

February 28, 2014

The Honorable William W. Monning California Senate District 17 Member, Senate Education Committee State Capitol, Room 4066 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 965 (Leno) - Community colleges: funding: San Francisco Community College District – SUPPORT WITH MODIFICATION

Dear Senator Monning:

The Board of Trustees of the Monterey Peninsula Community College District (MPCCD) supports SB 965 (Leno): Community colleges: funding: San Francisco Community College District (SFCCD) only if modifications are made to include other community colleges, such as MPCCD, who are also experiencing a decline in full-time equivalent students and a loss of funding.

SB 965 would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to provide up to four years of stabilization funding to San Francisco Community College District under two conditions:

- 1. The district is in imminent jeopardy of losing its accreditation, and
- 2. The Board of Governors have appointed a special trustee to manage the district.

SFCCD has lost a significant amount of enrollment due to its accreditation troubles and the loss of funding would hinder the district's ability to retain accreditation and restore to previous levels.

While the Board recognizes the dire situation of SFCCD and the need for stabilization funds, there are other districts experiencing enrollment decline after years of state budget cuts and changes in state regulations and policies, for example, the restrictions on repeatability of courses. Monterey Peninsula Community College District has lost credit enrollment in each of the past 3 years. The associated loss of over \$2 million of apportionment funding hinders our ability to effectively serve our students and community and meet the state's goals to increase transfers and enhance degree and certification completion.

MPCCD is not under the same conditions as SFCCD; however, the enrollment decline and loss of funding has similar impacts. Expenditures must be reduced, meaning educational programs and services are trimmed. Ultimately, students are impacted, and as elected officials entrusted

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to lead our community's college, we are troubled to see access to higher education being decreased for our students. According to the first enrollment reporting period for community colleges, MPCCD is not alone. There are nine other community college districts experiencing enrollment declines and the associated loss of funding, excluding SFCCD. In total, districts that enroll 18% of students in the community college system are currently on stability funding.

Under the scheme proposed in SB 965, expanding stabilization funding to include MPCCD and other community colleges with declining enrollment should not impact other districts.

The Board appreciates your consideration of our comments. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Board's position, please contact MPC's president, Dr. Walter Tribley, (831) 646-4060.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees

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#### United States Department of Agriculture

Hispanic-Serving Institutions National Program

Friday-March 7, 2014

Dr. Walt Tribley Superintendent/President Monterey Peninsula College 980 Fremont Street Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Dr. Tribley,

In my role as the USDA-HSI National Program Regional Director for Central-Northern California and Washington State region, I strive to create strategic partnerships between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) of higher education. I am writing this letter in support of the proposed Food for thoughts project. The project proposes a new two-year transfer Associate of Science (AS) degree in Pre-Nutrition and Dietetics through the continued development of Distance learning content and curriculum in nutrition and dietetics and organize online offerings by June 30, 2015. Additionally, the project proposes to increase the enrollment of Hispanic students into Dietary Manager, Dietary Technician (Registered), and Pre-Nutrition and Dietetics programs by at least 15% by June 30, 2017.

I will support this project by inviting students who pursue an AS degree in Pre-Nutrition and Dietetics and it's other members to future USDA events; to provide students and faculty the opportunity to network with participating USDA Agencies and other government representatives, and learn about internships, scholarships, and career opportunities with USDA and government. At these events, students will have the opportunity to explore and expand on their educational choices, and receive first-hand advice on how to apply to student employment programs, this includes Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. In addition, provide students and staff with information about USDA internship programs, such as the Pathways Program, Recent Graduates Program, and the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) National Internship Program (HNIP). Furthermore, work with the institution and USDA Agencies to provide program participants with summer internships with the understanding that the institution will provide participants with stipends. I hope project participants will consider applying for internships and will look to USDA as an agency of choice for their future employment opportunities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at (559) 278-8311 or juan.alvarez@osec.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

Juan Manuel Alvarez, M.P.A.

June Manuel Morges

USDA-HSI National Program Regional Director

Central-Northern California &

Washington State

United States Department of Agriculture

March 11, 2014

Food and Nutrition Service

Dr. Walter Tribley, Superintendent/President

Monterey Peninsula College

3101 Park Center Drive 980 Fremont Street Monterey, CA 93940

Alexandria, VA 22302-1500

RE: Letter of support for Food for Thought Initiative

Dear Dr. Tribley:

We at the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), an agency of the USDA's Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, are happy to write this letter in support of the application by the Monterey Peninsula College District for an Hispanic Serving Institution (HIS) Education Grant Program Proposal (NIFA Funding Opportunity Number USDA-NIFA-HSI-004449). The Food and Nutrition Services agency is committed to ending hunger and obesity through federal nutrition assistance programs. With this core mission in mind, we are enthusiastic about the opportunity to support Monterey Peninsula College with the "Food for Thought" project.

Serving a rapidly growing Hispanic population and surrounded by a large agricultural community, MPC is engaging underrepresented students in nutrition and food safety related fields of studies, realizing the critical importance of nutrition, the necessity of preventive medicine and the increased need for community Health Educators. For this purpose, MPC is building new certificates and degrees in Pre-Nutrition and Dietetics. This is well aligned with FNS's commitment to ensuring access to healthy and safe food and investing in supporting related education, health care, and a competitive workforce.

We are pleased to be working in partnership with Monterey Peninsula College and are committed to collaborating to meet the growing workforce needs in the food and nutrition services industry. Based on our discussions so far, we would be pleased to participate in virtual panel discussions, host a series of webinars to provide information to students about careers in Nutrition and Dietetics, and provide information regarding numerous USDA internship, externship, and job opportunities.

Joanie Dilone

Sincerely,

Recruitment Program Manager Human Resources Division

#### **Shawn Anderson**

From:

Sigrid Klein

Sent:

Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:01 AM

To:

**ALL USERS** 

Subject:

FW: 2014 MPC OPEN

Attachments: MPCOpenFlyer.docx

On Saturday Feb 22nd, MPC Track & Field will be hosting the 2014 MPC OPEN, a Track & Field Meet open to Colleges, Club Teams, and Unattached Athletes.

