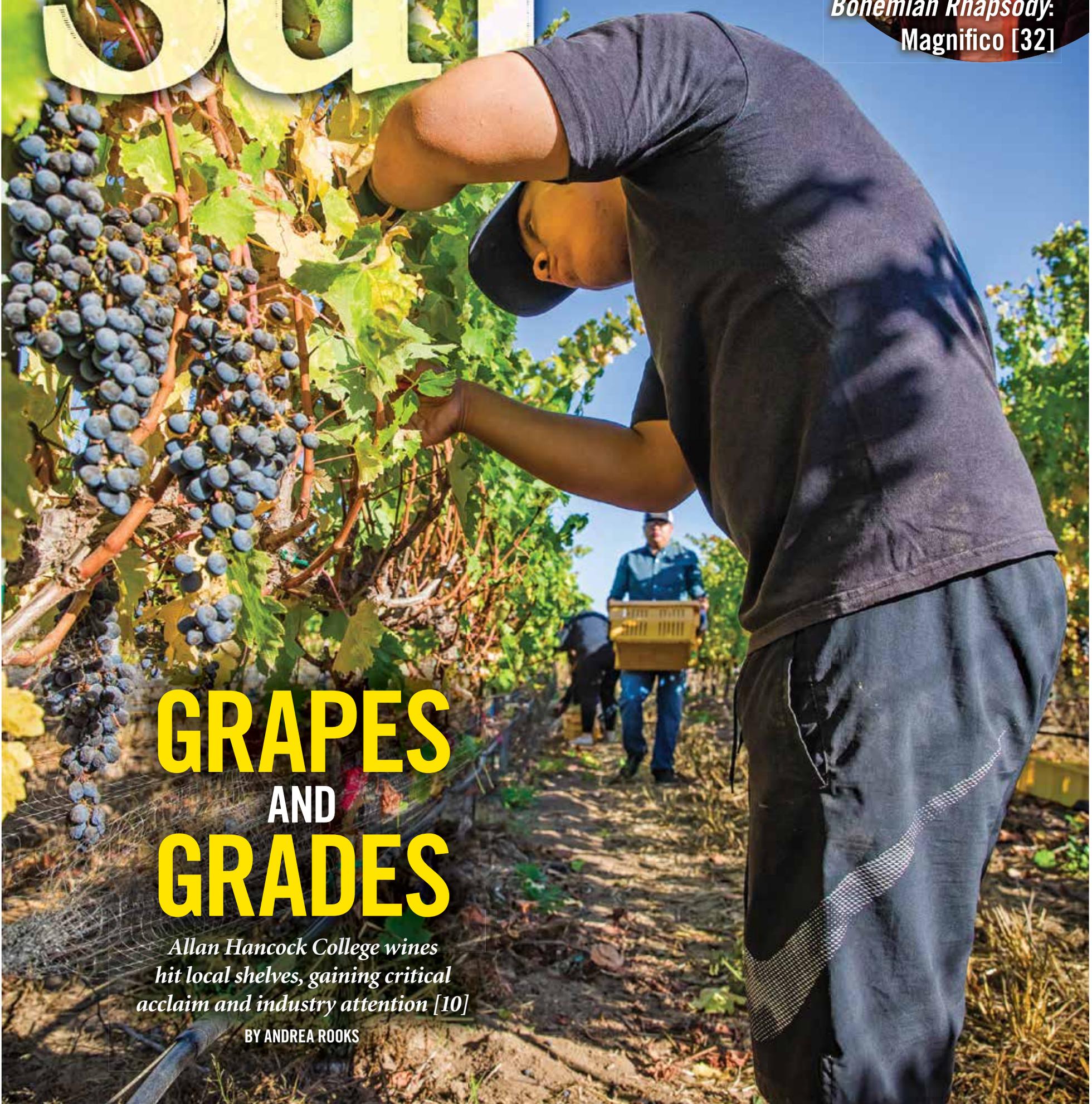


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AG 102: Agribusiness students at Allan Hancock College, including Alfredo Delacruz (pictured), can enroll in more than a dozen viticulture and enology classes to try their hand at everything from harvest to winemaking operations to sales and marketing.

Joe Payne,
managing editor

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Political Watch

• Sen. **Dianne Feinstein** (D-California) won her bid for re-election on Nov. 6 according to preliminary results with 54 percent of the votes in California. Her challenger, progressive state Sen. **Kevin de Leon** (D-Los Angeles), won 45 percent of the vote. "Now I go to the Senate with 25 years under my belt with a great constituency to represent," Feinstein said during her election night victory speech. "This state—the fifth largest economic power on Earth, over 40 million people, bigger than 21 states and the District of Columbia put together—needs strong representation." The results in Santa Barbara County closely mirrored those statewide, according to the county, with 42,674 votes (54 percent) for Feinstein and 34,929 votes (45 percent) for de Leon.

• Lt. Gov. **Gavin Newsom** (D) beat out Republican challenger **John Cox** by nearly 20 points, or 1.3 million votes, to serve as California's next governor after Gov. **Jerry Brown** finishes his last term in the office. According to semi-official election night results from Santa Barbara County, Newsom won 57 percent, or 51,549 votes across the count, whereas Cox won 42 percent, or 37,704 votes.

• State Assemblymember **Monique Limón** (D-Santa Barbara) was re-elected handily by voters in the 37th State Assembly District, which includes South Santa Barbara and West Ventura counties, on election night Nov. 6. Across the Santa Barbara County portion of the district, Limón won 83 percent of the vote (40,289) against Democratic Party challenger **David Norrdin**, who won 16 percent of the county vote. At an election night party in Santa Barbara, Limón thanked supporters and her family for supporting her in another term in state office. "It's personally very exciting that I get to go back to Sacramento to represent you," she said.

• The city of Guadalupe saw current City Councilmember **Ariston Julian** win the city's uncontested mayoral race on Nov. 6 with 94 percent of the vote, or 574 votes. The Guadalupe City Council saw two new members-elect, **Liliana Cardenas** with 42 percent and **Eugena Costa** with 20 percent of the vote.

• The city of Buellton re-elected Mayor **Holly Sierra** and incumbents **Ed Andrišek** and **Dave King** to the City Council on Nov. 6. Appointed Councilmember **Art Mercado** was elected to a two-year term and newcomer **John Sanchez** also won a two-year term to the council.

• The Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees saw incumbent **Larry Lahr** re-elected to a seventh term on the community college's governing board on Nov. 6 with 59 percent of the vote, or 2,266 votes against challenger **Jesse Ramirez**, who lost with 40 percent of the vote.

• Seats on local school boards were decided on Nov. 6 as well. The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District saw incumbents **Carol Karamitsos** (31 percent), **Diana Perez** (26 percent), and **Dominick Palera** (24 percent) re-elected to the board. The Santa Maria-Bonita School District saw incumbents **Ricky Lara** and **Vedamarie Alvarez-Flores** both re-elected with 33 percent and 28 percent, respectively. The Cuyama Joint Unified School District saw **Heather Lomax** (42 percent) and **Whitney Goller** (41 percent) elected to the board. The Lompoc Unified School District saw **Bill Heath** (50 percent) take a two-year term and **Nancy Schuler-Jones** (34 percent) and **Steve Straight** (30 percent) each win a four-year term on the board.

• Local ballot measures were decided on Nov. 6, including Measures G2018 and H2018, two measures to create an independent redistricting commission for Santa Barbara County supervisorial districts. Measure G2018 passed with 52 percent of the vote to create an 11-member commission. Measure H2018, which would have created a five-member commission, was voted down with a 67 percent "no" vote. Lompoc voters also voted yes on the Measure D2018, a measure to tax the city's recreational cannabis industry, with a 75 percent "yes" vote. ○

Carbajal holds House seat for Democratic majority

Cheers filled the small downtown Santa Barbara restaurant as Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-Santa Barbara) climbed a staircase to address the crowd just after he was projected to win California's 24th District for the U.S. House of Representatives for a second time on the Nov. 6 election night.

Supporters, Democratic Party organizers, and state and local representatives there had a lot to celebrate, Carbajal told the crowd, as their party won back a majority in the House from the Republican Party currently led by President Donald Trump.

"What it means is that we finally have the tools and the checks and balance on an administration that has worked for the past two years to promote corruption and division instead of bringing us together," he said. "We finally have the tools ... to investigate, to ask questions, and to make things more transparent. This is going to be great for our country."

According to results released on election night, Carbajal held his seat with more than 96,000 votes across the entire 24th District, which includes Santa Barbara and SLO counties as well as portions of Ventura County. Republican challenger Justin Fareed, a businessman from Santa Barbara, saw more than 75,000 Republicans turn out and vote for him across the entire district.

At an election night party at the Far Western Tavern in Orcutt, Fareed addressed a crowd of supporters as early voting results showed Carbajal leading the 29-year-old in his second bid against the Democratic candidate. Fareed drove home his campaign points of "safety, security, and prosperity for our region" as he thanked supporters for making it out and watching the results come in.

"We don't know what the returns are going to look like, but I do want you to know this, that it has been the honor of a lifetime to fight for you every single day," Fareed said. "It would be my privilege and honor to be able to fight for us in Washington, D.C., ... I just have to thank my family and friends from all over, from all walks of life, who have done so much to help us get to this point right here, right now."

Across Santa Barbara County, the vote was split at 59 percent (52,612) for Carbajal and 40 percent (36,489) for Fareed, according to the county's semi-official election night results.

Santa Barbara County's 1st District Supervisorial seat occupied by Carbajal after his Congressional bid, was at the party as well. Williams had been involved in "get out the vote" organizing since 5 a.m. that morning before a long Board of Supervisors hearing, he said, to help support Carbajal and local candidates.

"It's crucial to protect our democracy, not just protect Democrats, but protect our democratic institutions," he said. "I think the national results mean that independents, especially independents in suburban districts, turned heavily against the Republican Party. I think it's not like super big science, it's not like they just like our ideas better, I think it boils down to they don't like people being so freakin' mean all the time and nasty."

Carbajal made no mention of Fareed in his victory speech but instead kept his focus on congressional Republicans who he said have done "everything to undermine the Affordable Care Act."

A Democratic majority will be able to protect health care, move forward comprehensive immigration reform, address climate change,

and "do everything we can to maintain economic opportunity and jobs on our Central Coast," Carbajal said.

"We now are in a position where we can actually get things done," Carbajal said. "For the past two years we saw nothing but division, we didn't see much transparency, and we didn't see much things getting done. The few things that we saw getting done were for the wealthiest 1 percent in this country."

"So it's high time we now start moving forward programs, legislation that take care of our working middle-class families," he added.

—Joe Payne

Soto and Waterfield take Santa Maria City Council race

Santa Maria's first-ever district City Council election was one for the history books, and in a hard-fought, nail-biter of race, two polar opposite candidates both managed to land seats on the council.

Despite hopes—and fears—that the city's new district-based voting system would churn out high marks for left-leaning candidates, Santa Maria voters clutched tightly to the status quo on Nov. 6, voting in incumbent Councilmember Etta Waterfield by a vast margin in District 4, and barely pushing rookie candidate Gloria Soto through and into a council seat to represent the city's District 3.

Soto, a lifelong Santa Maria resident and nonprofit development manager, beat out retail service manager Raymond Acosta, who garnered only about 7 percent of the votes, and incumbent Michael Moats, who had a small lead for most of election night. Soto eventually pulled ahead after midnight, and as of the morning of Nov. 7, she had about a 2 percent lead over Moats, according to the semi-official election night results.

Soto will likely go on to represent District 3, the southwest portion of Santa Maria, and said she hopes to bring affordable housing and living wage jobs to the city, while also advocating for youth and the city's currently underserved residents.

"I said yes to a city that I love," Soto said in an emotional speech on election night at the local United Domestic Workers Union office, where she and a few other candidates hosted an energetic election night party.

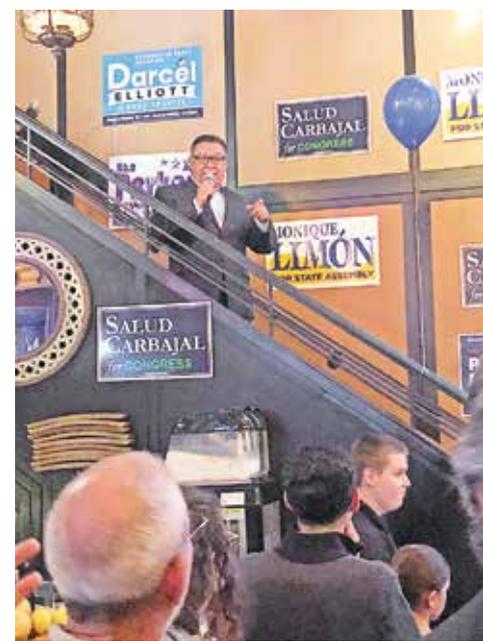
Dozens of supporters cheered as Soto shared her goals for Santa Maria's future, adding that while campaigning, she met an astonishing number of residents who felt apathetic and hopeless about the current political climate, both nationally and locally. She hopes to change that, Soto said, and to represent all Santa Marians' interests through outreach, accessibility, and transparency.

"Let's embrace our differences as an opportunity for dialogue," she said at the event.

Although Moats lost, he'll still serve another two years on the Santa Maria City Council.

Moats, a physician and fiscally focused council member, ran from a "safe seat," he said at his election night party at the Santa Maria Inn, where numerous supporters gathered to watch the general election results unfold. Moats was elected to the council at-large in 2016, but he lives in District 3 and wouldn't have been able to run for re-election in that district until its next election cycle in 2022.

The odd situation was caused by the city's new district-based voting system, a change made officially in 2017 that split the city's



RETURNING TO WASHINGTON: Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-Santa Barbara) spoke before supporters and Democratic Party organizers and representatives in Santa Barbara on election night, Nov. 6, thanking them for their support and votes that will return him to a second term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

population into four districts, each represented by a council member living in that district.

The loss means Moats will serve out his current term until 2020, and will have to wait until 2022 to run again for the District 3 seat. Still, Moats said he couldn't predict whether he'd throw his hat in for another term.

"It would essentially end my career in politics," Moats said at the event, hours before Soto took the lead.

In District 4, which encompasses the southeast portion of the city, mayor pro-tem and longtime Councilmember Waterfield took a strong lead over first timer Rafael Gutierrez right out of the gates, taking 63 percent of the first round of counted votes. Although the gap slightly tightened throughout the night, Waterfield held on to about 61 percent of the district's total votes, according to the semi-official results released on Nov. 7.

Waterfield—who grew up in a law

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enforcement family and founded the Santa Maria Police Council, a nonprofit organization that provides additional funds for police safety equipment, materials, and training—has always prioritized the city's public safety needs as a council member. In a previous interview with the *Sun*, Waterfield said she plans to continue doing so.

"You just want to make sure that you've got a safe community," Waterfield said. "Every community has its dark side, not just Santa Maria, but every community, and you've got to clean that up as much as you can."

At Waterfield's election night party, which she shared with Moats at the Santa Maria Inn, supporters cheered when they saw the first signs of her taking the lead.

Although Gutierrez, an attorney specializing in criminal defense and personal injury, came up short after an involved campaign effort, he said at his election night party on Nov. 6 that win or lose, he'll continue pushing for better solutions to Santa Maria's problems. The energy surrounding his and Soto's campaigns, he said, will only increase.

"We deserve better representation," Gutierrez said at the event, which he shared with Soto and other candidates. "This is what we lack in Santa Maria—a responsive government."

—Kasey Bubnash

Cunningham wins second term in state Assembly

Republican Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham (R-San Luis Obispo) will return to Sacramento to serve a second term, winning re-election over Democratic Party challenger Bill Ostrander, according to unofficial voting totals.

Cunningham, an attorney with a practice in Templeton, received 63,771 votes Nov. 6, garnering 58.6 percent of the total vote. Ostrander, a SLO-based activist and former actor, received 44,967 votes, according to preliminary voting totals.

"It feels great," Cunningham told the *Sun*. "It's a real privilege to serve and represent the people of the Central Coast."

In addition to gaining the lion's share of the vote, Cunningham raised significantly more money than his competitor for the 2018 election. According to data from the California Secretary of State, Cunningham raised more than \$840,767 for his re-election. Ostrander, by comparison, raised more than \$130,484.

California's 35th Assembly District encompasses SLO County and North Santa Barbara County. Cunningham was first elected to office in 2016, beating out Dawn Ortiz-Legg for the open 35th District seat previously filled by termed-out Republican Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian.

During his 2018 bid for re-election, Cunningham touted his legislative achievements, including authoring bipartisan bills to fund grants for career and technical education programs, combating human trafficking, and securing funding to mitigate the economic impact of the planned closure of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant in SLO County, all of which were passed by the state Legislature and signed into law.

"I think the voters appreciate someone who is pragmatic," Cunningham said. "They are looking for someone who is a problem solver and independent."

In his second term, Cunningham said he would work on issues to address the high cost of living on the Central Coast and continue to work on addressing concerns over the loss of jobs.

—Chris McGuinness

Osborne wins tight Lompoc mayoral race against Councilmember Mosby

For the first time in 20 years, Lompoc's mayor will be a woman.

