The cities of Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo have joined forces and are moving forward with plans to buy and sell electricity, do their parts to battle climate change, and maybe save residents a little money.

The JPA, or officially — “Central Coast Community Energy Authority” — will take part in the State’s “Community Choice Aggregation Program” (CCAP), also known as “Community Choice Energy” (CCE) and take over delivery of electricity to participating customers in their communities.

Simply put, the JPA would scout electricity sources a year ahead of time, entering into contracts that set deliveries and prices and then deliver that energy through the State’s power grid, which in this area is maintained by Pacific Gas & Electric.

In a monthly bill there are two basic line items for electricity — the source and delivery — and just the source would change. PG&E would still charge customers for delivery of electricity, no matter who generates it.

This way the JPA can enact the community’s wishes to buy energy from certain sources, ideally, ones that don’t produce greenhouse gases and exacerbate climate change.
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Morro Bay Trick-or-Treat is set for 3-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31 in Downtown Morro Bay, with the Haunted House from 3-7 p.m. Free
Man Arrested in Stabbing Case

Morro Bay Police arrested a local man for suspicion of attempted murder and mayhem after he allegedly stabbed two people.

According to a news release, police were called at 5:45 a.m. to the 400 block of Atascadero Rd., at the Morro Gardens Apartments for a reported assault. When they arrived, they contacted a 19-year-old San Luis Obispo man who had been stabbed numerous times in the chest, arms and neck.

He was immediately transported via ambulance to the hospital for treatment of “serious” wounds but he is expected to survive. A 19-year-old woman was located nearby and she too had been stabbed during the alleged assault on the male victim, according to police. She too was taken to the hospital for treatment of her wounds.

According to police, the female victim told them the suspect was possibly still at the apartment and arrested the suspect, identified as Jesus Romansoroa, 19 of Morro Bay, without further incident for suspicion of attempted homicide, assault with a deadly weapon, willful infliction of corporal injury, mayhem and endangering a child.

Police said that the female victim was reportedly holding a baby during the alleged assault on the male victim. Police said the infant child was not injured in the fight. According to sources, Romansoroa, is the baby’s father and the female victim the child’s mother.

Police continue to investigate the incident and ask that anyone with additional information on the matter or the individuals involved to call Sgt. Tony Mosqueda or Det. Gene Stuart at (805) 772-6225 Ext. 229. Or contact Crime Stoppers at (805) 549-7867 or online at: www.slotips.org to remain anonymous.

Minimal Fire Damage at MBHS

Damage was kept to a minimum from an accidental fire at Morro Bay High School that was started by adults getting ready for the big Homecoming football game.

According to Morro Bay Fire Marshal Matt Vierra, some parents were inside the science building’s break room at just before 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 when someone placed a plastic tray holding loaves of sourdough bread on top of an electric stove in the room. The bread is toasted and sold at football games by the FFA along with yummy sausages as a fundraiser.

Vierra said somehow a top burner of the oven was accidently turned on and the coils ignited the plastic trays, filling the building with smoke. The flames caught some cabinets on fire as well.

Vierra said when they arrived, the fire had already been put out with an extinguisher. Firefighters killed power to the oven and set up fans to clear the building of smoke.

There were no injuries and the only damage was to the cabinets and from smoke.

That night during Homecoming, the building was cordoned off with caution tape.

The next morning, the school district had a disaster cleanup company on site cleaning up the building.

Correction

An article in the Oct. 11 edition about a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored City Council candidate forum incorrectly characterized Dawn Addis’ position with the school district. In her words “I do professional and program development for principals, teachers, and schools. I am not in the classroom with children. It’s more of a leadership focused position.”

Also, the “sticker” advertisement that was placed on the Front Page photo of the Oct. 11 edition promoting Mayoral candidate John Weiss, and council candidates Jeff Heller and Betty Winholtz should have made clear that it was a paid political advertisement.

As for how a “sticker” turned into a graphic feature, it was our mistake, as we didn’t get the order for the stickers to the printers in time to be printed and placed, so the decision was made to turn the sticker into a graphic element.
Los Osos to Get New Stoplight

Los Osos, which once upon a time had zero traffic lights, will soon get another one at a troublesome intersection.

San Luis Obispo County on Sept. 18 awarded a construction contract to Lee Wilson Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of $345,473 to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Nipomo Avenue and South Bay Boulevard in Los Osos. That’s a T-intersection and can be dangerous due to sight limitations from Nipomo looking south towards LOVR. The contract includes $34,500 in contingencies for a total project cost of $379,973.

“Installation of a traffic signal is warranted based on traffic volumes and collision history at this location,” reads a staff report. “The traffic signal has been planned under the adopted Los Osos Circulation Study and Road Improvement Fee Program.”

County estimates for the total project cost was $601,773 and the County had budgeted a total of $628,000 spread out over several years. Money is coming from the U.S. Highway Administration (federal gas taxes), road improvement fees (paid by developers), and the County road fund.

The engineer’s estimate for the job was $343,240 and Lee Wilson’s bid was 1-percent over at $345,473. The only other bidder, R. Burke Const., came in at $395,070.

New stoplights are a rarity in the North Coast. Up through the early-mid 1990s, Los Osos didn’t have a single traffic light, instead had 4-way stop signs at busy intersections or in some cases, no traffic signs at all.

Even now, the town of some 14,000-plus residents has but seven stoplights — three on South Bay at Los Osos Valley Road, El Moro Avenue and Santa Ysabel Avenue; and four along LOVR at 9th and 10th Streets, as well as Paliades and Doris Avenues.

Indeed, traffic lights are pretty scarce throughout the Estero Bay communities with just three in Morro Bay — two on Hwy 1 at San Jacinto and Yerba Buena Streets; and one at Main Street and Quintana Road — and just one in Cayucos at Hwy 1 and Old Creek Road.

Construction of the new stoplight at SBB and Nipomo is expected to get underway in “Winter 2019” and be done in about 60 days. Motorists can expect delays through the construction zone and might want to avoid the intersection all together.

SLO Seeks Resident’s Goals

The City of San Luis Obispo is asking residents to help decide priorities for the 2019-21 2-year budget.

The City’s 2017-19 goals were: housing, multi-modal transportation, climate action, and fiscal sustainability and responsibility, with Downtown vitality also an important objective.

This year, the City implemented a “Fiscal Health Response Plan” or FHRP, to address “significant financial challenges due to increased pension costs,” reads a news release. “Continuing this progress toward long-term fiscal health, the 2019-21 Financial Plan will emphasize maintaining existing City infrastructure, providing core services, and advancing FHRP objectives [employee concessions, new ways of doing business, operating reductions and new revenues]. Given this, it is critical to have an effective process for setting the most important, highest priority things for the City to accomplish in the next two years.”

The City goals are designed to make San Luis Obispo a better place to live, work, and play. The City Council then matches the resources necessary to achieve these priorities through adopting the budget in June.

Residents are asked to go online and complete a survey, see: www.slocity.org/opencityhall before Sunday, Dec. 16. Surveys will also be mailed with the November utilities bills, and will be available at City Hall and the Senior Center at Mitchell Park.

There will be a public forum from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 at the Vet’s Hall, 801 Grand Ave. Residents will have an opportunity to present ideas and discuss them with other members of the public.

City staff plans to have the goals ready by Feb. 7, when the council will formalize them.
Military veterans hit the waves at Morro Rock on Saturday, Oct. 13, the final day of the Annual Operation Surf, which is put on by a non-profit organization with the help of numerous volunteers, and with the mission to help wounded and injured active-duty military and veterans move forward and cope with their post-war lives through the life-changing sport of surfing. The two dozen vets who took part this year surfed in Avila Beach, Pismo Beach and Morro Bay (and the best waves were in Morro Bay).

Morro Bay Harbor and Central Coast Dragon Boat Association will be the hosts for three days of trials for the U.S.A. National Dragon Boat Team that will compete in next year’s World Championship Dragon Boat competition, set for Aug. 20-25, 2019 in Thailand.

About 70 hopeful paddlers from throughout the U.S. will be on hand from Oct. 25-28 with time trials being held on the bay starting at 8 a.m. at Coleman Beach (across from the power plant entrance).

There will women’s and men’s trials — 26 chosen for each team — with the best paddlers of both teams being selected to make up a mixed team.

The national team is coached by Canadian gold medal winner, Pat Bradley, and the local Dragon Boat team is providing the boats that will be used. Among the trials will be a time trial of 1-person outrigger canoes racing through the harbor and Sunday will be the new teams’ first practices.

And an Emmy-winning photographer-filmmaker will be on hand to film and photograph the try-outs for what is one of the fastest growing sports in the U.S. A documentary film will be produced using photography from the Morro Bay camp.

Dragon Boat Tryouts Friday-Sunday

The Third Annual Haoleween Surf Competition, presented by Libertine Brewing Co., and Pizza Port, is set for Sunday, Oct. 28 at Morro Rock.

Surfers sign up at 8:30 a.m. and will compete for first prize of $200 cash, and second prize $100, plus prizes for best party wave, beach stoke, best costume and more. Costumes are encouraged and boards must be longer 8.5 feet. There’s a mandatory riders meeting at 9 a.m.

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Cayucos Car Show Nov. 3

The 28th Annual Cayucos Car Show is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 on Ocean Avenue in Downtown Cayucos. Free admission.

See some 300 classic and custom cars and trucks on display in one of the last funky California beach towns.

There’ll be a beer gardens, live music, a barbecue at the Vet’s Hall (for car owners only) and lots of chrome.

And don’t forget to get in on the big 50-50 drawing worth hundreds of dollars.
This is the season of friends, family and entertaining! If you’re planning on hosting guests — whether for an entire week of family fun or a one-night celebration — now’s the time to get your home in the holiday spirit.

“Preparing a home for the holidays doesn’t have to require adding extensive decorations or undergoing a total remodel to update favorite spaces,” says Jennifer Kis, director of marketing communications for Progress Lighting. “Small changes through lighting can create a festive and comfortable environment with minimal effort and investment.”

Here are three easy tips to try:

Update Entryways and Foyers. Your entryway is your opportunity to make an exceptional first impression and set the tone for the rest of the interior. Add drama to your foyer with a grouping of striking, oversized pendant lights in lieu of a traditional chandelier.

Pay Attention to Shared Spaces. Popular spaces where friends and family are likely to gather most during the holidays include great rooms, living rooms and dining areas. A large statement chandelier in a common living space creates a focal point and also ensures there is enough illumination for card games, movies and coffee and cocoa by the fireside.

Illuminate Walkways to Enhance Curb Appeal. Simple outdoor lighting techniques can improve a home’s appearance and also offer functional features during the holidays and beyond. Added illumination will improve safety and enhance security, while bringing a new bold look to the front of your home. To create instant curb appeal, hang a large lantern on either side of your front door, or install a post lantern at the front of your walkway.