Field events start at 10:00 am and Track events start at Noon.

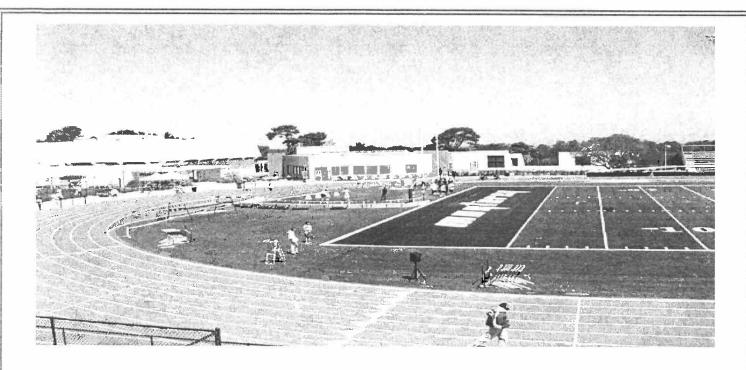
Featured Colleges and Club Teams:

MPC, Hartnell, De Anza, West Valley, Fresno City, San Jose City, College of Sequoias, Cal State Monterey Bay, UC Santa Cruz, Notre Dame de Namur, High Sierra Track Club, San Francisco Coyotes, South Bay Track Club

Please come out and support our Lobos!! There is NO CHARGE FOR SPECTATORS! Concessions will be available.

Hope to see you there!

Marcus Carroll Head Men's and Women's Track & Field Coach Monterey Peninsula College office: 831.646.4199 mobile: 619.309.8094 email: mcarroll@mpc.cdu



# 2014 MPC OPEN

MPC Track & Field Meet Open to Colleges, Club Teams, and Unattached Athletes
-No charge for spectators

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2014 10AM-6PM

980 FREMONT STREET
MONTEREY, CA 93940

More Information Contact:

**Marcus Carroll** 

Head Track & Field Coach

Email: mcarroll@mpc.edu
Office: 831.646.4199

Mobile: 619.309.8094

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From:

Shawn Anderson

Sent:

Thursday, February 20, 2014 3:38 PM

To:

**ALL USERS** 

Subject:

Guest Authors Series presents: Craig Johnson (Date Correction)

**Attachments:** 

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Please note that Craig Johnson will appear at MPC on Wednesday, March 19th. Thank you!

From: Shawn Anderson

Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2014 8:52 AM

To: ALL USERS

Subject: Guest Authors Series presents: Craig Johnson

#### PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR A MESSAGE FROM HENRY MARCHAND

Craig Johnson, author of the best-selling Walt Longmire mystery novels (on which the television series *Longmire* is based), will read from his work and discuss the writing of fiction and mysteries at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 19 in The Monterey Peninsula College Theatre on The Morgan Stock Stage. A book signing will follow; copies of the author's books will be available. Tickets (\$15) can be reserved in advance by email: <a href="mailto:hmarchand@mpc.edu">hmarchand@mpc.edu</a> or purchased at the door. MPC Student advance tickets are \$10.

This MPC Guest Authors Series event is made possible by the MPC Creative Writing Program, English Department and Humanities Division; The MPC Foundation; The Monterey County Weekly; and The Arts Council for Monterey County.

MONTEREY PENINSULA

# GUEST AUTHORS SERIES

### Wednesday, March 19, 2014 7:00 pm

at the Monterey Peninsula College Theatre on the Morgan Stock Stage Doors open at 6:30 pm Tickets: \$15

Reserved in advance: hmarchand@mpc.edu







# CRAIG JOHNSON

ovels,



Sponsored by the MPC Creative Writing Program, English Department and Humanities Division; The MPC Foundation; The Monterey County Weekly; and The Arts Council for Monterey County.



From:

Shawn Anderson

Sent:

Monday, February 24, 2014 2:05 PM

To:

**ALL USERS** 

Subject:

\$2.2 Million Gift to MPC Foundation

Follow Up Flag:

Follow up

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Completed

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR A MESSAGE FROM BECCIE MICHAEL.



Dear MPC Family,

As you may have heard, yesterday the MPC Foundation received an extremely generous gift from the estate of Mr. Robert K. Bullock. Please follow the link below to an article by the Monterey Herald for more information: <a href="http://www.montereyherald.com/news/ci">http://www.montereyherald.com/news/ci</a> 25214624/former-herald-editor-wanted-give-back-mpc

We are so grateful for Mr. Bullock's generosity and his commitment to MPC students. This gift will benefit countless students well into the future with their studies at MPC and beyond.

Warm wishes,

Beccie Michael Executive Director

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#### Former Herald editor wanted to give back to MPC

By PHILLIP MOLNAR Herald Staff Writer Monterey County Herald Posted:

MontereyHerald.com

Those who knew Robert Bullock probably did not think he was a millionaire.

The former Herald news and sports editor was known for driving rusty Volkswagen Beetles, eating lots of fast food and practically living at the newspaper for 43 years.

Unmarried and without children or siblings, he decided to give all he had to Monterey Peninsula College for a journalism scholarship fund. He died in July at age 87.

To the surprise of some of his fellow reporters, he was worth about \$2.2 million.

"I was shocked and amazed ... to hear what he's given to this college," said former Herald reporter Alex Hulanicki, who worked with Bullock for 24 years, at a 20-year anniversary event for the MPC Foundation on Sunday afternoon.

The veteran reporter's donation posthumously earned him the Donor of the Year award from the foundation.

"This year, it is just a thrill to recognize ... Robert K. Bullock," Foundation head Nolan Kennedy said to a room of roughly 55 people at the school's library.

Bullock stands out in newsroom lore for never once calling in sick in 43 years. But he did leave early twice: Once for indigestion and another from a leg wound.

He was also known for being comically frugal. He would eat at Jack in the Box nearly every day and would wear T-shirts with holes in them.

