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Patient with coronavirus in isolation at Napa hospital

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A patient with a confirmed case of the novel coronavirus was in isolation this week at Napa's Queen of the Valley Medical Center, Napa County officials announced.

A second patient with symptoms was said to be "under investigation at the hospital." Neither patient is a resident of Napa County.

According to a joint statement from Napa County and hospital of-

ficials released Tuesday, the two patients arrived at the Queen of the Valley on Monday from Travis Air Force Base in Solano County. The patients were flown to Travis AFB from Japan, where they were under quarantine on the Diamond Princess cruise ship.

Among the cruise ship passengers flown to Travis AFB, seven were identified as needing testing or hospitalization, officials reported. Five of the seven patients were sent to local

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Calistoga Chamber of Commerce executive director Troy Campbell has tendered his resignation and will be leaving Calistoga at the end of March. He is moving to his home state of Washington to be near family.

Calistoga Chamber director Troy Campbell resigns post

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Calistoga Chamber of Commerce executive director Troy Campbell announced late last week that he will be leaving the organization at the end of March.

Campbell said he has decided to return to his home state of Washington to be closer to family, friends and his partner.

"It has been my honor and privilege to have been entrusted to lead the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce," Campbell wrote in a statement announcing his resignation.

"It is with regret that we accept Troy's resignation as executive director of the Chamber," Pam Ingalls, chair of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors said in a statement. "He brought experience, energy and fresh ideas to build on the Chamber's solid foundation during his time here. We wish him the best of luck as he transitions back to his home state."

Campbell was hired in October of 2018 to replace Chris Canning, who left after leading the Chamber for eight years to take a position

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It takes a village to pull off fun, safe Grad Night

By Kim Beltran
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In little over three months, Calistoga High School's senior class of 2020 will swap their mortar boards for diplomas.

Then it will be time to party!

And that's why parents of this year's seniors are looking to the community for help throwing the coolest graduation bash around.

Whatever is donated – cash or gift items – goes directly to the

graduates during the annual Grad Night party hosted by parents.

Details of the event, which runs from about 11 p.m. the night of graduation (Friday, June 12) until 4 a.m. the next morning, are generally kept under wraps – it's all a surprise for the seniors.

"It depends upon how much time and effort the parents put in as to how successful it will be, to me," said 2018 Grad Night chair Michelle Sempronio, whose team of parents raised nearly \$20,000 for their kids' Grad Night extravaganza. Except for about \$1,000 paid to a few vendors who provide entertainment options for the students, all of that money went back to the guests of honor in the form of gift bags, prizes and cash awards given or won throughout the night.

Sempronio estimated that, on average, annual donations from the community run between \$14,000 and \$16,000. Each chair leaves a start-up fund of about \$300 for the next year's Grad

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TOP COP, NEW SERGEANT, ROOKIE HIRE



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City clerk Kendall Rose Granucci, left, administers the oath of office to new Calistoga Police officer Amanda Greene Tuesday before the City Council. Above, retired CPD Sgt. Matt Freese pins a revered set of stripes on newly-named Acting Sgt. Kristie Romo.

Big night for law enforcement team

By Kim Beltran
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It was a big night for men and women in blue on Tuesday as the Calistoga Police Department bestowed annual awards for service above and beyond, introduced its newest recruit, and promoted a veteran to Acting Sergeant.

The Calistoga City Council meeting room was packed with family members and law enforcement colleagues as Police Chief Mitch Celaya honored Ryan Jung as his department's 2019 Officer of the Year, and announced that Griselda Loza had been named 2019 Dispatcher of the Year.

Celaya then reported

that officer Kristine Romo, a 17-year veteran of the force, was being promoted to Acting Sergeant, and he presided over the swearing-in of rookie officer Amanda Greene.

"Ryan is a three-year veteran and in his short three years he's made quite an impact here at the Police Department," Celaya told City Council members as he introduced Jung as Officer of the Year. "He quite often leads our department in activity. There were a number of comments made about Ryan – about his enthusiasm, his smile; if you've had contact with him, whether you get stopped, whether you get a ticket or

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Calistoga Police officer Ryan Jung joined his wife, Alisha, and their pet dog in the audience after receiving his award for Police Officer of the Year.

Geothermal element to remain, get an update

■ Fairgrounds financing moves forward; city awards contract for fire risk review

By Kim Beltran
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Several longtime spa owners on Tuesday convinced the City Council that eliminating a section of the General Plan dedicated to Calistoga's most precious resource was not a good idea.

Council members directed Planning and Building director Lynn Goldberg to not only leave the geothermal water element as a stand-alone chapter but to work with interested spa owners to update the goals, objectives and policies for use and protection of the underground heated aquifer.

Goldberg had recommended eliminating the stand-alone Geothermal Element of the General Plan and wrapping parts of it into the Infrastructure Element, which she and Public Works director Derek Rayner have spent nearly two years updating. The Infrastructure Element contains information and policy guidance on the city's utility infrastructure – namely water and wastewater systems.

The council had been set to consider adoption of the update two weeks ago but postponed the decision after Calistoga Spa Hot Springs co-owner Diane Barrett raised some concerns about the changes.

On Tuesday, Barrett had back up from Roman Spa owner

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