"I really wanted to give the community an opportunity to have a choice in who the voice and face representing them was," Councilmember Jenelle Osborne told the *Sun* before capturing more than 50 percent of the vote to seal her victory just before midnight on Nov. 6.

Osborne was pitted against fellow Councilmember Jim Mosby, who managed to wrangle 48 percent of all 5,821 votes cast but ultimately fell short by 148 votes. Mosby will now return to his seat on the council for another two years. Once Osborne is sworn in as mayor, she and the council will choose a replacement for her seat.

The victory for Osborne concluded what was at times a bitter campaign between the two. While the two are known to trade barbs at council meetings over various issues, it was Mosby who largely took aim at his political foe this election cycle.

"I've always been a budget hawk who believes it is the responsibility of those elected by the people to provide thorough oversight and leadership when it comes to taking more money from the hardworking families," Mosby wrote on his website to kick off his candidacy.

Mosby could not be reached for comment by press time.

Osborne said it was a "conscious choice" to run a "clean" campaign from the get-go.

"There's a voluntary code of conduct you can sign when you pull your papers and apply to run for council, and I signed that, and I take it to heart," she said. "Plus, I don't think our community deserves or needs a negative campaign. Jim has his qualities and we need somebody who is a budget hawk, I just don't see that as being the mayor's role or the only role of the mayor."

Osborne added that bringing the community together was equally as important as being judicious with the biennial budget. "It's about providing a vision and leadership and talking positive about your community so we can recruit new visitors, businesses, residents, voters, and taxpayers," she said.

Osborne and Mosby will be joined by two familiar faces on the council after incumbents Victor Vega and Dirk Starbuck cruised to victories with margins of more than 300 votes each over their challengers. Vega captured 66 percent of the vote over Shirley Sherman in Lompoc's 2nd District, while Robert Cuthbert managed to only snag 40 percent to Starbuck's 60 in District 3.

The city's ballot measures on the other hand were a mixed bag. Measure E, the \$79 million Lompoc Unified School District bond, failed by around 300 votes, with 4,746 "no" votes to the 4,498 "yes" votes. Meanwhile, the city's proposed cannabis tax passed overwhelmingly, with 4,433 voting in favor compared to just 1,424 voting against it.

—Spencer Cole

Hancock's \$75 million bond fails

After an extensive campaign effort, several endorsements, and what appeared to be vast community support, Santa Barbara County residents took to the polls on Nov. 6 and voted down a \$75 million bond that would have funded facility improvements at Allan Hancock College campuses.

"We are disappointed in the early results," Hancock President and Superintendent Kevin Walthers wrote in a statement released on Nov.

7. "The need is still critical for our students. We remain committed to helping our students succeed, but we will need to find ways, as a community, to support them with 21st century facilities and technology."

The bond, which lost by about 10 percent of the total vote, would have been used at several of Hancock's campuses to build entirely new facilities and classrooms, make much-needed renovations to aging buildings—some that are 50 years old—and purchase updated equipment and technology.

Greg Pensa, a Hancock trustee, said at an election night party at the Santa Maria Inn that many of Hancock's buildings haven't been renovated since he attended school there in 1969. Although he said the 2006 bond "transformed" Hancock's campus, there is still much-needed work to be done.

"So it's critical that this passes," Pensa said before the first wave of results were announced at about 8 p.m., adding that he was "hopefully optimistic" it would be approved.

In Santa Maria, Measure Y funds would have gone toward renovations to the athletic training rooms, fitness labs, locker rooms, and classrooms in the physical education facilities. Hancock would have also secured \$24 million in matching state funds to replace its aging fine arts facilities.

In the Santa Ynez Valley, Measure Y would have been used to buy equipment for the PCPA theater in Solvang and improve technology resources on campus. Improvements were also slated at Lompoc's Public Safety Training Complex.

The bond would have cost the average Santa Maria homeowner about \$2 per month, according to Lanny Ebenstein, education chair for the Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association, who announced at a rally on Oct. 11 the organization's rare support for Hancock's bond.

"We think the advantages that will come to Santa Maria and all of North County, Lompoc, and the Santa Ynez Valley will well exceed this investment," Ebenstein said at the rally.

But Santa Barbara County voters didn't agree, and Hancock officials are back at the drawing board.

—Kasey Bubnash

Toussaint unseats Solvang Mayor Richardson

There's a new mayor in Solvang.

Councilmember Ryan Toussaint unseated incumbent Jim Richardson by a margin of more than 300 votes, or roughly 60 percent of all ballots cast. Elected in 2008, Richardson held the position for a decade before being ousted by the sitting council member known for starting an IT company at 19 years old.

Toussaint and Richardson could not be reached for comment by press time. Richardson's loss came on the same night Solvang residents overwhelming voted in favor of taxing cannabis within city limits. A whopping 80 percent of voters (1,347 people) voted in favor of the tax while 330 opposed it.

The initial tax rate for cannabis is set at 5 percent of gross receipts, with a maximum annual increase of 1 percent with a cap of 10 percent.

—Spencer Cole

County officials say new warning systems will save lives

As the one year anniversary of the Thomas Fire and Montecito mud flows approach, emergency responders and government officials are attempting to assure the public that they will receive proper warning if the worst is to occur.

On Nov. 6, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors accepted a report from the county executive and Sheriff's offices about how its emergency alert system had been improved since the disasters scorched hundreds of thousands of acres and ultimately claimed at least two dozen lives.

One of the biggest changes to the old alert system highlighted that day involved evacuation orders.

"As you might recall in the past, there was some different terminology used," Assistant County Executive Officer Terri Nisich said at the meeting.

In past years, the county would issue one of two evacuation orders: mandatory and voluntary. The orders became a cause for confusion multiple times in the past calendar year, including in Montecito during the Jan. 9 debris flow event and again on the Fourth of July weekend in Goleta during the Holiday Fire.

During both disasters, residents in the two communities—including more than 100 living in Goleta—said they failed to receive proper notice via text or phone. The Holiday Fire in particular was highlighted by Goleta homeowners, who pointed to poor cellphone reception in certain areas and argued some emergency warnings didn't go through.

At multiple meetings after the disaster, Goleta citizens claimed Sheriff's Office deputies going door to door and making announcements on loudspeakers were the only reasons they got notice of the approaching flames.

Nisich said the process to give as many timely warnings as possible was ongoing. She pointed to the county's adopting the federal Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) system, which can reach most cellphones in a specific geographic area identified by emergency responders. The county also uses its own emergency response system it calls "Aware and Prepare."

Both alerts ping cellphone calls, texts, and landlines to send messages, but unlike WEA, the county requires people to sign up to receive alerts. This can be problematic in the future because, according to Nisich, there's still a large percentage of county residents who need to sign up.

Nisich said emergency officials believed only about 12 percent of all county residents were signed up for Aware and Prepare.

Third District Supervisor Joan Hartmann called that number "frankly abysmal."

Undersheriff Sol Linver encouraged everyone in the county to sign up for the county's emergency system, even if the program was flawed.

"There are some limits to the alerting methods," he added. "No method is foolproof ... however, not signing up for Aware and Prepare limits citizens to four methods [of being alerted] as compared to seven."

Even so, help may be on the way to bridge the gap in the lack of sign-ups.

On Sept. 21, Gov. Jerry Brown signed SB 821. The bill, authored by Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara), authorizes each county to enter into agreement with utilities to get account information for households specifically for the purpose of alerting them. Owners have the option to opt out, but emergency officials say they're hopeful it will help increase the Aware and Prepare system's reach.

"As we are introducing some of these improvements to you, we just wanted to make sure that you're aware we are consistently learning from our public, new academic studies [on evacuation behavior], and we will continue to improve our process as we move forward," Nisich said.

Second District Supervisor Janet Wolf noted the enormity of what proper emergency alerts mean in terms of saving lives.

"We don't know what the next emergency is going to be," she said. "We know what we've experienced, but we don't know what we haven't experienced and what may be coming." ○

—Spencer Cole



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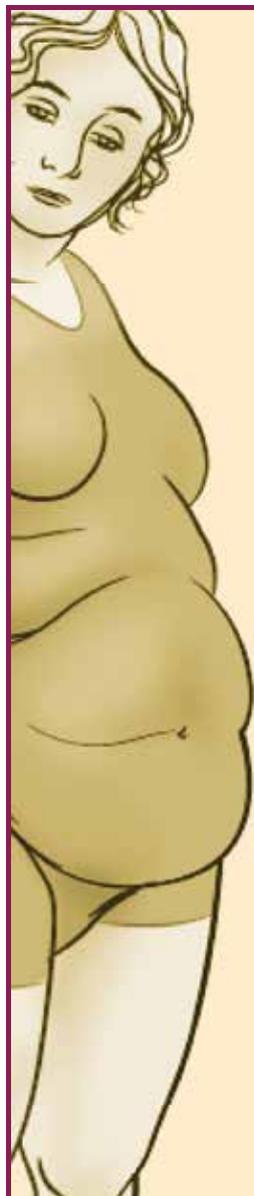
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County Sheriff's Office eradicates 400,000-plus cannabis plants in record-setting enforcement operation

BY JOE PAYNE

Row after row of pot plants were weed-whacked into oblivion in late October as county sheriff's deputies served an enforcement operation on a massive unlicensed cannabis cultivation in the Santa Maria Valley.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office received a tip that a large-scale cannabis grow was ongoing among the valley's farm fields east of Highway 101. Lt. Brian Olmstead told the *Sun*. After an investigation, the Special Investigations Bureau served a search warrant for the site where the Sheriff's Office's Cannabis Compliance team began two days of work on Oct. 29 to destroy the more than 400,000 plants growing there.

The bust sets a record for the number of plants seized in any one operation by the Sheriff's Office, Olmstead said. As a point of comparison, the Sheriff's Office announced in October that it had helped U.S. Forest Service crews locate and eradicate more than 100,000 black market plants in the Los Padres National Forest from January through September of this year, whereas Sheriff's Office crews destroyed more than four times that number of plants in two work-filled days for the Santa Maria bust.

The site, located on the 2700 block of Telephone Road, employed the same methods to grow cannabis that were used there previously to cultivate crops typical to the valley, Olmstead explained.

"It was set up like you would grow strawberries, really, the exact same format," Olmstead said. "They had the plowed rows that were lifted, they had plastic where they had done the fumigation and the drip line, and it was planted in the same type of way that you would expect strawberries to be planted."

The Sheriff's Office's Cannabis Compliance

Team began enforcement operations in September, targeting cultivators who were growing recreational cannabis without the necessary licensing. The first raids by the then newly funded team were in Tepusquet Canyon, destroying more than 1,500 plants across two unlicensed grow operations, Olmstead said.

At a Sept. 17 meeting, Santa Barbara County CEO Dennis Bozanich urged county cannabis cultivators to adhere to the process to attain a county-issued land-use permit, which is required for a state license to cultivate cannabis, before beginning operations. At the time of the meeting, only 40 percent of cultivators in the county had the temporary state-issued licenses necessary to apply for the county's land-use permits.

"This is a pathway to keep you in compliance so we don't have to do enforcement," Bozanich said.

Since the meeting, the Sheriff's Office has kept up its side of that promise, raiding unlicensed grow operations across the county, mostly in rural areas like Tepusquet, Cebada Canyon near Lompoc, and in the Cuyama Valley.

Before the record-setting bust in Santa Maria, the most plants destroyed at any one unlicensed recreational grow was a Sept. 28 enforcement operation that saw nearly 8,000 plants eradicated. Unlike the grows tucked away in rural canyons, the Santa Maria operation was an industrial-scale agricultural endeavour surrounded by crops typically grown in the area, essentially hiding "in plain site," Olmstead explained.

"A lot of these locations, ag fields ... are starting to put that black cloth fencing around and they're under hoop houses," Olmstead said. "I don't know how much people pay attention to that since they're so used to agricultural areas."

The eradication in Santa Maria was a

days-long effort for multiple crews, Olmstead explained, but the raid was preceded by hours of investigation as well.

After the Sheriff's Office received the tip about the site, the agency had to find out where the cultivator was with their permitting, how long they'd been growing cannabis there, and if they were truthful when they approached the county for a conditional use permit after Proposition 64 passed in 2016. Cultivators that operated medicinal grows before Jan. 19 of 2016 were allowed to continue cultivation, Olmstead explained, but were required to sign an affidavit with the county saying they had operated under compassionate use.

Several growers eager to get a jump-start on California's new cash crop weren't truthful when they signed those affidavits, Olmstead said.

"What a couple of these grows that we have [raided] have done over the last two months is they signed their affidavit saying there were in existence before that date, which these guys weren't," he said. "Additionally, what these guys were doing was, they actually planted in September, but they didn't even try to get their state license until in October ... so they filed the affidavit falsely."

The Sheriff's Office has multiple means of investigating whether cannabis farmers have operated above board and in good faith, Olmstead said, including comparing aerial photograph records collected from satellite imagery and the agency's helicopter unit to verify whether properties were in fact cultivating cannabis grows before January of 2016.

Olmstead said that the Sheriff's Office Cannabis Compliance Team is learning more with each investigation, from the manual labor needed to destroy hundreds of thousands of plants to navigating the sometimes several limited liability corporations illegal cultivators set up to obfuscate their operations.

"There's so much going on with this," he said. "We know that there's a lot of illegal grows, and we're just starting to hit 'em as fast as we can."

The Cannabis Compliance Team is waiting for



WEED WHACKED: The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office's Cannabis Compliance Team destroyed more than 400,000 unlicensed cannabis plants at a Santa Maria farm field in late October, the largest single cannabis enforcement operation in county history.

some additional officers as well, Olmstead said, including three detectives who will focus exclusively on cultivators who are flouting regulations.

And with huge, industrial operations like the bust in Santa Maria, the amount of Sheriff's Office time spent working with farming tools and washing the weed smell out of county uniforms has increased exponentially, Olmstead explained.

"And that's just one of them," he added. "If more people start doing it this way, there's going to be that many more grows, more plant counts, and it's really all over the county right now, and a lot of them are illegal growers." ○

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Zoned out

Guadalupe edits zoning ordinance after objections from community

BY KASEY BUBNASH

A proposed ordinance that would update some of Guadalupe's 38-year-old zoning regulations faced a few setbacks recently, after a developer and members of the agricultural community pushed back on added restrictions to facilities in multifamily zoning districts.

Ordinance No. 2018-476, which would amend portions of the city's municipal code that were adopted in 1980, was first presented to the Guadalupe City Council at a meeting on Aug. 14, according to a city staff report. Several of the proposed changes would reflect those now required by state law.

If passed, the ordinance would allow small and family day care facilities, home occupations, and household pets as permitted uses in single family neighborhoods. Lots in those areas could not be less than 4,300 square-feet in size. It would also change legal language in some sections of the city's code, add a public facilities and institutional zoning district to Guadalupe's map, and ensure that development by the city, federal, and state government on federal and state-owned or leased land would be exempt from the city's provisions.

But several community members and local organizations, including the Grower-Shipper Association of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, took issue with proposed restrictions and requirements in multifamily



HOUSING IN A SMALL TOWN: A proposed change to Guadalupe's zoning laws regarding multifamily properties received criticism from agricultural industry advocates in October who said the restrictions would affect farmers who use the federal H-2A guest farmworker visa program.

and industrial zones, leading city staff to edit the ordinance and return it to another first reading.

In multifamily zones, the ordinance would have required 500 square feet of lot space for each occupant, a change the staff report said would prevent overcrowding.

Grower-Shipper Association President Claire Wineman said the restriction would have made it more difficult for farmers to house H-2A workers in Guadalupe. The federal H-2A program, which allows farmers to bring vetted nonimmigrant workers into the U.S. to provide much-needed agricultural labor for a limited time, has been a hot button issue in recent months in the Santa Maria Valley, San Luis Obispo County, and all over California.

Farmers using the H-2A program must provide their workers with pay, food, transportation, and housing, the last of which has stirred up major

concerns about overcrowding in California's already packed residential neighborhoods.

The state is in the midst of a housing shortage, Wineman said, and most cities are working to increase housing density parameters in an effort to meet the demands of a growing population. Some Grower-Shipper members and local business owners, she said, have concerns about the impacts of Guadalupe doing the opposite.

Guadalupe already has limited farmworker housing space for employers in the area, Wineman said, because of past ordinances that put limits on group housing in the city's single and multifamily neighborhoods.

Wineman said Grower-Shipper members also voiced concerns about possible added restrictions to Guadalupe's general industrial zoning district, an area carved out specifically for agricultural processing and support industries.

Under the proposed ordinance, trash receptacles would be required on each parcel; storage on vacant lots would no longer be allowed without the city's permission; and storage on any lot, air and heating ducts, and outdoor equipment would need to be screened from public view. Landscaping could be used as a screen, according to the staff report.

Some of those requirements could be difficult to meet, Wineman said.

"We recognize the need to balance multiple land-use objectives but are concerned with the prioritization of public views over industrial functionality ...," Wineman wrote in a letter addressed to the Guadalupe City Council that was distributed at its meeting on Oct. 9.