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**Arroyo Grande**

- Oct. 21: Watch those $100’s y’all. Two were passed at the Mobil station on Grand.
- Oct. 21: Police were called to Starbucks concerning a woman making a ruckus. She was arrested for driving under the influence of more than a double-shot of espresso and with open alcohol.
- Oct. 21: During a traffic stop, a driver was found to be under the influence and in possession of suspected methamphetamine.
- Oct. 20: A woman who had moved out of a place on the 100 block of Wood Pl., was back and refusing to leave. She was arrested for possession of a firearm.
- Oct. 19: There was insufficient evidence to support a woman’s claim that a palm tree and a bench were stolen from in front of her residence on 21st St. Must be the case of the missing hole.
- Oct. 15: You have to know when to say “enough…” A man stopped for reckless driving on the 1100 block of Branch was of course found to be under the influence of alcohol. To make matters worse, he resisted arrest by thinking he might still get a ride.
- Oct. 12: At 8:26 a.m. officials at Morro Bay High School reported a possible case of someone making threats against people at the school. Police documented the matter and had an extra presence at that night’s Homecoming football game, too. But it was apparently, thankfully, a hoax.
- Oct. 12: Sometime overnight, some slime ball broke a car window in the 400 block of Atascadero Rd., and stole a wallet’s worth of alcohol that he foolishly left in the car.
- Oct. 11: Once again some anarchist scofducked into a City owned truck and stole some unidentified taxpayers’ property while the truck was parked down on the Embarcadero. The usual wharf rats are likely suspected.
- Oct. 11: Police responded at 1:30 p.m. to Kodiak for a domestic disturbance. Logs indicated police arrested a 55-year-old grizzly louse for alleged battery of his spouse.
- Oct. 11: Police and fire responded at 2:30 p.m. to Morro Bay Blvd., and Main for a car crash-up. Logs stated, “TRAFFIC COLLISION NEG INJURY.”
- Oct. 11: Police documented a strange but not totally unexplained report of “remains recovered while excavating on the beach,” at the project to remove undersea loading pipes, as the power plant continues to unleash its mysteries.
- Oct. 11: A citizen in the 2400 block of Main told police that an unknown ruffian tried to extort money from him through lies and when that didn’t work, by threats of violence. Police made note of it.
- Oct. 10: Police responded at 8:30 p.m. to Tognazzini’s Dockside Restaurant on the Embarcadero, where a woman said some sneak thief stole her purse. No word on whether it was before or after she paid for dinner.
- Oct. 10: Some unknown graffitiod tagged the restrooms at Cloister’s Park.
- Oct. 10: Police tried to stop a suspicious vehicle at 1:15 a.m. on Main Street. Logs indicated the woman driver apparently tried to take off but eventually stopped, as she was arrested for suspicion of resisting arrest, evading a police officer and driving on a suspended, which explains a lot.
- Oct. 8: At 16:10 p.m. police responded to a reported assault, at an undisclosed location in town, where they arrested a 56-year-old Squit for suspicion of resisting arrest and being filicpated in public.
- Oct. 8: Someone found a wallet with ID inside at Morro Rock and turned it over to police. On the other hand a citizen in the 2800 block of Ironwood had his or her identity stolen and the racketeer took out a loan in their name.
- Oct. 8: Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 3:30 p.m. in the 900 block of MBB and the all star driver was arrested for suspicion of being high and schnamhammered behind the wheel.
- Oct. 8: Someone turned in a firearm for police to destroy.
- Oct. 8: Some poor schmoe had the license plate stolen off his or her car parked in the 1100 block of Embarcadero and now they’re sentenced to death at the DMV.
- Oct. 2: Police responded at 11:15 a.m. to the 300 block of Pico for a report of threats and brandishing a deadly weapon.
- Oct. 2: Police took a late report of sexual battery that allegedly occurred Sept. 21. A report was sent to the D.A. for charges.
- Oct. 2: A regular customer turned herself in at the police station, as the 55-year-old scowl had five bench warrants.
- Oct. 2: An innocent vehicle parked in the 1100 block of Embarcadero outside GAFCo., was vandalized sometime overnight.
- Oct. 1: Police took a missing person report in the 800 block of Pacific.
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**Morro Bay**

- Oct. 14: At 11:45 a.m. a car crash at Quintana and MBB in that infernal Roundabout.
- Oct. 13: Police contacted at familiar fellow at 10:56 p.m. at some undisclosed location in town. Logs indicated the 22-year-old was nicked for allegedly being higher than the stacks on drugs.
- Oct. 13: Police responded at 1:42 p.m. to a house of God in the 400 block of Piney Way where some sinner stole a purse from the church rummage sale, as someone apparently wants to go straight to Hell.
- Oct. 13: Police responded at noon to Harbor Street at City Park for some ruckus. Logs indicated a 53-year-old bent fellow was so drunk he was pounding on the side of a bus and thinking he might still get a ride.
- Oct. 13: Police towed away an offensive red scooter with no license parked too long on Birch.
- Oct. 13: Police responded at 10 a.m. to the 500 block of Main and checked out an elderly citizen who checked out permanently from the Morro Del Mar Senior Apartments.
- Oct. 12: Police are investigating some undisclosed narcotics case in the 3200 block of Main at the Allan Arm Apartments.
- Oct. 12: Police contacted a familiar fellow at 4:35 p.m. at Main and Surf. Logs indicated the 44-year-old rascal had three bench warrants and was shuffled off to Buffalo.
- Oct. 12: A woman on Shasta Avenue told police “she was inappropriately touched by a known subject” while she was “undergoing physical therapy” at McToss gains another victim. Detectives will follow up in the case.
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**Pismo Beach**

- Oct. 16: Some ratfink stole surfboards at Morro Rock.
- Oct. 16: Extra patrols were requested on the 1200 block of Cypress in the evening hours concerning a man who jumps the fence and hangs out on a patio. Speaking of hanging out, he also reportedly urinated on the building.
- Oct. 14: Extra patrols were requested on the 300 block of Palomar for a man sitting in the caller’s sister-in-law’s car. Nothing appeared to be stolen.
- Oct. 14: A large group of kids with a large amount of alcohol were reported to Dinosaur Caves Park. Everything checked out okay and no alcohol was found.
- Oct. 14: Two males dined and dashed at Denny’s. They ended up coming back and paying the bill.
- Oct. 12: A caller on the 700 block of Vista Pacifica reported sprinklers being on for 4 hours. The caller didn’t know if anyone was home. The sprinklers were turned off.
- Oct. 12: A woman urinated in front of Guess at the Outlet Center and then proceeded to brush her teeth. She was a tourist apparently from some boorish country where public urination is encouraged.
- Oct. 12: A caller on the 300 block of Porter arrived home to find a disoriented woman with an open container sitting in front of her residence.

**San Luis Obispo**

- Oct. 18: At 6 a.m. someone in the Marsh Street parking garage asked police to check the welfare after they heard someone doing something for some unknown reason, a.k.a. a San Luis Obispo looney fency.
- Oct. 18: Someone at Embassy Suites called at 5:25 a.m. because he or she found a Rite Aid bag filled with clothing and a stash of the evil weed, which the police of course won’t give back.
- Oct. 18: A citizen in the 1100 block of the 1700 block of Shell Beach Rd., after a caller reported that someone had been guzzling hooch and was flat on the floor of a business.
of Foothill called police at 4 a.m., because some ding-a-ling played dong-dong-ditch four times in the past few moments.

• Oct. 18: Police were called at 1:12 a.m. to the 700 block of Higuera for a suspicious devil at Heavenly Couture.

• Oct. 18: At 1:19 a.m. a motorcyclist called police from the 1000 block of Olive and said he was about to hit the highway when he hit a traffic lane marker crashing his bike and hitting the pavement instead.

• Oct. 18: Dispatch got an apparent 9-1-1 butt dial at 1:22 a.m. from the 900 block of Monterey. Nothing but music could be heard over the line. In an unrelated matter, someone called at 12:26 a.m. from the 200 block of California and said a car alarm was going off on a vehicle that just drove by.

• Oct. 17: Someone in the 300 block of Christina reported a loud party at 11:03 p.m., but it was not a violation as it was apparently sufficient to be heard.

• Oct. 17: Someone reported a tan RV parked in the 1000 block of Montalban at 1:19 p.m. with a bunch of trash strewn about. Some nomadic pigpen’s night was pipped at the post and he got tossed in the clink for a warrant.

• Oct. 17: At 9:42 p.m. in the 300 block of Santa Rosa next to Jack in the Box, someone asked police to check the welfare of a man laying on the sidewalk with a pillow.

• Oct. 17: At 9:30 p.m. at Cuesta and Cerro Romauldo, someone reported a white male transient with white hair wearing dark clothes going through the recycle bins. Raggedy man escaped.

• Oct. 17: A woman called at 8:45 p.m. from the Las Delicias Apartamentos, 12900 block of LOVR, and said her car alarm went off and she ran out to find a window smashed by some unseen fiend. Police started a report.

• Oct. 17: At 8 p.m. a woman in the 2200 block of Emily told police she’d gotten into a fight with her 17-year-old daughter but the apparent hellion has calmed down now.

• Oct. 17: Police responded at 7:42 p.m. to a report of a transient man who’d apparently run out of gas and passed out on the side of the Chevron.

• Oct. 17: Someone apparently crashed into an outdoor staircase at the Park Highland Apartments on Augusta.

• Oct. 17: A citizen in the 1900 block of Oceanaire asked for extra patrols in the neighborhood because her house backs up to the creek and that’s where those homeless people like to camp.

• Oct. 17: An apparently offended citizen called at 5:15 p.m. from Santa Rosa Park and reported some boorish zhub had just urinated by the children’s playground and still had his knickers down ’round he’s knees.

• Oct. 17: Police got a 9-1-1 call at 4:11 p.m. from a man on Prado Road who said he believes he sees bones in the concrete at the Bob Jones Trailhead.

• Oct. 17: At 3:49 p.m. police were called regarding a near-miss pedestrian vs. vehicle accident, where the pedestrian took off and the woman driver wanted it documented that she tried to stop him.

• Oct. 17: Police were called at 3:15 p.m. to the Damon Garcia sports fields because five transient squits were blocking the sidewalk.

• Oct. 17: Police were called at 3:11 p.m. to the 700 block of Higuera because some dingus was screaming gibberish down in the creek behind Novo.

• Oct. 17: Police responded to the 1000 block of Broad at Shift Hair salon where some disoriented lady said she couldn’t find her car.

• Oct. 17: Home Depot reported at 1:52 p.m. that a shoplifter just ran from the store and was rushing towards TJ Maxx.

• Oct. 17: At 12:21 p.m. a citizen called from the 1600 block of Fairview to complain about high school hot rods spinning donuts in a vacant dirt lot, in this week’s example of why we need SWAT.

• Oct. 17: At 11 a.m. someone reported a man whizzing in the bushes at Conserve Fuel on Santa Rosa, a violation of the muni codes of decency.

• Oct. 17: Police were called to the Delta Sigma Phi Frat house in the 200 block of California for a reported burglary, but the call was canceled and the victim said he’d come to the station house, can’t have the police sniffing around the crib now can we?

• Oct. 17: At 10:45 a.m. police responded to a disturbed transient fellow in the 300 block of Santa Rosa yelling at passing cars and customers outside Lombard’s Stereo.

• Oct. 17: At 9 a.m. in the 800 block of Industrial a woman was reportedly yelling at herself.

• Oct. 17: A woman called at 9:42 a.m. from Rabobank on Broad and told police that a customer’s ex-husband is harassing her.

• Oct. 17: At 9:26 a.m. someone complained about 8-10 transient men and women drinking hooch and whooping it up. Police cited them, so they’re in trouble now!

• Oct. 17: A citizen in the 1100 block of Olive told police that some transient swine has been pinchin’ a lobe right outside of his house apparently for the past several days.
For years many people have advocated for Morro Bay to build a state-of-the-art boatyard to provide a local spot to maintain the boats in the harbor, and as a means to increase the economy of the working waterfront.

And a somewhat reluctant City Council recently gave the go-ahead for the next step in the process — to find a firm to conduct a financial feasibility study.

Some council members were supportive, Harbor Director Eric Endersby said, and others asked, “Why bother?”

In April 2015, Lisa Wise Consulting completed the “Morro Bay Boatyard and Haulout Facility Market Demand Analysis,” which found strong local support for a boatyard and a potential local customer base of some 269 vessels/owners with gross revenues estimated between $1.1 million to $2.3 million a year.

But that study didn’t look at the economics per se, rather, just if there was potential business for a boatyard.

While there is one small boatyard in the harbor now, it can only pull one boat at a time and its hoist capacity is limited. Another boatyard in Port San Luis is also limited in what it can do.

The travel hoist in PSL can haul and launch boats up to about 35-feet in length.

The financial study would take the project up to a “conceptual stand point,” Endersby said. He hopes the study will cost about $20,000-$25,000 but was authorized to spend as much as $40,000 by the council. He would pay for it out of Harbor Fund reserves.

There’s been more work done on the idea of a boatyard. In December 2015, RRM Design Group of SLO drew up two concept design options to see how a boatyard, maritime museum and public parking might fit into the Triangle Lot and immediate environs.

“Option A,” which was endorsed by the Harbor Advisory Board, concluded that a 10-space boatyard and associated facilities, about 3,200 square foot maritime museum and associated outdoor vessel display space, and still have 37 public parking spaces could all fit on that roughly 1-acre lot.

