

Shawn Anderson

From: Walter Tribley
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 11:26 AM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: Change in Division Chair Positions

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Dear MPC,

Please join me in welcoming two new division chairs Professor Elias Kary (Social Sciences Division) and Professor Todd Ritsema (Physical Sciences Division)! I would also like us to thank Professors Tom Logan (Social Sciences) and Elizabeth Bishop (Physical Sciences) for their service as division chairs.

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From: Suzanne Ammons
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 1:29 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: FW: PARKING and PERMITS- fall 2014

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My apologies, the link to the new website location is included below:

We "Permit" You To Park

Parking enforcement will commence in our Staff and General parking areas on Tuesday, September 2nd. Enforcement in the Child Development Center Parking Lot CDC, will begin on Monday, August 25th and requires a CDC permit. Handicap Accessible and Redline curb areas are enforced 24/7. The following listing of parking areas are for your reference:

- Parking Lots A, B, C, D and F are general parking, enforcement commences Tuesday, September 2nd
- Parking Lot CDC is CDC permit only, enforcement begins Monday, August 25th
- Parking Lot E and J staff only, staff permit required. Enforcement begins Tuesday, September 2nd
- 30 Minute zones enforcement begins Monday, August 25th

Your Staff or Student permits are to be displayed on the rearview mirror or driver's side dash and must be visible. MPC Traffic Regulations are at the following link: <http://www.mpc.edu/about-mpc/campus-information/campus-security-parking/parking-information>

Staff, please use Staff parking areas whenever possible. This preserves the general parking spaces for the students (our customers). Any questions regarding permit parking please call the Security office at 646-4005.

Bicycle and Skateboards:

Signage appears throughout the campus encouraging to "Walk your Bike, Carry your Skateboard". Bicycle and skateboard usage is now restricted to the perimeter roadways and parking lots. Inner campus walkways are restricted to walking your bicycle and carrying your skateboard.

Smoking Policy:

The use of tobacco products are limited to parking lots only and at least 20 feet from a building.

Thank you,

Arthur St. Laurent
Director of Security
831-646-4005
831-646-4099 Officer on Patrol
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From: Walter Tribley
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 1:32 PM
To: Arthur St. Laurent; Carlis Crowe-Johns; Catherine Nyznyk; Cecilia Sutton; Connie Andrews; Dan Beck; David Brown; Earl Davis; Jon Knolle; Kali Viker; Laura Franklin; Laurence E. Walker; Lynn Noell; Michael Gilmartin; Michael Midkiff; Nicole Dunne; Pete Olsen; Rebecca "Beccie" Michael; Rosaleen Ryan; Rosemary Barrios; Shawn Anderson; Shirley Kim; Susan Kitagawa; Suzanne Ammons; Vicki Nakamura
Cc: Francisco Tostado
Subject: Managers, Supervisors, and Confidential Employees: College Council Representative

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Please join me in congratulating Mr. Tostado for his new role as the MSC representative to College Council.

Way to go Francisco!

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Shawn Anderson

From: Shawn Anderson
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 4:47 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: FASA email

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Sent on behalf of MPC Foundation Executive Director, Beccie Michael.
Please direct any questions or comments to MPC Foundation at 655-5507.



Faculty and Staff Advancement Awards

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 AT 5:00 P.M.

Awards Announced: October 10, 2014

The MPC Foundation is now accepting applications for Fall 2014 Faculty & Staff Advancement (FASA) Awards. Approximately \$20,000 will be awarded this semester. These funds are available due to the generosity of our President's Circle donors, as well as four endowments established specifically for FASA awards.

The four endowments that provide funding to the FASA program include: the **George J. (Bob) Faul** endowment, established by his family 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 supports 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. All of the information you need can be found on our website: <http://mpcfoundation.org/faculty-and-staff/>

Please note the following timelines:

Applications due: September 22

Awards announced: October 10

Projects commence: October 11, 2014 (expenses cannot be incurred prior to this date)

Projects complete: July 11, 2015 (expenses cannot be incurred after this date)

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

Beccie Michael

Shawn Anderson

From: Leslie Procive
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 5:07 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: FW: MPC Online Beginning of Semester Reminders & Announcements

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Sent on behalf of Jon Knolle, Associate Dean of Instructional Technology and Development

Greetings MPC Online faculty!

Welcome back for the fall 2014 semester. As you finalize preparations for your MPC Online courses I want to share some important updates:

1) Remember to open your MPC Online courses so that students can find them!

You courses are hidden by default until you are ready to make them available to students. To open access to your course follow the steps below:

1. From your course home page
2. Go to the "Course Administration" menu at the top of the page
3. Click "Edit Settings"
4. Change the "Availability" option to "This course is available to students"
5. Scroll down and click "Save changes"

You can find our course readiness and additional information (including a video demonstrations) from the MPC Online Faculty Training & Support link at <http://mpconline.mpc.edu>.

