

In critical condition after he was shot multiple times early Tuesday on East Beach Street.

Watsonville police Lt. David McCarty said the victim was sitting in

The suspects opened fire with two handguns and shot into the BMW six times, striking the victim in the upper torso and his leg. The suspects then fled the scene on foot.

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early Tuesday on East Beach Street. Tarmo Hannula Register-Pajaronian

Garden promotes healthy habits

Mesa Verde Gardens brings community together

By TARMO HANNULA OF THE REGISTER-PAJARONIAN

A new organic community garden situated on the land of All Saints' Episcopal Church is gaining a lot of attention — and donations. Martinelli Children's Community Garden, a quarter-acre plot that was previously a grassy lot, is now the hub of 30 individual family plots punctuated with budding new vegetables and flowers.

"Plans for this garden got under way in November and once it took hold, it felt like within a week it was bringing the community together," said program organizer Ana Rasmussen, who heads up non-profit Mesa Verde Gardens. "After our initial meetings, people were coming forward anxious to get started. They were bringing in plants and getting them in the ground. People were coming in with ideas and it took off."

The first phase was to plant a cover crop to help enrich the soil.

"We had a meeting in January — people from the area — where we tried to figure out who we were," Rasmussen said.

A chief goal of the project, Rasmussen said, is to target childhood obesity.

"It makes sense," she said. "To help people grow organic, nutritious food for



Natividad Lopez helps her son, Uriel, 2, get a starter plant in the ground at Martinelli Children's Community Garden on Rogers Avenue in Watsonville.

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Hurst selected for City Council District 3 seat

Candidate's experience

By TODD GUILD OF THE REGISTER-PAJARONIAN

The Watsonville City Council unanimously chose Lowell Hurst to fill the vacant District 3 seat Tuesday.

The selection of Hurst over Dobbie Jenkins came after a question-and-answer session that lasted about an hour, and with little discussion by the

City Council.

The meeting was attended by the council with about 20 people in the seats.

"I'll do the best job I possibly can," Hurst said at a special meeting. "I will be honest and objective."

Hurst praised his opponent, saying that Jenkins would have been a qualified man.

"They couldn't have made a bad decision," he said.



Hurst

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Library positions may have been saved

Superintendent: Funding source 'looks good'

By TODD GUILD OF THE REGISTER-PAJARONIAN

For the third time in as many years, the Pajaro Valley Unified School District may have pulled its elementary school libraries from the brink of closure, superintendent Dorna Baker said Wednesday. "We have identified a funding source, and it looks good," Baker said before the Board of Trustees meeting began.

Baker was tight-lipped about what that funding source is, saying that it has not

yet been officially confirmed.

The state of the district's libraries has been in a state of flux for three years, reeling from several rounds of budget cuts and layoffs that resounded throughout the district.

The district's elementary school library media specialists received layoffs in 2008. Since union rules prohibit volunteers from the libraries, district officials were bracing for their

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Preschool to host 60th anniversary celebration

Parent involvement sets Watsonville Cooperative Preschool apart from others

By TODD GUILD

OF THE REGISTER-PAJARONIAN

After a lunch of spaghetti, broccoli and apple juice Wednesday afternoon, 21 exuberant students at Watsonville Cooperative Preschool gathered into a circle for a short afternoon activity.

After that, they worked on an art project before they headed outside for free play, during which some played in a sandbox and others clambered about

on a jungle gym.

Inside, a handful of students worked on an art project, while one boy sat on a sofa reading a book.

It's a routine that marks out daily life at the school, some version of which has played out since the school was founded by a group of parents in 1951.

Those parents later went on to found Linscott Charter School, in

which Watsonville Cooperative Preschool is still housed.

Now, the students, parents and teachers are gearing up for the 60th anniversary celebration on Saturday.

Debbie Craig, known by the kids as "Teacher Debbie," said the daily routine teaches the kids to function on a schedule and prepares them for

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Parent Sally works with a group of kids on Wednesday as part of her participation at Watsonville Cooperative Preschool. Tarmo Hannula Register-Pajaronian

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Weather

Today will be sunny
Tonight will be foggy.
Friday will be partly cloudy.
Tonight's low: 53
Friday's high: 69
Details on page A8.

Lottery

Wednesday's Daily 3s
1st: 8, 1, 4 2nd: 2, 2, 1
Wednesday's Fantasy 5
10, 14, 16, 22, 32
Wednesday's Super Lotto
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GARDEN

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themselves will have an impact on obesity with our young children."

