



COUNTY OF MONTEREY  
**CAO Weekly Report**

SPECIALREPORT

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*Celebrating at the awards presentation are (L-r) Juvenile Hall Director Jose Ramirez, Juvenile Institutions Supervisor Michael Palmer, Probation Chief Marcia Parsons, Juvenile Institutions Supervisor Jose Perez and Youth Center Director Jennifer Butz.*

**County Notes**

- > The fabulous *Words and Wine* event supporting the libraries is October 7<sup>th</sup>. Dinner, fun and meet mystery author Laurie King! [Register here.](#)

## Juvenile Institutions Supervisor Honored for Violence-Reduction Program

Probation staff is celebrating the accomplishments of one of their own. Juvenile Institutions Supervisors Michael Palmer has received a state award for an innovative program which has reduced violence among youth in Juvenile Hall.

Palmer and a team of Juvenile Institutions Officers developed the ABC Program which is now being implemented in the Hall.

The genesis of the idea came last year as staff was anticipating changes from SB 1143, which will take effect in 2018. SB 1143 is a bill that was co-sponsored by the Chief Probation Officers of California organization; it severely restricts the amount of time a youth can be locked in his/her room in a juvenile detention facility. Generally, room confinement is used to separate youth in cases of violent behavior or to de-escalate tensions.

Palmer and his team researched evidence-based practices and tools and developed the ABC Program, an incentive-based behavior modification program. The program offers points for good behavior with incentives such as increased recreation, movie nights, 'renting' electronic or board games or 'shopping' at the commissary. Use of the commissary is based upon cumulative behavior points, which mirrors having a paying job. Youth are able to decide how to spend their points.

The ABC Program was implemented as a pilot program and results found a significant reduction in assaults and physical confrontations. The less violence, the less room confinement is needed.

Last week, Palmer was given the Meritorious Service Award by the California Association of Probation Institutions Administrators (CAPIA) at a conference in southern California. CAPIA is an affiliate of the Chief Probation Officers of California organization, which you'll recall, sponsored the bill to reduce room confinement. Among CAPIA's goals are to "Strengthen, design and implement programs for the growth, development and rehabilitation of those in custody."

Probation Chief Marcia Parsons says Palmer's award is well deserved. He has worked in the Probation Department for nine years and he is a valuable member of their team.

"Michael is energetic and motivated and represents a wonderful role model for our newer staff," she explains. "He understands the challenges facing juvenile institutions and the new direction that corrections has taken in recent years."



## Elections Debuts New Look for Ballot, Vote-by-Mail Envelopes

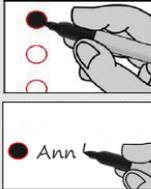
The issues change every election season, but this time, ballots and other voting tools are getting a new look as well.

The Elections Department is unveiling a new ballot design as well as a new look for vote-by-mail envelopes.

“The ballot design needed to be changed because our aging tabulation equipment had to be upgraded and the ballots had to be redesigned to accommodate the upgrade,” explains Registrar of Voters Claudio Valenzuela. “Gone is the need to connect an arrow from one side to another. That is replaced with an oval shape voters can fill in, which is much more intuitive.”

In addition to the new ballot design, there is also a new vote-by-mail envelope that is much easier to complete and seal.