Wineman told the *Sun* that the Grower-Shipper Association would like more time to learn about

the proposed requirements in general industrial zones and how they might impact families and businesses in the area. As for the square footage requirement in multifamily zones, Wineman said she hoped the city would reconsider.

That's exactly what city staff did, according to Larry Appel, Guadalupe's contracted city planner.

Appel said he removed the 500-square-foot-per-person density requirement from the ordinance after a developer objected. The developer, who Appel said recently applied to build an employee housing facility in Guadalupe and is in the midst of the approval process, worried the ordinance would hamper his ongoing project.

That plus concerns from the ag community led Appel to remove the density restriction in multifamily neighborhoods, he said.

The proposed changes in general industrial zones, however, will likely stay in place.

"Those are all just standard development conditions that should have been in there all along," Appel said, adding that the same requirements already exist in Guadalupe's other industrial and commercial zones.

Although the proposed zoning ordinance faced its second reading at a Guadalupe City Council meeting on Oct. 9, Appel said because significant changes have been made to meet community needs, the edited ordinance will be reread for the first time again at a council meeting on Nov. 13.

Appel said he's confident the edited version will please most stakeholders and pass within the next few months.

"I think we've got it," he said. ○

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Fruit of their labor



LEARNING AND DOING: Students of all ages get hands-on experience in all aspects of the wine industry through the Allan Hancock College viticulture and enology program—from integrated pest management to pairing wine and food to wine tasting room sales.

Allan Hancock College produces award-winning wine as students roll up their sleeves for harvest and winemaking

BY ANDREA ROOKS PHOTOS BY JAYSON MELLOM

“Hey, look what I found.” My husband handed me the magazine he’d been reading, open to a page near the back. As I scanned the columns, numbers and words blurred together before I found what he was talking about.

There it was, atop a column of 92, 92, 91 in the buying guide of October’s *Wine Enthusiast*: “91. Allan Hancock 2014 Captain’s Reserve Pinot Noir (Santa Barbara County).” I drank in the words: solid wine. Delicious. Rather rich. Quite opulent but easy to enjoy. Editor’s choice. \$18.

That review sat amid write-ups of pinot noir from some of the state’s most well-known and long-established wineries: Tolosa, based in SLO, in the paragraph above with 92 points and priced at more than a hundred bucks; above that, Sea Smoke from Sta. Rita Hills at three times Hancock’s price point and 92 points; and just underneath the college’s wine, a Russian River Valley pinot priced at \$80.

On the facing page, halfway down another

column of reviews, I found a second write-up: 90 points, Allan Hancock 2016 pinot noir (Santa Barbara County): “Aromas of muddy earth meet with tart, sour cherry and a hint of sweet sage on the nose of this solid bottling made by students at this community college in Santa Maria.” \$18.

Turns out, Hancock received three more write-ups in *Wine Enthusiast*’s October buying guide online. The 2015 Captain’s Reserve Pinot Noir: 88 points. The 2016 chardonnay: 88 points. The 2016 white: 85 points.

Hancock College’s wine program was founded 22 years ago, but it’s only been able to sell its campus-made wine since 2014. As the students and professors work alongside each other to bring the next vintage to fruition, these national magazine scores will help the college program to grow its reputation within the established local industry.

The wine

“I was happily surprised when I tasted the wines that the college submitted,” said Matt

Kettmann, *Wine Enthusiast*’s reviewer for the Central Coast. “I tasted them blind, as is *Wine Enthusiast* policy, and some of the Allan Hancock College wines scored very well against the best wines that the Central Coast has to offer.”

The college wines’ lowest score of 85 translates to “good: suitable for everyday consumption; often good value.” The magazine’s scoring ranges from “acceptable” at 80 to 82 points, to “very good” at 87 to 89 points, to “excellent” at 90 to 93, and up to the rare “classic” rating at 98 to 100 points, “the pinnacle of quality,” according to the *Wine Enthusiast* buying guide. The “editor’s choice” note on reviews means that the wines are “those that offer excellent quality at a price above our ‘best buy’ range [\$15 or less] or a product at any price with unique qualities that merit special attention.”

Kettman said that this was the first experience he’d had with Hancock’s wines, but he’s known Dave Corey, the college’s relatively new head of winery operations, for years. The wines Corey submitted were made under the former Hancock winery manager, Chris Brown.

“[Dave] asked if he could send them, and I said of course,” Kettmann said. “We review everything that’s submitted.”

He explained that it’s free to submit wines, and there’s no limit. All told, the regional reviewers sample and write up a couple thousand wines each month from around the world, and they publish maybe 700 in the magazine each month, he said. The rest are in the *Wine Enthusiast* online wine guide.

“Personally I review 160 to 300 wines a month,” Kettmann said, explaining that he spits and spits about a dozen a day, first thing in the morning when his palate’s fresh. The magazine’s policy is to conduct single-blind tastes, meaning the reviewers know what wines are in the day’s lineup but don’t know which one’s in their glass as they taste.

“I know whether I’m going to taste a pinot and where it’s from. There is some context . . . but there’s also still a lot of chance for surprise,” he said. “We try to be as objective as possible.”

As for what these reviews might mean for the college’s wines, Kettman said it’s great no matter the numbers—and Hancock got more than a passing grade.

“Generally speaking, it’s a pretty easy way to get attention for your wines,” he said. “It helps to legitimize the [Hancock] program and show people that it’s not a college experiment. It’s real professionals making it. These wines are solidly made.”

The winery

Around the west side of campus off of South College Drive, just before entrance No. 6, there’s a blue sign much like all the other blue Hancock signs. Winery, this one says. Blink and you might miss it. After parking in lot 7, look for the industrial gate that slides open to a paved work yard.

In this outdoor area on a sunny October afternoon, Corey stood over two buckets. He had one hand submerged past his wrist in partially squashed green grapes. Torrontes, he said, samples of the Argentinian variety from the campus vineyard just across the street. He was checking if they were ready to be harvested.

As he rinsed his hand and wiped it, he mentioned that the heat forecast for the weekend would probably ready the last of the grapes in the student vineyard.

Harvest is only one aspect of wine production that’s on Corey’s mind. He’s bent on getting the word out about the program, including improving the college winery’s signage.

“People have to find us,” he said.

He noted that more people—on campus and throughout the community—need to know there’s a tasting room essentially in their backyard.

Corey, who also owns CORE Winery in Orcutt, was hired as Hancock’s winery operations manager in June, where he heads up all aspects of making wine on campus.

“They brought me on here because of my level of success making wine, growing grapes, and my entrepreneurial spirit,” Corey said.

He directs and mentors students through every step of the winemaking, and he’s also in charge of sales, social media, and marketing, which means hitting the pavement to get bottles on local stores’ shelves and restaurants’ wine lists.

“When I got here, there was no social media presence,” Corey said. “I’m trying to create

Taste for yourself

Allan Hancock College’s campus winery offers flights of four to five of the college’s 11 wines every Friday afternoon. Varieties include albarino, torrontes, chardonnay, rose, pinot noir, and syrah, all grown and made on campus. The winery also offers malbec and cabernet sauvignon made with fruit donated from Paso Robles. Fans of Hancock’s wine can also join the college’s wine club, which offers six bottles for \$80.

Off campus, the college’s wines can be found at Spencer’s Fresh Market in Santa Maria, Vino et Amici wine bar in Orcutt, the Pacific Coast Club on Vandenberg Air Force Base, and Nielsen’s Market in Solvang.

The Hancock winery is located in building O, room 211, on the west side of campus, off of South College Drive. The tasting room is open Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m. For more information, visit hancockcollege.edu/agribusiness.



INTRO TO WINEMAKING: Alfredo Koch (second from left), instructor and coordinator of the Allan Hancock College viticulture/enology program, leads his class in every aspect of making wine, including checking levels of fermentation on grapes in the student winery.

demand before I go out. If you don't have demand when you go, you're just throwing things against the wall."

As he ventures out into the community, Corey said he's been met with some surprise. "I didn't even know the college had a winery," he said he hears a lot. He takes the opportunity to tell the community that Hancock's bonded winery—the bonded status is what enables a winery to sell its wine—is the third of its kind in the state alongside Santa Rosa Junior College and Napa Community College.

As he talks with wine buyers, Corey can mention the recent accolades, including the two gold medals and one silver that Hancock wines took home from the Orange County Fair this summer. But from a marketing standpoint, the medals don't help the wine sell, Corey said. It's the points from magazine reviews, such as *Wine Enthusiast*, that get people's attention.

"The scores ... make it easier to sell," he said. "I've seen an immediate response."

Most recently, he's gotten Hancock wines into Vandenberg Air Force Base's Pacific Coast Club, Spencer's and Nielsen's markets, and Vino et Amicis in Orcutt.

Selling the winery's wares raises funds for the program and grows awareness in the community, which Corey said he hopes will lead to more students enrolling, growing, harvesting, bottling, selling, and so on. Those students who roll up their sleeves from harvest to marketing can then enter the industry with a season or two under their belts.

"We're building a workforce," he said. That connection to the industry in turn

supports the program. Several area wineries have made donations to the campus winery, from big equipment—including an alkalizer, a destemmer, and presses—to bottles, boxes, and even grapes, Corey said.

Standing outside Hancock's winery, Corey looked like he was working in two quite different worlds: On one side of the work yard stood a hand-written sign inviting visitors to "have a good time." Several picnic benches, a pizza oven, and roses planted in half-barrels were scattered around the north side of the yard. Across the way stood a forklift, at least three types of presses, stainless steel tanks, and industrial bins waiting to be filled with the last of the harvest.

For Corey, this—like any working winery—is indeed the meeting of two worlds: production and hospitality. And he's doing his part to make the outdoor space more of an inviting winery scene.

"I want this to be a major spot for tasting groups. The winery has a built-in hosting [quality] that gives us a leg up," Corey said. He mentioned that Hancock architecture students recently drew up designs for the outdoor space to include a covered picnic and event area.

"We make 600 cases a year, and realistically we could sell almost all that through the tasting room," he said.

While Corey spoke, instructor Alfredo Koch came through the winery, leading a handful of students. A couple of the students came up to the square vat of soon-to-be fermented fruit and chatted with Corey about harvest and the grapes' potential.

Koch is the coordinator of the agribusiness/viticulture and enology program. In his softspoken Argentinian accent, he exuded an enthusiasm for

the winery, the students and the program he's worked hard to grow over the past 12 years.

"When I came here, there were half the students, half the classes," he said. "It has really grown."

As he glanced around the winery, he listed several milestones, including obtaining bonded status in 2014, the winery's wine club, and a new agreement with a university in Bordeaux where Hancock graduates can earn a French bachelor's in viticulture and enology.

The classroom

The following week, Koch was finishing up an Intro to Winemaking lecture in one of the college's life sciences classrooms. Thirteen students of varying ages listened as their professor explained sugar and yeast levels in sparkling wines. Dressed in jeans and work boots with the sleeves of his plaid shirt rolled to his elbows, Koch looked every bit the part of hands-on instructor. In fact, earlier that morning he'd been harvesting some of the year's last grapes from the campus vineyard.

There in the classroom, he pointed to charts and pictures projected on the screen, highlighting equipment the campus winery has in common with major Champagne producers, which enables the students to try their hands at making sparkling wine.

After his lecture, two students stayed in the classroom to talk about their first semester in the viticulture and enology program. Laura Pedrino mentioned that she volunteered earlier that morning alongside Koch and fellow students during harvest.

She said that she's learning which parts of the wine industry she likes best. So far, her interest was most piqued by the visiting professional who talked about social media and marketing.

"I don't really see myself working out in the vineyard every day, but I like the business aspect," she said. "I'm starting to have an understanding about wine—while it sounds very romantic—everything that goes behind it, all the hard work and labor."

Pedrino, 32, moved to the Santa Maria area from LA and works at Saarloos and Sons winery in Los Olivos. She said that after a year in the tasting room, she felt it was time to take the next step and finish a college degree. Knowing that wine is one of the area's biggest industries, she enrolled in Hancock's wine program and is working toward the associate degree in wine business.

Fellow student Steve McCrank also moved up from the LA area—the day before Hancock's semester began, he said. He was looking for a second career after working 22 years as a newspaper photographer.

"I'd been coming up here doing wine tasting for years; I went to Cal Poly SLO, and I knew the area well," McCrank said. "We knew this was where we wanted to be ... if you want to live up here and work, you go into the wine industry."

He said he was excited to learn about Hancock's program because the cost is low, and he can earn a certificate to launch him into the industry. Right now, he's looking into production and winemaking.

"I'm using this more to explore and see exactly where I fit in," said McCrank, who works at Rancho Sisquoc winery. "So far my experience has been great—working and in school, everybody's been accepting and easygoing and eager to teach you to move on. It's like if you work hard, this is the kind of industry that will reward you for that. A lot of places don't do that anymore."

Koch noted that not only do students get to venture outside the classroom and roll up their sleeves in a working winery and vineyard, they get the benefit of industry professionals coming into the classrooms—either to stand at the front or sit alongside them.

"Many students down here take one or two courses because they need them for work. Many are even the sons and grandchildren of owners of very large wineries in the state who come here to take classes," Koch said. "Some of the owners have taken one or two classes and ... they share a lot of stories."

While the students and professor chatted, Dean of Academic Affairs Richard Mahon joined the conversation at one of the science classroom's long black tables.

"It's nice to have students who have different skills come into the program because while you're learning about what we teach, you have skills that you can share with other students," Mahon said. "And that makes the program stronger as well."

Koch said he remembered a few engineers from Vandenberg who took one of his classes and shared with him and other students their expertise about climate. "They make the class interesting," he said.

The instructor himself offers the best of both the academic and working worlds to his



CHEERS! Allan Hancock College has 11 wines for sale in its on-campus winery, and several varieties are available at local markets and wine bars. Three wines took home medals from the Orange County Fair this summer, and five received high marks from *Wine Enthusiast* in October, including 91 points and editor's choice for the 2014 Captain's Reserve Pinot Noir.

students. Koch grew up in Argentina working in his grandfather's vineyard in the summers, and he has a master's in agriculture from Cal Poly, an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh, and a Ph.D. from Davis' viticulture and enology program—the same doctorate program that Merilark Padgett-Johnson went through before founding Hancock's viticulture program in 1996.

As the community college's program continues to grow future vintages and vintners alike, its students take with them a well-rounded set of skills wherever they choose to go, according to Koch and Mahon. With a one-year certificate, students can enter the workforce, and with a two-year associate degree, they can either enter the industry or transfer to a university.

"The students who want to go straight into the workforce wind up with more theoretical background and foundation than would otherwise be the case because the courses have to work for transfer [students] as well," Mahon said. "And the students who want to transfer have more hands-on experience."

"We try to really prepare them to succeed and do well," Koch said.

That support and flexibility are what attracted Pedrino and McCrank to the program, and while both students have come across many people who are familiar with Hancock's program, they're looking forward to growing awareness in the community.

"I'm excited to see how the winery and tasting room is coming along," Pedrino said. "I'm excited to see more promotion and getting people to know that this is here and you can come taste the wines that all the students have worked so hard on." ○

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FIELDWORK: Rick Fuller (left), head of Allan Hancock College's viticulture operations, takes a break during the Oct. 25 harvest at the campus vineyard. Students work harvests either as volunteers or as part of their viticulture classes.

Spotlight on: Open World Leadership Center

Delegation of Russian journalists

BY CHRIS MCGUINNESS

The editorial staff at the *Sun* and its sister paper *New Times* are used to answering questions about the paper from curious readers, but Nov. 2 was one of the first times they needed the help of a Russian translator to do it.

That morning, the New Times Media Group's publishers, editors, and reporters hosted a delegation of journalists from Russia at the *New Times* office. The delegation had been traveling around SLO County for the past week, meeting with elected officials, university professors, and local newspapers as part of a leadership exchange program sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives.

"This is called citizen diplomacy," said Bob Fonarow, the Paso Robles Rotarian who hosted the group during its stay in SLO County.

Members of the delegation included Yevgeniya Potekhina, Yelena Burdovskaya, Nataliya Poplavskaya, Yevgeniy Belyanchikov, and Konstantin Alekseyev. They were joined by facilitator Pavel Bodrykh and translator Alexander Krainiy.

The hour-long discussion between the two groups covered a range of topics, including freedom of the press, editorial independence, and the impact of the internet and social media on the journalism industry.

"What I thought was interesting was that

many of the questions they asked were some of the same questions we get from the population at large here in San Luis Obispo," said *Sun* Executive Editor Camillia Lanham.

Joe Payne, managing editor of the *Sun*, said he was also struck by how many topics of the conversation mirrored discussions and debates going on within the U.S. media.

"Many of the concerns that they had about changes in the industry are exactly what we talk about here in our newsroom and what the overall American print media culture in this country is discussing," he said. "At the end of the day these folks are just trying to get papers out, update their websites, and inform and engage their readers."

The delegation's visit was sponsored by the Open World Leadership Program, a congressionally operated exchange program that brings emerging leaders from Eurasian countries to the U.S. to meet and engage with government officials and other professionals.