That RRM design called for building the haul out facility south of the South T-pier near the end of the Beach Street docks, then building a reinforced concrete travel path that goes across the Embarcadero and turns left up Front Street to the Triangle Lot, where the boatyard itself would go.

With perhaps a 100-120-ton hoist, the path it takes from the water’s edge to the boatyard must be highly reinforced concrete to carry all that weight.

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City to Study Boatyard Feasibility
By Neil Farrell
That concept design included reconfiguring the street parking along Embarcadero north of Beach Street including some “back-in” parking spaces, a design that is not currently used in Morro Bay, which mostly had parallel parking, but it is used elsewhere and has some advantages over “head-in” diagonal parking especially with regards to not having to blindly back out of a parking space into traffic.

As for how much the project—including a haul out structure, travel hoist, and fenced and secure boatyard and more—might cost, Endersby said Harbor Advisory Board member Ron Reisner, a marine surveyor by profession, had estimated $3.5 to $4 million based on other facilities that he’s familiar with.

“It’s not a horrifying amount,” Endersby said, “but it’s not cheap. I’ve always felt that if we said, ‘Here’s the lot, the path and permits now go build it,’ that it would be hard to find someone willing to do it, because the infrastructure costs are so much.”

Instead he sees the City building the infrastructure and then bringing someone in to operate it. But where’s the Harbor Department going to get $4 million? “Grants,” he said. “We got $1 million for the ice plant. There’re federal grant programs, USDA, Coastal Conservancy, and even transportation grants available.”

Federal transportation granting agencies consider boats to be modes of transportation, he said, and boatyards to be necessary facilities.

He planned to send out a request for proposals right away to do the feasibility study and get the ball rolling.

And they’re still looking at siting a boatyard in the Triangle Lot located at the north end of the Front Street parking lot. That 1-acre lot, which the City acquired for free from power plant owners Dynegy, Inc. (now called Vistra Energy) is quite popular, with several potential uses being eyed.

The Council previously gave the nod to carve out a piece of it for a boat and marine storage yard, large enough for 50 spaces, which could bring in up to $60,000 a year if all the spaces were rented out at $100 a month. The boatyard concept also includes storage space, as a means to get year-round revenues.

The Morro Bay Maritime Museum just opened a small exhibit building at the entrance to the Triangle Lot, and has three of its historic boats on display with a fourth boat, the Spindrift, yet to be restored and put on display, and the organization still hopes to some day build a large museum building in that same lot.

The Historical Society, which tried to move the old Finicky Fish boat building to the lot for a museum and visitor’s center and save it from demolition, would like to build a facility somewhere, possibly in the Triangle Lot.

The Salinan Tribe is also looking to establish a historical display at the southern edge of the Triangle Lot though the location for that likely wouldn’t interfere with other proposed uses.

And City Hall still wants the lot for public parking, which is what it’s mainly used for now.

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**Morro Bay Trick-or-Treat, Oct. 31**

The 5th Annual Morro Bay Trick-or-Treat is set for 3-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31 in Downtown Morro Bay.

Start the candy trek at Grandma’s Frozen Yogurt, 307 Morro Bay Blvd., and pick up a free map of participating merchants.

The Police Department will again put on a Haunted House from 3-7 p.m. (located at 850 Morro Bay Blvd.), there will be a photo booth, the White Caps Band will perform, the haunted trolley will roll through town, and there’ll be bounce house, face painting and more at MBB and Main Street.

Organized by Downtown merchants, the event is sponsored by the City Recreation Department, Chamber of Commerce, Shoreline Calvary Chapel and numerous participating businesses.
The 28th Annual Cayucos Car Show is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 on Ocean Avenue in Downtown Cayucos. Free admission. See some 300 classic and custom cars and trucks in one of the last funky California beach towns. There’ll be a beer gardens, live music, a barbecue at the Vet’s Hall (for car owners only).

The 20th Anniversary Cuesta Vocal Jazz Festival is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Moossi Cultural and Performing Arts Center at Cuesta College, 7201 S. Cambria Hwy 1 Campus. Tickets are $15-$20 and available online at: tickets.cuesta.edu or call (805) 546-3198. Headliner act is “Groove For Thought,” one of the hottest jazz groups today and winners of the NCA’s talent on stage, “Sing-off.” Also featuring “Voce,” Cuesta’s premier vocal jazz group.

Six-piece, roots music band, Sideline, hailing from Raleigh, N.C., will play at Last Stage West on Hwy 41 between Morro Bay and Atascadero from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. No cover charge, and LS&W has great barbecue vittles and adult beverages. Sideline is Steve Dilling on banjo, Skip Cherryholmes on guitar, Jason Moore on bass, Bailey Cee on guitar, Troy Boone on mandolin, and Donnie Faggett on vocals and harmonica.

Seattle-based electro-folk music quartet, Kuinka, will play the Siren in Morro Bay on Sunday, Nov. 11. Tickets are $12 and available online at: ticketfly.com or at Boo Boo Records in Downtown SLO. The Siren is located at 900 Main St., Cambria. MB Wine Cellars tickets are $20 and available online at: www.paintedskystudios.com or call (805) 927-8330. Painted Sky Studio is at 715 Main St., Cambria. MB Wine Cellars is at 845 Embarcadero. Tickets are $10 at the door. Show runs from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Rose will be backed by Paul Griffith on drums, Dylan Johnson on bass and Bill Dakin on the upright bass. See: www.mbbrowny.com for information.

Originals in Bluegrass for over two decades, Bluegrass music’s rich and vibrant history has always been the driving force for Sideline. The band recently took part in the Tales of Age Tour playing locally, up the West Coast to socialize and make music in the style of those who first settled SLO in the 1800s.

The Allan Hancock College Singers and the San Luis Obispo County Chorale will celebrate Ludwig van Beethoven with two performances of the composer’s “Mass in C Major” set for Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 3-4. In Santa Maria and Arroyo Grande. The first concert will be at 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 at First United Methodist Church, 311 S. Broadway in Santa Maria; and then at 3 p.m. Nov. 4 at Grace Bible Church, 100 Rodeo Dr., Arroyo Grande. Choir members have the $10 tickets for sale or at the Hancock Performing Arts Center. Call (805) 922-6966, Ext. 3252, or at the door.

The concerts mark the fifth collaboration between the choir and orchestra, which is directed by Kent Wailin and the first since 2011. The choir will also have Hancock Choir alumni and singers from the St. Benedict’s Choir of Los Osos. Soloists will be soprano Deanna De Leon, Mezzo-Soprano Stephanie Fink, Tenor George Gorridno, and baritone Benito Galindo.
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State Park docents will host “A Brush With the Butterflies,” a free celebration of the Monarch butterfly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Pismo State Beach Monarch Butterfly Grove, 455 S. Dollenner, Pismo Beach. Also, Monarch expert, Jessica Griffiths, will give a talk about the plight of the Monarch, at 12:30 p.m. Free. Docent lectures will be at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Nipomo’s Monarch Old-Time Radio Players will perform the Halloween classic radio play “War of the Worlds” live Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Monarch Dunes Avila Room, 1645 Trilogy Parkway in Nipomo. “War of the Worlds,” based on the H.G. Wells novel, was broadcast by Orson Welles and his Mercury Theatre on Halloween Eve in 1938, and created a panic when many who heard it believed the invasion was real. It has become iconic.

Patti Haines will direct. Founded 4-years ago, The Monarch Dunes Media Club has grown and now records old radio plays monthly, which are broadcast on the Nipomo public radio station, KTGY, 107.9 FM.

The San Luis Obispo County Library is hosting a free program for all ages that explores the culture 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10. The program focuses on “The River Within: plant and natural history.”

The Central Coast Watercolor Society will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30 in the Wesley Room of the United Methodist Church, 1515 Frederick St. SLO. There’s a potluck starting at 6:30 and a members-only “Instant Gallery” show, as paintings will be juried and prizes awarded. For the potluck, bring a dish based on your last name — main dish (M-Z), salads (L), and desserts (A-C). Place settings and water provided. Bring one original painting for the Instant Gallery, matted and/or framed of any size. Prospective members are also encouraged to attend. Call publicity chairwoman, Mari O’Brien, for more information. 

The Nipomo Library, 918 W. Tefft St., Morro Bay. The library, unless otherwise noted, is closed on Sundays. The library, unless otherwise noted, is closed on Sundays. For events that require pre-registration, call 805-929-3994 or email: hlocascio@slolibrary.org for more information.

Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center in San Luis Obispo is hosting a special art show highlighting the struggles and triumphs of mental health issues in conjunction with Transition Mental Health. Some 2-dozen pieces of artwork created by people suffering mental illness are on display at Sierra Vista, 1010 Mission St., San Luis Obispo, through the end of November. The exhibit is free and open to patients and visitors at Sierra Vista.

The 8th Annual Soupbration, a fundraiser for Pacific Wildlife Care, is set for Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Moro Bay
The play, "The Truth Has Changed," by Josh Fox will be performed at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28 at the SLO Guild Hall, on Broad Street in SLO. Tickets are $10 a person and available online at My805Tix.com. The show is sponsored by International WOW Foundation, the supporters of a ballot initiative that would ban fracking for oil and gas in SLO County. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Directed by Ron Russell, the play features original music by Alex Ebert of the band "Chief" by Morgan Jessen, project advising by Nathan Lemoine, Susan Barnes, Kyle Cadotte, and Bonnie Sue Stein, and is produced by International WOW Foundation, Green Gown Productions, and Barrow Street Productions. Learn more about YES on Measure G and read the Measure online at: http://protectslocounty.org

Welcome Home Military Heroes’ 4th Annual Honor Our Veterans fundraiser is set for noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4. This popular event at Black Cat Farms in Arroyo Grande. Tickets are $25 a person and veterans are free, but must make a reservation by calling Cheryl Tolan at (805) 242-0536, or email at cheryl@blackcatfarms.com or (805) 242-0536, (Ext. 3) or email: events@welcomehomenmilitaryheroes.org. No tickets available at the door. There will be live music, silent auctions, a raffle, a military plane and a new writing station for our deployed heroes, Si Tenenberg care packages available for pickup and other activities. You’ll get lunch, iced tea or lemonade to drink and commemorative wine glass. L.T. Col. Dan Dow of the California Army National Guard and SLO County District Attorney will be the keynote speaker. The Gardens at Peacocks Farms is at 2018 Los Berros Rd., in Arroyo Grande.

The RSVP Senior Volunteer Program 55+ has several volunteer opportunities for local seniors to stay active in their communities. Senior Volunteer Services will match your talents and interests with community needs. Call them at (805) 544-8740 for information on any of these opportunities.

• Morro Bay Senior Citizens needs a newsletter editor. Work largely from home using your computer and Internet access. Work with the editor of the Morro Bay Scene Newsletter, the monthly publication of Morro Bay Senior Citizens, Inc. Train with their current editor before she steps down. The Visitor Center needs friendly volunteers for its Visitor Center Lobby and the Exhibit Hall. Volunteers are required to complete 16 hours of basic training by staff, including field trips to nearby locations. Volunteers work a minimum of two 4-hour shifts per month. Volunteers receive complimentary tours at Hearst Castle and other fringe benefits.

• San Luis Obispo Senior Center members need volunteer/caregivers for their office staff on Monday afternoons (from 12:30-4 p.m.) and Wednesday mornings (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). They also need substitutes to cover absences due to illness, vacation, or personal obligations. Responsibilities include greeting patrons, making coffee, counter duties, handling telephone calls, class sign-ups and membership enrollment. Computer skills are not required. Orientation and training provided. Job-sharing is a possible, too.

• Meade Canine Rescue welcomes inquiries and invites people to visit by appointment. Adopters and sponsors are welcome. They always need volunteers who love animals to help with the dogs—feeding and cleaning up Mondays-Saturdays, 1-2 hours per shift. Love and kindness towards animals is the only qualifications necessary.

The SLO Botanical Garden has many projects and events needing volunteers. Some of the volunteer opportunities include gardening, plant propagation, children’s docents, events, office assistance and garden shop sales/visitor greeter. Training on the job is available and docent training is required.