2) Fall faculty training and certification updates:

Due to limited staffing and resources, the MPC Online support team has suspended the MPC Online faculty certification courses and process for the fall semester. We hope to bring this opportunity back to MPC in the future. The following workshops are currently the only MPC Online trainings that will take place this semester:

- **Taming your MPC Online Grade Book** (September 12th from 11 a.m. - noon in LTC 317). *No registration required.*
 - Start the semester off right by making sure your MPC Online grade book is setup correctly and ready to go!
- **Introduction to MPC Online - Moodle LMS training** (October 6th face-to-face kick-off). *Register online at <http://bit.ly/1nkbuY9>*
 - This is our 4-week online training for MPC Online. This workshop covers the basics for getting started with MPC Online. You will learn how to setup your MPC Online shell, organize and

present content, setup an online gradebook, and create online activities including discussion forums and quizzes.

3) MPC Online Support Resources

Online Support is available to faculty and students through MPC Online. Click on the link to [Contact MPC Online Help Desk](#) on the MPC Online home page or email onlinehelp@mpc.edu with your request.

The Center for Instructional Technology (in LTC 317) also offers **drop-in support for MPC faculty:**
Mon - Thurs 10:00 a.m.– 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.,
Fridays 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon, and by appointment.

Have a great semester
- Jon

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Jon Knolle, Ed.D.
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Shawn Anderson

From: Amy Cavender
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 3:05 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: Student Services Updates

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Expires: Thursday, December 18, 2014 5:00 PM

Good afternoon,
Please note the following Student Services updates:

- The International Student Programs is now located in the Student Service building, STS 215.
- The Re-entry Multicultural Program has discontinued the Book Lending Library due to the lack of fiscal resources.
- Supportive Services and Instruction has been renamed Access Resource Center (ARC).
- A Veterans' Center has been established and is now operating in the newly remolded Student Center.

Thank you,
Student Services

Shawn Anderson

From: Amy Cavender
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 3:10 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: FW: Student Center All-User email

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Expires: Thursday, December 18, 2014 5:00 PM

Good afternoon MPC!

A meeting was held to discuss the operations of the new Student Center, the following items were determined:

Hours of Operation: OPEN: 7am CLOSE: 9pm.

Designated Parking Areas: Spaces adjacent to the Student Center are used only by Bookstore, Café, loading, and Vendors. The last parking space behind the Student *Services* building is reserved for the Security Truck.

INDOOR Fireplace: The indoor fire places should not be used unless approval is granted in advance by Julie Osborne.

OUTDOOR Fireplace: The outdoor fireplace will be monitored and turned on and off by Facilities staff (Pete Olsen will be the contact).

Room Reservations: The Almaden Room, or other areas used for meetings should be coordinated through Julie Osborne.

Smoking Policy: No Smoking allowed around the building, smoking is restricted to parking lots only.

Grand Re-Opening: Julie Osborne will be organizing a Grand Re-Opening for later in the fall.

Additionally, staff discussed developing emergency preparedness plans, which include maps, appropriate signage, evacuation routes, and staging areas.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the operations of the new student center, please contact Larry Walker.

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From: Shawn Anderson
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 2:11 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: NEW EXHIBIT AT MPC ART GALLERY!
Attachments: Au7.png; Au8.jpg; SmLife.jpg
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SENT ON BEHALF OF MELISSA PICKFORD

Greetings, MPC Community~~~~

We have a new art exhibit in the MPC Gallery beginning today, and it will run through the end of September. Please plan to drop by and take a look.

Our reception is this Thursday, September 4, from 12:30 - 2:00pm. Join us for snacks and learn more about art!

Details below.....

See you soon,

Melissa Pickford

MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE ART GALLERY PRESENTS:

“LIFE INDUSTRIES”

sculpture and digital art

EXHIBIT DATES: SEPTEMBER 2 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

LOCATION: MPC ART DEPARTMENT GALLERY, 980 FREMONT ST., MONTEREY

HOURS: TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 11:00 - 4:00;

(OR BY APPOINTMENT; CALL 646-3060)

RECEPTION: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 12:30 – 2:00 PM (GALLERY TALK 1:00 PM)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LOOK INTO THE WORLD OF ANDREW AU, a Cincinnati-based art professor who will share with us his imaginative sculptures, digital paintings, and screen prints. Using polymer clay, steel, and paint, he creates precisely crafted sculptures that appear to be hybrid machines/animals, fascinating in their futuristic detail. Accompanying these are striking digital paintings, created first on the computer then painted over in fine detail. In this body of work, he tells us, he is

“exploring the idea of products that are living things, manufactured and marketed, the necessary construction being merely code that explains a sequence of events to make the organism viable. I have created fictitious “life products” which are labeled according to their product name/number and the periodic elements on which they are based. I rely on the artistic conventions of the 50s and 60s advertisements, a period of utopian hope in the abilities of new technological advancements.”

Shawn Anderson

From: Amy Cavender
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 9:07 AM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: Halloween Writing Contest! Winners published!