"The Open World Leadership Center administers the first and only international exchange agency in the U.S. legislative branch that is completely controlled by Congress," the organization's website states. "The founders of Open World were united in the belief that widespread, direct contact between American leaders and those of other nations would greatly benefit all involved."

The delegation visited Washington, D.C.,

before traveling to SLO County. In addition to their visit to *New Times*, the delegation met with the *Paso Robles Daily News* and professors and students from Cal Poly's journalism department. The group also met local politicians, including Paso Robles Mayor Steve Martin and SLO County 1st District Supervisor John Peschong.

Highlights:

- The Lompoc City Council approved a rezone and agreement that will allow the construction of a new, 28,000-square-foot Community Health Centers (CHC) facility along the 1200 block of West Ocean Avenue. The facility will include "49 exam rooms, doctors' offices, a blood draw area, laboratory, imaging room, restrooms, pharmacy, and dental services," a city press release stated. The location will join Lompoc's other CHC facility located at 425 W. Central Ave.

- Marian Regional Medical Center and the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a Health Care Roundtable on Nov. 9 from



VISITORS: A group of Russian journalists, editors, and journalism professors stopped by the *New Times* office as part of a weeklong visit to the Central Coast. Pictured left to right: Nataliya Poplavskaya, Yelena Burdovskaya, Konstantin Alekseyev, Pavel Bodrykh, Yevgeniya Potekhina, and Yevgeniy Belyanchikov.

7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Marian's Conference Center, 1400 E. Church St., Santa Maria. Community members are invited to attend and hear from Marian's new president and CEO, Sue Andersen; cardiologist Jason Choi, MD; and breast surgeon Monica Rocco, MD, FACS. There will also be a Q-and-A session as well as a complimentary breakfast. More info: marianfoundationfeedback@dignityhealth.org. ○

Chris McGuinness, staff writer for the *Sun*'s sister paper *New Times*, wrote this week's Biz Spotlight. Information should be sent to the *Sun* via fax, mail, or email at spotlight@santamariasun.com.

Lompoc parents have until Nov. 9 to review proposed sex ed curricula

BY KASEY BUBNASH

When Jessica Collier was in school, she didn't attend sex ed.

Her parents were conservative, and Collier said that along with a strict "no dating policy," they didn't want her learning about sex and puberty in school. They signed a contract opting Collier out of sex ed, and each day when health class turned to reproduction, Collier was called up and pulled out of class—in front of everyone.

It was embarrassing, but Collier said the worst part was missing out on a sexual health education. Sex didn't come up in school, for obvious legal reasons; with her peers, who thought it was weird that she'd been banished from class; or with her parents, who she said struggled just getting through a basic conversation about menstruation.

Collier said the lack of any formal sex

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ABSTINENCE VS. SAFE SEX: Cal Poly's Safer made T-shirts with the words "I [heart] consensual sex" emblazoned on a black background to promote consensual sex in 2015. Consent is now included in most sexual health education curricula.

education directly contributed to her becoming a parent of four at an early age.

"I think a lot of that was just a severe lack of information," she said.

That's why Collier, now a Lompoc resident and president of the Cabrillo High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), is in support of her kids getting a thorough sex education in school. She hopes that by giving her kids more accurate information about sexual health they'll have the opportunity to make different choices.

That's what Lompoc Unified School District has been working toward for months in an effort to meet requirements laid out in the California Healthy Youth Act, a state law passed in 2016 that requires school districts to provide comprehensive sexual health education, including information about HIV prevention, at least once in both junior high and high school.

But when the district first added its proposed updated sex education curriculum to a board meeting agenda in September, numerous parents pushed back against the changes, citing concerns with inappropriate, overly detailed material they felt promoted sex.

As a result, the district put its decision regarding the curriculum on hold and created an administrative task force to focus on parent outreach. Since then, the district has hosted 10 community forums regarding sex education and the California Healthy Youth Act, and six sexual health education curricula that meet the standards required by law are available for

parent viewing and feedback.

As a parent of two children currently in middle and high school in the district, Collier said she reviewed each of the six curricula and gave detailed feedback in an online survey. She didn't have an overall favorite but said she liked certain portions of each, including the way some handled information regarding sexual assault and gender identity.

But not everyone agrees.

As president of the PTSA, Collier said she's heard from dozens of parents, each with differing thoughts. Some, she said, don't want sex talked about at all in school. Others would prefer a larger, or total, focus on abstinence. Some don't want their kids to learn about condoms in middle school, or about varying gender identities, sexual orientations, and specific sexual acts.

It's a personal topic, Collier said, and "everyone is having a really, really different reaction."

Brian Jaramillo, director of pupil support services with the district, and head of its task force on the California Healthy Youth Act, said parents will have until Nov. 9 to view each of the proposed six curricula and give feedback online or in person.

Later this month, he said teachers will have a half day off to do the same. Then the task force will analyze those responses and make a recommendation to the board, hopefully by Dec. 11. Then it's up to the board.

Although Jaramillo said many parents have voiced their concerns with the upcoming changes and the process has been a bit long, he hopes they've felt heard throughout the past few months of outreach. And if parents still don't want their children learning about sex at school, he said there's always an option to opt out.

"I hope parents see that we're really trying

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to engage them and get their perspective," Jaramillo said. "Ultimately I think there are some parents who won't like anything." ○

Staff Writer Kasey Bubnash writes School Scene each week. Information can be sent to the *Sun* via mail, fax, or email at mail@santamariasun.com.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Elizabeth Twomey

Lompoc High School senior Elizabeth Twomey is the "definition of hardworking."

That's according to head cheer coach Kira Gonzalez, who said Twomey has been a leading force on the cheer squad for all four years of her high school career and team captain for two. Meanwhile, Twomey has consistently juggled a rigorous school course load, hours of volunteer work, and numerous other extra curricular activities.

Twomey, 17, ranks third in her class of 348 students, serves as president of both the Associated Student Body and the Drama Club, and has danced at Boscutti Ballet Theater since she was 3 years old.

And no matter how many responsibilities Twomey puts on her plate, she always gives her all.

"Elizabeth has juggled all of her many activities with unparalleled grace and humility," Gonzalez said. ○

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Tale of two worlds

BY SETH STEINER

What follows is a tale of two worlds. And it says something about the world we, and all children, live in.

A few weeks ago the phone rang at my home and it was a lady from our main library in Santa Maria. I had returned a book, dropping it into the large metal collection box in front of our local branch in Los Alamos. She called to say that the book contained something of mine. The backstory is that I had earlier intended to make a bank deposit, but the bank was closed when we arrived and the cash remained in the car, tucked between pages of the book.

The book was a new, wonderfully written biography of John Wesley Powell, an American who lived a remarkable, accomplished, and constructive life. A Civil War veteran with one arm, he became the first person to lead an exploration by raft of the Colorado River as it raged wildly through the Grand Canyon. Powell went on to become a world-renowned scientist and leading expert on the management of our nation's vital water resources.

The small wad of money inside the book dropped off at my library consisted of 13 crisp \$100 bills. While processing the returned book, this cash was found by a librarian named Susan. It was returned to me within a few days. I believe this says something about the world of books

and about the good people who have chosen to make an honest living in a field that makes it easy for all of us to explore the world while sitting in a comfortable chair at home.

The second event happened yesterday when I met an employee of Aera Energy, a company seeking permits to drill hundreds of oil wells near my town. His badge said he was an "ambassador" for his company. He was a personable gentleman, had many years of experience in the oil business, and was eager to convince me of his company's modern, responsible, and clean practices. And then he went on to tell some whoppers.

The ambassador said that Aera's drilling and extraction methods used no poisonous or cancer-causing chemicals with its high-pressure steam process. Not true. He told me that oil drilling operations have never caused contamination of underground drinking and ag water resources. Again, not true. And he steadfastly insisted that our nation's largest oil company, which happens to own half of Aera, did not recently and quite publicly admit that, for decades, it had been intentionally lying to cover up and mislead us all about its role in greenhouse gas emissions and its threat to the planet through global warming.

Anyway, that's it. My tale of two worlds we all now inhabit. One is a story of the realm of companies primarily motivated by short-term

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profit above all else, including our clean water, our clean air, and a livable planet full of healthy and diverse life. And the other is the domain of libraries, with their relatively inexpensive yet magical and life-expanding contents and of the honest people who work in them, enriching our lives in more ways than the size of their paychecks might suggest.

One is a world of large companies that come to Santa Barbara County and pollute the air and risk the water we, and all the children, breathe and drink. After these companies spill and leak, they sometimes declare bankruptcy and leave us taxpayers with the cleanup bill. The other world is the one of small-town Central Coast, that we all want to continue to enjoy and preserve.

Don't forget to vote. This is what it's about. ○

Seth Steiner is a founding board member of Safe Energy Now! North County, a member of the Los Alamos Planning Advisory Committee, a board member on his homeowners association, and a resident of Los Alamos. Send your thoughts to letters@santamariasun.com.

Santa Maria, a caring community

A while back the Sun wrote a small piece on my son Sebastian Saiz (Athlete of the Week, Aug. 23) who is the quarterback of the Santa Maria High School Saints this year. His mom, my wife Irene Rodriguez Saiz, recently passed away from cancer. The outpour of support is so awesome that I want to share a post I put on my Facebook:

We live in an awesome community. The outpour of love and support we have received from our neighbors, our friends, and our schools is unheard of. I remember when I first brought my family here in 2005, it was only going to be for three years and then we were moving to Ventura. After our first year here we fell in love with this city, its community, schools, children, etc. My wife started substitute teaching, I started coaching youth sports and we made Santa Maria our home town.

Here we are years later, and with my wife's passing I thought she would want to be buried back home in Woodlake, California. She made me promise that would not happen. She said, "Santa Maria is my home, it is where we raised our children, it is where our friends who are family are, it is where my heart is and where I want be laid to rest. You promise me that you will make this happen."

I told her I will move mountains for you, so you can count on my fulfilling your every wish. Thank you friends (family), thank you to all the staff at Santa Maria High School, Liberty Elementary School, Adams Elementary School, and thank you Santa Maria for all the love you gave my family.

May God bless this city, our schools, and our community for their selfless actions of coming together to help one of their own. On behalf of my wife, Irene Rodriguez Saiz; my son, Sebastian Saiz; and daughter, Jasmine Saiz, I say we love and appreciate you all.

Russell Saiz
Santa Maria

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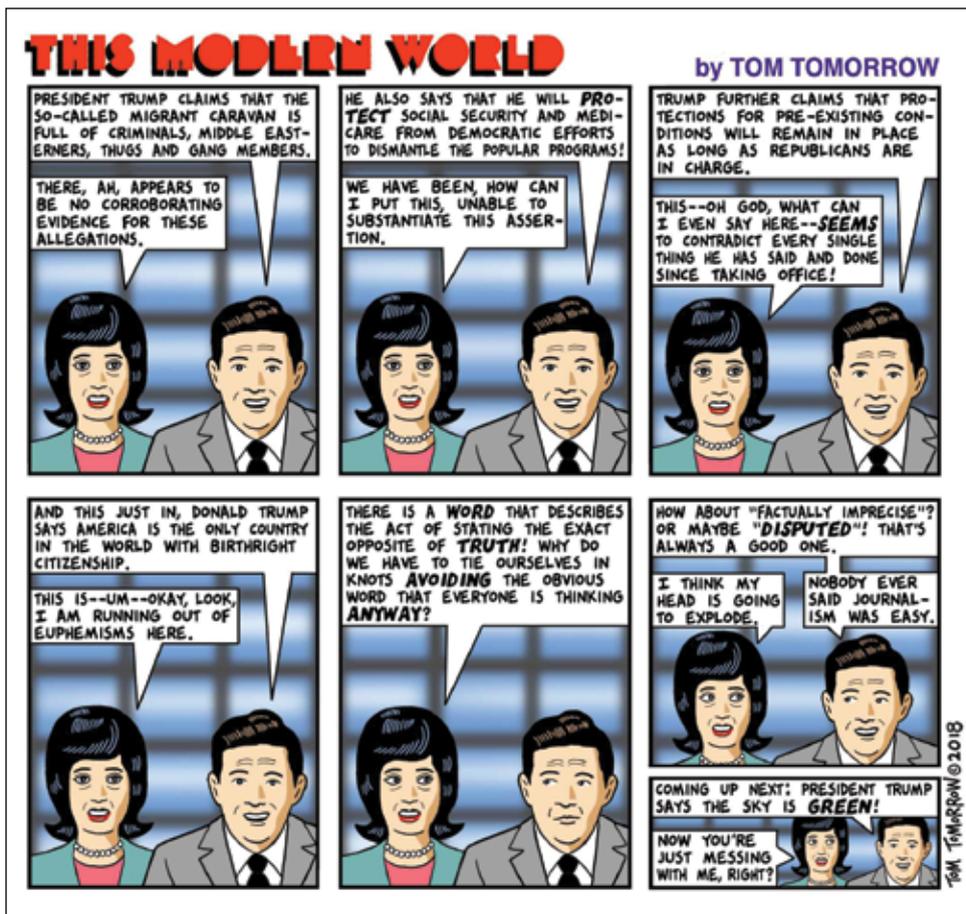
The Friends of the Santa Maria Public Library want to thank our customers for supporting our recent book sale to benefit the library. Many of them were regular visitors to our former shop. We are also grateful to the large donations of books from David Adams, a former bookseller,

and Joe Lazaer of AL&S Inc.

Our hardworking volunteers prepared and conducted the sale. Volunteers are the framework for all we accomplish for the library: public programs and funds for books and other materials. In 2018, we granted the library \$47,000 and in the 10 years in our library shop,

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Political exhaustion

Politics is tiresome, I know I'm not the only one who thinks so.

For journalists, election season can feel like a long grind leading up to the big day. We follow multiple races for months, talk to dozens of candidates, wade through legal jargon in measures and propositions, and then make it out on election night to see candidates either celebrate victory or pack it up and go home.

But then, it's finally over!

Unfortunately for me, I have no idea who the winners are at the time I'm pecking away at this keyboard with my tired beak. The *Sun* held two pages past its usual print deadline for election night (check out pages 4 and 6), so I'm running blind here.

It's a shame, because I have *so much* to say about the candidates. You'll just have to wait until next week to hear what I think about the outcome of the Congressional race, the attempts at unseating incumbents on the **Santa Maria** and **Lompoc** city councils and school boards, whether locals will pay more in property or sales tax with local measures, and whether or not **Santa Barbara County** voters want citizen-led redistricting or the status quo.

I don't like to make predictions, but in regards to the House race between Rep. **Salud Carbajal** (D-Santa Barbara) and his returning Republican challenger **Justin Fareed**, if the greater numbers of Santa Barbara County's registered **Democratic** voters versus **Republicans** are an indication, it doesn't look like Fareed will achieve a Hail Mary touchdown but a fourth down turnover this election cycle.

According to the county, there were 37,000 more Democratic Party members registered than Republicans among the 217,417 registered voters. And that total number is the greatest in county history for a midterm election. I guess county poll workers and vote counters will be worn out from all the work too!

Politics might be tiresome, but it matters, and it doesn't go away. It's a lot of work to stay

informed before you make a decision at the ballot box, but those collective decisions can shape our community in widespread ways.

I'm sure the **Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office Cannabis Compliance Team** was tired too after two days of hard labor literally weed whacking and uprooting 400,000 unlicensed pot plants in Santa Maria (see page 9). Some brazen farmers set up a massive cannabis grow among the ag fields and rural housing tracts out there, growing weed just like strawberries!

Well, it was just a matter of time ever since voters passed **Proposition 64** in 2016, legalizing recreational cannabis in the state. But the slow lurch of legalization provided an opportunity for some unscrupulous landowners and growers to jump into the burgeoning industry without going through all the proper channels.

These growers must think that the Sheriff's Office is stupid, or that the people living nearby don't have working noses. Maybe these scofflaw pot farmers were just high, not on their product, mind you, but the green dollars they could stand to make.

This is why Californians voted yes on Proposition 64, to bring cannabis into the legal world. Plenty of pot farmers in the county are doing everything by the book and are prepared to pay the crazy taxes imposed on the industry. I'm sure they're tired too of all the red tape and fees, but they're going through the process just like any other local farmer.

That's why you won't see a single tear fall from my bloodshot eye when authorities bust illegal growers and destroy thousands of plants. There's plenty of pot to go around, and I don't predict locals will get tired of growing, smoking, or eating it anytime soon. ○

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We have major issues in this state with the cost of housing, the unemployment rate (I know, and you all know, that the 3.7 percent rate stated by the government is not true, it's just the number on unemployment), crime, hit-and-run drivers (we're No. 1, we're No. 1), the homeless, and businesses leaving the state.

I get it, I really do. I'd rather hire some guy that will work for \$12 an hour, with no workers comp, no medical, no dental, no vacation, no retirement, no social security, no state and federal taxes to pay, no nothing, and chances are that guy will work hard, do a good job, won't snivel, won't call in sick, and will really help out. But when that journeyman legal (many immigrant carpenters are legal residents) union member cannot find a job, when the construction industry is smoking here, because all the non-legal people have the jobs, what then? Are you willing to roll your lifestyle back to 40 years ago? Are you willing to live in a house with 25 other people? Are you willing to give up everything you've earned over the past 25 years so some unscrupulous contractors can buy their new boat, their house on top of the hill in Santa Barbara, while paying these guys a wage that just barely allows them to survive in this area?