• Central Coast Aquarium of Avila Beach, Consuelo Macaulay, Park Manager, and Dr. prior knowledge of marine science is required, just a love of the ocean and its animals. All training provided. Exhibits Hall volunteers help the public and keep an eye out for unusual or strange life. Opportunities also exist to feed the animals and work the front desk.

• SLO-4-Pups is looking for one or two volunteers each day to help keep the El Chorro Dog Park tidy. Volunteers will also need to keep water bowls filled and refill poop bag dispensers. Bring your dog to work at El Chorro Dog Park in El Chorro Regional Park.
Peacemaking officers from local departments were recently honored “for exemplary community service” by King David’s Lodge, No. 209 F&AM in San Luis Obispo. These individuals, by their zeal and endeavor, have been of significant and outstanding service to their communities, the Masons said in a news release.

Honorees were: Doug Schowalter, a dispatcher with the California Highway Patrol; Det. Caleb Kemp of SLOPD; Ofc. Domingo Flores of MBPD; Dep. Josh Peet with SLO County Sheriff’s Department; Correctional Ofc. Kelly McEwen with the California Men’s Colony; SLO County senior District Attorney’s investigator Cindy Skelton; and, Ofc. Patrick Rockwood of the Cal Poly P.D.

A $250 donation was made in honor of each the peace officers to the charity of their choice. Certificates of Appreciation were presented from California Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham and from the SLO County Board of Supervisors presented by Dist. 1 Supervisor John Peschong. And each honoree also received a framed certificate at the awards banquet in San Luis Obispo. Submitted photo

Jazz Jubilee by the Sea is Oct. 26-28

The “2018 Jazz Jubilee by the Sea” is 3-days of non-stop music set for Friday-Sunday, Oct. 26-28 at five venues in Pismo Beach and Arroyo Grande.

For tickets see the website at: http://pismojazz.com. Tickets are $105 in advance for a full festival pass and $115 at the gate; and day passes are $50 for Friday, $70 for Saturday and $30 for Sunday, which will feature gospel music sets.

Payment is through PayPal and all tickets will be held at Will Call at the Pismo Vet’s Hall on Bello St., with pickup Friday from 3-6 p.m., Saturday starting at 9 a.m. and Sunday from 9-4:30.

The 42nd Annual Jazz Jubilee features a theme of “It’s New Orleans on the Central Coast,” and featuring two bands that have never played a West Coast festival.

One new band features a local girl returning to the Central Coast. The “Shake ‘Em Up Jazz Band” from New Orleans is an all-woman jazz showcase formed in the Big Easy and drawing on the talents of prior Jubilee favorites Los Osos native daughter, Molly Reeves, Haruka Kikuchi and, Chloe Feoranzo, along with new band mates Marie Dixon, Defne “Dizzy” Incirlioglu, and Julie Schexnayder.

New Orleans’ Tom Hook and the Terriers will also return this year. This band last played the Jubilee in 2015. In addition to the usual trio of Bobby Durham, Ed Metz and Hook, they’ve added trombonist Pat Gullatta, formerly of the Black Dogs Jazz Band.

As for venues, the Jubilee returns to Arroyo Grande Women’s Center (Pat’s Place) and A.G. Community Center (Ruben’s Place). Other venues are the newly remodeled Seacrest Motel’s banquet room, Pismo Vet’s Hall on Bello Street, and the main music tent on Addie Street in Pismo will be larger with additional seating. The Jubilee will have shuttle buses running between the two cities connecting all of the venues.

Proceeds help fund the Basin Street Regulars’ jazz camp scholarship fund, and donations made to local high school jazz bands and music programs.

Weinstein explained that a lot has happened since she was last in town (December 2015) including the partnership with EnBW and the revelation that the U.S. Navy considers nearly all of the California Coast as an exclusion zone for missile testing and a safety zone for space launches from Vandenberg AFB.

Interest in the clean energy source is strong in Sacramento. "There's a lot of energy with the ocean," Weinstein said. "You've got wave, tidal and wind."

She explained that in Europe, where offshore wind farms are burgeoning, the water is shallow and the turbine structures can be set on the sea floor, but the West Coast is much deeper offshore and so the turbines will have to float on the surface. Indeed, the site where Castle Winds is hoping to be able to develop is in water about a half mile deep. Floating technology has only recently been tested off the Coast of Portugal.

"Until that technology became available," Weinstein said, "you could not do floatation on the West Coast."

An energy engineer by profession, she said she started working on this idea in 2013.

She submitted an unsolicited bid to the BOEM in January 2016 seeking to lease an area in federal waters, which stretch out 200 miles from shore. The BOEM then sought any other interests and one European company, Statoil, was interested. "That reset the clock," Weinstein said, "and it became a competitive process."

The BOEM and several other Federal and State agencies — the California Energy Commission and Coastal Commission chief among them — have formed a task force to address the issue and come up with a permitting process that would streamline what promises to be an extremely complex system to get a license.

In June 2017, the Department of Defense threw a monkey wrench into the whole idea. Weinstein said the DOD said nowhere on the coast is OK for wind turbines.

"It took a year, to June 2018," Weinstein said. "You've been working with the Defense to possibly offer the sites for a control room and at least one of the stacks for a communications tower and training.

In Germany, they repurposed an old WWII factory into their service facility, "We want to do the same thing with your old power plant," she said. She estimated the wind farm would create 45-75 full time engineering jobs, with operations and maintenance people and boat crews as well. "We don't want to bring 50 Germans here and they do the jobs," she said. "We want to hire local people."

They are getting into offshore wind farms and have "Baltic-1," a 2.3MW turbine that's been operating for some 8 years. "That's our baby," she said. Though it might be 5 years before a permit is granted, the issue is picking up speed.

Just last week, BOEM put out a call for comments on the three California sites along with information on the process to possibly offer the sites for lease. The three sites total some 1,073 square miles of outer continental shelf waters, or 687,823 acres.

The comment period ends Jan. 27, 2019. See: www.boem.gov/California for information, maps and nautical charts, and to sign up for notifications of future developments.

To learn more about Trident Winds, see: www.tridentwinds.com and see: www.enbw.com to learn more about EnBW.
Vote for Dawn Addis
Letter to the Editor:
I met Dawn Addis about 10-years ago and recognized then that she was a leader, willing to work for her beliefs, and able to inspire others to do so as well.
She has since gone on to be the co-founder and organizer of the SLO Women's March and also joined the Morro Bay Finance Committee, to help lead the city towards a new and better, long-overdue sewer system.
She has a plan on how to bring new business to Morro Bay, and will work with a refreshing approach to improve the lives of the residents here.
Check out her website to learn more details at: www.dawnaddisforcitycouncil.com. And, VOTE FOR DAWN!!

Shoosh Crotzer, Morro Bay

Urges Vote for Dawn Addis
Dear Editor:
My name is Kayden and I am a student at Morro Bay High. In the 14 years I have known Dawn Addis, I have found her to respect all views, thoughtfully analyze problems, and conclude with the most logical and ethical solutions.
If I could vote in this election, I would cast my vote for Dawn Addis.
As a senior at Morro Bay High, I'm disgusted by the fact that I've become accustomed to the smell of human waste at my school from the sewer plant.
I also spent my youth playing soccer and baseball under the fog of this smell.
I support Dawn's position on moving forward with the city's effort to relocate the plant.
Dawn also cares about local jobs. I'm going away for college and would love to return to the Central Coast when I finish. However, I'm not sure I'll be able to obtain a job here.
Dawn understands this problem and is committed to improving our local economy.
I'd be honored to cast a vote for Dawn Addis. I am too young, but you are. A vote for Dawn is a vote for the future.
Please make sure you vote by Nov. 6!
Kayden Diodati, Morro Bay

Supports Dawn Addis
I support Dawn Addis for Morro Bay City Council for many reasons, including the fact that, if elected, Dawn would be the only council member who is both a skilled professional and a parent. Dawn has years of experience working with children.
With the retirement this year of Matt Makowetski, the council will lose the only current member of this demographic. Diversity in experience for any perspective is vital for an successful governing body as it seeks to represent all of its constituents.
Morro Bay needs Dawn Addis to be a voice for the generation of residents who are working and raising children in Morro Bay. Their needs and desires may vary significantly, and even be in opposition to those friends and neighbors and Council Members in a later stage of life.

Nicole Dorfman, Morro Bay

P.S. After writing this letter and submitting it to The Bay News, I learned in the Oct 11 edition that Jesse Boron is also a working parent. He did not mention his family at the Chamber of Commerce's Candidates Forum, which was the only election-related event that I know of, where he was in attendance. It is unfortunate that Jesse has not made an effort to connect with voters, tell his story, and listen to theirs, or this letter could have been in support of him as well.

The Right Candidates for Lower WRF Costs
I'm voting for John Headding, Dawn Addis, and Jan Goldman for Morro Bay City Council based on their backgrounds, experience, and leadership abilities.
These candidates also appeal to me because they support the proposed water reclamation facility (WRF) and have pledged to reduce the costs to build and operate it.
I wish the WRF had been built 25 years ago, when the cost for it would have been far less. Instead, the City now has to spend over $1 million annually to operate and maintain an ancient wastewater treatment plant.
And, with each passing year, the cost to build a new plant goes up. Construction cost inflation is now running a little over 4% a year on the Central Coast and interest rates are going up.
Last year, Morro Bay was one of only 12 entities nationwide that was invited to apply for a low interest loan to finance the WRF. If the proposed WRF stays on track, Morro Bay is set to receive a loan of more than $50 million with an interest rate of approximately 3% for 35 years.
Alternatively, if the project is scrapped, the loan goes away and the cost to ratepayers will surely increase with time.
Please join me in voting for these excellent candidates.

Ginny Garelick, Morro Bay
Retired EPA employee

Voting for Dawn
Dear Editor:
I support Dawn Addis for Morro Bay City Council for several reasons.
Dawn is approachable and willing to listen to all perspectives.
Dawn is a working mother with school age kids and will bring that to a council that does not currently represent that demographic.
Dawn is intelligent and able to look at issues with a deep lens. She asks the right questions and does her research!
Dawn cares about making sure we have water security in Morro Bay.
Dawn cares about housing for seniors and the next generation.
Dawn cares about local jobs and wants to grow our economy while keeping our small town feel.
Dawn attended the Citizen's Finance Advisory Committee and understands the need to keep our budget balanced.
I am honored to cast my vote for Dawn Addis in November and I know Morro Bay will benefit from her service.
Thank you,
Kyla Grafton, Morro Bay
Resident
And Cayucos Business Owner

Morro Bay Needs Betty
The City of Morro Bay needs Betty Winholtz on City Council because Betty has a record of being honest, she respects the laws that protect the rights of all citizens, and she is committed to protecting the natural and built environment and to strict management of public funds.
When the City Council approved illegal development of Cerrito Peak, Save the Park with Betty on the board of directors filed a lawsuit to protect that irreplaceable open space and won. Now the Morro Bay Open Space Alliance is working to protect it in perpetuity.
Betty will take a stand against unnecessary studies and reports. For example, there are five siting studies for the sewer plant and two useless Master Plans for it, with no environmental review, that have never been adopted.
Betty will insist on noticed public hearings for amendments of the General Plan as required by state law. During this year the City Council has approved highly contested general plan amendments on its consent agenda, with no environmental review, including the Downtown Strategic Plan and limitation of vacation rentals.
If you think that business as usual in Morro Bay needs to be changed, VOTE for Betty Winholtz for City Council.

Cynthia Hawley, Morro Bay
Environmental protection and land use attorney

Addis Has Needed Skills
I believe that Morro Bay Council candidate, Dawn Addis, has the skills to bring consensus to differing opinions on controversial topics, i.e. the proposed sewer plant, how to resolve needed affordable housing etc.
Right now, Morro Bay is a small town with a big split, one side not feeling listened to, the other side focused on moving ahead.
Dawn has been a united Morro Bay in order to move forward. Vote Dawn Addis to city council.

