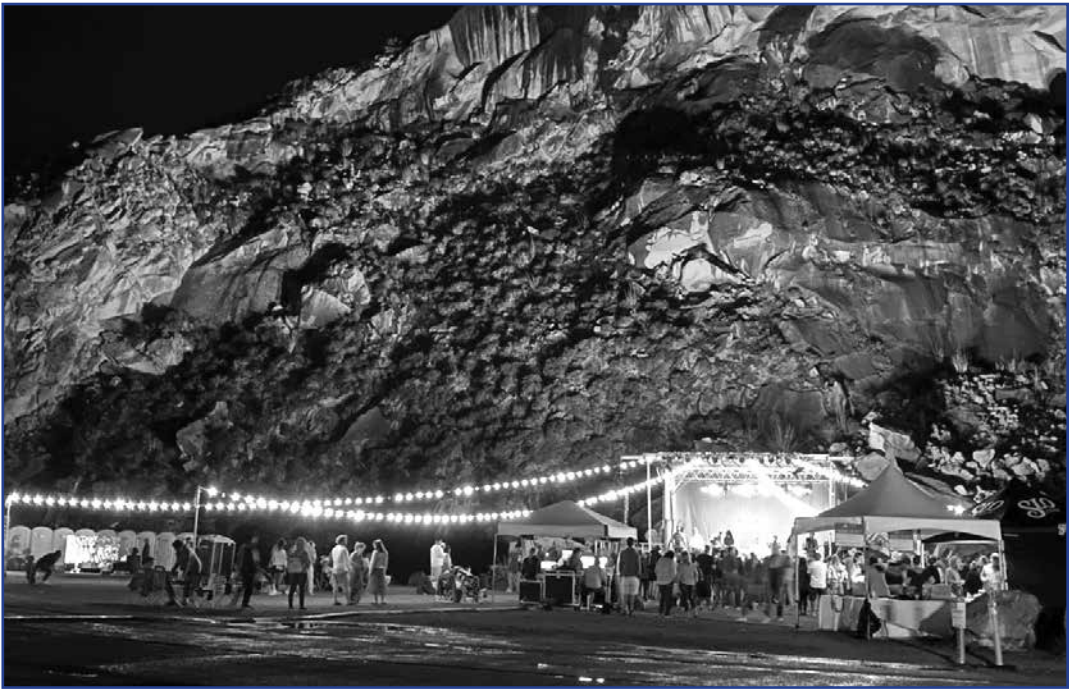
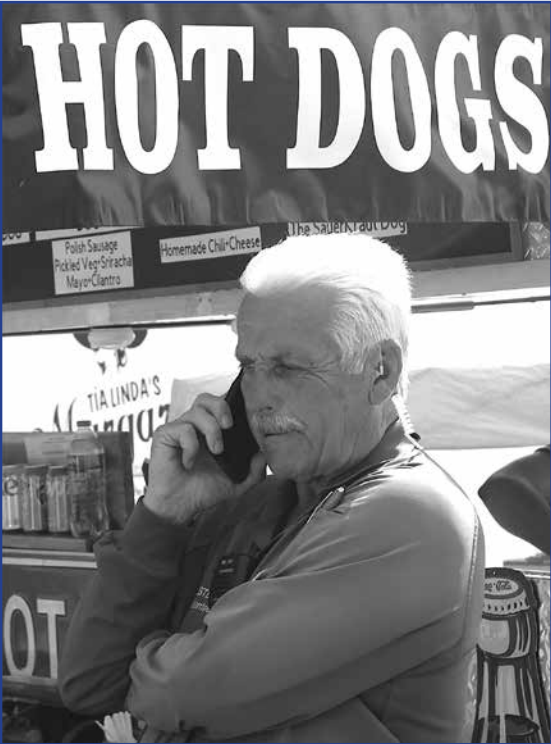
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Michael (Mike) and Sandra (Sandi) Tannler met in Oak-grove, Oregon, fell in love, and eloped on September 15, 1972.

Soon after they were married, they moved to Fresno after Mike took a job with Fresno Truck Center where he had a successful career in sales until he retired. They wel-come their daughter Mary in 1974. When Mary started her addiction to horses, Sandi became a realtor and also had a very successful career.

