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Supes mull increasing their pay

New formula would phase in a 15% boost over three years

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Marin County supervisors are considering giving themselves a sizable boost in pay. The supervisors get an annual

salary of \$148,968, plus benefits such as health insurance and pensions that are worth about \$59,000 annually. They also receive an \$800 monthly car allowance and stipends for serving on boards and commissions.

For example, Supervisors Eric Lucan and Mary Sackett get paid \$300 for every Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit meeting they attend. On a state form that tracks such payments, Lucan estimated he received \$3,900 in stipends for attending SMART meetings over a 12-month period, and Sackett estimated receiving \$3,200 annually. Supervisor Dennis Rodoni, who serves on the board of the Local Agency Formation Commission, and his alternate, Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters, estimated jointly receiving \$6,000 annually for attending its meetings. Supervisors also receive payment for attending the meetings of the Association of Bay Area Governments; the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District; the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission; the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; and

the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Rodoni requested the salary reappraisal. “Because this position is a full-time job, I am aware that it can be challenging for someone with a family and other responsibilities to afford living in Marin on the current supervisor’s salary,” he wrote in an email.

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IT’S OPENING NIGHT

Mill Valley Film Festival starts with director Zhao’s ‘Hamnet’



Actor Jessie Buckley is photographed on opening night of Mill Valley Film Festival at the Mill Valley Outdoor Art Club on Thursday. Buckley is one of the stars of director Chloé Zhao’s latest film Hamnet. Below are Buckley, Mill Valley Film Festival executive director Mark Fishkin and Zhao. The Film Festival runs through Oct. 12. Screenings and other events will be at various locations in Marin and the Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive. In Lifestyles, page B1, Marin native returns to debut first feature film at festival. For more festival information, to buy tickets and for the full schedule, visit mvff.com. SHERRY LAVARS — MARIN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL



Increase in Marin educators of color

New state data on public schools

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Marin public schools have increased the percentage of educators of color hired over the last seven years, according to new state data. The state Department of Education said 13% of credentialed teachers in Marin’s public schools were people of color in 2024-25, up from 11% in 2018-19. The 13% represents 230 teachers out of 1,708 county-wide, the state said. “Even the modest increases we’re seeing today are significant because they show that creating inclusive pathways into teaching and removing barriers is helping more educators of color thrive in Marin,” said Mariangela Morales of the Marin Promise Partnership, an education nonprofit that has been tracking educators of color in Marin since about 2012. Morales attributed such factors as “residency programs, recruitment pipelines and new educator pathway initiatives” as helping to drive the increases in hiring people of color. “This progress is also bringing us closer to closing the gap between the diversity of our students and that of our educators,” Morales said.

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Trump uses shutdown for firings, payback

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has seized on the government shutdown as an opportunity to reshape the federal workforce and punish detractors, meeting with budget director Russ Vought on Thursday to talk through “temporary or permanent” spending cuts that could set up a lose-lose dynamic for Democratic lawmakers. Trump announced the meeting on social media Thursday morning, saying he and Vought would determine “which of the many Democrat Agencies” would be cut — continuing their efforts to slash

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‘War-ravaged’ Portland awaits Trump invasion

By Jessica Garrison
LOS ANGELES TIMES

PORTLAND, Ore. — There is a rhetorical battle raging here in this heavily Democratic city, known for its delicious coffee, plethora of fancy restaurants, bespoke doughnuts and also for its small faction of black-clad activists. It started Saturday when President Donald Trump suddenly announced that he was sending

the National Guard to “war-ravaged” Portland — where a small group of demonstrators have been staging a monthslong protest at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement building south of downtown. Oregon officials have pushed back forcefully, flooding their own social media with images of colorful cafe tables, sun-drenched farmers markets, rose gardens in

full bloom and parks bursting with children, families and frolicking dogs. Officials would prefer the city be known for its Portlandia vibe, and are begging residents to stay peaceful and not give the Trump administration a protest spectacle. “There is no need or legal justification for military troops,” Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek has said, over and over again, on her Insta-

gram and in texts to President Trump that have been released publicly. Officials have gone to court seeking an order to stop the deployment, with a hearing set for Friday. But the president seems resolute. In a Tuesday speech before a gathering of generals and admirals, he sketched out a contro-


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