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Joyce Hall

president, Friends of the Santa Maria Public Library

The border

Well, according to CNN, MSN, CBS, NBC, ABC, and the rest, there are between 1,600 and 6,000 people coming this way through Mexico from Honduras and Guatemala. I see these comments about the president being a racist for trying to stop them. He *has* to stop them. All you guys that want to just let them come here and squat, maybe you should think about things before you spout your racist noise.

They do the jobs nobody else will do. Yep, like journeyman carpenter. Roofer. Gardener. Drywall. Dishwasher. Car mechanic. Ditch digger. Car washer. You get the idea. They do the jobs *all* of us have done. Part of the problem is that, as teens, most of us washed dishes, dug ditches, tore off roofs, washed cars, weeded gardens, etc. That is where we learned how to work when we were in high school. But now, an illegal alien has that job.

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IF HOOKS COULD KILL

The Pacific Conservatory Theatre (PCPA) presents its production of Peter Pan Nov. 8 through Dec. 23 at the Marian Theater, located at 800 S. College Drive, Santa Maria. The cast includes George Walker as Captain Hook and Chynna Walker as Peter Pan (pictured from left to right). Tickets range from \$23.75 to \$50. More info: (805) 922-8313 or pcpa.org.

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SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

AN EVENING IN NEVERLAND: OPENING NIGHT GALA PERFORMANCE OF PETER PAN Attendees will experience a red carpet welcome, pre-show reception with gourmet hors d'oeuvres, sparkling wine, and more. All proceeds benefit PCPA. **Nov. 10**, 5:30-9:30 p.m. \$150-\$200. 805-928-7731 x4101. pcpa.org/support/gala2018/. Marian Theatre, 800 S. College Dr., Santa Maria.

FBLA (FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA) LUNCHEON Reserve a lunch and sponsor an FBLA student. Mentor an aspiring business owner and lead them on their way to future success. All FBLA students are from Santa Maria and Orcutt. **Nov. 14**, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$35; \$25 members; \$25 to sponsor a student. 805-925-2403 ext: 814. santamaria.com/events/details/fbla-future-business-leaders-of-america-luncheon-09-27-2018-23771. Abel Maldonado

Community Youth Center, 600 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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Connection annual luncheon. Sponsored by Stonecroft Ministries. Features a silent and live auction, merchant donations, baked goods, and crafts. Guest speaker Natasha Wills follows fair. **Nov. 13**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 including luncheon. 1 805 489 6859. Madonna Inn Garden Room, 100 Madonna Rd, San Luis Obispo.

FALL FEAST: A VEGAN THANKSGIVING Celebrate a turkey-free Thanksgiving in an outdoor setting. Dinner includes tofurky, field roast, trimmings, and more. Guests are welcome to come early to feed the animals. **Nov. 11**, 2-4 p.m. \$40. 805-748-7733. Happy Hen Animal Sanctuary, 2375 Corbett Canyon Rd., San Luis Obispo.

FOOD HISTORY PROJECT: GRASSY BAR OYSTERS George and Helen of Grassy Bar Oysters will share their journey of raising oysters in the Morro Bay Estuary. **Nov. 12**, 5:30-7 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. grassybaroyster.com. SLO Provisions, 1255 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, 805-439-4298.

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY LUNCHEON CELEBRATION This luncheon celebrates local philanthropists and volunteers, including the Harold J. Miossi Charitable Trust, "Philanthropist of the Year". **Nov. 15**, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$50. Embassy Suites, 333 Madonna Rd., San Luis Obispo, 805-549-0800.

NORTH SLO COUNTY

EIGHTH ANNUAL GARAGISTE FESTIVAL Events include a Grand Tasting and a tribute to the increasing influence of Spanish grape varieties in California. **Nov. 9-11** \$59-\$150. californiagaragistes.com/. Fairgrounds, 2198 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles, 805-769-8211.

ELEGANT EVENING: DOWNTOWN PASO ROBLES Kick off the holiday shopping season while enjoying live entertainment, refreshments,

carriage rides, and more. **Nov. 10**, 5-8 p.m. Free admission. 805-238-4103. PasoRoblesDowntown.org. Paso Robles Main Street Association, 835 12th St., Suite D, Paso Robles.

HANDS IN NEPAL ARTISAN HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE AND SILENT AUCTION Features local artisans, Nepali handicrafts, holiday decorations, a silent auction, snacks, refreshments, and more. Vendors donate 10% or more of sales to benefit HANDS' Women's and Educational projects. **Nov. 17**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. 805-440-5987. handsinnepal.org. HANDS in Nepal Santa Margarita HQ, 22595 I St., Santa Margarita.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE This craft show features more than 50 vendors. All items are handmade. **Nov. 17**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 805-470-3178. VisitAtascadero.com. Pavilion on the Lake, 9315 Pismo Ave., Atascadero.

NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY

1943: NAVY AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING BASE IN MORRO BAY Join the Historical Society of Morro Bay to celebrate Veterans Day with a program on the Amphibious Training Base the Navy built in Morro Bay as part of WWII training. Also enjoy a choral rendition of patriotic songs to honor vets. **Nov. 11**, 4-6 p.m. Free to vets and members; \$5 nonmembers. 805-399-2772. Morro Bay Historical Society, P.O. Bpx 921, Morro Bay.

SECOND ANNUAL FIDGETCON A family-friendly event celebrating all things fidgety. **Nov. 17**, 1-4 p.m. Free. 805-305-0579. facebook.com/fidgetCon/. Morro Bay Vet's Hall, 209 Surf St., Morro Bay.

FUNDRAISERS

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

CASA GRANDE SENIOR ESTATES CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE Features crafts of every variety, gifts, home décor, and edible delights created by Casa Grande residents. Baked goods include sugar-free, gluten-free, and regular recipes. Proceeds from the bake sale table will benefit the Food Pantry. **Nov. 10**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Casa Grande, 519 W Taylor St., Santa Maria, 805-868-2119.

FOURTH ANNUAL CRAFT BOUTIQUE This event showcases local artisans, crafters, and small businesses and features unique and handmade crafts, clothing, dessert treats, and

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more. Sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star Friendship Circle. **Nov. 10**, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. 805-478-4193. Masonic Family Center, 700 Lakeview Rd., Santa Maria.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

11TH ANNUAL ARTISAN FAIRE Features handcrafted arts and crafts, a full service cafe for lunch and snacks, apple pies, a raffle, and more. All proceeds go to local college scholarships and charities. **Nov. 17**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. 805-473-1866. Women's Club of Arroyo Grande, 211 Vernon St., Arroyo Grande.

41ST ANNUAL TURKEY TROT FUN RUN The City of Arroyo Grande Recreation Services Department and the Arroyo Grande Lions Club are sponsoring this fun run. Awards given to first to third place. **Nov. 18**, 1 p.m. \$5. 805-473-5475. arroyogrande.org. Arroyo Grande High School, 495 Valley Rd., Arroyo Grande.

CAMP FIRE'S 21ST ANNUAL HOLLYBERRY DINNER AND AUCTION BENEFIT FUNDRAISER Proceeds benefit Camp Fire's club programs and summer camps. **Nov. 10**, 4-8:30 p.m. \$15-\$100. 805-773-5126.

campfirecentralcoast.org. Pismo Veterans Memorial Hall, 780 Bello St., Pismo Beach.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER Dinner includes spaghetti with homemade 3-meat sauce or marinara sauce, salad, and bread. Soda, beer, wine, and desserts available for an extra charge. Take-out available. **Nov. 9**, 4-7 p.m. \$10 adults; \$8 kids; free for ages 5 and under free; vets eat for free. St. Patrick's Church, 501 Fair Oaks Ave., Arroyo Grande, 805-489-2680, stpatsag.org.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

27TH ANNUAL AIDS WALK Proceeds help fund services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. **Nov. 10**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 805-781-3660. asn.org. Mission Plaza, 989 Chorro St, San Luis Obispo.

MINDBODY GARAGE SALE The Mindbody Sustain team is partnering with Earth Shine to host this sale. All ages welcome. Proceeds go to Earth Shine. **Nov. 10**, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mindbody, 659 Tank Farm Rd., San Luis Obispo, 8777554279.

SEASON TO BELIEVE: BENEFIT GALA Features a champagne reception, hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet dinner, a raffle, silent and live auctions, and more. Proceeds benefit Central Coast Funds for Children. **Nov. 10**, 6-10 p.m. \$125. 805-773-1223.

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KNITTING 101

Central Coast Makerspace presents a knitting workshop on Nov. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum, located at 705 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria. The class is open to ages 12 and older. Admission is \$35, which includes instruction and supplies. More info: (805) 928-8414 or smvdiscoverymuseum.org.

centralcoastfundsforchildren.org. San Luis Obispo Golf and Country Club, 255 Country Club, San Luis Obispo.

SECOND ANNUAL BAGS TO BENEFIT WOMEN AND GIRLS Soroptimist International of SLO presents this buffet luncheon and silent auction event. Proceeds support scholarships and grants for head of household moms. **Nov. 17**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. \$40. 805-547-6404. soroptimistslo.com. Embassy Suites, 333 Madonna Rd., San Luis Obispo.

ARTS

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

AFTERNOON ART TIME: NOVEMBER An art class for children ages 6 to 12. Registration begins Nov. 7. **Nov. 14**, 4-5 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

BALLROOM, LATIN, AND SWING LESSONS Marie King and Kings of Swing offer dance lessons for all ages and skill levels. Couples and singles welcome. Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$36 for 4-week session. 805-928-7799. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

BASIC WATERCOLOR No experience required. Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. \$8. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

BEADING WORKSHOP Thursdays, noon oasiorcutt.org. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

CENTRAL COAST MAKERSPACE: KNITTING 101 WORKSHOP Learn the ins and outs of knitting from a longtime knitting enthusiast. Open to ages 12 and older. Admission includes basic supplies and instruction. **Nov. 15**, 6-8 p.m. \$35. 805-928-8414. eventbrite.com. Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum, 705 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

COUNTRY TWO STEP DANCE LESSONS From the basics to a variety of patterns. Dancers of all skill levels welcome. Thursdays, 6:15-7 p.m. \$8. 805-680-5695. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

CREATIVE ART TUESDAYS Meet other artists and support and critique others' works. Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m. \$1. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

EVERYBODY CAN DANCE Ballet workout classes for teens and adults. Tuesdays, 6 p.m. everybodycandance.webs.com. Everybody Can Dance, 628 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, 805-937-6753.

INDIVIDUAL PAINTERS No instructor. Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon \$1. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

INTRODUCTORY BALLET 1 Tuesdays, 5 p.m. everybodycandance.webs.com. Everybody Can Dance, 628 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, 805-937-6753.

INTRODUCTORY BALLET 2

Wednesdays, 6 p.m. and Fridays everybodycandance.webs.com. Everybody Can Dance, 628 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, 805-937-6753.

INTRODUCTORY BALLET 3

Wednesdays, 6 p.m. everybodycandance.webs.com. Everybody Can Dance, 628 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, 805-937-6753.



LATIN DANCE CLASS: SALSA, BACHATA, AND MORE Instructors and styles vary from week to week. Thursdays, 8-10 p.m. \$10. facebook.com/dancingamor. Everybody Can Dance, 628 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, 805-937-6753.

MUSIC LESSONS Offering private and classroom lessons. ongoing 805-925-0464. Coelho Academy of Music, 325 E. Betteravia Road, Santa Maria.

SALSA DANCE CLASS No partner or experience needed. Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Free. 805-937-1574. CentralCoastSwingDance.com. Old Town Brew, 338 W. Tefft St, Nipomo.

SOAP AND CANDLE MAKING CLASSES Second Tuesday of every month The Parable Candle Company, 125 Union Ave., Orcutt, 805-314-2662.

SWING, BALLROOM, AND LATIN DANCE CLASSES Hosted by the Kings of Swing. All skill levels welcome (adults). Couples and singles welcome. Pre-registration recommended. Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. \$45. 805-928-7799. Adkins Dance Center, 1110 E. Clark Ave., Santa Maria.

TEEN APPETIZER CREATION Teens will learn how to make appetizers. **Nov. 16**, 4-5:30 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

UKULELE CLASS Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

WEST COAST SWING CLASS No partner or experience needed. Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Free. 805-937-1574. CentralCoastSwingDance.com. Old Town Brew, 338 W. Tefft St, Nipomo.

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NOVEMBER 8-18
 CPAC at Cuesta College



Salute! A Trumpet Tribute to Veteran's Day
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
 Atascadero United Methodist Church



Tribute to the Eagles
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
 Morro Bay Wine Seller



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
NOVEMBER 8-9
 Morro Bay High School



JD Hardy and the Kern River Mafia
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10
 Mongo's Saloon



Bruising for Besos Film Screening
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15
 House of Pride and Equality



The Byrom Brothers
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15
 7Sisters Brewing Co.



Wine & Dine
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17
 Wild Coyote Estate Winery



Santa's Doggie Parade
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24
 Avila Beach Civic Association



Fin's Giving Tuesday-Dinner for a Cause
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
 Fin's Restaurant



Roy Zimmerman
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29
 7Sisters Brewing Co.



Season's Greetings Holiday Choral Concert
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29
 Monarch Club at Trilogy



Victorian Christmas Open House
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29
 Friends of the Price House



Fox and Bones
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30
 Morro Bay Wine Seller



Holiday Dinnertainment
NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 23
 Cambria Center for the Arts Theatre



Anne of Green Gables
NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 16
 By the Sea Productions



SLO Wind Orchestra: Make a Joyful Noise
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
 CPAC at Cuesta College



North County Chorus: Winter Concert
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
 CPAC at Cuesta College



Yhana Rose Album Release
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
 Morro Bay Wine Seller



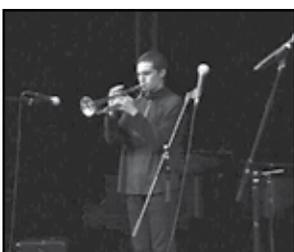
Cuesta Jazz Ensembles
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
 CPAC at Cuesta College



Christmas on the Trail 2018 Wine Passport
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
 Foxen Canyon Wine Trail



The Bow Ties Bluegrass Band
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
 Atascadero Lake Pavilion



Combopalooza
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11
 CPAC at Cuesta College



Tribute to Eric Clapton
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11
 Morro Bay Wine Seller



Chamber Music Concert
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
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PLAY EXPLORE CREATE 2 Includes drawing, pastel, watercolor, tempera, collage, printmaking, sewing, and building. Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m. & 1:30-3 p.m. \$20 for one day; \$35 for two. 805-668-2125. lila.community. LiIA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. Suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

SOUND CIRCLE For those who have always wanted to play music, but believe they are "non-musical". All levels of experience are welcome. Featuring easy-to-use hand pan drums. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. through Dec. 5 \$75 (for 6 classes). 805-710-9808. luciamarschools.asapconnected.com/. Branch Mill Organic Farm & Retreat Center, 2815 Branch Mill Rd., Arroyo Grande.



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ALCOHOL INK PLAY TIME Create unique ornaments, coasters, and magnets using vibrant alcohol inks. **Nov. 13**, 6-8 p.m. \$55. 805-546-3100. creativemetime.com. Cuesta College Community Programs, Highway 1, San Luis Obispo.

KNITTING FOR BEGINNERS Beginners will learn basic stitches and will work on projects designed to teach them how to get started with knitting. All class materials provided. **Nov. 10**, 12-1 p.m. and **Nov. 17**, 12-1 p.m. Free. 805-781-5783. San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm St., San Luis Obispo.

NANOWRIMO WORKSHOP WITH BAXTER TRAUTMAN In celebration of National Novel Writing Month, the library hosts this writing session facilitated by local author Baxter Trautman. **Nov. 10**, 2-4 p.m. Free. 805-781-4187. San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm St., San Luis Obispo.

NANOWRIMO WORKSHOP WITH SHERI HUMPHREYS A writing session facilitated by local author and two-time Golden Heart finalist Sheri Humphreys. **Nov. 17**, 2-4 p.m. Free. 805-781-4187. San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm St., San Luis Obispo.

PLAYDATE WITH ART CENTRAL'S MANUFACTURE REPS Sales reps from Speedball, Strathmore, Pentel, Black Ink Papers, and Faber Castell will be coming in to show off products. Guests can enjoy creating unique holiday cards during the presentation. **Nov. 17**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.wordpress.com/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

SPECIAL ART EVENTS

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

NATURAL PERFUME WORKSHOP Receive personalized guidance in blending your signature scent by Susan Farber, trained perfumer. Learn how to formulate your very own fragrance with botanical essences gathered from around the world. **Nov. 10**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$85. 805-886-5538. eventbrite.com. Windmill Nursery, 925 W. Hwy 246, Buellton.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

BRUSING FOR BESOS: FILM SCREENING Hosted by House of Pride and Equality and AHC.