Mike and Sandi retired and moved to Morro Bay in 2007 where Mike volunteered for the Morro Bay Police Department for many years. Sandi has served as president of the Estero Bay Republican Women and a board member of the Central Coast Taxpayers Association. She continues to serve the community as a volunteer at St. Elizabeth of Seton church.

Both enjoy golf — Mike plays at least twice a week and Sandi watches the golf channel all the time.

Make Training Fun, Not Traumatic

A Dose of Good Dogma



By Lisa Ellman

A new client and her dog were left exhausted, anxious and, literally, shaken. A week prior she had hired a trainer that had put them through a 2.5 hour indoctrination session. Her dog had previously had no problem spending time in his crate, but now would not go near it. Whatever happened during that training clearly was not productive, comfortable or enjoyable for either one of them.

If you're uncomfortable with what is happening with/ to your dog, or if a trainer makes you feel uncomfortable or intimidated in any way, you are permitted to, and should, stop the session. It's ok to do that. If you were getting a massage and the person kept hurting you, you would stop, right? You don't want to be paying someone that makes you feel uneasy or stressed. The training should make sense to you. The trainer should explain why they are doing what they're doing, so that you understand how it will affect

the dog's behavior in the future. It's ok to ask questions, in fact, it's vital. For example: Why are they using a particular method to resolve a certain behavior? Have they ever used/ tried any other method? Why doesn't such and such work instead? The trainer should ask if you have any questions.

When I meet with people I want to sit down and assess their situation before I do anything with the dog. I've had people get quite emotional because they know that if the training isn't successful, they will have to rehome their dog, or worse. I need to connect with the human before I connect with their dog. I also ask my clients to prepare a list of goals; what do they want to accomplish today, what other behaviors come up in daily life that should be addressed?

Once the actual "training" begins with the dog, I need an idea of the dog's temperament and personality traits. That means I have to now connect in some way with the dog. Food, toys, voice, strokes, a walk...whatever it takes. I get a feel for what the dog enjoys or is fearful of. Although I do work with clickers, they can sometimes frighten a dog, so they go back into the bag. The same can happen with E collars. Sometimes the dog is too sensitive temperamentally for a buzz or shock; doing damage emotionally and trau-matizing the animal. I don't try to desensitize at that point, I find different approaches that make the dog happy doing something for me. If the dog has fear issues, building their confidence is a great way to alleviate that. It doesn't have to be about sending the dog to their "place" and leaving them there. It can be about having someone else take them for a short walk with lots of treats, or teaching stay and going out of sight, practicing tricks as new behaviors instead of the everyday sit, down or come.

Use fun activities to train: agility, nose work, swim-ming, play. The more fun it is for the dog, the more successful the training will be. Turn everyday routines into training time! Try to keep training sessions short, unless you're doing a walk. The longer you work in one session, the more likely it is that the dog will burn out and respons-es become less likely. Try several short sessions through-out the day. You're maintaining consistent practice, while decreasing burnout and boredom. For both of you!

Trainers and owners should have a bag of tricks with different devices, tools, toys, treats and props to address the individuality of each dog they work with. As I've said before, "One size does not fit all."

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Clean Up Week



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**Eric** From page 1

ly responsible roles in the Harbor Department, ultimately promoting to Harbor Director in 2012.”

Endersby was the Chief Harbor Patrol Officer when he got the department head job after the previous director, Rick Algert, retired, becoming just the second department director in over three decades.

His tenure has included steering through some murky waters with regards to management of the waterfront lease sites, and balancing a tight budget with a growing list of maintenance and equipment needs, including replacing patrol boats.

City Manager Scott Collins said, “Eric is an exemplary public servant, and we greatly appreciate all he has done to transform the Harbor over his 30 years with the City. He demonstrated a rare combination of skills and backgrounds in his role – boating, public safety, diplomacy, and a business acumen – in leading the Department.

“We will miss Eric’s leadership, kindness and good humor which helped the department, the executive team and community navigate through the challenges of the pandemic. We are excited for him as he prepares for the next stage of his career.”