"We wanted to buy him new T-shirts," said Salinas attorney Barbara Mejia, "but we knew he wouldn't wear them."

Mejia and Pacific Grove private fiduciary Saundra Randazzo worked with Bullock for several years to get the scholarship in place, even starting it last year while he was still alive.

Much of his money came from the sale of his Del Monte Beach home which went for \$712,000. Randazzo said he bought it for around \$30,000.

Mejia said Bullock felt he was fortunate enough to have someone help pay for his education so he wanted to give back.

Bullock paid for his bachelor's degree at Stanford University with state aid and the GI Bill. He served four years in the Army Air Corps and Air Force Reserve in World War II.

He started as a reporter at The Herald in 1949. His first story was on the retirement of Monterey Police Chief Fred Moore.

He went on to become the sports editor in 1951 and news editor in 1979.

The minor league Salinas Angels baseball team initiated Bob Bullock Appreciation Day at the Salinas Municipal Ball Park in April 1978. The team defeated the Fresno Giants twice at the doubleheader.

He was known in the newsroom for his extensive collection of books and videotapes, which he always shared with colleagues.

Former Herald Associate Editor Lewis Leader said at the MPC event Bullock was a mentor to him and hundreds of other reporters.

"Bob was the hardest working person I ever knew," he said. "He was incredibly devoted to The Herald."

Phillip Molnar can be reached at 646-4487 or pmolnar@montereyherald.com.

#### The scholarship

· Local high school students are eligible through the Bullock scholarship for a \$1,000 award to use at Monterey Peninsula College if they have an interest in journalism. Enrolled MPC students who intend to study journalism and have good grades can apply for \$2,000 scholarships. There is also a scholarship for MPC students transferring to a four-year college or university, but the amount depends on the number of awards granted. See <a href="http://mpcfoundation.org/news/robert-k-bullock-journalism-scholarship/">http://mpcfoundation.org/news/robert-k-bullock-journalism-scholarship/</a> for information.

#### **Shawn Anderson**

From:

Shawn Anderson

Sent:

Monday, February 24, 2014 2:07 PM

To:

**ALL USERS** 

Subject:

REMINDER: FASA Applications due THURS 2/27

Sent on behalf of MPC Foundation Executive Director, Beccie Michael



#### \*\*REMINDER\*\*

### **Faculty and Staff Advancement Awards**

\*\*DEADLINE TO APPLY IS THIS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014 AT 5:00 P.M.\*\*

Awards Announced: March 13, 2014

The MPC Foundation is now accepting applications for Spring 2014 Faculty & Staff Advancement (FASA) Awards. Approximately \$40,000 will be awarded in the 2014 calendar year; \$20,000 of which will be distributed this Spring and the remainder will be distributed in the Fall. These funds are the direct result of the success of the Foundation's President's Circle Campaign and four other endowments established specifically for FASA awards.

Currently, the Foundation holds four endowments that provide funding to the FASA program: an endowment established by the family of **George J. (Bob) Faul** to honor his legacy as former Superintendent/President of MPC, an endowment made in memory of **Jeanne and John Logan**, the **Dr. Peggy Downes Baskin** Faculty Advancement Endowment, and the **Dorothy Dean Stevens Memorial Fund**, which is set up specifically to support faculty and staff in the Dance and Theatre Departments.

Please read the application guidelines carefully and do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you might have in regards to the application process. All of the information you need can be found on our website:

http://mpcfoundation.org/faculty-and-staff/

Applications may be submitted via email (MPCFoundationInfo@mpc.edu), in our mailbox in the Administration Building mailroom, or directly to the Foundation Office.

Please note the following timelines:

Applications due: **February 27, 2014** Awards announced: **March 13, 2014** 

Projects commence: March 14, 2014 (expenses cannot be incurred prior to this date)
Projects complete: December 31, 2014 (expenses cannot be incurred after this date)

Grant reports due no later than: January 31, 2015, or 30 days after completion of the project

We look forward to receiving your Spring 2014 Faculty & Staff Advancement Application!

Beccie Michael Executive Director

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From:

Suzanne Ammons

Sent:

Friday, February 28, 2014 1:23 PM

To:

**ALL USERS** 

Subject:

FW: Emergency training: CERT class begins March 6

This opportunity is brought to you in partnership with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Monterey and MPC Campus Security Department. Building Response Team members should find this training especially helpful. NOTE: Most of us lead busy lives and are unable to attend the 7 consecutive sessions. Please know that you may be able to "make up" a missed session when the training calendar repeats later in the year. We encourage you to inquire with Monterey CERT regarding this.

From: Monterey CERT [mailto:montereycert@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, January 11, 2014 6:36 AM **Subject:** Emergency training: CERT class

CERT training is a 21 hour emergency skills course, taught using FEMA guidelines. Class will occur over 7 consecutive Thursday nights in downtown Monterey. Class time is 6:30-9:30 p.m. **The next CERT instruction is scheduled to begin March 6th**.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and emergency first-aid. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist their families and others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

Children under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult. This is a great family experience **offered at no charge**.

To ask questions or enroll, send an e-mail to montereycert@hotmail.com

If you do not have an e-mail, call CERT message line: 831.646.3416

Persons without e-mail access may leave a phone message at: 831 646-3416.

Please provide the following information:

Full name
Residential physical address
Home and Cell phone numbers
E-mail most commonly used.

We will respond with a confirmation containing full details of the class. Again, thank-you for your interest in CERT!

Demetrius A. Kastros City of Monterey CERT Instructor (831) 224-0167

From:

Sigrid Klein

Sent:

Tuesday, March 04, 2014 9:02 AM

To:

ALL USERS

Subject:

FW: Lobo Day Today - Location Sam Karas Room!!

Importance:

High

From: Julie Osborne

Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 8:31 AM

**To:** Sigrid Klein; Kim Panis

Subject: Lobo Day Today - Location Sam Karas Room!! (please send to all users)

Importance: High

Due to the rain Lobo Day will be held in the Sam Karas room!