Refreshments and informational resources will be available. Screening takes place in G 106. **Nov. 15**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$5; free parking. Allan Hancock College, 800 S. College Drive, Santa Maria.

POETRY NIGHT AT CORE WINERY Monthly poetry group with two featured poets and open readings. Check CORE Winery Facebook page for details or schedule changes. Second Saturday of every month, 7:30 p.m. Free. 805-937-1600. corewine.com. CORE Winery, 105 W Clark Ave., Orcutt.

SANTA BARBARA PRINTMAKERS JURIED EXHIBITION Opening reception takes place Nov. 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. **Nov. 14**, 4-6 p.m. and **Nov. 14-April 1** smartscouncil.org. Betteravia Gallery, 511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria.

EXHIBITS

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

FOLDED ART: ORIGAMI ANIMALS Featuring origami animals by artist Robert Salazar. In the Oak Gallery (second floor). **Nov. 10-March 20** Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-1082, wildlingmuseum.org.

GIVENS, BELONI, AND KELLEHER Featuring works by artists Carrie Givens, Susan Beloni, and Renee Kelleher. **Through Dec. 1** Gallery Los Olivos, 2920 Grand Ave., Los Olivos, 805-688-7517, gallerylosolivos.com.

NATURE ABSTRACTED This exhibit is on display in the Barbara Goodall Education Center (third floor). In collaboration with the Santa Barbara based Abstract Art Collective. Features 29 works by 18 artists. **Through Feb. 4**, 2019 \$5. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-1082, wildlingmuseum.org.

NATURE IMAGINED This exhibit celebrates nature through art by Cheryl Medow, Ellen Jewett, and Hilary Brace. These artists used diverse materials and methods to create their works. Mondays, Wednesdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$5. 805-686-8315. wildlingmuseum.org. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

NATURE REGENERATED Photographers were encouraged to capture examples of nature's ability to regenerate and thrive. This exhibit showcases winning entries in the Adult and Junior categories. ongoing Free. 805-686-8315. wildlingmuseum.org/photography-competition/. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE A 30-year retrospective exhibit featuring various artists. **Through Nov. 11** 805-686-1211. Elverhoj Museum of History and Art, 1624 Elverhoy Way, Solvang, elverhoj.org.

PAVLOV GALLERY: FEATURED ARTISTS Showcasing new collections on a weekly basis. Featured artists include Chris Pavlov, Iris Pavlov, Robert Hildebrand, Doug Picotte, and more. ongoing, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 805-686-1080. pavlovgallery.com. Pavlov Art Gallery, 1608 Copenhagen Dr., Ste C, Solvang.

THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION: SECOND SATURDAY ARTISANS Applications to be a featured artist will be accepted throughout the series. Second Saturday of every month, 12-5 p.m. Free. 805-688-7338. santaynezvalleyarts.org. Santa Ynez Valley Grange Hall, 2374 Alamo Pintado, Los Olivos.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

FEATURED ARTIST: IRINA MALKMUS This exhibit is one of a continuing series of shows to spotlight local art and artists. ongoing 805-938-9724. irinamalkmus.com. Ameriprise Financial, 2605 S Miller St., Suite 104, Santa Maria.

JAN HOWARD: FEATURED ARTIST Howard is the gallery's featured artist for the month of November. **Through Nov. 30** Valley Art Gallery, 125 W. Clark Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-2278, valleygallery.org.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

SHE SANG ME A GOOD LUCK SONG A statewide traveling exhibit featuring the California Indian photographs of Dugan Aguilar. ongoing 415-525-1553. exhibitenvoy.org. DANA Adobe Cultural Center, 671 S. Oakglen Ave., Nipomo, 805-929-5679.

STAGE

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

PETER PAN A family-friendly musical based on the J.M. Barrie tale. **Nov. 8-Dec. 23** \$33.50-\$50; discounts available. 805-922-8313. pcpa.org. Marian Theatre, 800 S. College Dr., Santa Maria.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

CPAF PRESENTS BABES IN TOYLAND The Coastal Chamber Youth Ballet performs a special version of the classic holiday ballet. All ages welcome. **Nov. 17**, 11 a.m.-noon Free. 805-473-7161. slolibrary.org. Arroyo Grande Library, 800 W. Branch, Arroyo Grande.

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA Includes A *Christmas Carol*, a fractured fairy tale opera, and more. Wednesdays-Sundays. **through Dec. 31** \$24-\$30. 805-489-2499. americanmelodrama.com. Great American Melodrama, 1863 Front St., Oceano.

SANTA LUIS OBISPO

THE GLASS MENAGERIE Tennessee Williams' classic drama. This intensely personal piece explores the complexity of our memories and the ways in which we can never truly escape them. Wednesdays-Sundays, 7-9 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays, 2-4 p.m. **through Nov. 18** \$20-\$39. 805-786-2400. slorep.org. San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, 888 Morro St., San Luis Obispo.

GHOST SHIP Presented by Cuesta Drama. **Nov. 8-18** \$20. Cuesta College Cultural and Performing Arts Center, Highway 1, San Luis Obispo, 805-546-3198, cuesta.edu.

IMPROV COMEDY SHOW Fast-paced improv comedy shows performed by the ensemble of Central Coast Comedy Theater. All shows are based on audience suggestions making every show unique. Saturdays, 8-10 p.m. \$5. centralcoastcomedytheater.com. Kreuzberg Coffee Company, 685 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, 805-430-0260.

THE MOVEMENT ARTS COLLECTIVE PRESENTS SEASONS END Set to a re-composed score of Vivaldi's classic, this contemporary ballet includes themes of nature and human nature. **Nov. 17**, 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. \$20-\$35. 805-756-4849. pacslc.org. Spanos Theatre, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

SUICIDE GIRLS: BLACKHEART BURLESQUE This burlesque show is full of pop-culture references and is choreographed to a high-energy indie soundtrack. **Nov. 15**, 9-11 p.m. \$27. 805-546-8600. suicidegirls.com. The Fremont Theater, 1035 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

TRUST FALL A comic saga that tells the story of Daedalus, an inventor and sculptor who always ends up creating problems that others must solve. **Nov. 8**, 8-10 p.m., **Nov. 9**, 8-10 p.m. and **Nov. 10**, 8-10 p.m.

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LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Luncheon takes place Nov. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center, located at 600 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria. Lunch is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Guests will have the opportunity to sponsor an FBLA student if interested. More info: (805) 925-2403, Ext. 814.

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TED AND CONVERSATION The Solvang Library screens an 18-minute talk from the TED Talks series. Afterwards, the audience explores the topic together over tea and coffee. Third Thursday of every month, 10-10:50 a.m. Free. 805-688-4214. Solvang Library, 1745 Mission Dr., Solvang.

LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER The center is a food pantry offering nutritional classes. Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m. Free. 805-967-5741, Ext. 107. El Camino Community Center, W. Laurel Avenue and N. I Street, Lompoc.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

BI-LINGO Informal conversation to practice Spanish language skills for anyone with basic Spanish-speaking skills. Second Thursday of every month, 6-7 p.m. Free. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, 805-925-0994.

CLUBS & MEETINGS

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

ANIME CLUB FOR TEENS A club for teens interested in anime and manga. Nov. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TEENS (BOLT) BOLT is an opportunity for teens to help decide on teen activities in the library. Nov. 10, 10-10:45 a.m. Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION Tuesdays, 1 p.m. oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

DCSMV MONTHLY MEETING Speaker sessions open to the public. Meeting for registered Democrats only. Third Thursday of every month, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. santamariademocrats.info. IHOP, 202 Nicholson Ave, Santa Maria.

HI-WAY DRIVE-IN SWAP MEET Come to the Hi-Way Drive-In for the Sunday Swap Meet. Sellers: \$20; Produce sellers: \$25; Buyers: \$2 car load. Sundays, 4:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 805-934-1582. Hi-Way Drive-In, 3170 Santa Maria Way, Santa Maria.

RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT:
MAH JONGG Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. 805-922-2993. Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 Park

SANTA MARIA TOASTMASTERS WEEKLY MEETING Toastmasters International is a worldwide nonprofit educational organization that empowers individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. 805-264-6722. santamaria.toastmastersclubs.org/. Toyota of Santa Maria, 700 E Beteravia Rd., Santa Maria.

THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY The Santa Maria Valley Genealogical Society holds meetings open to the public. Third Thursday of every month, 2-4 p.m. SMVGS.org. Family History Center, 908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria.

TRI CITY SOUND CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL Welcomes all women who are interested in learning about barbershop-style music singing and performing. Thursdays, 6:45-9:30 p.m. 805-736-7572. Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 4725 S. Bradley Road, Orcutt.

TRIVIA NIGHT Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Free. naughtyoak.com. Naughty Oak Brewing Co., 165 S Broadway St Ste 102, Orcutt, 805-287-9663.

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NIPOMO SENIOR CENTER The center is open five days a week; closed on weekends and holidays. Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 805-929-1615. Nipomo Senior Center, 200 E. Dana St., Nipomo.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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TRAUMA INFORMED PARENTING GROUP A foster parent class presented by Calm. Tuesdays 805-965-2376. calm4kids.org. Church For Life, 3130 Skyway Dr., Suite 501, Santa Maria.

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CARD MAKING Tuesdays, 9 a.m. oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

FALL MAKERSPACE For participants to create, build, explore, use their imagination, and more. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m. through Nov. 28 Free. 805-925-0994. cityofsantamaria.org/city-government/departments/library. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

KNITTING AND CROCHETING Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

MIND & BODY

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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The Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum holds its 34th annual Vaquero and Western Collectable Sale from Nov. 9 through 11. The sale features hand-tooled leather saddles, braided riatas, silver spurs, bridles, bits, and reins. A gala dinner and auction takes place Nov. 9 at 5 p.m. The museum is located at 3596 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez. More info: (805) 688-7889 or santaynezmuseum.org.

holiday season. Features holiday foods made with flavored oils. Nov. 9, 6:30-7:45 p.m. \$16. 805-266-6391. clients.mindbodyonline.com. Treemap Yoga, 2771-C Santa Maria Way, Santa Maria.

CANDLELIGHT RESTORATIVE YOGA Release and open your body with breath, props, and meditation. Mondays, 7-8 p.m. yogaformankind.com. Yoga for Mankind, 130 N Broadway, Suite B, Orcutt.

GENTLE YOGA Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

MEDITATION GROUP Features a 20 minute meditation followed by a brief discussion. Meetings take place in the sanctuary. All are welcome. Thursdays, 11 a.m.-noon Free. 805-937-3025. Unity Chapel of Light Church, 1165 Stubblefield Rd., Orcutt, unitiesantamaria.net/.

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TAI CHI AT OASIS Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:45 a.m. oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.



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SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

SIERRA CLUB HIKE: LOPEZ LAKE A moderate 4.9-mile loop trail along the lake. Call for details. Nov. 17, 9 a.m. Free. 805-934-2792. sierraclub.org/santa-lucia. Lopez Lake, 6800 Lopez Dr., Arroyo Grande.

SPORTS

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL Presented by Rise and Achieve. For boys and girls ages 5 to 17. First game takes place July 7. 10 games guaranteed. ongoing 805-868-3633. riseandachieve.com. Ernest Righetti High School, 941 E. Foster Rd., Orcutt, 805-937-3738.

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KNOCKERBALL POP-UP PLAY Also features spike ball, kan jam, and Giant Jenga to play in between games. Nov. 17, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. \$10-\$20. 805-776-3588. knockerballslo.com/public_events/. Elm Street Park, 1221 Ash St., Arroyo Grande.

KIDS & FAMILY

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AFTERNOON STORY TIME Story time for ages 6 to 12. Features stories, movies, and crafts. Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. through Dec. 11 Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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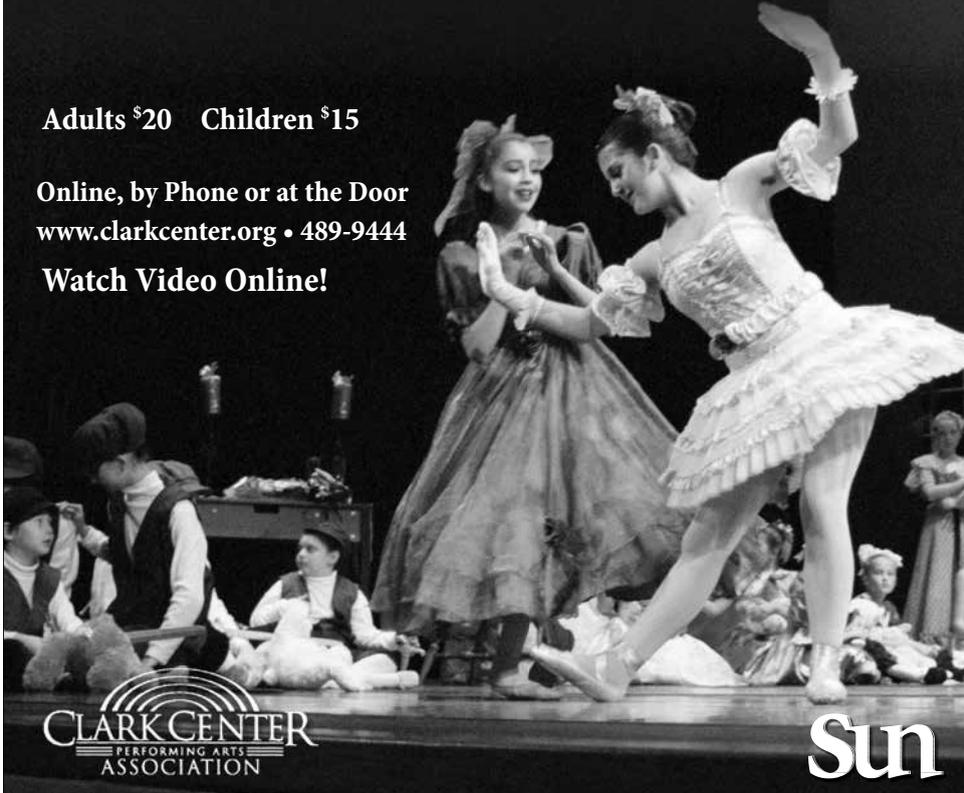


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MONUMENTAL

The Lompoc Museum hosts a rededication ceremony for its World War I monument on Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. New features surrounding the monument include benches, planters, bronze plaques, a plaza, and more. Admission is free. The museum is located at 200 S. H St., Lompoc. More info: (805) 736-3888.

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and children 9 and up. Fridays, 4-5 p.m. Free. 805-688-3115. Buellton Library, 140 W. Highway 246, Buellton.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY RAILWAY HISTORICAL MUSEUM The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum features a locomotive, boxcar, cabooses, railroad artifacts, and diorama. Second and fourth Saturday of every month. 12-4 p.m. ongoing 805-714-4927. Santa Maria Transit Center, Miller and Boone St., Santa Maria.

SPIRITUAL

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICES Join Hope Community Church for Sunday morning and Wednesday night services. Children care provided for infants and children under 4. Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Free. 805-922-2043. hopesm.com. Hope Community Church, 3010 Skyway Dr. Suite F, Santa Maria.

INTUITIVE GUIDANCE Sessions may include but are not limited to mediumship, psychic awareness, light journey work, and aura cleansings. Thursdays, 12-2 p.m. \$20 for 15 minutes. 937-271-5646. CovenTree: Books and Gifts, 722 E Main St., Santa Maria.

MEDITATION CLASS: A STUDY OF TRADITION AND PRACTICE With AnnKathleen, who has been meditating since 1992 when she was introduced to Transcendental Meditation from teacher Sri John Karuna. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. \$10-\$15. 805-598-1509. divining.weebly.com. Art of Alchemy, E. Orange St, Santa Maria.

WISDOM READINGS AnnKathleen uses tarot and oracle cards to guide participants to solutions that bring peace, happiness, and positive thinking. Fridays-Sundays, 1-5 p.m. \$60-\$100. 805-598-1509. Art of Alchemy, E. Orange St, Santa Maria, divining.weebly.com.

WISDOM READINGS AT COVENTREE AnnKathleen, the Mistress of Alchemy, uses tarot and oracle cards to guide participants to solutions that bring peace, happiness, and positive thinking. Every other Friday, 1-5 p.m. \$60-\$100. 805-598-1509. divining.weebly.com. CovenTree: Books and Gifts, 722 E Main St., Santa Maria.

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YOUTH SERVICES The City Church Central Coast holds youth services for junior high school students. Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Free. 805-929-8990. thecitycc.org. Faith Life Community Church, 726 W Tefft St, Nipomo.

VOLUNTEERS

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

GUADALUPE NATIVE GARDEN BEAUTIFICATION DAY Seeking volunteers interested in gardening and helping to beautify the Guadalupe Native Garden. This event is led by Judith Evans. Third Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon through Dec. 15 Free. 805-343-2455. dunescenter.org/event/guadalupe-native-garden-beautification-days/. Guadalupe Native Garden, Corner of Campondonico and 7th Ave., Guadalupe.