Endersby reflected on his tenure with the City, “Winston Churchill once said, ‘We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.’ When I started with the City as a reserve harbor patrol officer, I never dreamed it would lead to a 30-year career of public service.

“While that career has defined my life,” he continued, “it is time to move on to the next chapter. I am deeply honored to have served this community alongside my City brothers and sisters those three decades, and am infinitely proud of the work my Harbor Department team accomplish on a daily basis. Their skill, passion, determination and loyalty are unsurpassed. Thank you all, and thank you Morro Bay.”

Endersby will return to his previous work, of sorts, as he is going to teach a class at Cuesta College in airplane

mechanics. Before he hired on with the City, he was the aircraft maintenance supervisor for American Eagle Airlines at the San Luis Obispo County Airport.

Finding a replacement has already begun. The City “will engage outside support to facilitate the recruitment process and include the community, harbor professionals, waterfront businesses, and the Harbor Department staff in the process to ensure a good fit in the next director.”

Under the City’s current salary schedule, the Harbor Director’s salary range is from \$146,700 at the low end to \$178,000 at the top end of the scale. The job comes with a full complement of benefits. Of note the salary schedule lists “Harbor Director” as a “sworn” position, along with the police and fire chief.

**South Bay Fire** From page 1

in the 1960s and the second in the 1970s. There was some renovation work done in the early 2000s.”

Munds pointed out that they had asked for money to conduct the inspections with the current fiscal year budget (2022/23), as part of an overall bigger effort to plan for the station’s eventual replacement.

“The purpose of the assessment,” Munds said, “is to provide an assessment of the functional adequacy of the facility in the short- and long-term future. The results of the assessment will be incorporated into the development of the District’s ‘Emergency Services Strategic Plan.’”

The stationhouse was home for decades to the former South Bay Fire Department, which operated independently, funded through special property tax assessments.

When the CSD was formed in the late 1990s, the fire department was moved under the CSD’s umbrella. But just a few years later, the CSD sought fire services under a contract with Cal Fire/County Fire.

It will also give the LOCSD board a snapshot picture of the building’s current state, as well its various components, “particularly with respect to safety, energy efficiency and current building codes, and provides information on the lifecycle and useful remaining life of the building, building elements and systems, identifies and prioritizes major maintenance deficiencies, and provides cost estimates to repair or replace deficiencies.”

While Cal Fire/County Fire manages the staffing as well as the apparatus, the building is the CSD’s responsibility. The assessment will have three goals:

- Identify any major defects or deficiencies in the Station;
- Provide a basis for forecasting funding requirements for capital improvement planning over the next 10 years; and,
- Provide a baseline for setting priorities for the maintenance, repair, enhancement or replacement of the Station and its component systems.”

Replacing firehouses can be an expensive endeavor, costing millions of dollars, however, low-interest funding from the State and Federal Governments has often been used to pay for them.

The City of Morro Bay tapped a USDA rural assistance loan to pay for its new Harbor Street Firehouse nearly a decade ago. Then citizens passed Measure Q, a half-cent local sales tax pledging to use part of that money to pay the debt service. It’s worked out smoothly for that city.

Also, the County tapped the same USDA funding for the community sewer project, but it took an act of Congress — steered through by former Congresswoman Lois Capps — to waive the population requirements for the program. The rural assistance fund is supposed to cut off at population 10,000 and Los Osos is closer to 15,000.

The LOCSD laid out the scope of work the assessment will do — HVAC systems, the roof, the electrical systems, plumbing, building envelop, and structural components, i.e. the foundations, footings, concrete slab, columns, and floor and roof framing, to check for “soundness.”

It should be noted this will be a sight inspection, “subject to grade and visibility of components,” and no excavating will be done.

The engineer’s estimate for the study is \$50,000 but true costs won’t be known until bids come in and a contract is awarded.

“If the most responsive and responsible proposer’s cost is more than 20% or \$60,000 of the estimate of \$50,000, staff will return to the Board for approval of the agreement.”

**Outdoor Spaces** From page 15

These projects are part of the Corporation’s ongoing outdoor campus enhancements that include the Food Truck Village in front of Mott Athletics Center; new seating, tables and umbrellas along Mustang Way; and Adirondack-style seating at Dexter Lawn. In addition to donating funds, Cal Poly and ASI are assisting with the maintenance and upkeep.