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<p><b>Instructions to Voters:</b></p> <p>To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice. Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot. <b>NO RED INK.</b></p> <p>If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.</p> <p>To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the person's name in the write-in space and fill in the oval.</p>		<p><b>Instrucciones para los electores:</b></p> <p>Para votar, llene completamente el óvalo del lado izquierdo de su elección. Utilice una pluma de tinta azul o negra para marcar su boleta. <b>NO UTILICE TINTA ROJA.</b> Si comete un error, pida una boleta nueva.</p> <p>Para introducir el nombre de un candidato debidamente calificado, escriba el nombre de la persona en el espacio en blanco y llene el oval correspondiente.</p>
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State / Estatal	Municipal / Municipal	School / Escuela
<b>Governor</b> Gobernador	<b>Mayor of Central City</b> Alcalde de Ciudad Central	<b>County Unified School District</b> Distrito Escolar Unificado de Condado
<b>Vote for One</b> Vote por Uno	<b>Vote for One</b> Vote por Uno	<b>Governing Board Member</b> Miembro de la Junta Gubernativa
<input type="radio"/> <b>Amelia Earhart</b> Pilot Piloto	<input type="radio"/> <b>Mary Bailey</b> Educator Educatora	<input type="radio"/> <b>Thomas Edison</b> Inventor / Empresario
<input type="radio"/> <b>Howard Hughes</b> Aerospace Engineer Ingeniero aeroespacial	<input type="radio"/> <b>Kent Brockman</b> News anchor Presentador de Noticias	<input type="radio"/> <b>Albert Einstein</b> Theoretical Physicist Físico teórico
<input type="radio"/> <b>Charles Lindbergh</b> Explorer Explorador	<input type="radio"/> <b>Roy Snyder</b> Judge of the Superior Court Juez de la Corte Superior	<input type="radio"/> <b>Nikola Tesla</b> Engineer / Inventor Ingeniero / Inventor
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> <b>Patty Bouvier</b> DMV administrator Administrador del DMV	

Here is a look at the newly designed ballot.

To get the word out to voters about these changes, Elections is launching an information campaign about the new design this week, and the outreach will continue until the next cycle of elections in 2018.

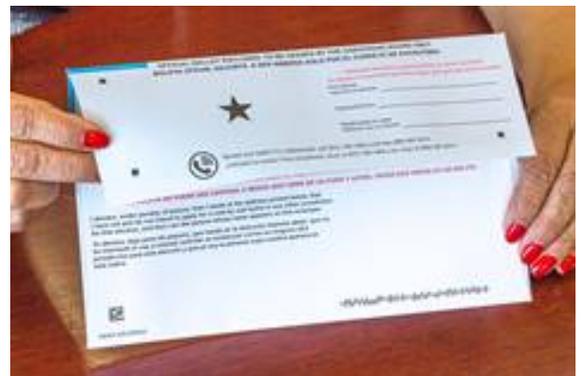
The campaign will include community information sessions, participating in community events, use of media (radio, television and print) and social media.

The first election to use the new ballots will be the North Monterey County Unified School District, which has an election on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Election staff will be holding informational sessions in Castroville on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and in Prunedale on October 10<sup>th</sup> to show voters the new design and answer any questions they may have.



The old vote-by-mail envelope had a large flap and special sealing instructions (above). The new envelope seals like any other envelope, no special instructions (below).



# Environmental Health Dishes Up Food Safety Awards

The Health Department's Environmental Health Bureau wrapped up its annual food safety conference by honoring some of the eateries they inspect.

The honors are the Bureau's Awards of Excellence, given as part of the Gold Seal program for retail food facilities. This year's recipients are:

- Il Fornaio
- Marina Donuts & Bagels
- Pacific Coast Care

You might be interested in knowing what other local food establishments were nominated for the Award of Excellence:

- Asilomar Conference Center
- Bi-Rite Market
- Burger King ~ Davis Road, Salinas
- Costco Wholesale Sand City
- Gonzales Subway ~ #12235
- In-n-Out Burger~ #99
- Isidiro's Taco Shop
- La Potranca De Jalisco
- Louie Linguini's
- Mexico Lindo Deli
- P.F. Chang's Del Monte Center
- Panda Express ~ Davis Road, Salinas
- Taqueria 2 Gallos De Oro
- Town Burger
- Yi's Restaurant



*Staff from Pacific Coast Care receive their Award of Excellence at the food safety conference.*

The awards were announced at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Safety Conference, which this year highlighted the regulation of pets and service animals in food establishments.

The keynote speaker was Marni Flagg, Environmental Health Specialist IV who supervises the Consumer Health Protection Services Program. Also sharing the platform was Bernard Carr of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, who presented on egg safety and quality management as it pertains to Farmer's Markets and Swap Meets and Cary Carmichael of Hobart Equipment, who presented on food equipment maintenance.