

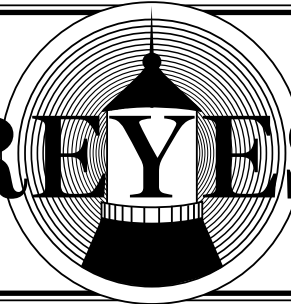
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David Briggs

Satchel Trivelpiece of Bolinas, a forward for the Sacred Heart CYO eighth-grade boys basketball team, broke away from the crowd during Saturday's home game. Although the team lost the game, they will still head into the playoffs with a 5-3 record.

Bid to keep golf course fails, Rodoni holds seat

By Braden Cartwright

Initial election results are in, and it appears that Marin voters have rejected Measure D, the initiative that would have required the county to get voter approval before changing golf as the primary use of the former San Geronimo golf course.

Elsewhere on the ballot, Supervisor Dennis Rodoni was re-elected, and Measure C, a tax for

fire prevention, is too close to call—but supporters are encouraged by early returns.

The Measure D result is a blow to golf advocates, who argued that Marin County officials overreached when they orchestrated the Trust for Public Land's purchase of the property. The initiative was divisive, with both sides accusing the other of

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Nagle settles with Shoreline, resigns

By Anna Guth

A former West Marin School principal and the Shoreline Unified School District superintendent signed their names to a settlement last month, putting to rest a two-year feud.

Matt Nagle, who served as the principal from 2012 until 2018 when he was demoted to a kindergarten-through-second-grade teaching post, received a check for \$700,000 from the school district. In exchange, he waived allega-

tions of retaliation and defamation brought against the district and superintendent Bob Raines, and he resigned.

"The board and I are looking forward to putting our attention and energy to other matters that are of

importance to our district and to our students," Mr. Raines told the Light this week.

A substitute teacher is helping the younger grades Mr. Nagle taught at Bodega Bay School while the district looks for someone to finish out the year and fill the post permanently.

Mr. Nagle, a former Fairfax resident, moved last month to Palo Alto, where

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Marin preps for spread of coronavirus

By Anna Guth

Marin's Health and Human Services department on Tuesday declared a local health emergency in anticipation of the spread of coronavirus, a move the Board of Supervisors can ratify on March 10. As of yesterday afternoon, there were no cases of COVID-19 reported among Marin residents.

The emergency declaration will make the county eligible for federal and state financial assistance, and will enhance the authority of county health officials to coordinate a local response. Numerous other Bay Area counties have taken the same action.

Governor Gavin Newsom has activated the state emergency operations center in Mather, Calif., and requested the legislature make up to \$20 million available for emergency response. Per his request, California last weekend received additional test kits from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which has come under criticism for delaying and restricting the availability of testing.

On Jan. 30, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a public health emergency of international concern, and the United States followed

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Point Reyes National Seashore, a quieter place to be

By Anna Guth

The Point Reyes National Seashore has below-average sound pollution in comparison to other lands managed by the National Park Service, according to a recent study based on data collected primarily by

the park's Natural Sounds and Night Skies Division. Yet the level of anthropogenic noise found in the seashore, which ranked in the 75 percentile, is still proven to have an impact on wildlife and the visitor experience.

The study, which ana-

lyzed thousands of audio clips collected by the division since 2005, was published last fall in collaboration with scientists from Colorado State University and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. It examined 363 park units, representing

half of the total area managed by the park service.

"Since the [park's] inception, the U.S. population has more than tripled, road and aircraft traffic have become widespread, and 80 percent of the U.S.

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his wife and son had already relocated. Robert Jaret, a San Rafael lawyer who represented him in settlement discussions over the past year, said, “We are glad that the school district decided to resolve this, so they can move forward, so Matt can move forward.”

In the complaint filed in Marin County Superior Court last May, Mr. Jaret argued that the district had taken retaliatory ac-

tion for Mr. Nagle’s 2018 bid to unseat incumbent Mary Jane Burke from her position as county superintendent of schools.

Mr. Nagle ran on a campaign of closing the achievement gap for Mexican American students. He was publicly critical of Ms. Burke, who had held her position for six four-year terms, and who ultimately won 79 percent of the vote.

Following the announcement of his intent to run, Mr. Nagle found his job performance under evaluation by the school board. His lawsuit—which cited multiple state labor codes, the Ralph M. Brown Act, and streams of emails turned over by several public records requests—alleged there was a correlation with the campaign.