Susan Heinemann, Morro Bay

Political Demagoguery Invades Morro Bay
During this campaign season for Mayor and City Council, I have attended a number of candidate events, and have listened to candidates and their supporters on our streets, in our parking lots, and at my front door.
I am saddened and disappointed to report that political demagoguery has invaded Morro Bay politics.
Demagoguery is a manipulative political approach that appeals to our worst nature. It isn’t based on reason or on the issues. It is based on stirring up fear and hatred to influence and move us.
Unfortunately, this sad state of affairs mirrors national politics, and was not something Morro Bay experienced prior to the arrival of local political organizers.
Candidates beware. If you are bad mouthing other candidates; and your supporters and door knockers are bad mouthing other candidates; and your political organizer is bad mouthing other candidates — reasoned voters are listening, and you just lost a vote.

Ron Reisner, Morro Bay

Front Page Ad Was Wrong
Is The Bay News intentionally misleading readers, or are you just completely ignorant of the law?
The State Fair Political Practices Commission requires that political advertising in newspapers must be clearly marked as such and must include a disclaimer that identifies who paid for the ad.
The current issue of The Bay News included a blatant promo for three candidates slapped smack-dab in the middle of a front-page photo of the Harbor Festival.
This is so wrong on so many counts. 1. There is no allowable advertising in paid political advertising. 2. It therefore could certainly imply that the Bay News is supporting and endorsing the named candidates. 3. It creates an unfair connection between the Harbor Festival and the named candidates.
And need I mention the poor unnamed man in the photo who is dancing with joy as he eyes the campaign ad? Did he know he was going to be positioned in such a way that he looks as if he’s about to reach out and hug the campaign poster?
It’s time for The Bay News to grow up. Small town funkiness may be “cute,” but there’s no place for “cute” when it comes to politics, finances and potentially the fate of our Government.
The rules that control political advertising were created for a reason. Morro Bay deserves a newspaper that operates under the same rules, regulations and ethical guidelines that professional journalists follow.

Jayne Scott, Morro Bay

Supports Quesenberry, Rodger
As a sitting school board trustee, I want to add my voice in support of incumbents Marilyn Rodger and Jim Quesenberry for reelection to the San Luis Coastal Board of Education.
Throughout the years we’ve served
together, we don’t always agree on specific issues, but I will categorically state that Jim’s and Marilyn’s decisions are guided, first and foremost, by the needs of our students and our communities.

Jim is a retired Morro Bay High School teacher and grandfather of a kindergarten student, and both of Marilyn’s children attended Baywood Elementary, Los Osos Middle School, and Morro Bay High.

Jim and Marilyn are strong advocates for children in poverty, children who have been marginalized, children with special needs, and teachers and classified staff members.

During their service, San Luis Coastal has instituted preschool, provided free lunch and breakfast for all qualifying children, seen that internet access, both at school and at home, is available to all students no matter their income, encouraged difficult conversations about gender identity, worked to provide students and parents with a real voice in District goals, made sure our budget is strong, and been effective watchdogs for Measure D construction spending.

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Teens Supports Dawn

My name is Audrey and I am a student at Morro Bay High School. If I could vote in this election, I would cast my vote for Dawn Addis.

Why does a teenager like me care about City politics enough to vote? Here are three simple reasons:

1. The sewer should be moved away from the beach (and upgraded) to reduce ocean pollution and accommodate water reclamation. Who wants to surf in sewage, and has anyone heard of a drought? If we further postpone, like with all things, my generation will pay the higher price.

2. Water security. I’m an advocate of water conservation, yet I also like to know there will be a water supply to conserve in the future.

3. Fire safety. I’m a proponent of making sure our city does not invest in fossil fuels. No other candidate is even talking about this and I don’t know why.

In short, if I could vote I would vote for Dawn because she thinks for all generations, and her actions show us this.

Audrey McClish, Morro Bay

Chevron, Exxon, and Shell Versus the Citizens of SLO

The citizens of San Luis Obispo County are being subjected to a multimillion-dollar propaganda campaign based on lies. Its focus is Measure G, the citizens’ initiative to ban new oil wells and prevent fracking. The Big Lie (def: presenting an untruth with the intention of deceiving) is that Measure G will shutdown existing oil production in SLO County. The fact is that Measure G was written to clearly and specifically protect existing oil production and maintenance operations and to only ban NEW oil wells. How do I know this? Because it is in black and white in Sections B.8.a and C.9.a of the Measure. I also helped to write it.

Why would Big Oil spend almost $6 million in a lie based propaganda campaign against Measure G unless they had big plans for our County? Does anyone think Chevron and Exxon actually care about us, our health, our water or our economy? Are you offended, outraged, angry at this clear intent to deceive and manipulate? You should be. Their boldfaced lies and arrogance demonstrate for all to see an utter lack of integrity or trustworthiness.

Measure G is here because 20,473 locals put it on the ballot. It is here because we want to protect our precious water resources; we want to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; we want to help slow down global climate change; we want a healthy San Luis Obispo County for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren. If you share these values, then please vote “yes” on G. For accurate information go to YESonMeasureG.org.

Charles Varini, co-founder and chair Coalition to Protect SLO County

No on Measure G

There is no fracking in San Luis Obispo County; and even Measure G supporters admit that the county’s geology doesn’t support fracking. What Measure G will do is shut down existing oil and gas production in San Luis Obispo County, along with the jobs, tax revenue and economic activity it supports.

Measure G would lead to the loss of 230 good-paying jobs directly related to oil and gas production in SLO County - and even more jobs in local businesses that depend on the oil and gas industry. Those jobs are vital to the people who hold them and the families that depend on them. It’s baffling that Measure G activists are willing to sacrifice those jobs to ban something, fracking, that isn’t happening in SLO County.

Oil and gas produced here is consumed here in California not exported abroad. Shutting down oil and gas production here will increase our dependence on imported foreign oil from countries with poor environmental and human rights regulations. Oil and gas produced in SLO County is done so under the highest regulations in the world and provides more than 200 local jobs. Let’s keep it local. Vote “No” on Measure G!

Joanie Brown, San Luis Obispo
# The Choice is Clear!

![Gold Belt](image)

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We are in the midst of an enormously important and somewhat contentious election, the 24-hour news and social media cycle is draining at best, and the Christmas décor is already out at Home Depot. Few are immune to the stressors of everyday life — nor the lethargy that comes with complete darkness at 5 p.m. With the busy holiday season around the corner, many of us have to intentionally make time to take care of our mental and physical health.

While scrolling Facebook I discovered Harmonic Prana’s breathwork, sound healing, and Reiki experience. That’s three healing modalities in one! New to the Central Coast, Jamie Dubin of Harmonic Prana typically holds her events in studios, but on this Tuesday evening I was joined by four other participants at The Hemp Shack — a retail space in SLO.

We set up our mats facing what I will call the sound healing shrine — seven crystal quartz bowls surrounded by embroidered artwork from Peru, rain-sticks, and essential oils. Jamie, who was called to breathwork and sound healing while battling a physical illness, led us through an introduction to breathwork and the seven chakras before having us share intentions for the evening. We passed a crystal and while I held it, I shared that I wanted to bring in peace and calm, especially when I am trying to sleep, and move away from judgement and expectations.

When the time came to “drop in,” we each applied our eye pillows, lying on our backs with our heads facing the bowls. We began the pranayama breathwork — one inhale filling the belly, a second inhale filling the heart, and a relaxing exhale. We practiced this intentional breathwork and also simply relaxed while taking in the sound. If you’ve ever been near a speaker with the bass turned up you know that sound vibrates. The vibration of the crystal bowls interacted with the cool temperature in intriguing ways, or at least that’s what I told myself. We were advised to bring our mat, pillow, and blanket, and I had two of three. I tried to soak in the positive energy in the room, withholding judgment about my floating thoughts. Our trusted leader also administered our choice of hands on or hands-off Reiki healing, and filled the room with the smells of delightful essential oils.

According to Jamie, these practices can support you in working through emotional trauma, anxiety, depression, and other conditions, giving you more focus, confidence, and balance in your life. At the very least, taking an hour or two to lay down with an eye pillow, breathe deeply, hear beautiful sounds, and feel sonic vibrations with others seeking healing and positivity cannot be a bad thing.

I may never completely escape my distracting thoughts, but I am privileged to have the time, space, and resources to cultivate compassion for my whole self — thoughts included. Find Harmonic Prana on Facebook to learn more.

Courtney Haile is a writer and fitness instructor living in San Luis Obispo.

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You've seen them on top of telephone and light poles, in trees, at lakes, streams and our beaches. Often mistaken for a bald eagle, the regal osprey lives throughout our Central Coast. Actually they live throughout most of the world excluding Antarctica and in South America where they are non-breeding migrants.

They live and nest near water as they primarily eat fish diving up to three feet deep to catch their prey, although they prefer shallower water. The osprey is a raptor with a large wingspan that can be about six feet. The osprey is also known as a sea hawk, fish hawk and river hawk. The species is more than 10 million years old and has some unique characteristics other raptors don’t have. Ospreys can close their nostrils when they dive into the water and their outer toe can be angled backwards making it easier to grab and hold onto a fish. If you look close you'll see their legs are a light blue. Ospreys live 15 to 20 years although there are records indicating a bird living over 25.

This bird is perched, drying off (you can see the wet feathers on its chest) after shaking off water from a recent dive.
Morro Bay High School Homecoming
Photos by Neil Farrell

Morro Bay High School crowned its Homecoming King and Queen on Friday, October 12 in a halftime tradition that was a bit different this year. Homecoming Queen was Hailee Revalee and King was Tanner Daugherty (shown with Principal Kyle Pruitt). Homecoming Royalty included Hattie Taylor, Skylar Evans, Camille Sherrod, Grace Hotaling and Revalee.

With the school’s new artificial track just recently completed, no vehicles were allowed to drive on it, so the Homecoming Parade of students had to be a walking parade this year. As for who won the football game, Pioneer Valley spoiled the celebrations.

Halloween Events on the Central Coast

Cayucos Carnival
Cayucos School’s Annual PTA Fall Carnival and Auction is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 at the school on Cayucos Drive. Free admission to the costumed party with lots of fun games, a cakewalk and more.

Oktoberfest
The Los Osos/Baywood Park will be celebrating the 40th Annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Downtown Baywood Park.

The festival is a fundraiser for the Los Osos/Baywood Park Chamber and Kiwanis of Bay Osos.

The day kicks off with a Kiwanis pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. They will be offering all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee for $7 a person.

Morning festivities include the 4-Mile Oktoberfest Fun Run sponsored by Morro Bay High School Athletics. Runners 8 to 79 are welcome to participate, there is even a stroller division. To register or for more information see: www.oktoberfestfunrun.com.

The 13th Annual Car Show will be located near the north end of 2nd Street. Presentation of Car Show winners begins at 3 p.m. in the Beer Garden. There’ll be live music too.

Wine Walk
Adults in Morro Bay can celebrate Halloween early at a Hero’s Wine Walk, from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 at participating bars and restaurants in Morro Bay.

More than 30 businesses are taking part in the event, which costs $20 for an advanced, special ticket that is good for tastings at all 30 establishments. Tickets are $25 the day of the event.

Participants must dress in their favorite superhero (or favorite un-superhero). Over 30 businesses, pubs, bars, and restaurants will be sampling wine, beer, and cider alongside local nibbles. Completely filled-out passports will be entered to win prizes.

See: www.eventbrite.com/e/halloween-pub-crawl-tickets-49236021265 to get advanced tickets. Designated drivers play for free; 21 older only.

Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department. This adult activity will finish up the next morning with a “Morning After Breakfast” at local eateries serving special breakfast deals.

Paso Robles
The biggest adult Halloween party on the California Central Coast is set for 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday Oct. 26-27 at the Paso Robles Event Center (Mid State Fairgrounds, 2198 Riverside Ave.) in the Adelaide Hall. The “Halloween Harvest Costume Ball” is a professionally produced production, dance party, with food, beverages, and a grand costume competition.

General admission tickets are $65 a person, reserved seating $115, which includes roundtable seating by the stage and dance floor, a glass of wine or beer, and tableside service. General admission weekend passes are $115 and VIP passes are $205. Campsites are $75 or $135 for the weekend with hook-ups at first come, first served. Adults, 21-over only. See: www.HalloweenHarvestCostumeBall.com for tickets and information.

Burning James and the Funky Flames will play live on Friday night and DJ Paul Thompson will play non-stop hits on Saturday.