# Creative Arts Lobo Day! Come and learn about MPC services and clubs!

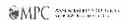


Tuesday, March 4th 10 am to 2 pm Campus Quad

Free food, arts and crafts!

Purchase & decorate your own

ASMPC T-shirt!!!















From:

Shawn Anderson

Sent:

Wednesday, March 05, 2014 8:26 AM

To:

**ALL USERS** 

Subject:

MPC Grants Network Meetings

#### SENT ON BEHALF OF BECCIE MICHAFI.

To follow-up to the Grants Presentation that Deidre Sullivan and I facilitated on Flex Day, we invite you to join us in continued discussions about grant seeking at MPC. In March, we will have two meetings, after which we will attempt to pick a regular monthly meeting day/time that works for the majority of interested people.

#### MPC Grants Network Kick-Off Meetings:

Monday, March 17 from noon-1pm in the Sam Karas Conf Room Tuesday, March 18 from noon-1pm in the Sam Karas Conf Room

Please feel free to bring your lunch. You do not need to RSVP, or to attend both of these meetings, though you may certainly do so if you wish. Our goal initially is to discuss ideas for potential grant projects so that we can begin identifying sources to meet these needs. Ultimately, we plan to build a grant-seeking culture on campus through increased collaboration, innovative thinking, and team proposal writing.

#### **About the MPC Grants Network**

- \* In response to Dr. Tribley's call to action for helping the college close the budget deficit, the MPC Foundation will be facilitating a "Grant Seekers Network" to help encourage and support MPC faculty and staff with securing grant funds.
- \* The Network will meet monthly schedule to be determined.
- \* Topics will include: recent/upcoming RFPs, where to look for grants, how to develop a budget, find matching funds, calculate indirect costs, write an evaluation plan, prepare a logic model, etc.
- \* Open to ANY MPC employee who is interested in learning more about grants you do NOT need to have any experience.

Beccie Michael Executive Director

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From: Sigrid Klein

Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 4:55 PM

To: ALL USERS

**Subject:** FW: 2014 MPC Community Play

Reminder about the wonderful play this Saturday. Please direct your inquiries/questions to Larry Walker <a href="walker@mpc.edu">walker@mpc.edu</a>

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For more than 20 years, MPC has joined hands with UCSC African American Theatre Arts Troupe (AATAT) to celebrate Black History by sponsoring a community play. The AATAT performances are engaging and filled with educational and historical relevance to black history in America. Please reference the flyer below for details about our 2014 performance. Admission is **Free**, but what you receive in return will be invaluable! Consider attending this Saturday, March 8 at 7pm, Oldemeyer Center, Seaside.



#### IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MPC PRESENTS:

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN FREATER, ASIS FROUTE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TREATER, ARIS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS THEIR 22ND SEASON



Adapted by Robert Nemiroff

<u>Directed by</u> Donald Williams



SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014
AT 7PM
OLDEMEYER CENTER
986 HILBY, AVE,
SEASIDE, CA 93958
(FREE ADMISSION)

Lorronne Hansberry won fame with her play, A Raisin in the Son. It was the first play to be shown an Broadway by an African American Woman. "To be Young, Gifted and Black is a fast paced, powerful, touching and hilanious, this kaleidoscope of constantly shifting scenes, mood and images recreates the world of. Lorronne Hansberry, from the years of her birth in 1930 to 1965. Unique and bold, the play dramatically weaves through her life experiences and the times that shaped her. The actors ship ingeniously into and our of a variety of challenging roles spanning her life, to the ultimate confrontation, her battle with sames.

Sponsors include: EOPS/CARE, TRIO Programs, CalWORKs, MPC 85U\_ City of Seaside Cantact 831-646-4290 or iwalker@mpc.edu for more information

From:

Michael Midkiff

Sent:

Friday, March 07, 2014 12:08 PM

To:

ALL USERS; Walter Tribley

Subject:

MPC Locked Down - Stay inside of off-campus

Importance:

High

### THIS IS NOT A DRILL.

MPC IS UNDER LOCKDOWN. STAY INSIDE and AWAY FROM WINDOWS. IF YOU ARE OFF CAMPUS - STAY OFF-CAMPUS.

MPC WILL REMAIN IN LOCKDOWN UNTIL DR. TRIBLEY GIVES THE ALL-CLEAR

From:

Michael Midkiff

Sent:

Friday, March 07, 2014 1:08 PM

To:

ALL USERS; Walter Tribley

Subject:

Classes cancelled - Monterey Campus Only

All classes on the Monterey Campus only – with the exception of Athletics – are cancelled for the remainder of the day – Friday March 7, 2014

From: Michael Midkiff

**Sent:** Friday, March 07, 2014 1:05 PM

To: ALL USERS; Walter Tribley

Subject: ALL Clear - MPC Lockdown is over

The lockdown is over

Dr. Tribley has given the all-clear.

From:

Walter Tribley

Sent:

Friday, March 07, 2014 4:12 PM

To:

**ALL USERS** 

Subject:

Campus Incident Update

#### Dear MPC,

In case you did not hear, we activated our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) today on a credible report that armed persons were last seen near our campus around 11:30 this morning. The Monterey Police Department and supporting agencies were contacted, and eventually gave me the notification that our campus was clear around 1pm.

We are grateful that no person was hurt and regret the loss of class time and other significant impacts that come with "locking-down" a campus. The rapid actions that we took today were to help ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

Today, our personnel pulled together as a team. From building contacts to the volunteers in the EOC, our strength was in the actions of our people. The actions and demeanor of local law enforcement and their partners was very effective. Of course, there are many lessons to learn from the events today and our actions. We are debriefing the incident and will learn from this to make us stronger going forward. We know, without doubt, that we need to make upgrades to our phone communications and implement a text-alert system.

Thank you to all that were part of our response. A big shout out to the emergency response team, our security team, and all of you that we asked to help. It is a credit to MPC that everyone that was asked to help answered the call without hesitation.