The suit argued that Mr. Nagle should

be reinstated to his position and that he was eligible for compensation, including backpay for the \$50,000 salary cut he suffered when he was moved to Bodega Bay and compensatory and punitive damages.

Although the settlement states that the district and Mr. Raines deny any wrongful or improper action, Mr. Jaret this week persisted there was merit to all of the original claims. “As you can see from our complaint, Matt was subjected to defamation and demotion in response to running for public office,” he said. “All of sudden after six years, he was declared insubordinate and unprofessional. It’s very sad that a public entity would do that to someone who is working so hard for the community.”

Over the past year, Mr. Nagle regularly

attended school board meetings, criticizing the board during public comment. He raised a range of issues—academic performance, access to classroom supplies and textbooks, and the board’s minutes. He targeted individual trustees and tensions ran high. The most constant and passionate theme was that the district was leaving Mexican American families behind.

“The board acts without concern for the majority of Mexican Americans,” Mr. Nagle said this week. “The [trustees] don’t listen to them, don’t act on their concerns or complaints. They have regularly ignored the pleas from families who speak out at board meetings, who say they feel unheard—and feel discriminated against.” Mr. Nagle said reform was needed on the school board. The first step, he said, was the appointment of a Mexican American trustee.

Data shows a significant gap in achievement within the district. Based on the results from last year’s standardized testing, Shoreline continues to see a disparity in scores between its white and Latino students, reflecting statewide trends. In language arts, 68 percent of white students and 27 percent of Latino students passed the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, known as the CASPP. In math, the district tested worse: 46 percent of white students and just 16 percent of Latino students met standards.

For Shoreline’s entire student body, which is 60 percent Latino, scores have gone down in the last five years by 2 percent in language arts, and by 12 percent in math. In the last round of testing, the district’s level of achievement was 7 percent below the state average in language arts and 12 percent below in math.

Shoreline has made equity a central focus of its mission, with equity teams at each school. The teams are in the process of identifying groups of students and barriers specific to them; students are looked at not just by their demographics, but also by characteristics like transportation needs and interest levels. Marin Promise Partnership has launched two action teams in West Marin, one for kindergarten readiness and the other for college completion.

“With regard to student achievement, we are really working hard,” Mr. Raines said this week. Two public workshops, one held yesterday in Tomales and another set for March 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. at West Marin School, are discussing district data on achievement, attendance, discipline, college readiness and student engagement.

For Mr. Nagle, it’s been a difficult two years, while he looked unsuccessfully for another education job in Marin. “Before [the suit], Matt offered to settle for zero monies if he was reinstated,” Mr. Jaret said. “To get demoted mid-year, to go from a principal to a kindergarten teacher overnight, makes it look like he did something very bad.”

When Mr. Nagle’s job was first under review, trustees denied any correlation with his campaign against Ms. Burke. Instead, a preliminary administrative evalua-



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that's a hardship for families, for parents missing work."

Brittany Hartwell, the director of the Palace Market, said over last weekend, store employees started to notice people stocking up on dry goods, and it has been a challenge to keep hand sanitizer and wipes in stock. The business has increased its hy-

giene, both at the registers and for staff.

"In the last few days especially, people are realizing that it's coming and it's best to be prepared," she said. "The whole industry is thinking ahead, of this affecting events and everything like that. The power shut-off last year was a good fire drill for us—that's a terrible [analogy]—to get a good idea of what the community needs while they are stuck at home with minimal resources."

A forum on the coronavirus takes place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on March 9 at the Marin County Office of Education (1111 Las Gallinas Avenue), in San Rafael.

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tion from March 2018 accused Mr. Nagle of "arrogance," "disrespect for portions of the community," "increased failure to assume leadership" and "increased failure to participate as a member of the district team."

The board met resistance at that time from the school community, and some came to Mr. Nagle's defense. In April 2018,

parents petitioned, delivering a vote of no confidence in Mr. Raines and the school board.

As far as the stipulation in the settlement agreement for Mr. Nagle to leave immediately, Mr. Raines said, "I think that both sides felt that was the best resolution."

The settled money will come out of the district's general fund reserve, which at last tally had around \$5 million.

Mr. Nagle criticized the district for writing him a check rather than reinstating him. "It has the feel for not having a concern for spending the public's money. It seems flippant, and [is in keeping with] how they handled the whole affair," he said.

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12 Step Meetings and AA Meetings

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Point Reyes Station Firehouse 6:30 pm Tues. - Al-Anon.	San Geronimo Valley Presbyterian 8 pm Mon - AA
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