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Good morning,
Please see the message below, sent on behalf of The Creative Writing Club. Contact [Henry Marchand](#) with any questions.

Fear... dread... terror... and other good stuff!

it's the annual MPC

HALLOWEEN

WRITING CONTEST

WINNERS PUBLISHED IN

SCHEHERAZADE,

The MPC Literary Magazine, in Print & Online!

Writing by all MPC students, faculty & staff is welcome!

Send your original short story (8 pages, max.) or poem

by October 24 to:

creativewritingclub@mpc.edu

Shawn Anderson

From: Amy Cavender
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 9:10 AM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: The Creative Writing Club of MPC

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Expires: Wednesday, December 24, 2014 5:00 PM

Sent on behalf of The Creative Writing Club. Please contact [Henry Marchand](#) with any questions.

The Creative Writing Club meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3-4 PM in HSS104.

All MPC students are welcome.

We hope to see you soon.

Look for us on Lobo Day!

Henry Marchand
Advisor to the Creative Writing Club of MPC

Shawn Anderson

From: Leslie Procive
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 3:23 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: FW: Taming Your MPC Online Grade Book - September 12th MPC Online Coffee and Conversation
Attachments: iCal-20140908-135854.ics
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Sent on behalf of MPC's distance education support team:

Greetings MPC Online Faculty

We are pleased to invite you to an MPC Online Faculty Coffee and Conversation mini-workshop focused on ***Taming Your MPC Online Grade Book***. Join us this Friday, September 12th from 11:00 a.m.- noon in LTC 317 for a short workshop facilitated by Steve Bruemmer, MPC's resident MPC Online grade book expert!

This workshop is intended to help make sure your grade book is setup correctly and ready for the semester. Our conversation will include the following topics:

- 1) Effective ways to setup and manage categories and grade items
- 2) Entering grades and assigning student feedback
- 3) Correctly using weighted totals in your grade book

No registration required. Add this event to your calendar by clicking on the attached calendar icon.

A fundamental goal of MPC's Institutional Committee on Distance Education is to support the development of high quality online learning environments that facilitate student engagement and promote learning. Learn more by visiting <http://mpconline.mpc.edu> and clicking the link to Faculty Training & Support.

Other options to get help with your MPC Online grade book:

- **Contact the MPC Online help desk** to ask for a "grade book check-up" for your classes. Steve will take a look at your grade book and let you know if there more efficient ways to organize grades and accurately calculate totals.
- **Drop by the LTC 317 Faculty Support Lab** (Mon-Th 10-noon or 1:30-2:30p.m.; Fridays 10-noon) to get one-on-one help with the grade book or any other tools in MPC Online.

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Jon Knolle, Ed.D.
Associate Dean of Instructional Technology & Development

Shawn Anderson

From: Amy Cavender
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 4:29 PM
To: ALL USERS; Student All Users
Subject: Banned Books Week Events at MPC, 9/22-25

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Good afternoon,
Please see the information below sent on behalf of the Creative Writing Club.

The Creative Program and Creative Writing Club of MPC invite the campus community and general public to attend this year's **Banned Books Week** events.

On **Thursday, September 25**, join us for the annual **BANNED BOOKS READ-OUT** from 1:00 – 3:00 PM in the Karas Room of the TLC.

MPC students, faculty, staff and others will read from and discuss books that have been banned or challenged at libraries and in school systems in the United States. All who attend are welcome to read!

From **Monday, September 22 through Thursday, the 25th**, the **BANNED BOOKS RAFFLE** returns to the Caroline Page Garden outside the TLC.

Copies of Banned and Challenged Books will be raffled for just 50 cents per ticket/3 tickets for a dollar. Books raffled may include novels by Toni Morrison, George Orwell, Ray Bradbury, Stephen King and more. The Harry Potter, Hunger Games and Lord of the Rings book series may also be represented...

Banned Books Week was established by the American Library Association in defense of the right to read. For more information, visit ala.org

We hope you'll join us for a celebration of reading and freedom!

For information about these events please contact Henry Marchand at hmarchand@mpc.edu or (831) 645-1321.

Henry Marchand
Creative Writing Instructor
Creative Writing Program Coordinator
Advisor to the Creative Writing Club of MPC
& Scheherazade Magazine
Guest Authors Series Director

“Words were not given to man to conceal his feelings.” – Jose Saramago

Shawn Anderson

From: Leslie Procive
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 8:57 AM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: MPC GREAT BOOKS CLUB FALL 2014 SCHEDULE

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Sent on behalf of the Great Book Club. Please direct any questions to David Joplin at djoplin@mpc.edu

MPC GREAT BOOKS CLUB FALL 2014 SCHEDULE

The MPC GREAT BOOKS CLUB meets on the second and last Wednesday of each month.

12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Humanities Conference Room (HSS 104)

All are welcome.

Dr. David Joplin
Humanities Division
English Program
Great Books Program

Shawn Anderson

From: Amy Cavender
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 11:25 AM
To: ALL USERS; Student All Users
Subject: Lobo Day - Sept. 17th

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Please see the information below sent on behalf of ASMP. Questions can be directed to [Julie Osborne](#).

