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MORRO BAY

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Paddling to the beat of a drum, local residents take a dragon boat out on Morro Bay Saturday. The bay paddles were with the cancer support group, Surviveoars, held at Tidelands Park and benefiting Juliane Mittman of Los Osos. More photos on Page 23. Photo by Charlotte Rushton



Council Votes for New Tourism Board

By Neil Farrell

The Morro Bay City Council voted to completely change the way it promotes the city's tourism industry and change who will operate the Visitor's Center at its Feb. 28 meeting.

The decision came at the conclusion of a lengthy discussion with a series of confusing motions, and all overshadowed by the motions being written beforehand in possible violation of state law.

The motions were first to dissolve the Community Promotions Committee, and authorize the city attorney to start the process to form a new non-profit corporation/tourism board to be up and running by July 1.

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JPA to Meet March 8

By Neil Farrell

The Morro Bay City Council and Cayucos Sanitary District Board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 8 at the Morro Bay Community Center after canceling their Feb. 9 JPA meeting.

The JPA staff is still awaiting word from the Coastal Commission staff on when the Commission would schedule its "De Novo" hearing on the numerous appeals that were filed on the sewer treatment plant upgrade project.

The JPA approved the coastal development permit in January 2011, but about a dozen appeals were filed, including two by Coastal Commissioners. Last March, the Commission accepted the appeals and ordered the De Novo hearing, taking over permitting on the project.

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Search Is on for New Police Chief

By Neil Farrell

Morro Bay city officials will soon start searching for a new police chief after the current chief announced he was leaving at the end of March for the No. 2 spot in the County Sheriff's Department.

MBPD Chief Tim Olivas said he handed in a letter of resignation March 1 effective March 31, in order to take the job of Undersheriff with SLO County.

"This was a job that found me," Olivas said. "I wasn't looking to leave Morro Bay."

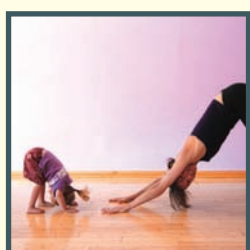
Olivas, who started his law enforcement career in 1987 in Morro Bay, worked with Sheriff Ian Parkinson here before Parkinson left for a job with the San Luis Obispo PD. He and the Sheriff go way back.

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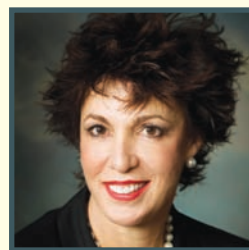
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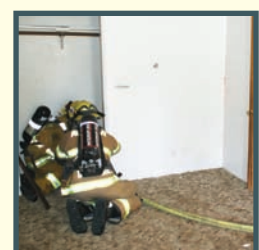
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