FOOD & DRINK

FARMERS MARKETS

LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

LOMPOC FARMERS MARKET Features fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers, entertainment, and activities for the whole family. Fridays, 2-6 p.m. Lompoc Farmers Market, Ocean Avenue and I Street, Lompoc.

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GROWING GROUNDS FARM STAND

Produce, flowers, and other plants from the nursery are available for purchase. Second Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 805-934-2182. Growing Grounds Farm, 820 W. Foster Rd., Santa Maria, t-mha.org.

ORCUTT FARMERS MARKET Presents local farmers and small businesses. Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Orcutt Farmers Market, Bradley Road, Orcutt.

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ARROYO GRANDE FARMERS MARKET Includes produce, artists and musicians. Saturdays, 12-2:25 p.m. Arroyo Grande Farmers Market, Olohan Alley, Arroyo Grande.

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DUSTY JUGZ LIVE No outside food or drinks allowed. Nov. 18, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

THE DYLAN ORTEGA BAND As part of KRAZY Country Honky-Tonk Thursday. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

THE HOLLYWOOD HILLBILLIES LIVE Nov. 9, 8 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

JOHN LYLE LIVE No outside food or drinks allowed. Nov. 17, 1-4 p.m. Free. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

NATE LATTA: LIVE ON THE PATIO Enjoy live music from Nate Latta on the patio. Nov. 11, 1-5 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

THE NOMBRES LIVE This group performs a blend of country and rock. No outside food or drinks allowed. Nov. 17, 6-9 p.m. Free. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

ODDLY STRAIGHT LIVE No outside food or drinks allowed. Nov. 9, 6-9 p.m. Free. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

THE RUBEN LEE DALTON BAND LIVE No outside food or drinks allowed. Nov. 10, 5-8 p.m. Free. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

SLEEPING DOGS LIVE Nov. 17, 8 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

STEVE AND THE REGULARS LIVE Nov. 18, 1-5 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

SYDNEY KOVACS LIVE Kovacs is a classically trained singer with a passion for jazz. No outside food or drinks allowed. Nov. 16, 6-9 p.m. Free. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

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BEST LIVE PERFORMANCE: The Cimo Brothers won best song in the Country/Folk/Americana genre and Best Live Performance during this year's New Times Music Awards (NTMAs) in the Fremont Theater.

The show must go on!

The 10th annual New Times Music Awards rocked the Fremont Theater

BY GLEN STARKEY

It's Friday, Nov. 2, and all the beautiful people are in SLO's Fremont Theater for the 2018 New Times Music Awards (NTMAs). There's glitz, there's glamour, and there's a whole lotta music filling up the old art deco theater.



TURNING UP THE HEAT: Rogue Status won best song in the Hip-Hop/Rap genre and the Readers' Choice Award in the 2018 NTMAs.

The *Sun* and *New Times* welcomed musicians of all stripes from Santa Barbara and SLO counties to contribute their albums, songs, and instrumental music created in the last year for the competition. The NTMAs gave out those awards but also saw winners perform for the chance at the Best Live Performance award.

First up are the youth category winners—Rio Fleming, Sacha Carlson, and Escaping Monochrome—who deliver short but crafty sets of their original music, reminding everyone in attendance that there's a deep well of talent ready to rise through the ranks of the Central Coast music scene.

The first genre-winner performance features Open category second place winner Brass Mash. First place winner Shadowlands unfortunately was unable to perform because one member had a previous gig in LA, but Brass Mash

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LOCAL NOTES

And the winners are ...

Best Album

- 1 John Stephen, *Acustico*
- 2 Jim Conroy, *Magical Door*
- 3 Doug Macrae, *A Time for Everything*

Best Songwriter

- 1 Jill Knight, "Carolina"
- 2 Stephen Styles, "California"
- 3 Banjer Dan, "Life's a Gamble"

Country/Folk/Americana

- 1 Cimo Brothers, "Good Times"
- 2 Black Match, "Same Old Things"
- 3 Don Lampson, "Solitary"

Hip-Hop/Rap

- 1 Rogue Status, "Peaceful"
- 2 Kody Balboa, "I Know"
- 3 Famous Deuce, "Mafia"

Open Category

- 1 Shadowlands, "Wilderness"
- 2 Brass Mash, "Toxicity From A Rose"
- 3 David Alm, "Oceano"

R&B/Blues

- 1 Izara, "Fight to Survive"
- 2 Haniah, "Twisted"
- 3 Crooked Eye Tommy, "Baby Where You Been"

Rock/Alternative

- 1 Arthur Watership, "Holy Lighter"
- 2 Oceanaire, "26"
- 3 Mathias Clark, "Sail Away"

Youth

- 1 Escaping Monochrome, "Is It Sad"
- 2 Sacha Carlson, "Oblivion"
- 3 Rio Fleming, "Be the Blaze of the Night"

Readers' Choice

Rogue Status

Best Live Performance

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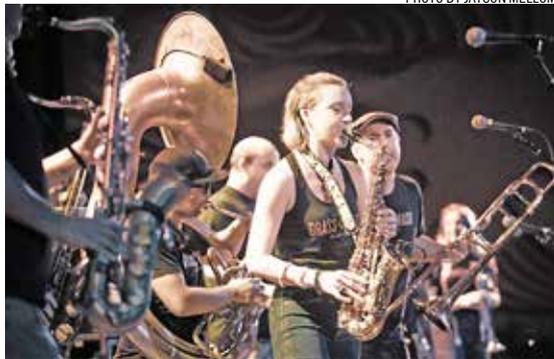
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delivers a foot-stomping set of all-horn mash-ups.

Ultimate Best Live Performance winner and Country/Folk/Americana winners the Cimo Brothers are up next, putting on a dazzling display of musicianship and generating tons of stage presence and charisma. They look hard to beat, and they are!

Izara was set to perform next as winner of the R&B/Blues genre, but laryngitis struck! Luckily, second place winner Haniah stepped in at the last minute to take her spot, delivering a

soulful set of R&B.

Arthur Watership, winner in the Rock/Alternative genre is up next, demonstrating why they've been getting so much airplay on KCBX 90.1FM's Morning Cup show. They're crazy creative, and the music is complicated without being fussy. This is turning into a truly eclectic show!

The final act is Rogue Status, a North SLO County hip-hop collective of talented emcees, and they've come to win! About 50 people get out of their seats and rush the stage to dance. Rogue's got the beats, the grooves, the samples, and the swagger, and the judges are torn ... but in the end, the Cimo Brothers are the big winners!

To top things off, the very first NTMA

winner, Damon Castillo, was awarded a new bronze Newtie Award. *New Times* owners Bob Rucker and Alex Zuniga crafted this first award out of wood 10 years ago, with an actual vintage-looking microphone mounted on the base. It was the prototype of the cast bronze Newties we started awarding the second year. Now Castillo has one that will last forever.

We've come a long way, baby! Here's to the next 10 years! And 10 more after that! Congratulations to all the winners, thanks to all who attended, and as always, support live music! ○

Glen Starkey is the senior staff writer for the Sun's sister paper, New Times. He can be reached at gstarkey@newtimeslo.com.

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TALES FROM THE TAVERN: MARIA MULDAUR Muldaur performs with the Bluesiana Band. **Nov. 14**, 7 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

TERESA RUSSELL AND COCOBILLI LIVE This group performs rock and blues. No outside food or drinks allowed. **Nov. 11**, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

THE TEX PISTOLS LIVE **Nov. 10**, 8 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

THE THIRD MAN LIVE This group performs surf, lounge, and old school country. No outside food or drinks allowed. **Nov. 10**, 1-4 p.m. Free. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

TOM BALL AND KENNY SULTAN LIVE No outside food or beverages allowed. Sundays, 1:15-4 p.m. Free. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

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AHC CONCERT BAND: FALL POPS CONCERT Presented by the Allan Hancock College Concert Band. **Nov. 10**, 7:30-9 p.m. Free to \$10. 805-929-0552. First Baptist Church, 2970 Santa Maria Way, Santa Maria.

BILLY MANZIK LIVE **Nov. 16**, 4-6 p.m. Complimentary. Presqu'ile Winery, 5391 Presqu'ile Dr., Santa Maria, 805-937-8110, presquilewine.com.

INTERACTIVE MUSIC EXPERIENCE Featuring musicians Nina Ryne and Jan Grisby. **Nov. 12**, 4-5 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

JAZZ JAM Instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome to join in with the house trio. Third Saturday of every month, 6-9 p.m. Free. 805-937-6400. Ca' Del Grevino Cafe and Wine Bar, 400 E. Clark Ave., suite A, Orcutt.

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OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES Enjoy live music from cover band Soundhouse. Proceeds benefit the SB Food Bank. **Nov. 17**, 3-8 p.m. Entry fee is one non perishable item for the SB Food Bank. 805-361-2900. moxiecafe.com. Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria.

THE TAPROOTS LIVE This SLO-based duo performs folk and Americana. **Nov. 9**, 4-6 p.m. Complimentary. Presqu'ile Winery, 5391 Presqu'ile Dr., Santa Maria, 805-937-8110, presquilewine.com.

THE WAVEBREAKERS LIVE Enjoy covers of hits from the 1950s to '80s. **Nov. 16**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. 805-361-2900. moxiecafe.com. Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria.

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ACOUSTIC SUNDAYS Sundays, 3-6 p.m. Seaventure Restaurant, 100 Oceanview Ave, Pismo Beach, 805-779-1779, seaventure.com.

FRIDAY MUSIC NIGHT AT AVILA BEACH RESORT Enjoy acoustic music from local artists with food and drinks from Mulligan's. Fridays, 5-8 p.m. Free. 805-595-4000. Avilla Beach Resort, 6464 Ana Bay Dr., Avila Beach.

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ROCKAPELLA Enjoy catchy, original pop songs and contemporary revisions of sparkling Motown, pop, and soul classics. **Nov. 17**, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$42-\$55. 805-489-9444. clarkcenter.org/event/rockapella/. Clark Center for the Performing Arts, 487 Fair Oaks Ave., Arroyo Grande.

SONGWRITERS AT PLAY: MONTY BYROM Guests include Travis James Braden, Charlie McNeal, Cliff Stepp, Joe Ferra, Izzy Pedego, and Steve Key. **Nov. 14**, 6-8:30 p.m. Free. 805-204-6821. songwritersatplay.com. Branch Street Deli, 203 E. Branch St., Arroyo Grande.

YNANA ROSE AT PAINTED SKY CONCERT SERIES Rose and friends will perform to celebrate the release of her new album *Tea Leaf Confessions*. Genres include folk, honky-tonk country, gypsy jazz, and Americana. Tickets available at BooBoo Records or Painted Sky Studios. **Nov. 10**, 8-10 p.m. \$20. 805-927-8330. paintedskystudios.com. Painted Sky Studios, 715 Main St, Cambria.

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BANJERDAN LIVE Dan Mazer, a banjo player and multi-instrumentalist based in Atascadero, plays an Americana mix, rooted in straight-ahead bluegrass and branching out to include folk, country, blues, oldies, and other styles. **Nov. 17**, 6-8 p.m. Free. 805-868-7133. 7SistersBrewing.com. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110,

San Luis Obispo.

CAL POLY PIANO STUDENT RECITAL A free recital presented by Cal Poly Music Department student pianists. **Nov. 13**, 7:30 p.m. Free admission; campus parking enforced. 805-756-2406. music.calpoly.edu/calendar/. Cal Poly Davidson Music Center, Room 218, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

THE COASTAL AWAKENING: TREASURES OF THE CENTRAL COAST Includes works by Mozart, Craig Russell, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Brynn Albanese, Lou Harrison, and more. **Nov. 17**, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$10-\$50. 805-538-3311. slomasterchorale.org. Performing Arts Center, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo.

DIANA DIAZ: OVER THERE- SONGS FROM THE GREAT WAR In celebration of Veterans Day and the centennial anniversary of Armistice Day. Features Tatsiana Peters on piano. **Nov. 14**, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110, San Luis Obispo, 805-868-7133, 7SistersBrewing.com.

ESTAS TONNE: THE BREATH OF SOUND WORLD TOUR New Times readers can get a 15% discount off tickets with the promo code: SPIRIT. **Nov. 11**, 7-9 p.m. \$35-\$90. 424-385-1992. estastonne2018.com/. Performing Arts Center, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo.

AN EVENING WITH SPAFFORD A live jam band. **Nov. 14**, 10 p.m.-midnight ticketweb.com. SLO Brew, 736 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, 805-543-1843.

FLAMENCO L.A. LIVE Los Angeles-based artists Arleen Hurtado and Ben Woods join SLO's La Gitane for this concert and dance. **Nov. 18**, 6:30 p.m. \$10. Bang The Drum Brewery, 950 Orcutt Road, San Luis Obispo, 242-8372, bangthedrumbrewery.com/.

FORTUNATE YOUTH LIVE Featuring opening support from The Movement, Josh Heinrichs and Skillinjah. For ages 18 and over. **Nov. 18**, 7-11 p.m. ticketweb.com. SLO Brew Rock, 855 Aerovista Pl., San Luis Obispo, 209-417-7748.

GYPSY JAZZ NIGHT With the Gypsy All Stars: Laurel Mitchel (vocals), Daniel Cimo (violin), James Gallardo, Ben Arthur, and Toan Chau. Every other Thursday, 9:30-11:30 p.m. Barrelhouse Brewing Co. Speakeasy, 1033 Chorro St., San Luis Obispo, 805-296-1128, barrelhousebrewing.com.

JAZZ JAM SESSIONS AT LINNAEA'S Hosted by the SLO County Jazz Federation. Second Tuesday of every month, 7-9 p.m. Free. 805-543-1200. Linnaea's Cafe, 1110 Garden St., San Luis Obispo, linnaeas.com/.

LADIES NIGHT SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE AT 7SISTERS Featuring Caitlin Jemma from 6 to 7 p.m., Lauren Barth from 7 to 8 p.m., and Miss Leo Trio from 8 to 9 p.m. **Nov. 16**, 6-9 p.m. Free. 805-868-7133. 7SistersBrewing.com. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110, San Luis Obispo.

LIVE AT SLO BREW: IYA TERRA **Nov. 12**, 7-11 p.m. ticketweb.com. SLO Brew, 736 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, 805-543-1843.

LIVE AT SLO BREW: THE MOWGLI'S Opening support by Arms Akimbo. For ages 18 and over. **Nov. 18**, 7-11 p.m. ticketweb.com. SLO Brew, 736 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, 805-543-1843.

THE MUSIC OF LOU HARRISON: HIS LEGACY AND A RARE PERFORMANCE Includes a presentation by Eva Soltes on the life of Lou Harrison, his music, philosophy, and his connection with the Central Coast. **Nov. 18**, 3-5 p.m. \$20. 805-538-3311. slomasterchorale.org. Performing Arts Center, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo.

PINT NITE WITH WILL BREMAN **Nov. 9**, 6-8 p.m. Free. 805-868-7133. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110, San Luis Obispo, 7SistersBrewing.com.

RODNEY CROWELL LIVE **Nov. 18**, 8-11:30 p.m. \$35-\$49.50. 805-329-5729. fremontslo.com/. The Fremont Theater, 1035 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

SIR SLY AND JOYWAVE LIVE **Nov. 13**, 7-11 p.m. ticketweb.com. SLO Brew Rock, 855 Aerovista Pl., San Luis Obispo, 209-417-7748.

SLO COUNTY BAND: 24TH ANNUAL HOMELESS BENEFIT CONCERT The theme of this year's concert is "Thank You For The Music". Directed by Leonard Lutz. Featuring special guest Andy Morris of KVEC radio. The program includes Broadway and film music including *Moana*, *Sing*, songs by ABBA, and more. **Nov. 18**, 3-5 p.m. Donation to Homeless Services of SLO. 805-773-0323. slocountyband.org. Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 1701 Fredericks St, San Luis Obispo.

SLO SYMPHONY PRESENTS: THE AMERICAN MASTERS This concert celebrates classical favorites of American composers. Featuring Ilya Kaler on violin. **Nov. 10**, 7:30 p.m. \$20-\$87. 805-

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PARADISE FOUND

Standing Sun Live presents Kathleen Sieck and The Paradise Road (pictured) with K. Philips on Nov. 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. All ages are welcome. General admission is \$15. Tickets are \$20 for reserved seating. Standing Sun Winery is located at 92 Second St., Buellton. More info: (805) 691-9413 or standingsunwines.com.

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756-4849. slosymphony.org. Performing Arts Center, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo.

SONGWRITERS AT PLAY: THE BYROM BROTHERS

Enjoy the blues, rock, and country styles of Monty Byrom and Tanner Byrom. **Nov. 15,** 6:30-9 p.m. \$10. 805-868-7133. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110, San Luis Obispo, 7SistersBrewing.com.

SONGWRITERS AT PLAY: NICOLE STROMSOE WITH DORIAN MICHAEL

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EYESIGHT TO THE BLIND

The Chumash Casino Resort presents *Third Eye Blind* on Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. The set will include some of the group's latest singles from their new EP, *Thanks for Everything*. Tickets range from \$69 to \$99. The resort is located at 3400 E. Highway 246, Santa Ynez. More info: (800) 248-6274 or chumashcasino.com.