Lobo's Spirit Day

September 17th

10am - 2pm

**Come and learn about MPC organizations
(ASMPG, AC, ICC, & SRC), services, and
programs on campus while enjoying free food, &
entertainment!**

Location: Student Center

**This event is sponsored by the
Associated Students of MPC.**




**KEEP
CALM
AND
LOBO
ON**

Julie Osborne
Student Activities Coordinator
Monterey Peninsula College
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Shawn Anderson

From: Suzanne Ammons
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 12:28 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: Food Services now at Marina Education Center

The Marina Education Center now has two terrific food vendors serving the campus Monday through Thursday, 10:30 – 1:30. See below:



Two of Monterey Peninsula's newest & most talked about local eateries! Try our fresh, innovative & delicious cuisine and discover why!



Kuki's Gourmet Rice and Noodle Bowls

Build your own bowl \$8 Double Meat \$11

(bowls are served with stir-fried vegetables)

Choose a starch- Japanese White or Brown Rice; Noodle of the Day

Choose a Protein-Braised & Shredded Chicken, Beef or Pork

Choose a Sauce- Teriyaki, Coconut Red Curry, Ponzu Citrus or Peanut

For a vegetarian option, ask for an all-veggie or marinated & grilled Tofu Bowl!

Kuki's Signature Bonsai Chicken

1 piece meal \$8 2 piece meal \$11

Bonsai meals come with a choice of rice (white or brown) or noodle of the day and carrot & burdock root or miso sesame green beans.

5 Piece Bucket \$15 By the Piece \$3 each

Kuki's Sides

- Carrot & Burdock Root Salad \$3
- Miso Sesame Green Beans \$3
- Steamed Japanese White or Brown Rice \$2
- Pork & Chicken Potstickers (5-pc) \$5
- House-made Kimchi \$4

Kuki's Sweets

- Spicy Peanut Brownie \$2
- Mochi Cake \$2

Kuki's Cold Drinks

- Coke, Diet Coke, Aloha Juice, UCC Coffee, Sweetened, \$2
- Unsweetened Green Tea & Bottled Water
- Coconut Water \$3

www.kukisbowl.com

Weekly Schedule at MPC Marina

Kuki's
Mon. & Tues.

Tricycle Pizza
Wed. & Thurs.

10:30am-1:30pm

Menu

Gourmet Wood-Fired Pizza that starts with a crust that is airy & light perfectly balanced between crispy and chewy. Topped with the freshest ingredients. Local & Organic when possible.

Margherita \$10

Organic San Marzano Tomato Sauce, Fresh Mozzarella, Parmesan, Sea Salt, Dressed with Fresh Basil Leaves & Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Artisan Salami Pepperoni \$10

Organic San Marzano Tomato Sauce, Parmesan, Provolone, Fresh Mozzarella, Artisan Salami Pepperoni

Fennel Sausage & Mushroom \$10

Organic San Marzano Tomato, Provolone, Fresh Mozzarella, Wood-Roasted Fennel Sausage, Wild Mushrooms

Chicken-Pesto \$10

Basil-Pesto, Parmesan, Fresh Mozzarella, Provolone, Chicken, Cherry Tomatoes, Wood-Roasted Corn

Strawberry-Basil Lemonade \$3

Personal size but often shared by two!
Each pizza made fresh to order. Gluten-Free Crust Available for an additional \$2.

www.tricyclepizza.com

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Maurine Church Coburn School Of Nursing Receives 2014 Best of Monterey Award

Monterey Award Program Honors the Achievement

MONTEREY July 23, 2014 -- Maurine Church Coburn School Of Nursing has been selected for the 2014 Best of Monterey Award in the Community College category by the Monterey Award Program.

Each year, the Monterey Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Monterey area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2014 Monterey Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Monterey Award Program and data provided by third parties.

About Monterey Award Program

The Monterey Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Monterey area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.

The Monterey Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.

SOURCE: Monterey Award Program

CONTACT:

Monterey Award Program

Email: PublicRelations@localawards.org

URL: <http://www.localawards.org>

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Search for missing hiker wrapping up with no leads

The search for Arvin Nelson will be wrapping up with air searches

By Ana Ceballos

It's been 10 days since search and rescue teams started combing through steep terrain in Big Sur in search for Arvin Nelson, but leads have turned up nothing.

The search for Nelson began promptly and support from search and rescue teams from more than 10 different agencies grew strong.

Five days into the search, more than 50 ground searchers were out looking for Nelson. Some camped out for two days along the Camp China trails — where the experienced hiker said he would be — while others came back to Carmel Valley to rest for another eight-hour search the next day.

However, nothing hinting to Nelson's whereabouts has been found.

On Monday, SAR officials re-evaluated the situation and determined ground searchers would no longer be used, Monterey County Sheriff's Office Cmdr. John Thornburg said.

