

The CAO Weekly Report

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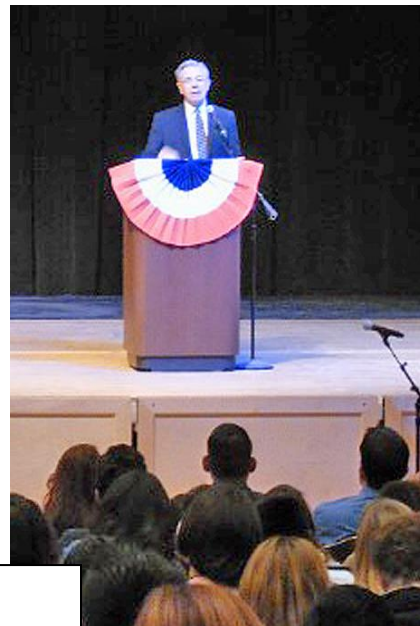
Elections Staff Focus on Youth Attracts New Voters

The California Education Code designates the last two weeks of September to be High School Voter Education Weeks and Monterey County Elections staff along with the California Secretary of State's Office certainly made the most of that time last month.

On September 24th, Secretary of State Alex Padilla and Monterey County Elections partnered with Salinas High School to mark High School Voter Education Weeks and get the word out about voting to local high school seniors, who will be part of the next generation of voters.

These weeks provide an opportunity for high schools and their students to partner with

Registrar of Voters Claudio Valenzuela speaks to Salinas High School students, encouraging them to be poll workers.



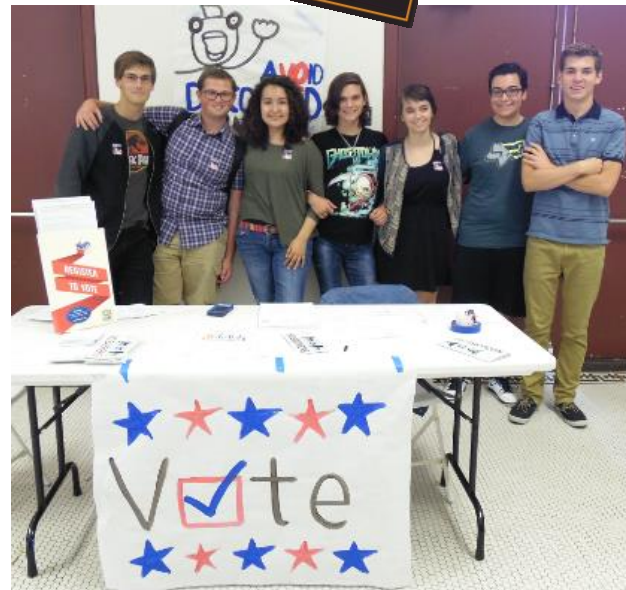
county election officials to promote civic educations and participation on campus and foster an environment that cultivates lifelong voters and active citizens.



The Salinas High School event, attended by more than 500 seniors, included speeches delivered by Secretary of State Alex Padilla, Monterey County Registrar of Voters Claudio Valenzuela and School Board President Lila Cann, all of whom addressed the importance of voting and civic participation.



Students register to vote after hearing from county and state election officials (above). Many thanks to the student team in charge of the registration drive at Salinas High School (right).



After the presentations, more than 70 students registered to vote at a student-run registration drive. A number of students also signed up to serve as student poll workers in the upcoming November 3rd Cities, Schools and Special Districts Election.

As part of its regular outreach efforts, Monterey County Elections offers presentations to schools and organizations to encourage civic participation in our community. To request a presentation, please contact Greta Arevalo via email at arevalog@co.monterey.ca.us or by phone at (831) 796-1499.



County to Test Emergency Notification System - Will You Get the Call?

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) is holding a test next week, and it's an 'easy A.' All you need is to have your cell phone registered with Alert Monterey County, the county's emergency notification system.



On **Thursday, October 15th** between **Noon and 12:30 p.m.**, OES staff will send a test message to all of those registered in the

system. This is one emergency message you want to receive because you'll be assured of getting emergency notifications when a real situation occurs.

Testing the system has become an annual event and emergency planners say there is typically a spike in sign-ups just prior to the test.

"Not only is this test a good way to make sure our system is working correctly, there are always new people in the community who may not know about the system or those who have new cell phone numbers who haven't registered those numbers," says Emergency Services Manager Sherrie Collins.

If you are not already registered, there is plenty of time to do so. It only takes a few minutes and you can sign up [online](#).

The Alert Monterey County system is used to notify the public of important public safety information such as natural disasters, evacuations, wide-area power blackouts, urgent law enforcement operations, and missing persons or kidnapped children.

Coincidentally, the test will coincide with another big emergency preparedness event, the Great Shake Out. So, if this were a real emergency, you would duck, cover and hold on, then receive critical disaster information from the County.



The Great Shake Out is the world's largest earthquake drill. It will be held October 15th at 10:15 a.m., prior to the county emergency test. Of course, Monterey County is no stranger to earthquakes, but if a quake struck right now, would you remember that little phrase for getting through it safely? Its 'Duck, Cover and Hold On.' Take a minute and take part in the drill. You'll find more information at www.ShakeOut.org/california.



Meet County Emergency Staff at Community Event

Ever wanted to meet the folks behind those critical, lifesaving services? Find out the best way to prepare for upcoming winter storms?



This Saturday, October 10th, staff from the Sheriff's Office and Office of Emergency Services (OES) will take part in the Community Safety Saturday event at the Monterey Fairgrounds, so come out and meet the folks who take your safety seriously!

This is a free, fun, family-friendly event featuring safety activities, demonstrations and education for children, teens and families. Event hours are 10:00 a.m. to

2:00 p.m. If you have never been to the fairgrounds, they are located near the junction of Highway 68 and Highway 1 at 2004 Fairground Road in Monterey.



The Sheriff's Office will be well represented with several of its Special Units. You can check out the Sheriff's bomb truck and robot, SWAT truck, Search and Rescue truck and meet up with one of the departments K9 officers.

Meet one of the County's top K9s (above) and check out the Sheriff's Office bomb truck and robot (below).

Sheriff Crime Prevention staff will have lots of information on hand about Halloween safety as well as goodies for the kids.

OES staff will be on hand with winter storm preparedness information you'll definitely want to keep on hand as the rainy season approaches as well as how to sign up for Alert Monterey County notifications; in fact, you will be able to register your cell phone for emergency messages right at the event!

Stop by their table for all this and some fun giveaways!