Go Lobos!

Dr. T.

Walt Tribley, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President
Monterey Peninsula College
980 Fremont St.
Monterey, CA 93940
831-646-4060

From:

Marty L. Johnson

Sent:

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 9:38 AM

To:

**ALL USERS** 

Subject:

Friday's Lock-Down Debrief LTC 203-204, March 13, 5-6 pm

#### AII -

Last Friday MPC went into lock-down based upon information from Monterey Police that a robbery by two armed individuals occurred in the vicinity of the college and the gunmen were possibly heading towards the campus. In order to capture our experiences of the incident, we have scheduled a debrief in LTC 203-204 this Thursday, March 13, from 5 – 6 pm.

Anyone who has experiences, concerns, and suggestions for improvement to report are invited. It would be particularly helpful if the following are able to attend;

- Those who found themselves working in the Emergency Operations Center (Large Conference Room in the Administration Building)
- Those who are assigned to the Emergency Operations Center but were not able to get there
- Building Response Teams
- The Emergency Response Team/BART
- Monterey Police Department
- Representatives from the Foundation who were meeting in the Administration Building
- Representatives from the Marina and Seaside campuses
- Others including students who you think have important information to share

Everyone did a great job last Friday and we want to continue to make improvements. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact me through email with your suggestions.

#### Marty

Martin L. Johnson Interim Vice President for Student Services Monterey Peninsula College 831-646-4191 mljohnson@mpc.edu

#### **Shawn Anderson**

From:

Leslie Procive

Sent:

Friday, March 14, 2014 11:33 AM

To:

**ALL USERS** 

Subject:

FW: MPC Online Coffee and Conversation Updates - March 21 Cancelled

Sent on behalf of the Institutional Committee on Distance Education

Greetings MPC Faculty,

The MPC Online Coffee and Conversation scheduled for Friday March 21 on Setting up effective quizzes in MPC Online has been cancelled.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Our regular MPC Online Coffee and Conversation schedule will resume on **Friday, April 18th** from 11:00 a.m.-noon in LTC 317. We will be discussing *Collaborative learning with blogs and wikis*.

For other professional development opportunities, please visit MPC Online and click on the link to <u>Faculty Training & Support</u>.

We look forward to seeing you in the next conversation!

Thank you,

Institutional Committee on Distance Education

#### THE HERALD FEBRUARY 19, 2014

# Editorial: New state bill is great start to affordable bachelor's degrees

THE HERALD'S VIEW

Correction: Monterey Peninsula College and Hartnell College both have openings for students. An earlier version of this editorial incorrectly characterized the two schools as being at capacity.

Life would be a little easier for America's young adults if they could earn a bachelor's degree without the burden of thousands of dollars of debt.

California might have found a way to ease the astronomical cost of a four-year college degree with a new bill written by Sen. Marty Block, D-San Diego, and co-sponsored by San Mateo Sen. Jerry Hill.

Senate Bill 850 authorizes a pilot program <u>allowing community colleges to offer one bachelor's degree apiece</u> in an in-demand field, such as health care or information technology.

We'd like to see the idea embraced and eventually expanded as California will need an estimated 60,000 more college graduates every year to meet demand — a 40 percent increase over current levels, according to the Public Policy Institute of California. Lawmakers and educators need to make serious strides, and soon, to avert a potentially disastrous workforce shortage.

With two local community colleges, Hartnell in Salinas and Monterey Peninsula College, demand for more affordable higher education appears obvious.

Hartnell's 10,000 students and more than 6,200 at MPC would be able to better position themselves for an advanced career soon after graduation if the schools offered bachelor's degrees.

MPC President Walter Tribley told The Herald "it's inevitable" the future of higher education include more pathways for students to earn a bachelor's degree. Tribley said he

has seen the model work well in Washington and Florida, where he worked for community colleges before MPC.

Some 21 states already allow this because it helps communities meet the unique needs of local businesses, trains students for jobs that actually exist, and helps them avoid the costly and confusing transfer process.

A community college in Bismarck, N.D., for example, offers a degree in energy management.

Reasonable as this seems, the proposal is controversial. It would increase competition with for-profit colleges, such as the University of Phoenix, for one thing. But the more substantive debate is over California's 54-year-old Master Plan for Higher Education, which lays out specific roles for community colleges, the University of California and the California State University. Bachelor's degrees are supposed to be the province of four-year colleges.

But this isn't 1960. Even the CSU system now offers dozens of doctoral degrees, contrary to the master plan.

As Linda Thor, chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and a longtime advocate of this cause, said: "We have to be responsive to changing times."

Careers that once required only a high school diploma or a two-year degree now, or soon will, require a bachelor's degree.

At De Anza College, Thor said, an example is automotive management. The school offers a two-year automotive tech degree, but dealerships increasingly want applicants with a bachelor's. Cerritos College in Norwalk is the only place in the state to offer it, through a partnership with a Michigan university.

Community colleges already work with local employers to train students with the right skills. They are ideally positioned to help California build its work force in this way, while keeping costs low and allowing students to remain close to home — particularly in rural areas, which struggle to meet work force demands.

The bill will need changes, including more specifics about how the programs would be funded. We would like to see colleges be able to offer more than one degree.

The Master Plan for Higher Education has served the state well for five decades, and its central promises — affordable, accessible education for all — should remain a guiding force.

But in the 21st century, California has to think differently about how it can most effectively meet those goals.

#### THE HERALD FEBRUARY 21, 2014

# Alejo introduces legislation to back ethnic studies

Legislation would create task force to make recommendations on a curriculum

By CLAUDIA MELÉNDEZ SALINAS Herald Staff Writer

On May 5, 1862, Mexican troops defeated the invading French Army during the Battle of Puebla, a temporary victory that swiftly became symbolic.

Had the French secured a quick victory, they could have continued their march up north to support the Confederate Army, which is what Abraham Lincoln and his strategists feared.