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Papagallo and Chablis? He also helped create the Monterey Jazz Festival and earned “Dixeyland Monterey Musician of the Year” performing regularly with Ryan’s Raiders. He’s shared jazz festival stages with Louis Armstrong, Firehouse Five, Dukes of Dixeyland, etc. etc. In the 60s-70s, he toured nationwide with Mike Vax’s Great American Jazz Band.

Ryan used to play 30 festivals a year, but now chooses to stay closer to home accepting one or two jazz festival invitations annually. “There are Rolls Royce music festivals,” Ryan explained to me back in 2006. “Monterey, Sun Valley, Mammoth Lakes.” New Orleans is a favorite. Ryan is asked to organize and sit-in with the all-stars and is, himself, a notable all-star.

Ryan’s parents started vacationing in Morro Bay in the 1920s. He chose to live here more than 60 years ago. “I love the design challenges at Goofy Graphics and working with my daughter, Gwen. She runs the business and lets me go off and play.”

MBMM is honored our all-star Gary Ryan agreed to step up for MBMM and play his banjo at Rock the Waterfront 2022. Note: Tickets are limited to 150 and going fast.

Thirty-five years ago, artist Paula Radke moved from Santa Barbara with her two sons. Life had been on the road at trade shows. She created her first glassworks gallery in Harmony, 1986-92. “It was so much fun there then,” she said. Moving to Morro Bay, her shop was on Main Street until COVID hit, then she made the move to the Embarcadero.

“I really like being part of the waterfront,” she said, but quickly



Paula Radke of Today Paula Radke Art Glass with the trophy she designed for the upcoming Maritime Family Fun Day blueberry muffin blind tasting contest.

realized her glassworks art and jewelry wouldn’t fill her Marina Square storefront, so she invited “my artistic friends to join me.” Today Paula Radke Art Glass (www.paularadke.com) showcases a gallery of 43 artisans.

“I finally feel at home in Morro Bay,” Paula said. “I love working side-by-side my neighboring shop owners. I’ve found it’s all about the people who walk in and surprise me every day. One day I had a girl looking at a gourd. ‘What is that?’ she asked. ‘My grandmother in Ethiopia had them. I didn’t know I could grow them.’ Paula realized her gallery could spark deep connections and even greater treasured memories.

“I’m always surprised when I hear people talking while still outside looking in. ‘I have to have that piece,’ they’ll say. They won’t ask how much or who the artist is. If what they want is mine, my thoughts go to ‘someone wanted what I created.’ That’s acceptance for an artist.”

I surprised Paula one day and told her about MBMM’s Maritime Family Fun Day. One of the events is a blueberry muffin blind tasting contest among four local bakeries. I asked her if she might design and donate the perpetual trophy. “Yes,” she instantly agreed. “I could have some fun with this.”

Her amazing blueberry muffin art glass trophy is ready for display at the winning Morro Bay bakery. Staff will enjoy a year’s worth of bragging rights. The contest is open to the public from 11:15 to Noon. Taste all four samples for \$1 donation to MBMM. Then vote your favorite and meet-up with artist Paula Radke who will present the winner with her blueberry muffin art glass creation.

Aimee Brantley and Shell Vorhees, owners of The Ugly Mug Ceramics on Main Street, attended school together in Fresno and spent quality time at Aimee’s parent’s vacation home in Morro Bay. Both shared careers with Pepsi Cola of Fresno then discovered their future passion creating ceramic art. They studied weekends at Cuesta College workshops.

Once retired in Morro Bay, they qualified to show their ceramic creations at Art in the Park. They created in a warehouse on Quintana. During COVID, they noticed



Aimee Brantley and Shell Vorhees, owners of The Ugly Mug Ceramics with the trophy they created for the Maritime Family Fun Day Clam Chowder Contest.

their coveted Main Street storefront was available. With retirement savings and help from parents, Dan and Kay Brantley, they remodel and opened October 10, 2020. (www.theuglymug.com)

“We’ve had such a good reception from our experienced business neighbors who help us navigate being a new business in Morro Bay,” said Aimee. “Newer businesses have joined downtown. It feels good that there are others. We’re learning together. We love to hear customers tell us they feel our shop has good energy. When locals find us for the first time, they’ll say how glad they are we are here.”