The search for Nelson will continue without ground searchers, but will persist by air.

A Monterey fire airplane and a helicopter will fly above the trails in search for leads or better — Nelson.

Thornburg said the search will likely be wrapping up Tuesday as leads to go on remain scarce.

"Unless something is found," Thornburg said. "But we don't have any leads and we haven't found him or anything."

The search has gone on for a while because authorities believe Nelson is an experienced hiker and would be able to survive a long time in the wilderness.

Nelson initially had planned for an eight-day backpacking trip starting on Aug. 6 and ending on Aug. 14, but he never came out of the woods.

By Aug. 16, one of his friends reported him missing. His friends told authorities he knew what he was doing and that he might be in trouble, Thornburg said.

Since he has been reported missing, none of his friends have heard from him either, Thornburg said, which means he hasn't made it out yet.

Kevin Raskoff, one of Nelson's Monterey Peninsula College professors, describes him as a character who "seems to have done just about everything at some point in time."

"He is a favorite with a lot of faculty at MPC, so we are all eagerly awaiting word about his safe return," Raskoff said.

Thornburg said SAR teams still have hope and despite the lack in leads, they believe Nelson is still alive.

"There's nothing that makes us think he is alive or dead," he said.

The aid and abundance in volunteers helping in the search are not uncommon, but they may be costly.

Thornburg said the thorough search would not have been possible without the help of other agencies.

The cost of the search will likely be known by the end of the week, he said.

Ana Ceballos can be reached at 726-4377.

Former North Salinas-MPC standout to play for Mexico in FIBA World Cup

Marco Ramos fulfills pro hoops dreams

By John Devine

During a two-year absence from basketball, Marco Ramos received a call from a former high school teammate.

"I remember Eric Petty calling me and saying, 'Are you really going to hang them up?'" Ramos said.

For two years, Ramos put the high tops in storage and basketball was out of his life as he focused on his job as a strength and conditioning coach in Phoenix.

"I was done," said the former North Salinas High and Monterey Peninsula College basketball standout.

Or so he thought.

"One day I woke up and said, 'I'm not ready to hang them up,'" said Ramos, who is a member of the Mexican national team that is competing Saturday in the FIBA World Cup in Spain.

Perhaps the person that Ramos had to convince the most about his decision was his mother, who still lives in Salinas.

"I called my mom and said I've got an opportunity to play and I'm going to take it," said Ramos, who is 6-foot-7. "My mom said, 'But you have a good job with benefits.' Then she told me to follow my heart."

It didn't take long for Ramos to rediscover his love and passion for basketball, which earned him a scholarship and led to earning a degree from Grand Canyon College in Phoenix.

Within months of honing his skills as a small forward, Ramos had drawn interest from a professional basketball team in Mexico.

"I went to a tournament in Los Angeles and this guy came up to me and said our team is interested in you and they are based in Mexico," Ramos said. "I looked them up and they had won the championship."

Once Ramos got himself back into playing shape, he became a contributor for the Red Hawks, averaging 9.8 points and 7.1 rebounds a game, helping them to another championship this past summer.

"It was self-motivation that put him where he's at," said MPC basketball coach Blake Spiering. "His skill set was so high here. He was one of the best players I've ever had come out of MPC."

Improving five inches on his vertical leap and becoming a sharpshooter along the perimeter, the 27-year-old Ramos was invited to play for the Mexican national team in 2013.

"I was the 13th guy," said Ramos, whose roommate for Mexico is former Watsonville High standout Adrian Zamora. "We went to Venezuela to qualify for the FIBA World Cup as heavy underdogs and won the gold medal."

Ramos received another invitation after the Red Hawks won the Mexican League Championship this year. He has been averaging eight to 10 minutes a game off the bench as the team has played a series of exhibitions to gear up for the World Cup.

"He really didn't have any weaknesses here," Spiering said. "His work ethics were unbelievable. His skill level was so high. He was a 6-6 guard for us. He'd get the ball and dribble to the hole. He was a basketball junkie."

Which made Ramos' decision to hang them up after his collegiate career ended at Grand Canyon University puzzling. Having landed a job on campus as a strength and conditioning coach for the basketball, volleyball and baseball teams was like a dream job.

"I loved it," Ramos said. "It was a great job."

Yet, in the back of his mind, the dream was to still play professional basketball. Ultimately, he couldn't get it out of his mind.

"When I informed Grand Canyon of my aspirations, they told me when you're done, we'll have a job for you," Ramos said.

That might be a while.

Ramos hopes to play another 10 years in Mexico, with aspirations of helping the Mexican team qualify for the Olympics in two years.

The objective Saturday is to help his team get past Lithuania in the opening round of the FIBA tournament. Mexico's bracket includes Slovenia, Korea, Australia and Angola.

"If you believe the experts, they have got us finishing fourth in our bracket," Ramos said.

Which would constitute a meeting with the United States in the second round.