David Serena shared this slice of knowledge at a recent session of his Latinos in American government class at Monterey Peninsula College. During his class, he also discussed how Mexicans in the United States reacted to the news of the Battle of Puebla, which quickly became a symbol of struggle and defiance in the face of staggering odds.

"El Cinco de Mayo is an American tradition," Serena told his students. "Californios were celebrating 18 days after the battle."

Ethnic studies classes have been around in the United States for about 50 years. They're an outgrowth of the Civil Rights movement. They are an attempt to widen the perspective from a Eurocentrist view.

But even though the classes are widely taught at the university level, they're not part of the curriculum in California high schools. Assemblyman Luis Alejo wants to change that.

Alejo, D-Salinas, has just introduced legislation to create a task force in charge of identifying and implementing ethnic studies in public high schools statewide. He said he decided to create a task force — rather than simply making it a requirement — so experts can analyze where this type of class fits best within current high school curriculum.

"Let's bring experts together to make recommendations," Alejo said. "We're bringing together the best minds, and we're asking the Department of Education to lead the effort."

Alejo worked on a similar effort in 2001, when he interned for Assemblyman Manny Diaz. Back then, the bill Diaz sponsored made it all the way to the governor's desk, who vetoed it.

Alejo said he wanted to revive his effort because he's concerned that once flourishing ethnic classes in California have wilted after the budget crisis of 2007.

"California is a very diverse state, with a lot of cultures and history, and we should be showing how to incorporate this in our high school curriculum," he said.

AB 1750 would require the task force to make recommendations to implement an ethnic studies curriculum before Jan. 1, 2016.

Alejo is not the only one to take up the ethnic studies mantle. Latinos make up more than 76 percent of students in Monterey County public schools, and Superintendent of Schools Nancy Kotowski believes a curriculum for ethnic studies is needed.

"Culturally responsive teaching is important for our diverse students so they can relate to what is being taught and be personally connected in the learning process," Kotowski said in an email.

Last year, Kotowski enlisted the help of Christine Sleeter, a retired professor from CSU Monterey Bay and past president of the National Association for Multicultural Education, to help develop the curriculum.

At Salinas Union High School District, four teachers came together to develop a high school class on Mexican American history that will meet the requirements to make it transferrable to four-year universities, district trustee Phillip Tabera said. The inaugural class is scheduled to be taught in the fall.

"It's long overdue," Tabera said. "We are the majority students in K-12, and what kids don't understand and we try to teach them is that we've always been here."

Ethnic studies tend to be controversial. Former Arizona Gov. Janet Brewer signed into law a proposal to ban ethnic studies classes on the basis that they promote ethnic solidarity and the overthrow of the federal government.

"That's a very myopic way of thinking," said Tabera, who also teaches Mexican American studies at San Jose State. "In class next week, we're talking the pre-industrialized United States and how the Transcontinental Railroad was built by Mexican and Asian people. ... U.S. history is not just white history."

Diana Beltran, 20, a psychology major at MPC, says she's learning a lot in Serena's class.

"It's full of hidden treasures," she said. "It makes me realize what we've been missing out. This is important. Everyone should know all this."

It's the type of information everyone should have, not just Mexican Americans, nursing student Estdevin Morais said.

"I really like it, it's good to learn about other people's background, not just your own," Morais said.

#### THE HERALD MARCH 7, 2014

# Chaotic scene near MPC after lockdown

Robbery report followed by miscommunication By PHILLIP MOLNAR
Herald Staff Writer

A comedy of errors locked down Monterey Peninsula College on Friday, sending more than 20 armed police to the campus and creating a media frenzy.

It turned out to be a massive case of miscommunication, and may even have been a hoax.

The incident began at 11:01 a.m. when a 65-year-old Santa Cruz man told Monterey police he had been robbed at gunpoint about 200 feet from the college.

The suspects, who the Santa Cruz man described as Latino men wearing red shirts, were believed — at the time — to have fled by foot or vehicle.

Police have since questioned the man's report, but the incident sparked an immediate reaction.

About 11:30 a.m., college president Walter Tribley decided to lock down the campus as a precaution, keeping more than 500 students stuck in place.

He lifted the order just 15 minutes later, but that's when things really picked up.

At 11:45 a.m., a student in the library called police to say he or she heard shots fired.

It was unclear what the student heard, but several loud bangs were heard throughout the ordeal as Castroville-based construction company Ausonio Inc. worked on a new arts complex building.

Tribley would later say he did not know why construction continued on the building, which is near the center of campus, because the call went out to them to go into lockdown.

"They should not have been doing that," he said, adding that he would look into it.

Efforts by The Herald to reach the company were unsuccessful.

To make matters worse, several parents and friends of students began calling 911 to say they heard from students that there was an "armed man" on campus.

By noon, police had shut down the entrance to the campus, creating a massive traffic jam near the entrance to Highway 1.

About the same time, local media had arrived at the campus to report what was going on, social media from students hit a fever pitch and even a news helicopter hovered overhead.

A dozen students locked in an English class in the humanities building waited for news but kept up their spirits.

"We're good," said Alejandro Campos, 19, of Monterey from a second-floor window. "We just don't have iPhone chargers. That's the problem."

Armed police, some with shotguns, walked from building to building until 1 p.m.

After their search proved fruitless, Tribley ended the lockdown and students were released and classes canceled for the rest of the day.

Sara Asuncion, 22, of Salinas said she was nervous at first.

"I texted my brother to tell my parents I'll be home late," she said, while walking to her car.
"I didn't want them to freak out or anything."

It now appears the Santa Cruz man's report about being robbed near the college may have been inaccurate.

"Officers investigating the original call of the alleged armed robbery found significant inconsistencies in the man's statement," a police news release said, "and no physical evidence to support his statement."

Lt. Leslie Sonne said Friday evening they had not necessarily closed the case but the man's sequence of events in the alleged robbery of electronic equipment did not make sense.

"We're still looking into it," she said.

Tribley said school administrators would be reviewing how the college handled the incident but praised employees for their work in a situation that could have been very serious.

