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Students head to class on the opening day of school Monday at Pajaro Valley High School.

Students back in class

Common Core standards, new computers mark new year

By TODD GUILD
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WATSONVILLE — The Pajaro Valley High School campus was filled with students late Monday morning, roaming clusters of students scattered through the quad. Alternately laughing, whispering, pushing, shoving and chatting, their din of youthful activity is the cadence of schools everywhere. It was the first day of school for thousands of students at Pajaro Valley Unified School District's more than 35 schools, a time to meet new teachers and classmates, and to take on new academic challenges.

New PVHS Principal Alison Niizawa might count herself among those experiencing a new situation. She officially took the reins Monday morning, three months after Pancho Rodriguez stepped down from the seat.

But Niizawa, who has been at the school since its inception a decade ago, will likely have no problem filling



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Students at Watsonville High School learn to set up their Chromebooks. Rodriguez' shoes. She began as a physical education instructor when the school was first created, and has since worked in ad-

ministrative guidance counseling and as a curriculum instructor.

Aside from a few minor glitches, such as a brief, mid-day power outage, Niizawa described the day as "super smooth."

"I am really excited," she said. "We have a great staff here. I'm not worried."

And the students are in for a few changes, too.

The district's financial picture is slowly improving, and students will see teachers being added to the payroll.

In addition, they will begin in earnest to experience Common Core, a new system of teaching and assessment that completely retools the former Standardized Testing and Reporting.

Educators say the new system will help produce a tech-savvy workforce

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HEALTH

Need for caregivers on rise, owner says

Business tries to keep up with aging population

By ERIK CHALHOUB
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APTOS — As the population ages, the need for caregivers becomes increasingly more in demand.

Looking to help fill the need, Right at Home Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay, which recently celebrated its one-year anniversary, is looking to increase its number of caregivers as their client base continues to grow.

Owner/Chief Caregiver David Bullard said the organization has seen a steady increase in demand during its first year.

"People are living longer and families are spread out," he said.

Right at Home provides non-medical home care assistance, Bullard said, providing companionship for aging family members by preparing meals and helping out with other activities of daily living. They can also be there just

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EVENT

Tequilas and tacos the focus of festival

By ERIK CHALHOUB
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SANTA CRUZ — The inaugural Tequila & Taco Music Festival in downtown Santa Cruz aims to show that tequila doesn't need a lime to be enjoyed.

"With a good tequila, you should not have to use a lime and salt at all," said Vincenzo Giammanco, festival producer.

Ten micro-craft tequila companies will join forces with 10 taco vendors for the festival, taking place at San Lorenzo Park, 137 Dakota St. in Santa Cruz, Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"It's a family-friendly event for

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Concours d'Elegance showcases best of best

By TARMO HANNULA
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CARMEL — The annual Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance unfolded over the last week in Monterey, Carmel and Pebble Beach as part of Automotive Week.

A showcase and auction of fine automobiles and motorcycles, the five-day event, which began in 1950, is one of the world's premier celebrations of the automobile. The event peaked Thursday with the Pebble Beach Concours

d'Elegance where only the most beautiful and rare automobiles are invited to appear on the famed 18th fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links.

The best of show this year was a 1954 Ferrari 375MM Scaglietti Coupe owned by Jon Shirley, of Medina, Wash.

Originally a small social event paired with a road race through the pine and cypress forests of Pebble Beach, the Pebble Beach Concours has grown into a top-ranking collector car competition in the world.

People from around the globe come to compete in or simply witness and enjoy the event. The Concours is not a contest of speed, but of elegance. Automobiles and motorcycles are judged for their historical accuracy, their technical merit and their style.

Thus far the Concours has raised more than \$17 million for 75 local, national and international charitable organizations.

This year the top selling car was a 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO, which at auction seized a cool

\$38 million at the Bonham's Auction in Carmel. The deal is now believed to be the most expensive car ever sold in the world at auction. The previous such record at the event was a Mercedes W194 Grand Prix car at \$29.7 million.

One of the big crowd pleasers is the Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance, which was designed to showcase the elegance of the automobile in motion. The traditional tour traces portions

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A Packard rests on the red carpet on Ocean Avenue in downtown Carmel Saturday during the annual Concours d'Elegance.

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