"We'll see," Ramos said. "We feel we're going to finish higher out of our bracket. No one expects us to do anything. We've been in this role before in Venezuela. We play with a chip on our shoulder. We call it 'Angry Warriors.'"

Two of Ramos's teammates play in the NBA, including former Cal star and current Brooklyn Nets guard Jorge Gutierrez and current free agent Gustavo Ayon, who played for the Hawks last year.

"Two years ago I was working," said Ramos, who still refers to Salinas as his home away from home. "Now I'm playing against the best in the world."

John Devine can be reached at 726-4337.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Lobos, Panthers in newly formed Golden Coast Conference

By John Devine

With change often comes hesitation.

For more than 50 years, the Coast Conference has been the home for Hartnell and Monterey Peninsula colleges for football.

Yet, in an effort to provide a more competitive balance, the Northern California Football Competition Committee took six conferences and merged them into five. Now, the Coast Conference for football no longer exists.

Changes this past spring have moved the three-time defending Coast Conference-champion Panthers and Lobos into the newly formed Golden Coast Conference.

Parity is the objective.

"Time will tell," said MPC coach Mike Rasmussen, whose squad opens the non-conference season at 1 p.m. Saturday by hosting College of Redwoods. "Our conference had tremendous parity. It's shake-up."

Natural conference rivals Gavilan and Cabrillo will remain in the Golden Coast.

"That's a positive," said Hartnell College coach Matt Collins, whose team opens its season at 6 p.m. Saturday riding a six-game winning streak from last fall, hosting Yuba at Rabobank Stadium in Salinas.

Joining the four programs are newcomers Reedley, West Hills of Coalinga and Merced, all of which previously played in the Golden Gate Central Conference. The merger created the Golden Coast Conference.

"We've played these teams in the past," said Rasmussen, whose team defeated Reedley 44-41 last year. "We can compete well with them."

Part of the change had to do with West Valley of Saratoga dropping football, leaving the old Coast Conference with just five teams.

"I don't have a problem with it (changes) at all," Collins said. "Obviously it's going to be competitive."

In addition to West Valley pulling the plug on its football program, San Jose City was moved out of the conference after finishing in a tie for second with MPC.

Merced, West Hills and Reedley were a combined 7-23 last season, but were 2-2 against teams from the old Coast Conference.

"They are coming from an upper-tier conference," said Collins, who has guided the Panthers to four of the last five Coast Conference titles.

This isn't the first time conferences have been juggled or teams moved out of their conferences. In fact, Hartnell had a short stint in another conference. Those changes, though, never lasted more than a couple of seasons.

The one concern both schools had about the changes was the traveling.

Both programs will spend more money in traveling expenses this fall. Yet, both are still working with the same budget restraints.

The changes aren't just in conference. The non-conference schedule will include four games against teams that are in the same division. In the past, both MPC and Hartnell have faced state powers in non-conference play.

"It took a little more physical toll playing those top schools," Collins said. "Some conference schools showed that by the time they got to conference play, they were not the same teams that put the pads on in August."

The schedule changes will force the Panthers to dig into their budget as the team will spend the night after playing College of Redwoods on Sept. 13.

"That's an eight-hour bus drive," Collins said. "The traveling will be a little more challenging for us."

On the flip side, the conference schedule is now a six-game schedule instead of five. And Cabrillo and Gavilan remain, keeping rivalries that date back 50-plus years intact.

"That was important," Rasmussen said. "Those are great historical rivalries for us."

And all 10 games are against teams in the same division.

"These changes were made basically to give some of the bigger schools a shot at the state playoffs," Rasmussen said.

There will be no state playoffs for the two smaller conferences, known as the American Division. At least not yet.

"Four teams from our two conferences will get a shot to play in a bowl game," said Rasmussen, who has taken MPC to two bowl games in the last three years.

The hope is to eventually have a state title game against teams of similar size in Northern California.

"It might lead to a state championship like they did in the yesteryear," Collins said.

Preseason rankings released Tuesday by the JC Athletic Bureau placed Hartnell at No. 15 in Northern California. The Panthers also received honorable mention votes in the state rankings.

But Hartnell won't face any of the current teams ranked ahead of it.

"That poses a good question," Collins said. "How do you rank a team in the lower tier? We haven't crossed that road yet. But if you're going to separate teams with two tiers, I think it's only right to have a state title game."

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Monterey Peninsula College

Head coach: Mike Rasmussen

Last year: 4-6, 3-2

Sept. 6: Redwoods, 1 p.m.

Sept. 13: at Los Medanos, 1 p.m.

Sept. 20: San Jose City, 6 p.m.

#Sept. 27: at West Hills, 7 p.m.

#Oct. 4: Cabrillo, 6 p.m.

Oct. 11: Bye

#Oct. 18: at Merced, 1 p.m.

#Oct. 25: Hartnell, 6 p.m.

Nov. 1: at Yuba, 1 p.m.

#Nov. 8: Gavilan at Gilroy High, 5 p.m.

#Nov. 15: Reedley, 6 p.m.