I was one of the locals to feel their creative energy and knew they produced ceramic bowls so I asked if they might craft a trophy chowder bowl for the Maritime Family Fun Day Clam Chowder Contest.

“Of course, that would be fun,” they instantly agreed. They have created more than a clam chowder bowl. It is a work of art showcasing Morro Bay’s waterfront. “It was the first project we literally designed and worked hands-on together,” they said, proud to participate.

Shell and Aimee will present their trophy to the winning Morro Bay restaurant for 2022 best chowder. It will be on display for bragging rights for a year. The contest is open to the public from 2-2:45 p.m. A donation of \$1 for MBMM buys all four tastes during the blind tasting of clam chowder served up by four of our favorite local first responders, who instantly stepped up.

Musicians, storytellers, shanty singers, oysters and fish tacos, fishy fun and maritime treasure hunts - so many friends of MBMM stepping up to produce this first annual Maritime Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., directly after MB Rotary Club’s 2nd Annual Ducky Derby on Morro Bay. And no surprise, admission is free!



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no-hulls, dinghies/skiffs and standup paddleboards left behind until the owners come back for a day on the water or were abandoned completely.

“Ultimately, it will not be our decision about what happens to the kayaks,” Schmidt said. “I think that it’s fair to say that the situation with the kayaks now is a bit out of hand. We have boats down there that haven’t been used since the last cleanup effort. I think it’s likely the situation will change resulting in fewer boats.”

The non-profit has also discussed raising the watercraft off the land to allow natural vegetation to grow supporting wildlife that feeds or nests in the area.

“This project is a work in progress,” Schmidt said, “and every day something new comes to light. I mean, literally.”

For folks looking to get involved, the simplest way to help is to make a donation to the organization; one hundred percent of which will go towards the purchase price and related costs. Any monies remaining after the purchase will be placed in an endowment to help fund the long-term maintenance of Cuesta Inlet as a public space. Because of their non-profit status, donations are likely deductible, but readers should consult their tax advisor.

Other Ways to Help

Save Cuesta Inlet needs help spreading the word far and wide. They suggest community members host a neighborhood get-together and a steering committee member would attend and talk about their efforts and answer any questions. Similarly service clubs, church groups or other organizations could invite someone from the non-profit to speak at their meetings.

They also need volunteers to staff information tables at the farmers market, Oktoberfest, and other locations. Folks can do their own front yard marketing by purchasing signs in support of fundraising. They are available at \$30 each.

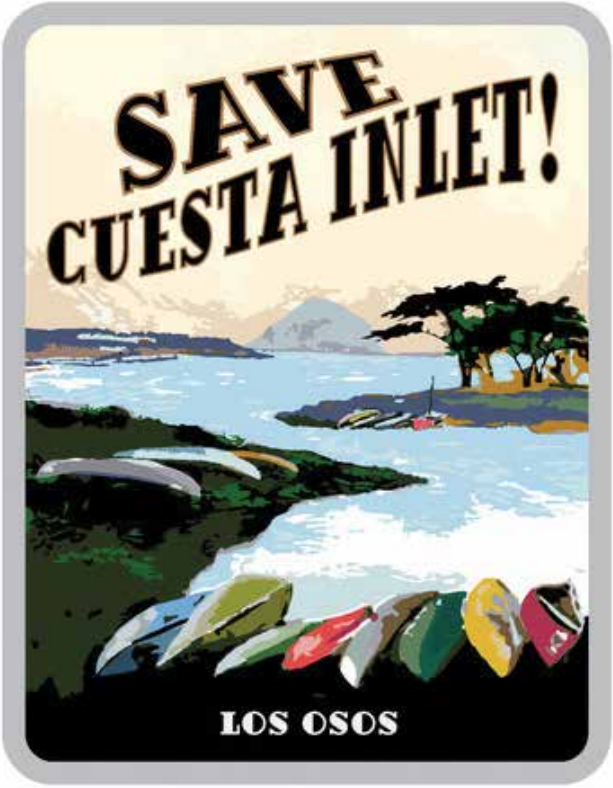
Save Cuesta Inlet is planning a plein air art event and silent auction on November 5 - 6. They are inviting local artists to a paint-out at Cuesta Inlet on Saturday, November 5 followed by an exhibition and silent auction on November 6 at the community center.