Chief Visioneer and Ringmaster Brad Golden will take guests through a mysterious and interactive Halloween experience, with movie set-caliber props, theatrical lighting, eerie fog and special effects, and more spooky-fun stuff.

Great food plus vegetarian, a full bar with wine, beer, cocktails, and non-alcoholic beverages, will be available inside for purchase.

Costume contests are from 7-9 p.m. each night with judges picking the contestants, and crowd applause picking the winners of $100 top prizes in each category.

Designated Uber and Lyft ride points will be designated and parking is $5 per vehicle. A portion of the take will benefit the North County Chapter of AAUW.

Costumes are required.

Morro Bay
The 5th Annual Morro Bay Trick-or-Treat is set for 3-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31 in Downtown Morro Bay.

Start the candy trek at Grandma’s Frozen Yogurt, 307 Morro Bay Blvd., and pick up a free map of participating merchants.

The Police Department will again put on a Haunted House from 3-7 p.m. (located at 850 Morro Bay Blvd.), there will be a photo booth, the White Caps Band will perform, the haunted trolley will roll through town, and there’ll be bounce house, face painting and more at MBB and Main Street.

Organized by Downtown merchants, the event is sponsored by the City Recreation Department, Chamber of Commerce, Shoreline Calvary Chapel and numerous participating businesses.

The Third Annual HaoIeeween Surf Competition, presented by Libertine Brewing Co. and Pizza Port, is set for Sunday, Oct. 28 at Morro Rock.

Surfers sign up at 8:30 a.m. and will compete for first prize of $200 cash, and second prize $100, plus prizes for best party wave, beach stoke, best costume, and more. Costumes are encouraged and boards must be longer 8.5 feet.

There’s a mandatory riders meeting at 9 a.m. Preregister online for $25 (see: www.libertinebrewing/haoIeeween) or day of the event for $30. Participants also get an event T-shirt and lunch at the Libertine Pub right after the contest.

Pismo Beach
The Pismo Beach Veterinary Clinic is holding its 10th Annual Pet Costume Contest for pet owners and animal lovers throughout SLO County from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 in the clinic parking lot, 900 Price St. The contest is free to enter and judges will award the best costumes with gift baskets worth from $100-$200. The event includes local eats and prizes, and a wealth of pet care information from the Pismo Beach Clinic staff. The public is invited to come down and join in the fun.
Property Taxes Cut Into Smaller Bites

By Neil Farrell

Certain property owners whose tax payments come twice a year in big, hard-to-chew-chunks can now switch to a program that’ll cut up the overall bill in 12, easier-to-swallow bites.

County Supervisors recently gave the go-ahead to promote a pilot program for Los Osos residents who outright own their properties — with no mortgages on them — to sign up with “EasySmartPay” a private company that offers the payment plan for a fee.

Justin Cooley, with the County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer and Tax Collector’s Office explained that the service is like an “impound account” where someone’s finances are handled by a third party, who makes sure bills are paid and divides the overall property tax bill into 12 monthly payments instead a bi-annual bill.

He explained that his office gets a lot of requests to make monthly payments because sometimes it’s hard to come up with the larger, twice-a-year payments, especially for people on fixed incomes and, as in the case of Los Osos, have a big payment like the sewer costs added to their tax bills.

Cooley noted that this isn’t a “County Program” and is a private business arrangement between the company and the taxpayer. “Anyone can use this,” he said. “We’re just going to promote this in Los Osos” as a pilot program.

He said many Los Osos residents, because of the sewer bills, have asked to make monthly payments, and so they chose that community for the pilot program to actively market the service to the approximately 4,600 properties in the sewer assessment district. They plan to send out notices with property tax bills bringing the program to the attention of taxpayers.

“Many property owners have the option to pay their property taxes in monthly installments through escrow services provided by banks owning mortgages,” reads the report, “however, property owners who own their property outright do not have a similar option.” That’s because State Law calls for the biannual payments.

With a big bill like the sewer debt, which runs $1,084 a year for a single family home, that means coming up with $542 every 6 months just to cover the debt from the two government loans the County took out for the over $180 million project. Operation and maintenance costs go on top of that (about $44 a month for a SPW).

So if that homeowner were to switch to monthly payments, that would mean paying about $91 a month for that same $1,084, plus fees. No less money but perhaps easier to budget for.

The staff report defines the fees charged by EasySmartPay as 2.25% for payments made with credit/debit cards and 1.75% for electronic transfers. As a comparison, the County charges 2.39% for cards and 0% for electronic payments.

Cooley added that all the other payments that are attached to property taxes, like school bonds, fire service assessments and more, would be collected by EasySmartPay and not the County.

But just who is EasySmartPay and can they be trusted with making the tax payments, especially considering if payments are missed, and liens, foreclosures and confiscations could be the result?

EasySmartPay is a privately-held non-profit corporation that was formed through the California State Association of Counties or CSAC. It’s aim is “filling service gaps between government agencies and the public regarding taxes.” Going through EasySmartPay is completely voluntary, Cooley stressed.

“Most of EasySmartPay’s business owners,” reads the staff report, “serve on the board of the non-profit 501(c)4 corporation CSAC Finance Corporation [affiliated with the California State Association of Counties] and have considerable knowledge and expertise in public taxation.”

SLO County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector Jim Erb also serves on the board of CSAC Finance Corporation, but according to the report, Erb has no financial interest in EasySmartPay.

Information on the program is available on the County’s website, see: www.slocounty.ca.gov and go to the Tax Collector-Auditor-Controller’s pages.

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Women’s March SLO Announces Student Grant

Women’s March San Luis Obispo (WMSLO) is offering a new grant for students interested in pursuing projects that align with the mission and goals of the organization, which include issues such as civil rights, LGBTQIA rights, immigrant rights, environmental justice, and others.

Grants of up to $499 are available for eligible students. The funds dispersed come from money raised during WMSLO’s March for Our Lives event in March of 2018.

“This grant program is for any age student in SLO County,” Women’s March organizers said in a press release, “It’s important to us to fund student projects, because we are creating change from the grassroots. Students in this county are the perfect people to take the reigns of change and drive our future. We can’t wait to see what their project ideas look like.”

Students may apply for a grant online at: womensmarchslo.com/student-grant-application.

Women’s March SLO is a local, fiscally sponsored, nonprofit organization that promotes women’s rights, human rights, social and environmental justice, and advocates for a more positive and just future.

Poly Endowment to Honor Graphics Alumnus

Cal Poly has set up an endowment in honor of the late-Eric Steinbach, the former president of publishing solutions for Quad/Graphics, Inc., and a member of the university’s Graphic Communication Department Advisory Board for 24 years. Steinbach died last February.

The Quad/Graphics Eric Steinbach Memorial Graphic Communication Endowment will fund annual scholarships for students studying graphic communication management and/or technology and to provide resources for program development related to curriculum, laboratories, and faculty and staff, the university aid in a news release.

“Eric Steinbach’s leadership on the Graphic Communication Department Advisory Board is the reason behind many of our successes in curriculum development, laboratory development and professional development of faculty,” said professor Emeritus Harvey Levenson, former head of the Graphic Communication Department. “We are honoring Eric’s name in a way that will never be forgotten at Cal Poly and Quad/Graphics or in the graphic communication industry.”

The endowment has three goals — to raise $25,000 needed for vesting (a target that has already been met); reaching $100,000 in the account by the end January 2019; and to grow the endowment to $200,000.

The endowment is seeking donations to reach that $100,000 goal and when it does, the Windhover Foundation, will match the first $100,000 of donations, and put the fund over the top for its third goal of $200,000 for scholarships and professional development. Windhover Foundation is the Quadracci Family’s philanthropic organization.

“This is an important way for Quad to support our industry and the next generation of print industry professionals,” said Joel Quadracci, chairman, president and CEO of Quad/Graphics. “Eric Steinbach leaves behind an incredible print industry legacy that spans more than 30 years. We extend our sincerest appreciation to Cal Poly for creating an endowment in his name. This is an ideal way to honor Eric and his passion for education.”

Contributions can be made via email pledges to Ken Macro at kmacro@calpoly.edu; made online; or mailed to Graphic Communication Department, Cal Poly, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, CA 93407-0381. Contributors to the endowment will be recognized at Cal Poly’s 2019 International Printing Week Banquet, at the end of January, when the matching gift will be presented.

For more information on the endowment, call Macro at (805) 756-2257.
City of SLO Sustainability Manager, Chris Read, explained that in California, a public utility company provides a number of activities related to energy — customer service, maintaining the power grid and purchasing electricity for the customers and then delivering that energy. A CCAP is another option in purchasing electricity,” he said.

For example, the JPA might look at weather data and predictions by forecasters that say next winter will be a wet year in the Pacific Northwest and/or the Sierras, with healthy snow packs. Therefore, with the spring melt it could be expected that hydro-electric power would be plentiful and cheap, too.

So the JPA would arrange in advance through the California Independent System Operator or Cal-ISO (the agency that controls the power grid) to purchase power from those sources and pass savings on to the customers.

“We can save money in the open energy market,” Read said. “JPA’s can offer one to three percent cheaper than PG&E. It’s a policy decision. The margins are there for parity or savings.”

The JPA, which will have to hire a staff including an executive director experienced in buying power on the open market, will be able to shop around to find the least expensive electricity available — be it solar, geothermal, wind or hydro — lock in a price and deliver that power at a cost comparable to what PG&E is now charging locally.

“With the revenues,” Read said, “instead of going to PG&E and shareholders, it stays here and must be reinvested in local energy programs.

Read said such programs could be building electric car charging infrastructure, weatherization of homes and energy efficient appliance rebate programs, or even building a power plant to feed the local electricity demand.

Read said Bay Area communities formed a JPA and have built a 200-megawatt solar plant in the Central Valley to provide electricity.

This money can’t be spent on general fund expenses like police and fire departments. Read explained that conversely, by forming a JPA the two cities’ general funds are protected from liability, too. “There’s a legal and financial firewall between the JPA and the cities,” Read said.

So how much might someone save? Read said a 1-percent savings would only be $1 to $1.50 a month for a regular customer and the program predicts a 3%-5% savings over current charges from PG&E.

Read said the added benefits for a community will be through whatever programs the JPA board of directors decides to pursue. With the State’s lofty goals on electric cars in the future, having more places to plug in will be a necessity.

The Governor also recently signed executive orders setting a goal of generating 100% of the state’s electricity from non-carbon sources by 2045. CCAP programs would seem to give participating cities a leg up on that goal.

Indeed, SLO’s City Council majority, since taking office nearly 2-years ago, has set the City on a certain course staying here and must be reinvested in local control and energy efficiency; and, improving the local economy resulting from the implementation of a CCE program and local renewable and energy efficiency projects over time. Read noted that the JPA agreement was written in a way that invites the other cities in SLO County and outlying cities and counties as well, to join the efforts.

Right now the JPA board of directors will consist of Council members Aaron Gomez and Andy Pease of SLO and Red Davis and Marilyn McPherson of Morro Bay, and should any other cities decide to join in, they need simply pass a Resolution and would also have two council persons sit on the JPA board.

But Read said that once the number of cities reaches five, each would be cut to a single representative, so as not to have the board get too large.

There will also be an “operator’s board” made up of staff people that will hold regular meetings governed by the State’s open meetings law (Brown Act). As such, the operator board’s meetings will be open to the public and require public noticing as well.

There is of course, some risk to the proposition. “Staff has so far been successful in this approach,” reads a CMB staff report, “however fiscal risks exist as described later in this report including one-time risk — upfront debt requirements of approximately $1,100,000 for working capital and requirements to pay up to $250,000 in deferred costs to The Energy Authority (TEA) in the event the program does not launch and ongoing risk, e.g., energy market and regulatory uncertainty, with the City of Morro Bay assuming up to 20% of that risk [SLO City Council is agreeable, as of their Sept. 18, 2018 meeting, to assume 80% of the risk].” Read explained that the $1.1 million would likely be in the form of a line of credit until the program can get up and running. Once it does, there’s a great deal of money involved.

A draft technical study done by SLO’s consultants, TEA, pegs the “cumulative net revenues” at the end of the third year at $12.3 million under one scenario, and $11.5M and $9.7M under others. With a Board split, Morro Bay would stand to get about $2.46M under that first scenario.