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Hartnell College

Head coach: Matt Collins

Last year: 9-2, 5-0

Sept. 6: Yuba, 6 p.m.

Sept. 13: at Redwoods, 1 p.m.

Sept. 20: Mendocino, 2 p.m.

#Sept. 27: at Cabrillo, 7 p.m.

#Oct. 4: Merced, 6 p.m.

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Football Tour XVIII: MPC

By Herald Staff

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The Lobos return sophomore receivers David Hightower, Joseph Jakubowsky and Jordan Borne, but there is a battle to replace Andrew Loudenback at quarterback. Among those competing for the starting job are Palma alumnus Mitch Kidd and last year's backup, James Lavato.

MPC opens the season on Sept. 6 when it hosts College of the Redwoods.

For video from an interview with MPC defensive tackle Jon Tuiolosega, go to the [PrepNation](#) blog.

MPC football tops College of the Redwoods

Lobos easily defeat College of the Redwoods

By Herald Staff

The Monterey Peninsula College football team opened its 2014 season with a win on Saturday, defeating College of the Redwoods 38-23.

Keon Marsh, a sophomore out of Brooklyn, completed 11 of his 20 passes for 145 yards and a touchdown. Four quarterbacks completed passes for MPC, including Palma alumnus Mitch Kidd, but Marsh's 20 attempts were more than the other three passers combined. Before the season, coach Mike Rasmussen said the position was up for competition. The four quarterbacks combined to go 20-of-38 for 321 yards and four touchdowns.

Seaside High alumnus Joseph Jakubowski was the top receiver for the Lobos, catching seven passes for 107 yards. Jameel Kirkland only had two catches, but one was a 62-yard touchdown reception. Freshman Jordan Torres, a Salinas High grad, caught a pair of passes and scored a touchdown.

Marina High alumnus Brian Hunt had the biggest play of the day for MPC on defense, a 93-yard interception return for a touchdown. Hunt also had a pair of tackles. Kamen Dowdell-White and Joseph Griffin each had two and a half sacks for MPC while Jon Tuiolosega had a sack and four solo tackles. Akeel Marsh and Marquise Jones led the Lobos with six tackles apiece while Paul Williams added five.

The win is in contrast to last season when MPC lost its first three games and four of its first five. The Lobos will try and build on the victory next week when they head to Pittsburg to face Los Medanos College.

Restructuring for the early childhood education center at MPC a model

New format would operate in the black, serve more students

By Claudia Meléndez Salinas

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The model they've proposed would be a child development lab, where students in the early childhood education department could get the credits they need to graduate, students can receive the child care they need to finish their studies, and the center would generate the money it needs to operate in the black. It's an idea that has been widely discussed with the labor unions and other groups in the college and the community at large. It has been received enthusiastically.

With the model presented during Monday's meeting, the center would employ a director, two full-time lab mentors, and six part-time early childhood education assistants. The assistants would not be represented by the union that represents classified employees at the college, which is one of the reasons behind the negotiations for the restructuring. The school anticipates saving money on assistants' salaries and don't anticipate having to pay them benefits. Assistants could also be students who are getting credits needed to graduate.

The center would increase capacity to serve 96 students, the same amount it did before cuts slashed the center's operating budget in half.

In the restructured format, MPC would only need to contribute \$50,000 a year to keep the center afloat.

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MPC trustees praised administrators and staff for working on reaching a compromise solution. Johnson said about 12 child care centers affiliated with colleges have closed down in recent years and that between four and eight have been put on notice recently.

"We have no choice but to step up and attempt to work out an arrangement that works out for everyone," said Loran Walsh, president of the Monterey Peninsula College Employees Association. "We'll be preserving the early childhood education center."

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State of the Stage: It's not curtains yet for local theater **Stage productions see dwindling attendance and resources**

By Mark Shilstone

Live theater in Monterey County is suffering.

The Magic Circle Theatre in Carmel Valley has gone dark, and others have taken severe financial hits. At the same time, nearly every theater in the area reports that attendance has been on a steady decline for the past few years.

The blame is usually laid at the feet of the almighty dollar — or, more specifically, the lack of the almighty dollar. But it may be time to ask: Is it really all about the money?

To help answer the question, let's pretend every local theater is financially stable. (That sound you just heard was all the local theater managers swooning.) What we find are problems deep in the foundation: social media and digital devices stealing audiences and challenging ideas about advertising; a lack of young people both in the seats and on the stage; and not enough actors to go around.

A whole paradigm shift may be needed if the local theater scene hopes to survive and flourish. When you talk about the "thinning of the herd," unless these serious underlying issues are addressed, Magic Circle may not be the only gazelle that gets munched.

The good news is the theaters are fully aware of the changing landscape and are trying to figure out how to adapt.