"The response of our people was just inspiring," he said.

#### THE HERALD MARCH 7, 2014

#### Hiroshi Fujimoto (1949 ~ 2014)



MONTEREY – Hiroshi passed away peacefully on February 28, 2014 following a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born March 31, 1949 to Yasushi and Toshiko Fujimoto in Tokyo, Japan. At the age of 14 Hiroshi immigrated to San Diego to live with his aunt, Sue Harper and her family. In 1967, he graduated from Hollywood High School and went on to California State University Los Angeles where he was an outstanding gymnast. In the early 1970s he came to Monterey and was hired by Dr. Gordon Schacher to teach and coach the Monterey Peninsula Gymnastics Club. In 1976 he founded the Monterey Gymnastics Center on Dela Vina Avenue in Monterey with Dr. Schacher, Rick Johnson and Gloria Elber. In the ensuing years, the Center became a dynamic force in the gymnastics world, teaching thousands of Monterey Peninsula young people, and coaching competitive gymnasts to local, state,

regional and national championship levels. Hiroshi taught gymnastics classes at the Center and at Monterey Peninsula College, where his evening classes attracted beginning, and intermediate level students, many of whom went on to train and compete at the Center. Years later many of these early students returned to Monterey Peninsula Gymnastics Center to have their own children and grandchildren be coached by Hiroshi. Hiroshi also was a force in the world of gymnastics competition throughout the Western United States. He was State Chair of the Northern California Boys Gymnastics Association and USA Gymnastics Chair for the entire Western United States. His expertise in coaching and distinctive quiet and calm demeanor were well recognized throughout the sport at all levels. Over the years, Monterey Gymnastics Center was a favorite spot for both national and international level gymnasts and Olympic athletes to visit and workout with Hiroshi. After over 30 years at the Monterey location, Hiroshi moved the Center to its present location in Sand City. Along with Head Coach and Program Director, Jessica Rodriguez, the new center grew and continued its long legacy of excellence and commitment to Monterey Peninsula youth. It is now the oldest privately owned gymnastics center in the United States.

Hiroshi is survived by his parents, Yasushi and Toshiko Fujimoto; his sister, Yuki (Ararata) Kamochi; nephew, Ken and niece, Lisa, all of Tokyo; his beloved aunt, Sue Ruddy (Jim) of Palm Springs and his cousins (far more like brothers), Michael (Daria) Harper of Valencia and their children, Shane and Christen; Mark Harper (Chieko) and children, Erika, Ellena and Emma of Denver, Colorado; Scott Harper of Los Angeles; his longtime friends, Rick and Chris Johnson and their sons, Tyler and Oliver of Monterey; and Jessica Rodriquez and Edgar Marin and their young son, Maddox, who called him "Papa."

Hiroshi is also survived by the many gymnasts and their families, whose lives were forever changed by his goodness, quiet strength and commitment to others.

A Celebration of Hiroshi's Life will be held in the near future. Date, time and location will be available at the Monterey Peninsula Gymnastics Center website: www.montereygymnastics.com. Contributions in Hiroshi's memory may be made to: Union Bank, Main 1-170c, 495 Washington Street, Monterey, CA 93940, Acct. No. 0043120260.

Hiroshi's family and friends want to especially thank Dr. Thomas Bradley, Pam and his entire staff for walking beside Hiroshi on his last journey.

I wish to die in spring, beneath the cherry blossoms, while the springtime moon Is full. ~ Saiyo (1190).

The winter of 2014 has been unusually warm on the Monterey Peninsula. The cherry trees blossomed early this year.

#### THE HERALD MARCH 10, 2014

## **Hugs & Hisses**

The Monterey County Herald

**HUG:** Friday's lockdown at Monterey Peninsula College was a great example of the adage "Better to be safe than sorry." MPC President Walter Tribley acted wisely when he chose to lock down the campus as a precaution after a man told police he'd been robbed at gunpoint near the college. Police later questioned the validity of that report.

There were also reports of shots fired and an armed man on campus, causing a frenzy of police and media responses. Especially in this day and age, when grave tragedy has struck schools and colleges across the country, the assumed threats at MPC on Friday were something to take seriously. The 500 students stuck on campus during the two-hour ordeal should be thankful MPC leaders took such swift, prudent action. Sadly, we've all seen these incidents turn out much differently.

HISS: Drip, drip, drip — or rather gush, gush, gush. That's the sound of 225,000 homes and businesses throughout the state that don't have water meters and therefore can't measure how much they use. That means these folks can turn on the faucet all they want without thought to cost. There are 42 communities in California that have not installed meters, mostly in the Central Valley. According to a report by the Bay Area News Group, those without meters pay flat rates between \$20 and \$35 a month, and those communities use 39 percent more water per capita than the state average. This is most disturbing during a time of prolonged drought across California. State officials should set out immediately to have water meters installed. Our supply depends on it.

HISS: There are few things scarier than opening your water bill to find the amount owed is more than the price of a car. Imagine the shock 81-year-old Gervais Davis of Monterey felt when he received a \$24,000 water bill from California American Water that reflected nearly 229,000 gallons of use over a two-month period from December to February. Ouch! Davis, who had his bill reduced to \$100, isn't alone in receiving shocking water bills from Cal Am.

It's apparently become such a widespread issue on the Peninsula that the company transferred a customer relations specialist to Monterey from Sacramento mainly to deal with the abundance of excessively high bills, which are usually anomalies brought on by

leaks or other unintended water uses. Company officials say their meters are accurate, and that even astronomic bills can be explained. Really? How could Davis unknowingly gush 229,000 gallons of water in such a short period? Let's hope Cal Am can get to the bottom of this mess so we can open our bills without anxiety.

