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## Cosby charged in 2004 sex assault case

*\$1M bail for celebrity facing his first criminal prosecution after dozens of women leveled similar accusations*

By **ABBY OHLHEISERPAUL FARHI AND NIRAJ CHOKSHI**  
WASHINGTON POST

For years, women — dozens of them — have accused Bill Cosby of sexual assault, with incidents dating back to the 1960s. Now, for the first time, Cosby is facing criminal charges in connection with an accusation of sexual assault, Montgomery County prosecutors in Pennsylvania announced Wednesday.

Prosecutors charged Cosby with aggravated indecent assault, First Assistant District Attorney Kevin Steele said in a morning press conference. Reporters soon descended on the small courthouse in Elkins Park, waiting for hours until Cosby arrived in a gray, hooded sweater on Wednesday afternoon for his arraignment. Cosby, 78, approached the courthouse slowly with a cane, walking with defense attorney Brian McMonagle and Monique Pressley, his attorney and spokeswoman, beside him. He didn't comment to the media. Inside the tiny courthouse, Cosby said little as he surrendered his bent and wrinkled passport. When Magisterial District Judge Elizabeth



Actor and comedian Bill Cosby, center, is assisted as he arrives for a court appearance Wednesday in Elkins Park, Pa. Cosby was charged with drugging and sexually assaulting a woman in 2004.

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**2015 IN REVIEW »** Key North Coast residents who died this year made contributions in many ways

## They left their mark



CHRISTOPHER CHUNG / THE PRESS DEMOCRAT, 2011

**HENRY TRIONE:** A businessman, visionary and philanthropist, Henry Trione was key in the creation of Annadel State Park in east Santa Rosa.

By **CHRIS SMITH**  
THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

### Henry Trione, father figure

It's almost as though Sonoma County lost its dad this year. Henry Trione was for decades the wise and kind, mischievous and generous paternal figure the county frequently looked to for counsel, leadership and perhaps a buck or two, or a million, to seed the creation of Annadel State Park or what's now the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, or to vitalize Santa Rosa's Rose Parade. Trione, who was 94 when he died Feb. 12, was the best known and most influential of more than a dozen of the prominent neighbors who left us in 2015. Trione was born in a small apartment above his father's bakery in the Humboldt County town of Fortuna. He'd recount in his memoir, "Footprints of the Baker Boy," that he learned to work when his dad, Vittorio, instructed him to report to the bakery early each morning and to open the oven doors for the bread baker and then shut them — quickly! Henry Trione made a great deal of bread throughout his long life. He applied his uncanny entrepreneurial instincts to the mortgage, timber and wine businesses, and all along he freely shared his wealth, acumen and visionary optimism



BETH SCHLANKER / THE PRESS DEMOCRAT, 2014

**MARION KANE ELSTON:** Longtime synchronized swimming coach taught generations of young people the intricacies of the sport at Oak Park Swim and Racquet Club in Santa Rosa.



**DON CLAUSEN:** Former congressman represented the North Coast for two decades, helping to create Warm Springs Dam and the Point Reyes National Seashore.

### NOTABLE PASSINGS

- Henry Trione**  
Santa Rosa
- Don Clausen Fortuna**
- Marion Kane Elston**  
Santa Rosa
- Chuck Williams**  
Sonoma/SF
- Bob St. Clair**  
Santa Rosa
- Nick Esposti**  
Windsor
- Rita Carniglia Hall**  
Santa Rosa
- George Houser**  
Santa Rosa
- Joe Martin Kenwood**
- John Pedroncelli Jr.**  
Dry Creek Valley
- John Crevelli**  
Healdsburg
- Dan Briebescas**  
Santa Rosa

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## New Year's DUI arrests decline in SR, beyond

*Decrease comes as enforcement, awareness on the rise, officials say*

By **JULIE JOHNSON**  
THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

As North Coast residents gear up to celebrate New Year's Eve and law enforcement officers prepare to hit the streets on patrol for drunken drivers, state records suggest that fewer people are drinking and driving. The number of drunken drivers arrested in California on the New Year's Eve holiday has plummeted over the past five years, a trend mirrored in local traffic cases, according to CHP arrest statistics. As the calendar flipped from Dec. 31, 2010, to Jan. 1, 2011, CHP officers statewide issued 954 DUI citations. The number of DUI arrests was halved during the holiday last year, with just 486 DUI arrests. In Santa Rosa, DUI arrests peaked during the 2011-12 New Year's Eve night, when officers issued 16 drunken-driving citations, compared to eight during last year's holiday. The drop in such arrests has come as greater numbers of California law enforcement are out looking for drunken drivers, especially during the holidays. State grants aimed at curbing intoxicated driving help local agencies pay for the extra staffing. State officials say the drop in DUIs is evidence that people are heeding public warnings of the dangers of drinking and driving. Santa Rosa attorney Jake Schwartz, who specializes in DUI cases, said the downward trend reflects his belief that fewer people get drunk and drive, despite public perceptions.

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## \$20,000 GIVEAWAY

### GRAND PRIZE DRAWING THURSDAY DEC 31ST