A local benefactor is underwriting a Beerwood fundraiser where supporters can purchase a ticket that entitles them to two drinks and two selected food items at Beerwood redeemable by December 31. Tickets are \$100.

The group is also putting together a Pets of Cuesta Inlet calendar featuring pictures of local pets at the property.

“W have had some great submissions of dogs in every possible situation, kayaking, covered in mud, or just being happy dogs at the inlet,” Schmidt said. “We will note pet birthdays or adoption days on the calendar for \$10 each. The price of the calendar hasn’t been set yet, we are waiting for a price from the printer.”

Overall, Save Cuesta Inlet believes they money will be



The Save Cuesta Inlet log designed by Los Ososian, Elizabeth Hale.

raised and the project will move forward.

“Los Osos has a lot of volunteer spirit and a lot of people willing to give it their time,” Schmidt said. “All we need is 2,000 people to donate \$500, and then we can purchase the Inlet and secure public access to it for perpetuity. We have 6000 households, and, I know \$500 is a lot of money, I’m not for a moment saying it’s not, but out of those 6000 households, if we could get 2000 to give an average of \$500, we’d be done.”

That said, donations of any size are welcomed. Local people as well as from areas throughout the county and state and as far as Hawaii have already sent in donations for a total of \$25,000 since the non-profit status was recently announced.

“All contributions are appreciated and valued,” Schmidt said. “This is for everybody. We want everyone to feel like they can participate. They can put their \$5 in kitty, and they will have been part of purchasing this property.

Find information on current Save Cuesta Inlet news, fundraisers and events and become a volunteer by going to the website [savecuestainlet.org](http://savecuestainlet.org) or following the group’s Facebook and Instagram pages.

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woman Dawn Addis finished at the top in the Primary for the new State Assembly seat — Dist. 30 — which is also wide open with no incumbent. If Addis wins, she’ll be the first Assembly member from Morro Bay in decades.

When was the other time that there were no incumbents? That would be 1964, when the City voted to incorporate and in the same election selected the first ever slate of council members.

State Assembly

Morro Bay Councilwoman Addis is running as a Democrat against Vicki Nohdren, a Republican from Carmel for the Dist. 30 Assembly seat. According to her website, Nohdren has been a realtor, and youth director at Presbyterian Church in Carmel. She has also volunteered with CASA advocating for children in the court system and later, a family liaison. (See: <https://electvicki.com>).

Addis is a first term City Councilwoman, co-founder of the Women’s March SLO activist organization, a school teacher and mom (See: <https://dawnaddis.org>).

No matter who wins, it will mark the first time Morro Bay will be represented by a woman since Andrea Seastrand was elected in the early 1990s.

As of the 2020 Census, California State Assembly members represented an average of 494,227 residents, according to the political website, Ballotpedia.org. Assembly members earn \$114,877 a year in salary and \$211 per day in per diem (the Assembly session this year ran from Jan. 3 to Aug. 31)

The redrawn Dist. 30 spans from below and east of Santa Maria northwest through California Valley and north to include the North Coast Communities, SLO, Atascadero, Paso Robles and up the Hwy 101 corridor through Salinas Valley; as well as along the Coastline. The inland towns of Greenfield, Gonzales, and the Coastal Cities of Monterey, Carmel, Santa Cruz and up to near Morgan Hill in the South Bay Area are included in the new Dist. 30 territory.

Coast Unified School District

In the Coast Unified School District Trustee Area 2, Susan Dever, an educator/psychologist is challenging Incumbent Board Member Lee McFarland.

In Coast Unified TA3, Real Estate Broker, Joe Prian is unopposed. Coast Unified includes Cayucos, San Simeon and Cambria.

San Luis Coastal S.D.

There were three seats up in the San Luis Coastal Unified School District race. In TA2, retired public educator, Rob Banfield, is challenging incumbent Jim Quesenberry, a retired teacher and coach.