**HUG:** Sometimes a juicy burger, with fries and a shake, hits the spot. On that note, it's exciting to see the city of Seaside <u>move ahead with selling a vacant parcel</u> on Del Monte Avenue to In-N-Out Burger. The city won a key state approval last week to sell the former auto wrecking yard to the Southern California fast-food chain, which has eyed the property for about five years. With the state Department of Finance's blessing, the city and restaurant can proceed with a formal development agreement that they expect would have the burger joint open in early 2015. Make ours a double.

#### THE HERALD MARCH 13, 2014

## Monterey Peninsula College construction company claims they were not told of lockdown

Ausonio employees were unaware, owner says

By PHILLIP MOLNAR

Herald Staff Writer

A company doing construction work at Monterey Peninsula College on Friday says it was not alerted when the school <u>went on lockdown</u> after reports that armed robbers might be on campus.

The school was locked down for more than an hour at about 11:30 a.m., but no gunmen were found. All the while, six employees of Ausonio Inc. kept working.

Andrew Ausonio, the owner of the Castroville company, said no one at the school told his employees there might have been a gunman on campus.

"The only reason we found out is one of our employees happened to be walking on the opposite side of the campus and heard the announcement coming from inside another building," he said.

MPC president Walter Tribley said Friday afternoon after the lockdown that the school had told Ausonio, and the other construction company on campus, Otto Construction, that a lockdown was underway.

When asked again Wednesday, Tribley said they were doing a debriefing and he would know more later.

He declined to answer further questions. Efforts to reach superintendent Vicki Nakamura, who often answers media calls for the school, were unsuccessful.

Ausonio further claimed the loud noises that some said were mistaken for gunfire were coming from Otto Construction, which he said was doing concrete demolition work during the lockdown.

The company did not return a call for comment.

Otto Construction has done many projects for the college. In spring 2012, it completed the \$2 million Humanities Division's faculty and staff offices, the \$3.5 million Physical Science Building in summer 2013, the \$3.8 million Life Sciences Building in summer 2012 and the \$2.3 million Business, Math and Computer Science Building in spring 2011.

The company has offices in Monterey and Sacramento.

The lockdown occurred after a 65-year-old Santa Cruz man told Monterey police he had been robbed at gunpoint about 200 feet from the college.

After that, the school ordered all students and employees to lock themselves in classrooms and buildings.

The lockdown ended about 1 p.m. after police had inspected the campus. Police later said they questioned the original claim by the Santa Cruz man.

# MPC's 'Taming of the Shrew' set during Prohibition

The Monterey County Herald Herald Staff Report

William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" has been re-imagined in a lot of ways: as a musical ("Kiss Me Kate"), as a teen film ("10 Things I Hate About You"), as a Western ("McLintock!" with John Wayne).

Starting Friday, the Monterey Peninsula College Theatre Company will add to the list with a version set in a Prohibition-era speakeasy.

"The Taming of the Shrew" is "filled with familiar archetypes that have been comedic staples since the 1500s. As I was reading it over again, it struck me how so many of those characters paralleled the era of the speakeasy and Prohibition and how neatly they fit into the roles," director Gary Bolen said in a news release. "I had some family members who were, let's just say, 'involved,' in not exactly legal activities during that time and really related to it."

Here, Padua becomes a town in New Jersey, where the main backdrop is a speakeasy owned by Baptista Minola (James Brady), the father of "shrew" Katharina (Ayanna Blount) and her more desirable sister, Bianca (Amanda Schemmel). As settings change — to the home of Kate's suitor, Petruchio (Christopher Deacon), for instance — the new location is indicated by the speakeasy's "live-in floozies," who display the locale on boxing-ring style cards.

The speakeasy's resident piano player (Barney Hulse) will provide music from the era, and dances such as the Charleston and Black Bottom (correographed by Sherri Beck) will break out unexpectedly. Murals by scenic artist Carey Crockett also add to the Prohibition flavor.

Bolen said by email that the production will launch a public awareness campaign for the theater's fundraising efforts as it faces hefty budget cuts from the college starting July 1.GO!

#### **THEATER**

•What: MPC Theatre Company's "The Taming of the Shrew"

·Where: Morgan Stock Stage at MPC, 980 Fremont St., Monterey

•When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays from March 14-30; preview at

7:30p.m. Thursday, March 13

•**Tickets:** \$10-\$25, 646-4213 or <u>www.ticketguys.com</u>.

•Information: www.mpctheatreco.com

#### THE HERALD MARCH 18, 2014

#### **Ted Wesley Trendt (1935 - 2014)**



MONTEREY – Ted Wesley Trendt, 78, known affectionately as Coach Trendt, passed away peacefully at home on March 13, 2013 holding his wife's hand. He had been on Hospice care for eight months.

Ted was born September 4, 1935 in Los Angeles, CA, the son of Joseph Frank (Buster) and Letha Trendt. At age two he moved to Holtville in the Imperial Valley. Always athletic, he played football and baseball and ran track in high school and went on to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where he played water polo. He acquired a BS and Masters degree at Cal Poly. He taught history and science for five years at Hanford High and started an aquatics

program there. In 1964 he moved to Monterey where he was hired as head coach of aquatics at Monterey Peninsula College. During his 49 years at MPC, he taught water polo, competitive swim teams, swimming, diving, life saving and sailing. He also had a private swim club, the Monterey Bay Swim Club. Ted enjoyed a rich and varied life and his interests reflected this diversity. He loved all sports, playing chess, reading, woodworking, building, skiing and watercolor painting. He was a docent at Point Sur Lighthouse for ten years. He loved touring the U.S. and Canada in his RV, fishing along the way and traveling through Europe where he added in new countries with each visit. His favorite countries were Italy and Switzerland.

Ted was preceded in death by his first wife, Jean and his sister, Beverly.

He is survived by his two daughters, Judi Forestelle (Bill) and Kim Gruba (Doug); his stepdaughter, Michelle Lockwood (Ron); six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and his wife, Janis Trendt.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, March 28, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Monterey, 3001 Salinas Hwy., Monterey, CA 93940.

Funeral arrangements are by Struve and Laporte Funeral Home. For more information and to share a memory, visit: www.struveandlaporte.com.

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