And these “profits” would be cut out of monies that now go to PG&E’s shareholders. CCEs are one of the facts that PG&E stated went into its decision to shutter Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant in 2024 and 2025 when its operating licenses run out.

But as Read said, that money is limited in what it can be used for, and bolstering sagging or stagnant general fund revenues isn’t one of them.

Also, individual electricity customers will have the choice of opting in or staying out of the program. Several steps remain before the JPA starts buying power including needing the approval of the Public Utilities Commission. Essentially, the CCAPs or CCEs are a huge bookkeeping issue...

“It is a big accounting enterprise,” Read said, adding that Cal-ISO would do all the bookkeeping, with the Public Utilities Commission overseeing the program.

Read noted while the savings to the average customer really isn’t much, that isn’t really the point of the program. Rather, the point is to give people an easy means to pitching in against climate change and create a demand for renewable energy production, such as a potential 1,000 MW wind farm that’s currently being planned for an area about 34 miles offshore from Hearst Castle.

While that power is slated to be sold to Cal-ISO and sent to the power grid via the Morro Bay Power Plant, the local JPA could arrange to buy it when it’s available. It could also tap the large solar farms that have been built in California Valley. The first public meeting of the new JPA board of directors is set for 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the SLO City Hall, corner of Palm and Osos streets.

More information about CCE is posted on SLO’s website, see: www.slocity.org/ cce.
Get Discounts With PG&E CARE Program

Customers of Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) can shave some money off their monthly electric bills by signing up for the company’s “California Alternative Rates for Energy” or CARE Program, the company announced.

The CARE program gives households qualified by incomes, deep discounts on their energy bills, but nearly one in 10 eligible customers are not signed up for the program and are missing out on significant savings,” according to PG&E.

PG&E Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Laurie Giammona said, “PG&E is here to support our customers needing assistance. Qualified households can take advantage of the CARE Program to help them manage their energy costs and lower their monthly bill.”

PG&E says more than 150,000 more households in its service area could also save some 20 percent on their monthly electrical bill through CARE. “In Sacramento County alone, which has the largest number of eligible customers not enrolled, more than 40,000 households could lower their bills by simply signing up for CARE.”

In SLO County, PG&E estimates there are more than 11,400 CARE-eligible customers who are not signed up, the fifth highest county out of the 10 counties in PG&E’s service territory. Currently, more than 1.4 million qualified customers throughout Northern and Central California are enrolled in CARE, according to PG&E. Those customers save more than $9 billion on their energy bills through the program. PG&E has some 16 million qualified customers throughout its service area.

CARE customers can also save on their electric bills by using natural gas. In SLO County, PG&E only provides electricity, while SoCal Gas Co., provides natural gas.

Readers can apply for the CARE Program online at: www.pge.com/care or pick up a paper application at your local City Hall, senior center, library or other governmental office. If you didn’t qualify before, it’s worth a second look because PG&E said the federal government often changes the poverty requirements and that’s what PG&E uses to determine eligibility for CARE.

Also, the City of Morro Bay is offering a discount program for its water and sewer bills that uses the same income eligibility levels as the CARE Program, and with those bills slated to rise considerably, the City wants to sign people up for the discounts. Check with City Hall for information on that program, which currently offers a 10% discount off water and sewer bills. The City believes nearly 1,000 Morro Bay households could qualify for its discount program.

All CARE-qualified customers automatically qualify for the City’s discount program.
Halfway betw
en sleep and waking, I became aware of a hideous presence. I felt like whatever it was, it had entered my body, taken over my every breath and was sucking my life away.

I then caught the damp, putrid stench of something unworldly in my nostrils and as my eyes came open, I was staring into the cruel, burnt out, beady eyes of that damned clown doll.

How the hell did it get off the shelf, onto my bed and in the middle of my chest?

The dim glow of the night-light enabled me to discern that my ventriloquist dummy, Mr. McCarthy and glamorous flapper doll Darling Esmeralda, were still on the shelf but knocked over. Just how the hell did that happen?

This year I sent away for a silly clown doll in the mail. I guess my first indication of trouble might have been that the mailman got a flat tire in front of my house on the day “Creepy Calvin” arrived. But flat tires do happen, so I paid it no mind.

I played around with Creepy Calvin a bit that first day; listened to his recorded voices by pushing his torso and noted he had the most blood-curdling laugh I’d ever heard.

By evening I decided he ought to take his place beside Darling Esmeralda, so on the shelf he went, to live until Halloween. Darling Esmeralda didn’t seem to mind and Mr. McCarthy rolled his eyes but didn’t utter a peep.

Because I almost never dream, I was shocked when I had an entire night filled with nightmares during Creepy Calvin’s first night with me — horrid, Technicolor, 3-D, bloody, insane nightmares.

The second night the nightmares got way worse if that’s possible and I ended up not sleeping the entire night because I was afraid to go to sleep.

The next day I tried to recall any changes that might have recently happened in my life that would have brought on these scary dreams. Of course! They started the night Creepy Calvin arrived.

What to do? I put him outside in the first light of dawn for all. I slept like a rock the rest of the night and was very pleased with myself.

I then caught the mailman again and put him back in the house and went back to bed, very happy with myself.

No nightmares, just Creepy right up in my face, doing his evil whatever it was to me, sucking my every breath.

I sat straight up in bed, grabbed that tiny, little monster’s arm and flung him against the wall. Of course it activated his horrifying laugh-recording, but this time it sounded like a real, genuine human laugh. I was terrified but mad at the same time.

I figured if I took him outside and buried him deep in the ground I could get rid of his nasty evil. Surely that would work.

Even though it was the middle of the night, I went out and dug a deep, deep hole and flung Creepy Calvin into it, face down. There, I fixed him but good.

Happy with myself, I came back in the house and went back to bed, very sure I had solved the problem once and for all. I slept like a rock the rest of the night and was very pleased with myself for such a brilliant solution.

However, the next morning when I woke up, the first light of dawn revealed a trail of dirt from the foot of my bed up to my pillow.

Fresh, damp, tiny, and muddy footprints to be exact.
The Avocado and Margarita Festival is the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce’s largest annual fundraiser, but we don’t keep the fruits of our labor all to ourselves.

This year we were very proud to include Rotary Club of Morro Bay, Morro Bay High School Aquatics Teams, MBHS Cheer Squad, and the Estero Bay Newcomers as beneficiaries to share in the success, and production, of the festival.

These four groups helped our event sell tickets, hang posters throughout SLO County, serve delicious Margaritas, sell festival merchandise, and make the most coveted guacamole on the Central Coast.

Members of the Rotary, Aquatics and Cheerleaders are shown accepting their donations. (Not pictured, Estero Bay Newcomers)

Thank you each and every volunteer—you made these moments possible!

Erica Crawford is the CEO of the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce. She can be reached via email at erica@morrobaychamber.org or call (805) 772-4467 weekdays.
Measure G would shut down existing oil and gas production in San Luis Obispo County.

Shutting down existing oil and gas production in the County will not reduce our oil consumption – it will just eliminate good-paying jobs and result in more oil being imported to meet our needs.

As we transition to a greater reliance on renewable energy, we should continue to produce the oil and gas we use locally, where it’s the most regulated in the world and our community will benefit from the tax revenue — instead of transferring wealth and jobs out of our County to places like Saudi Arabia and Russia.

That’s why thousands of community members are joining the No on G Coalition. Here’s what some of them are saying:

“Measure G would hurt working families and eliminate an important source of county tax revenue that goes to our local schools.”
Melissa Diedrich-Williams, High School Teacher, Paso Robles Joint USD

“My family farm still relies on oil and gas for fuel and electricity. Rather than banning production, we should continue to produce it safely as we transition to a clean energy economy. Measure G goes too far.”
George Donati, 4th Generation Farmer, Edna Valley

“Shutting down existing oil and gas production means transferring money and jobs out of our county to countries like Saudi Arabia and Russia to meet our energy needs. That’s why the Tri-Counties Labor Council urges you to vote No on G.”
Keilah Crichton, Welder, Local Union 403

Join thousands of community members, local leaders and organizations including

Get the facts at FACTSonG.com

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Operation Surf: The Business of Healing-By-Surfing

By Judy Salamacha

On Oct. 21, 2014, Patagonia and Slow Coast celebrated Van Curaza of an Luis Obispo County and his "Operation Surf" team, as the first recipient of the "Blue Mind Award," meanwhile, the New York Times Bestselling Book, "Blue Mind" by Dr. Wallace J. Nichols was released.

Dr. Nichols promotes the benefits of water therapy and wrote, "The surprising science that shows how being near, on, or under water can make you happier, healthier, more connected and better at what you do."

The Blue Mind Award recognizes the success and benefits of ocean-water therapy program for veterans demonstrated by Curaza's program. In September 2017 the documentary, "ReSurface," aired on Netflix with testimony from participants how the program saved and redirected their lives. The film noted that 22 U.S. military veterans attempt suicide every 24-hours. A summary statement confirms, "Surfing is medicine. It defines them with a new story."

The stated purpose in Operation Surf's brochure promotes the non-profit organization as "...a globally recognized surf program that changes the lives of wounded military heroes...combines the healing power of the ocean and compassionate mentorship to help our heroes overcome perceived challenges and instill hope."

Curaza noted that 68% of the 500 active duty heroes and veterans they have served since he started the program in 2008, have sustained a positive change in their lives due to Operation Surf activities.

In Re-Surface, Curaza wrote, "I thought I was taking a group of veterans surfing. It became clear to me what my purpose if I was." Each October, Operation Surf's therapy for veterans takes place in Avila Beach and Morro Bay. The physical therapy is provided by world-class surfing instructors, but the mental therapy and additional positive encouragement to stay engaged in positive living experiences comes from the community volunteers that welcome and encourage the heroes when it might be the first time they have been outside of the hospital.

In 2017, 250 volunteers worked with 15 heroes during the Central Coast program.

However, the story behind the story that defines Van Curaza, was revealed to Morro Bay Rotarians by Tom Hay. First the healing-by-surfing had to happen with Curaza himself. Hay introduced Curaza to his fellow members to encourage their participation at the Oct. 9-15 training in Avila and Morro Bay. He said, "Van is a professional surfer, travels worldwide, and probably was the youngest surfer with natural talent that ever came out of San Luis Obispo area."

Hay then stated a life-changing catalyst that prompted his friend to create Amazing Surf Adventures/Operation Surf. "He overcame many challenges in his younger life, including divorce and addiction, but channeled his recovery positively by teaching at-risk kids to surf.""I got lucky, as I was close to the Coast and surf and Cal Poly is considered No. 2 in the country for a printing major degree. We are a ‘commercial printer,’ which means we handle most items that can be printed on paper."

Hay continued to explain what surfing was like when he first met and surfed with Curaza. "Surfing has changed since 1972 while I was a Cal Poly student," Hay said. "Today there are 80 percent more surfers in the Central Coast waters, which are rocky and rough. We have bigger waves and the water is cold. "From 1968 to 1972 changes broadened the scope of surfing." He called it the "short board revolution" that saw the invention of a board more maneuverable for turns. The "long board" was heavy and harder to paddle, ride and transport.

Then the invention of the surf leash added safety and control of the board after losing it in a wave. "I’m proud to be among the first to surf Montaña de Oro." Hay is involved in Operation Surf and noted next year's dates on the Central Coast are Sept. 29 through Oct. 5 for those who want to get involved or know an active duty military or veteran to refer to the programs.

Check out www.operationsurf.org for details for the 1-week or six week programs and see the trailer on YouTube for the Netflix Documentary ReSurface about the benefits of Operation Surf. Volunteers can also help by golfing or supporting an annual golf tournament scheduled for June 24, 2019.

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The 5th Annual Dia de Los Muertos in Mission Plaza will be held on Thursday, Nov. 1 with a traditional processional on the Day of the Dead beginning at 10 a.m.