In SLCUSD TA4, incumbent Mark Buchman is being challenged by parent/teacher Tony Evans.

In TA5, incumbent Ellen Sheffer was unopposed and won’t be on ballots.

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News

Cayucos

At the Cayucos Sanitary District, appointed Div. 1 Director, John Curti, appointed Div. 2 Robert Frank, and long time incumbent Shirley Lyon, were all unopposed.

Cayucos Elementary School District will have one contested seat in TA1, as student/lifeguard, Chloe Phillips, teacher Kerry Friend and incumbent Steve Geil face off.

In CESD TA2 Incumbent Chris Castillo was unopposed and in TA3 consultant Gretchen Ross was also unopposed.

County Supervisor

County Supervisorial Dist. 2 was redrawn for this year's elections to exclude Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo, and Los Osos. It stills covers Cayucos north to Cambria and San Simeon, plus inland to include San Miguel and Atascadero.

Four-term incumbent Bruce Gibson of Cayucos is being challenged by retired physician Bruce Jones of Atascadero.

Of note: Morro Bay and Los Osos were both drawn into different supervisor districts — Morro Bay into Dist. 3 and Los Osos into Dist. 5 — after redistricting following the 2020 Census, and neither will vote in any Supervisor races this time around.

And in case readers were wondering which Supervisor they should complain to or seek assistance from, Morro Bay is now represented by Dist. 3's Dawn Ortiz-Legg, and Los Osos by Dist. 5's Debbie Arnold.

Both will be up for re-election in the June 2024 Primary.

Los Osos

In Los Osos at the CSD, all three incumbents up for re-election were unopposed and therefore won't appear on the ballot, in the first election held with voting districts in place.

Like untold numbers of other California small districts and cities, LOCSD conducted a study looking for pockets of so-called disadvantaged voters, and drew up maps for voting districts.

The action by the CSD board came under the "California Voting Rights Act of 2001" that sought to make sure certain minority populations weren't having their vote diluted by "at-large" elections, wherein all candidates are selected by all the voters.

Switching to district elections was intended to head off any potential lawsuits from anyone who might sue under the Voting Rights Act and collect attorney fees, much in the way attorneys took advantage of the Americans with Disabilities Act rules and regulations to sue business owners and municipal governments and collect millions through out-of-court settlements.

The premise is that ethnic neighborhoods have more voting power and thus better representation when kept together, as opposed to the "at-large" system.

EBN asked LOCSD Director, Ron Munds if he thought the district system is why they got so little interest in the board election?

"I don't think districting made a difference," Munds said. "We didn't have an election last time around either."

The three incumbents who will get new 4-year terms in walkovers are: Charles Cesena in Division 1; Matthew Fowcroy in Div. 2; and Christine Womack in Div. 4.

For Womack, it's the end of a long and winding road, as she was first appointed to a vacated seat, only to have an election snafu and ballot mistake by the former County Clerk invalidate her first election, which led to her running in a special election 2-years ago seemingly to sort out the mess, only to have to run again this year to set the LOCSD's election cycle right. Womack was unopposed in the elections, but the election schedule should be back on track now.

Cambria

At the Cambria CSD, three people are running for director — small business owner, Jim Bahringer, community volunteer Michael Thomas, and registered nurse, Debra Scott.

In the Cambria Community Health Care District, three people were uncontested. Laurie Mileur of Div. 2 and John Melon of Div. 3 will get full terms, and Bruce Mumper will get a partial term.

San Simeon

At the San Simeon CSD, appointed Area B Incumbent, Michael Donahue, Area D's Jaqueline Diamond, a retired educator, and Karina Tiwana were all unopposed.

Candidate Forums

The Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce is planning two council candidate events in the coming days and weeks.

The first is a round table style meet and greet with all the council and mayor candidates from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26 at the Inn at Morro Bay, 60 State Park Rd.

And the second is a traditional candidates' forum moderated by the League of Women Voters and broadcast live on cable and the Internet, set for 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 at the Vet's Hall, 209 Surf St. AGP Video will broadcast the event on Charter Cable Ch. 20 and online on SLO-span.org.

All candidates had been invited to each event by the Chamber but whether or not they confirmed attendance wasn't known before EBN's deadline.

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