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Martha's Vineyard Hospital officials provided updated COVID-19 statistics during their regular briefing on Wednesday.

The Vineyard Gazette cites hospital CEO Denise Schepici who attributed the recent uptick in case numbers to young, asymptomatic Islanders. She urged everyone on the island to stay vigilant and to wear masks, despite the heat.

In other news, Ms. Schiepici announced that the hospital's new pediatrics suite opened to the public and that the hospital's art collection will be formally called as the Edward Miller and Monina von Opel art collection in recognition of Mr. Miller's board service and the couple's generous contributions – including artwork – over the years.

Andover resident Robert Drew was attempting to turn his Land Rover near the Coast Guard boathouse lot in Menemsha earlier this week when a gear shift mishap catapulted him and his two passengers off the pier and into the channel waters.

According to the Vineyard Gazette, all three passengers escaped safely despite the strong tidal current.

Mr. Drew was cited for failure to use care in stopping, backing and turning. Police said they are working to identify and thank the bystanders who assisted during the incident.

It was just two years ago that Noah Asimow started as a summer intern with the Vineyard Gazette. Earlier this week, he was tapped to become the paper's news editor, filling a position that has been vacant since the departure of former news editor Sara Brown in 2018.

The paper quotes publisher Jane Seagrave who calls Mr. Asimow "a rare talent, possessed of a natural curiosity, an engaging personality, excellent judgment and enormous capacity."

Mr. Asimow is a Chicago native. He graduated from Yale University, where he was a sports columnist for the Yale Daily News. Following graduation, he worked in San Francisco for the Washington, DC-based speechwriting firm West Wing Writers.

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