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Gillian Cole-Andrews, director of communications and resource development at Peoples’ Self-Help Housing, recently recertified as a Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). Based on continuing education in the field of philanthropy, annual performance in funds raised, and length of time served as a fund raising professional, the CFRE certification is an endorsement of knowledge and experience against international standards in philanthropy. John Fowler, president and CEO of Peoples’ Self-Help Housing, said, “We are really fortunate to have someone of Gillian’s caliber on our team to lead our fundraising efforts.”
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Sample the delicious food, wine, and beer of the Nipomo region on Sunday, Nov. 11 during this year’s Taste of Nipomo event at the newly-opened DANA Visitor Center located at 671 South Oakglen Avenue, Nipomo. The event featured live music by Akusae, a silent auction, raffle, and a cozy bonfire with port, cigars and s’mores. All funds made will go towards developing the exhibits and educational programs at the DANA Adobe Cultural Center. Tickets are $35 per person and $60 per couple. Space is limited; advance reservations are strongly suggested. Reserve tickets in person at the DANA Visitor Center or by calling (805) 929-5679.

Downtown SLO will present “Merchandising 101,” a workshop for retailers to learn how to effectively merchandise their storefronts and create enticing displays to attract customers. The free workshop takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Femme Jules D. located at 691 Higuera Street. Doors open at 7:45 a.m. Breakfast treats and coffee will be available for attendees. Attendees must register via DowntownSLO.com to reserve their spot. Attendees can also share the event via Facebook. For more information, visit www.DowntownSLO.com or contact Communication and Content Manager Zoya Dixon at Zoya@DowntownSLO.com or call (805) 234-9675.

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Got the Holiday Blues?

D o you suffer from the Holiday Blues? Holidays can bring up a myriad of emotions. Feelings of depression are more common in November and December than any other time of the year. Feelings of loneliness or a lack of fulfillment can also be more present during the holidays. This can be due to stress, anxiety, and the pressure to make the most of the holidays.

Here are a few tips to help lighten your mood during the holidays and help navigate through potentially difficult times.

• Look Forward to Creating New Holiday Experiences. Dwelling on past holidays, but it can trigger depression. Drinking usually goes hand in hand with feelings you may be experiencing.

• Limit excessive drinking. Excessive drinking usually goes hand in hand with holidays, but it can trigger depression. Choose your limit before you start, and drink plenty of water before, during and after.

• Do something for someone else. Gratitude comes from helping others, which can distract us from our own “story” and bring us joy. This could be something as simple as buying a toy for a child in need or offering a hug to someone who looks like they could use one.

• Lastly, take time for yourself. TRY to do something every day that lifts your spirits. Maybe it’s artwork or catching up with your favorite shows. Personally turn up the music and start dancing!

If you feel you require more help, there is no shame in reaching out to professional help. Along this theme, we will be hosting an Educational Evening on November 6th with Dr. Terri Quinn, a licensed clinical psychologist who will elaborate on navigating the holiday stress. Please join us if you felt this article was particularly helpful!

Michele S Jang, PT is a physical therapist who likes to look outside the box. A physical therapist for 24 years, she has extensive training in manual therapy or the use of hands to help rehabilitate the body. She has taught in the United States and abroad. A team of therapists at her clinic, Spirit Winds, offers an array of expertise on post-surgical rehabilitation, low back and joint pain, pelvic floor rehab, exercise, fall prevention, body mechanics, proper breathing technique to increase awareness and healing. There is hope and treatment with dignity and respect. If you have questions about what is going on with your body and don’t know if PT is right for you, Spirit Winds offers Free Consults on Tuesday afternoons. Call 805 543-5100 or request a consultation at info@spiritwindstherapy.com.
White Bean and Chicken Stuffed Poblanos

INGREDIENTS
4 poblano peppers, roasted, seeded, peeled, slit cut on one side*
1 ½ cups Rao Marinara sauce (or similar brand)
½ tablespoon olive oil
½ cup onion, diced
3 garlic cloves, minced
¼ cup cilantro leaves, finely chopped
1 cup cooked chicken, bite-sized chunks
1 cup canned cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
¾ cup low sodium chicken broth
½ teaspoon cumin
½ teaspoon garlic powder
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
1 ½ cups cheddar/jack cheese blend, shredded
cilantro leaves for garnish, optional

DIRECTIONS
Preheat oven to 350°.

Place the marinara sauce in the bottom of a 9x9 baking dish or similar casserole.

In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the onion garlic and cilantro and cook stirring for 2 minutes. Add the chicken, beans, broth, cumin, garlic powder, and salt and pepper to taste. Cook until the liquid has reduced, about 5 minutes.

Place the peppers, with the slit opening facing up in the baking dish over the sauce and carefully stuff the filling into each poblano pepper. Top each with the shredded cheese. Bake until hot and bubbling, about 30 minutes. Serve each with some sauce underneath and garnish with cilantro.

* Note: To roast the poblano peppers, place them on an outdoor grill, a gas flame on the stove or in the oven under the broiler until blackened all over but not burnt, about 10-20 minutes. Place in a glass bowl covered with saran wrap for 5 minutes to steam. Carefully peel off the skin without tearing the pepper. Cut a small slit on one side and using a small paring knife, loosen the seedpod inside and remove all of the seeds carefully with your fingers.

Kathleen Snyder is a food caterer, educator and blogger currently partnering with Talley Farms Fresh Harvest CSA providing recipes showcasing their produce. She is a San Luis Obispo County Yelp Elite reviewer and also writes reviews on Delish-Dish.com for restaurants all over the world.

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Whether it’s to stream a movie from the bedroom or lock the front door using smart home technology, you’ve likely come to expect Wi-Fi to reach every corner of your house. The reality is that there are certain locations in many homes where Internet-connected devices and smartphones are unable to receive a steady Wi-Fi signal (or any signal at all) from the router. These sad places are called “dead zones.”

“Dead zones typically include bathrooms, second and third story bedrooms, attics, basements, garages and back patios -- and they can drive everyone in the house absolutely crazy,” says Jeff Parker, the “Wi-Fi Guru,” and editor of the Milo Wi-Fi Blog, a source for practical advice, new products, and leading-edge technology dedicated to enhancing the Wi-Fi experience.

So, given today’s basement-to-attic demand for Wi-Fi access, what is the most economical and effective strategy for winning the battle against dead zones in your home? Parker offers five no-cost/low-cost suggestions:

1. Keep your router away from metal. Objects such as mirrors, televisions, appliances or anything large made primarily of metal (i.e. decorative furniture, filing cabinets, even fish tanks!) have the potential to impair your network’s signal strength. If possible, move such items and your router apart.

2. Switch to a less crowded frequency. In living spaces like apartment buildings, too many broadcasting networks can interfere with each other and impact Wi-Fi quality. Because routers broadcast across two wireless frequency bands, 2.4 and 5 GHz, when one is too crowded it acts like a highway packed with cars. The good news is you can usually switch frequencies within your mobile device settings to use the less crowded channel.

3. Reboot regularly. Routers asked to complete many requests, such as handing out multiple IP addresses to different devices and handling large downloads, can end up slowing down because of the heavy workload. You can think of rebooting your router as basically refreshing it and clearing any memory or stalled tasks.

4. Get the latest hardware. If you’re still using that dinosaur router from the early 2000s, it’s probably time for an upgrade. Outfitting your home with a smarter and more advanced router could be the solution to your Wi-Fi woes, especially if your existing router is a very old model with limited capabilities. Internet service providers often provide router upgrades by request for no charge.

5. Consider a distributed mesh Wi-Fi system. For Wi-Fi that reaches farther, consider a mesh Wi-Fi system, which consists of a main router connected to a modem and a series of satellite Wi-Fi distribution modules placed throughout the house.

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SLO Brew Rock a Dream Concert Venue

Dinner and a Movie

By Teri Bayus

When a passion project is launched, you feel the excitement, and then when it is completed, the entire community falls in line to be a part of this dream coming to fruition, as it is a rarity these days to preserve and succeed.

Luckily, the incredibly talented, driven and fun loving team of SLO Brew has never given up, and we are blessed with a superior concert venue and brewing facility, the restaurant called “SLO Brew Rock.”

As one of the media elite invited to the opening night of this marvelous concert venue, we sampled the chef’s passion, witnessed the extreme bliss of the owners dreams coming true and watched (and heard) a state-of-the-art concert venue that was more than it promised to be.

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The concert began, and I moved from the back to the front of the venue with the acoustics of this state-of-the-art room blowing my mind. It is perfectly laid out with the largest screen in the back of the band offering music inspired images that added to the fullness of the experience. I will be attending all concerts here, as it is an impeccable venue.

We sat down to enjoy some of the delicacies off the menu, which for me was a giant pretzel. I love this offering. A huge and perfectly made pretzel is offered up with sausages, mustard, fondue, green apple slices, and garlicy broccolini. It is bigger than your head and a flawless concert chow. They have a pretzel bites option on the menu if you want a smaller dose.

Gary had the IPA Baja fish tacos with IPA battered, Alaskan cod, cilantro, lime, and chipotle crema. The cabbage with red onion, radish, and roasted chili salsa was the perfect cover on the crispy fried fish. Served with delectable beans and pickled vegetables, this hand-held delight was delicious.

Our friends, layout genius Christy Serpa and her husband Jeremiah, joined us for the feast. Jeremiah had The Brew burger with a 6-ounce Angus beef patty topped with New York cheddar cheese, onions, greens, and a delectable SLO Brew Whisky BBQ Sauce.

The next phase for the adventurous SLO Brew team is a distillery, and they are using their whisky wisely to make a wonderful sauce. Christy had the street tacos, trying one of each — chicken, beef, and pork — marinated for succulence and flavor, these tacos were served with black beans and flour or corn tortillas.

We shared bacon on a stick and fried Brussels sprouts with honey and lemon and then drifted into listening to the music.

We returned the next morning for a Sunday brunch that is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and were thrilled to see a Michelada Carafe on the menu. I am crazy about this tomato, beer and tamarind delight. They also have mimosas for a more traditional brunch.

Staying with the Mexican theme, I had the green chilaquiles and eggs with the wondrous spicy hatch chilies, carnitas pork, fried tortillas, jalapeños, and cotija cheese, all brilliantly topped with fried eggs.

It was perfection in the flavor, spice, and subsistence.

Gary went more traditional with the brochette French toast done Parisian style with fresh raspberries, maple whipped cream and real maple syrup. He wasn’t afraid to drink maple syrup right out of the little carafe. It was a delightful meal, and we will be back for more.

SLO Brew Rock is also home to a 30-barrel brew house, canning line, and tasting room. The Rock features a taproom restaurant, catering kitchen, and event space. The casual setting is centered around “the rock” with extensive landscaping, casual outdoor seating and fire pits.

The Rock boasts one of the largest venues in SLO County for corporate events, concerts, weddings, and other celebratory events. They are open every day from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. SLO Brew Rock is located at 855 Aerovista Pl.; call them at (805) 543-1843.

‘Hunter Killer’ a Manly-Movie Thriller

Since this was a “man” meal and weekend, I acquiesced to seeing “Hunter Killer,” knowing full well it could not be a rom-com with that title.

Gary was ecstatic to see a film about a submarine. Fascinated since boyhood, I find myself roaming these beasts whenever he can get his way on to one. It was a manly romp and a good action movie with some tense underwater moments. Based on the novel, “Firing Point,” by Don Keith and written for the screen by George Wallace, as in Commander George Wallace (USN Ret.) who served in the Navy for 22 years as an officer on nuclear submarines.

Their knowledge and experience made the movie feel real from start to finish.

The plot is simple; a rogue military element kidnaps the Russian Premier and tries to start World War III. U.S. special operations forces are sent into the rescue. The actors were all brilliant in their roles, not overacting and making the movie as claustrophobic as the submarine.

Starring Corey Johnson as Capt. Adam James and Gerald Butler as Capt. Joe Glass, this group of hulking men and their support players, stayed the course to keep this thriller on track. But sometimes, it felt like “Boys with Toys.” It is entirely what you’d expect from a gung-ho movie about American and Russian military hardware and an attempted coup with the Russian State, it was enjoyable from start to finish.

Some scenes were cringe-worthy, but the men in the theater did not care. All the main leads were brilliant in maintaining a narrative impetus, and the relationships between the crew were well constructed and believable. Certainly a boy’s movie on the whole, without being either sexist or patronizing.

Make your Man happy and go see this popcorn thriller, you will both enjoy it!

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