DIGITAL WORLD

Although most of the theaters are making attempts to harness and use social media and devices such as smartphones and tablets, The Western Stage at Hartnell College in Salinas may be slightly ahead of the curve. Artistic Director Jon Selover, at the urging of students running a recent series of plays called the 2X4 Bash, experimented with allowing texting in the back rows of the Studio Theatre during performances. Reactions from the theater community were mixed, but Stephen Moorer, artistic director of Pacific Repertory Theatre in Carmel, puts the experiment into perspective. "Theater is supposed to be reflective of your culture and your moment in time," he says, "and our moment in time is filled with texting."

More commonly, theaters have seen digital devices and social media as competition rather than as tools to draw an audience. "It's easy, it's cheap and it whispers to you, 'Let's stay home,'" says Elsa Con, artistic director of The Magic Circle Theatre.

"We're going to have to embrace all this new, technology-based competition," says Koly McBride, owner/producer of Monterey's Paper Wing Theatre. Gina Welch of The Wharf Theater in Monterey points out, "It may be as simple as having someone on staff well-versed in social

media." Or, again like The Western Stage, creating 30-second promotional clips to share on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Whatever the approach, it will be critical for theaters to embrace the digital world going forward. That's because the primary users of all that new stuff — young people — are the same ones who are staying away from the theater in droves.

"Face it: The theater audience is aging and dying," says Peter DeBono, former chair of the Monterey Peninsula College Theatre Department.

What to do about it? Years ago, DeBono came up with his own answer when he developed The Storybook Theatre at MPC. The idea was to get young people exposed to theater early. It fell victim to the massive budget cuts MPC recently suffered, but current department Chair Gary Bolen is seeking a grant to restart the program.

ARIEL Theatrical — a thriving children's theater group in Salinas — states its mission as "helping (children) build a productive and principled life through the art and discipline of theater." Honorable and noble for sure, but with the wonderful side effect of getting young people excited about the stage.

The Western Stage and Pac Rep both have thriving young people's programs and are making headway as far as getting those young people back into the theater, both as audience members and actors and technicians. But it's a battle all theaters are going to have to fight in order to survive. Perhaps tellingly, Con of the now-closed Magic Circle Theatre openly admitted to never seriously courting a younger audience.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND

So let's do another hypothetical that supposes theaters have figured out the social media thing and have lured back young folks. Now how do you reverse that trend of declining attendance? You do that by giving audiences high-quality productions that bring them back because they've had great, maybe even transformative experiences. Well, when you have a minimum of seven theaters trying to cast all their shows, you better have an enormous acting pool to draw from.

There's no denying there is some amazing talent on display here in Monterey County — even though, for the most part, actors are not paid but volunteer their talents. But casting that many shows for that many theaters is going to eat up all of those amazing people — along with, in some cases, anyone else who has a pulse and vocal chords. One local actress was offered a role for the 2015 season last January. The same thing happened to a local actor for a show for which the rights hadn't yet even been secured. "Everybody's trying to get the jump on everybody else," DeBono says.

In recent years, some theaters have been moving their auditions earlier and earlier. Shows opening in November are being cast the previous December. And again, the pre-casting of certain roles eats up more of the pool. What does this rush to grab actors mean? There quite simply aren't enough of them to go around.

"We all strive for the greatest quality we can, but there is just a dilution of our resources — not just actors but technicians and designers as well," says Bolen. "The production values are going to have to suffer somewhere."

IN THIS TOGETHER

Despite the gloomy tales, it's only fair to mention a few performing groups that are thriving just fine, thank you very much. The Carl Cherry Center for the Arts in Carmel is busier than ever, filling houses with all kinds of performances. Among them is Nina Capriola and Jeff Heyer's Actors Collective, a group of some of the finest local performers who are lucky enough to be able to do it "for the art, not for the money," as Capriola says. Perhaps the biggest success story is Baktun 12, a theater group in Salinas that does shows about their community, written and performed by the people of that community.

And theaters have been doing a good job of masking the underlying tension — the quality of local productions is generally solid, with most plays drawing positive reviews. But they are still competing for people, time, attention and money.

Most of the 10 current and former theater managers and the 20 actors interviewed for this article agreed that increased cooperation is going to be critical going forward. Although "the survival of the fittest" is the part of Darwin's theory of evolution that gets the most play, the main part of his theory dealt with "survival by cooperation"; the species that make it are the ones that demonstrate the highest degree of cooperation among the herd. The coming together of the theater community on behalf of the MPC Theatre Department was a shining example of the idea.

There is an organization already in place that could help theaters keep it going — The Monterey County Theatre Alliance, or MCTA. Its current president, Teresa Del Piero, is well-respected in the theater community and has grand plans for its future. She plans to take the group in a patron-based direction, helping with audience development, while remaining focused on producers, helping the various theaters communicate.

For the last 45 years, live theater has been an integral part of life in Monterey County. Theaters have come and gone, and have weathered a number of severe storms in the past and survived. But this storm may be bringing some scary new clouds that require innovation and foresight to part. The elements are in place, however, to keep the theater scene in Monterey County thriving and audiences coming, not because they feel obligated to support the arts, but because they dig the shows.

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