Indeed, sprinkled about the plots were organic starters of carrots, various lettuce plants, peppers, beans, cauliflower, broccoli, tomatoes, onions, strawberries, cilantro and flowers.

"It's healthy and it helps their budget," Rasmussen said. "On the weekend, we sometimes have 20 to 30 kids with their families working out here. Everyone really cares and they are excited to take part."

Margarita Garcia tended her plot last week, planting tomato starters and watering.

"I had some time during spring break to get in a little gardening," she said. "It's a great spot; I love it out here. The land gets a lot of sun. Everybody here is really supportive."

Rasmussen said she previously worked as a social worker for about 20 years but was struck with a need to switch tracks and move into organic gardening.

She helped spearhead 10 community gardens in 2010 at local preschools thanks to a grant from the Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust. Ras-



mussen said she got a running start in gardening by growing up on a farm in eastern Oregon. She studied organic farming for a summer in Idaho and worked for four months at City Slicker Farms as an intern in Oakland.

She said her direction was ultimately galvanized at a prestigious six-month program at the Center for Agro-Ecology and Sustainable Food Systems at UC Santa Cruz.

"There were people from around the world in the program," she said. "It was a six-month, live-in, 50-hours-per-week program. It was very intense and tremendously valuable."

The garden is now outfitted with six spigots. Families are asked to pay \$5 per month to help defray water costs. Philanthropist Diane Porter Cooley helped provide a



four-foot wire fence to help define the garden and protect it, Rasmussen said. Cooley also helped provide a tractor and operator to prepare the soil for the gardens.

Pacific Firewood & Lumber, Suncrest Nurseries, Upstarts Organic Seedlings and Live Earth Farm came forward with various donations, including mulch, wood chips and plant starters.

Rasmussen said the land is being leased by Mesa Verde Gardens. The project, under the guidance of Second Harvest Food Bank, is aided by grants from Driscoll's Berries and the Left Tilt Fund of San Francisco.

"My long-term vision is to create many community gardens," Rasmussen said. "I feel very strongly that I was called to this work."

Anyone interested in becoming part of the garden project is encouraged to visit the garden between 8 a.m. and noon Saturday or send an email to Rasmussen at www.mesaverdegardens.org.

High 65 / Low 47
 Tuesday
 Partly cloudy

High 69 / Low 36
 Wednesday
 More clouds, a few sprinkles of rain

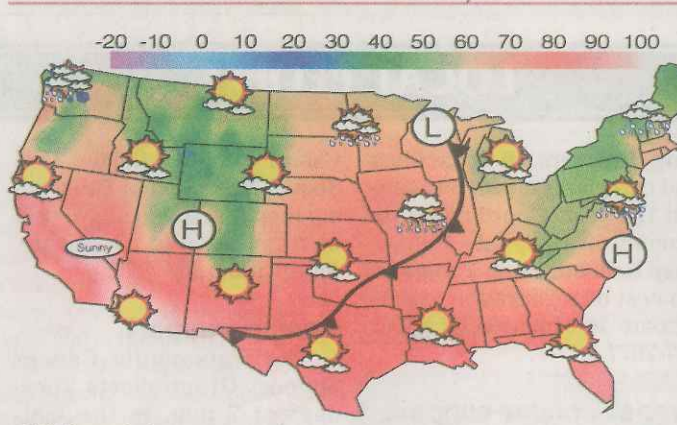
High 71 / Low 40

Monterey Bay Tides

	High	High	+/- feet
Today	12:59 PM	11:27 PM	3.49 / 5.37
Friday	1:49 PM	none	3.43 / none
Saturday	12:02 AM	2:44 PM	5.31 / 3.4
	Low	Low	+/- feet
Today	6:16 AM	5:18 PM	-0.47 / 2.42
Friday	6:56 AM	5:52 PM	-0.52 / 2.6
Saturday	7:39 AM	6:32 PM	-0.51 / 2.76



Around The Nation



	Today	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque, NM	81	49	su	
Billings, MT	69	47	pc	
Boston, MA	54	43	sh	
Chicago, IL	62	49	th	
Dallas, TX	78	56	pc	
Houston, TX	82	56	pc	
Kansas City, MO	69	46	th	
Las Vegas, NV	91	68	su	
Miami Beach, FL	82	75	sh	
Minneapolis, MN	60	40	th	
Nashville, TN	70	48	su	
New York, NY	62	44	th	
Oklahoma City, OK	76	50	pc	
Phoenix, AZ	99	69	pc	
Portland, OR	66	45	pc	
Rapid City, SD	67	44	pc	
Reno, NV	79	47	su	
St. Louis, MO	75	48	su	
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