SUZANNE SNIZEK LECTURE-RECITAL:

SUPPRESSED MUSIC The presentation will cover a sampling of composers who have been threatened, imprisoned, killed and/or had their work denied performance by governments for political or religious reasons. Snizek, flutist, is associate professor of music at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada. **Nov. 9,** 10-11 a.m. Free. 805-756-2406. music.calpoly.edu/calendar/special/. Cal Poly Davidson Music Center, Room 218, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

THROWN-OUT BONES LIVE This drummer-led group performs rock n' roll. **Nov. 9,** 8-10 p.m. Bang The Drum Brewery, 950 Orcutt Road, San Luis Obispo, 242-8372, bangthedrumbrewery.com/.

DJ/DANCE

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KRAZY COUNTRY HONKY-TONK THURSDAY Thursdays, 6 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

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SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

HULA DANCING Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. 805-598-6772. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

LINE DANCING Mondays, 6:30-

9 p.m. \$5. 805-310-1827. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

NIGHTLIFE AT RANCHO BOWL Enjoy DJ's 6 nights a week in the Rancho Bar and Lounge. For ages 21-and-over. Tuesdays-Sundays, 9 p.m. Free. 805-925-2405. ranchobowl.com/nightlife. Rancho Bowl, 128 E Donovan Rd., Santa Maria.

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DJ CAMOTE Thursdays, 5 p.m. Harry's Night Club And Beach Bar, 690 Cypress St., Pismo Beach, 805-773-1010, harryspismo.com.

DJ DRUMZ AT MONGO'S Fridays Free. 805-489-3639. mongosaloon.com. Mongo's Saloon, 359 W. Grand Ave., Grover Beach.

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32ND ANNIVERSARY DOUBLE CONTRA DANCE

Jean Gorrindo and Lynn Ackerson will call afternoon and evening contra dances with bands Star Thistle (Sacramento) and InTentCity (Idaho). Potluck between dances. Please bring food. **Nov. 10,** 3-10 p.m. \$5-\$10; free for ages 16 and under. 805-602-2929. ccc.org. Odd Fellows Hall, 520 Dana St., San Luis Obispo.

CONSCIOUS DANCE Shelley Kilcoyne (teacher and somatic psychotherapist) and Kari Stettler (teacher and somatic experiencing practitioner) provide soundscapes, gentle guidance, and compelling inquiry to help support this meditation dance. Second Thursday of every month, 7:30-9 p.m. through Dec. 13 \$15-\$20. 805-550-8717. insightsomatics.com. SLO Yoga Center, 672 Higuera St #200, San Luis Obispo.

COUNTRY NIGHT Thursdays, 8 p.m.-2 a.m. 805-541-096. slograd.com. The Graduate, 990 Industrial Way, San Luis Obispo.

ECSTATIC DANCE Multi instrumentalists Vince and Dan Cimo create the soundscape for this dance. **Nov. 18,** 4-6 p.m. \$10-\$20. 805-215-4077. San Luis Obispo Vets' Hall, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo.

SALSA Dance lesson is 7 to 8 p.m. Social dance is 8

to 10 p.m. Second Sunday of every month, 7-10 p.m. Bang The Drum Brewery, 950 Orcutt Road, San Luis Obispo, 242-8372, bangthedrumbrewery.com/.

KARAOKE/OPEN MIC

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

KARAOKE AT SOLVANG BREW Thursdays Free. Solvang Brewing Company, 1547 Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-2337.

OPEN MIC NIGHT AT SOLVANG BREW Wednesdays Free. Solvang Brewing Company, 1547 Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-2337.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KARAOKE Guests are welcome to take the stage and sing. Wednesdays, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. 805-863-8292. Louie B's, 213 E. Main St., Santa Maria.

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FRONT ROW KARAOKE Thursdays, 9 p.m. 773-1010. Harry's Night Club And Beach Bar, 690 Cypress St., Pismo Beach, harryspismo.com.

JAWZ KARAOKE Thursdays, 9 p.m. Harry's Night Club And Beach Bar, 690 Cypress St., Pismo Beach, 805-773-1010, harryspismo.com.

KARAOKE WITH DJ SAM Sundays Mongo's Saloon, 359 W. Grand Ave., Grover Beach, 805-489-3639.

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KARAOKE NIGHT SUNDAYS AT BUFFALO PUB AND GRILL Sundays, 8 p.m. Free. 805-544-5155. Buffalo Pub And Grill, 717 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo.

OPEN MIC NIGHT AT 7SISTERS For musicians, poets, and comedians. Family-friendly. Performers get a free beer. Sundays, 6-8 p.m. Free. 805-868-7133. 7sistersbrewing.com/calendar. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110, San Luis Obispo. ○

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Historical society, library co-host lecture on wolves

The Santa Ynez Valley Natural History Society and the Los Olivos Library will co-host a lecture on the gray wolf on Nov. 15.

The featured speaker is Pamela Flick of Defenders of Wildlife, who will talk about the state of the wolf in North America. The wolf, which was driven to extinction by the mid-1930s in most of North America, is making a return in California thanks to conservation efforts. Flick will discuss the Shasta Pack, the state's first resident wolf family as well as the Lassen Pack and their young wolf pups. The presentation will explore the gray wolf's history as well as the species' ecological role.

The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free to the public at 2374 Alamo Pintado Ave., Los Olivos. For more information, contact synature@west.net or (805) 693-5683 or call the Los Olivos Library at (805) 688-4214.

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Sol Aromatics holds natural perfume workshop in Buellton

Sol Aromatics will host a workshop to teach the fundamentals of natural perfume on Nov. 10.

The workshop features a lesson in building a personal scent by Susan Farber, who will teach attendees about botanical essences from around the globe and discuss 15 essential oils and absolutes. Games meant to teach the connection between scent and memories, emotions, and visual imagery will also take place. Attendees will receive their own custom-made fragrance and a guide to the process.

The class size is limited to eight; all materials are provided. The workshop takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Windmill Nursery, 925 Highway 246, Buellton. The cost is \$85. To register, visit solaromatics.com.

Origami artist featured at Wildling Museum

The Wildling Museum in Solvang will present a new exhibit titled *Folded Art: Origami Animals* by Robert Salazar from Nov. 10 to March 25.

Salazar is a deployable structures contractor at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) who is also a famed origami artist and environmental activist. Salazar designed the origami crease pattern for Starshade's Optical Shield at JPL. He also develops art and technology as the chief executive and technical officer at Orisun to advance space exploration and environmental sustainability.

The exhibit at Wildling features a collection of origami animals found in Santa Barbara County such as the yellow-billed magpie, steelhead trout, California condor, and tarantula. A reception with the artist will take place on Nov. 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Wildling. To RSVP, contact mitra@wildlingmuseum.org or call (805) 686-8315. ○

Arts Briefs is compiled by Arts and Lifestyle Writer Rebecca Rose. Send information to rose@santamariasun.com.

Plan to see Jan

Jan Howard's still life and landscape paintings are featured in a new show at Valley Art Gallery

BY REBECCA ROSE

You won't find Jan Howard's work on any website or social media platform.

The painter, who is featured as the artist of the month through Nov. 30 at Valley Art Gallery, doesn't put her work online. She's never downloaded Snapchat and doesn't have a Facebook to promote her work. She doesn't use email, so if you want to track her down, you'll have to go old-school and make a phone call.

On the phone, Howard is gracious and grandmotherly, pleased to talk about her show.

"I like to share," she said. "I just enjoy sharing my work, whether it's with friends from church or people at the gallery. It's just nice for me."

As a longtime member of Valley Art Gallery, Howard has obtained a sizable following of fans who are impressed with her keen eye for color and composition. And perhaps her distance from the frantic pace of social media and the instant gratification of online interactions is what makes her work so special. She's always been patient and practiced with her work, even when she began years ago.

When Howard and her husband first moved to Arnold, California, a neighbor approached her and asked if she'd like to join an art class with her. Howard enthusiastically agreed.

"I had dabbled in a lot of things at that point," she said. "We had just moved to that town. I went and it just took, big time."

She started painting birds, a subject near and dear to her heart. Her uncle was Harvey Fisher, a well-known ornithologist. Fisher published numerous technical books and papers on birds, including studies on the albatrosses of Midway Island in the Pacific. In 1955, Fisher became chair of the Department of Zoology at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. That was around the time a young Howard took an interest in her uncle's meticulous studies of birds.

"It was just a natural thing for me to take off from what I'd learned from him," Howard said. "I just enjoyed it. Part of it was I began to realize there were some beautiful birds around the world. He was really encouraging to me."

A major turning point was when she entered the Calaveras County Fair in 1993. Some of her paintings won a couple of awards, including a



TIPTOE THROUGH THE TULIPS: Jan Howard was inspired by her uncle, an ornithologist, to study nature and wildlife as a painter. She is currently featured at Valley Art Gallery through Nov. 30.



JAN'S FANS: Jan Howard has grown a following as a local artist in the Santa Maria Valley. The landscape and still life painter is featured in a solo show at Valley Art Gallery in Orcutt through Nov. 30.

Quiet life

Jan Howard's paintings are now on display at Valley Art Gallery through Nov. 30. The gallery is located at 125 W. Clark Ave., Orcutt. For more information, call (805) 937-2278.

Best in Show, a pleasant surprise for the up-and-coming artist. The success encouraged Howard to move forward with her art.

"It started out as a hobby," she said. "I was doing some other things and my husband said to pick one. So I chose fine arts."

The couple had wanted to spend the rest of their lives in Arnold, on the outskirts of the Stanislaus National Forest. But health issues, including a Parkinson's diagnosis for her husband, caused them to make the move to the Central Coast in 2009, where their daughter resides.

She said the move was good for her work as an artist.

"There are a lot of artists and organizations, and I really appreciate that," Howard said. "I've been with [Valley Art Gallery] since we came here. It's been really good for me."

When it comes to her process as a painter, Howard prefers to be spontaneous, going with whatever feels natural at the time. She paints plein air occasionally but does most of her painting in her home studio.

She works off of photographs for much of her work but said that she tries to start paintings on the spot, like when she's on vacation or traveling.

"I have a painting that's of a divi-divi tree," Howard said. "I started that while we were on a cruise down in the Caribbean. I've also done paintings I started while we were in Australia. Those were mostly birds—one is a black swan, one is a crimson rosella."

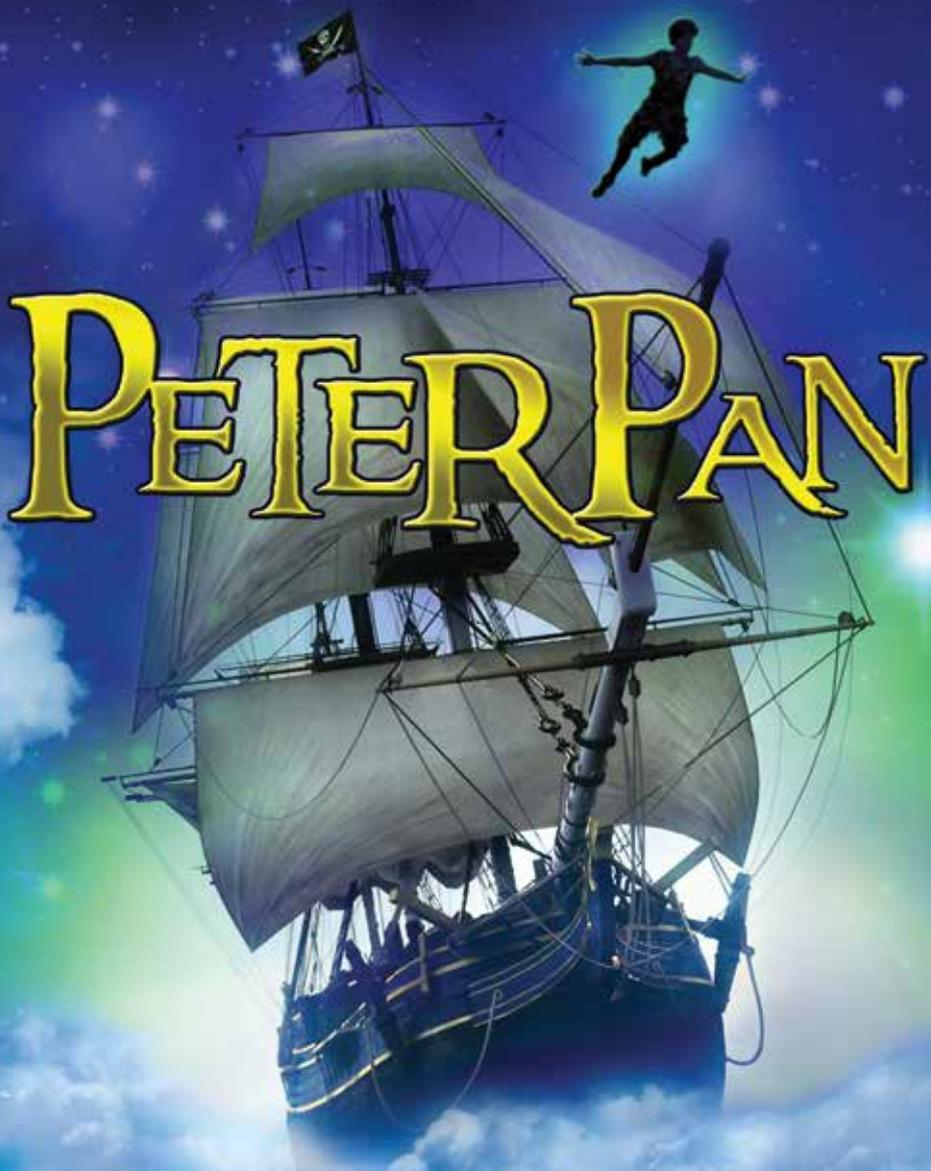
Both of those paintings are featured in Howard's show at the Valley Art Gallery. In addition to her paintings of birds and landscapes, she also has a fascination with structures, such as barns and the missions that dot the landscape of the Central Coast, as well as the work of renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

For Howard, an important aspect of being part of the gallery is the work members do for young artists, especially students who have seen their arts education erode over the past several years due to funding cuts and program priorities. Howard said Valley Art tries to help young artists through scholarships and by including them in a lot of the activities and programs they set up.

"They are very interested in the young artists," she said. "Our group has helped out a lot there. I feel like we're picking up where the schools have left off. We're doing what we can." ○

Arts and Lifestyle Writer Rebecca Rose also hates the internet. Contact her at rrose@santamariasun.com.

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Meeks speaks

Author Christopher Meeks reads selections from novels and short stories in Orcutt

BY REBECCA ROSE

Author Christopher Meeks is very comfortable being interviewed for a newspaper article because he knows what to expect.

"I started out as a journalist," he said. "I was a freelancer at first and then specialized in interviewing authors. I got hired by [California Institute of the Arts (CalArts)] to interview artists of all sorts."

On Nov. 10, Meeks will present a selection of readings at CORE Winery in Orcutt. It's a night normally reserved for poetry, but with Veteran's Day around the corner, organizers thought Meeks would be an interesting choice based on some of his previous work.

Meeks, who teaches at Santa Monica College and the Art Center College of Design, wrote for the CalArts quarterly for 13 years. He has written several collections and novels, including *The Chords of War*.

The Chords of War was co-written with Iraq war veteran Samuel Gonzalez, a former student of Meeks'. It's a fictional work based largely on Gonzalez's experience during the war. After 9/11, a young unruly teenager named Max Rivera enlists in the United States Army after his punk band kicks him out. The story revolves around the young man struggling to adapt to life in the military and touches on battles such as the surge in Baqubah.

"He was one of my top students from the Art Center College of Design," Meeks said. "He told me about his experience in Iraq and it was really intense. It led up to him asking if I'd like to write a novel with him based on his experience."

Meeks said it was one of the best writing experiences he had ever had, because it was as if his protagonist was standing in front of him and he could ask anything he wanted. Gonzalez, who has post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), would explain in detail how he felt in certain situations or how he would have acted or felt in scenarios the character was presented with.

Gonzalez told Meeks many heart-wrenching stories, including the time he watched a friend die in front of him after his vehicle exploded. It wasn't an easy process for the veteran.

"I brought him to tears sometimes with my questions," Meeks said. "I felt so bad. But he wanted to get the truth out. Somehow working on this really helped him with his PTSD."

In addition to *The Chords of War*, Meeks has written two collections, *The Middle-Aged Man and the Sea* and *Months and Seasons*. Meeks' novels include *The Brightest Moon of the Century* and *Love at Absolute*

Prose pose

Author Christopher Meeks and poet Joe Milosch will read work at CORE Winery on Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. The winery is located at 105 W. Clark Ave., Orcutt. For more information, call (805) 937-1600.

Zero as well as the crime thriller *A Death in Vegas*. The idea for the mystery novel came to Meeks when friends who own an organic bug company (which uses bugs instead of pesticides) invited him to attend a convention in the gambling hot spot.

"I didn't have any more major life stories of my own," Meeks said. "So I began to 'what if.' *Death in Vegas* stems from when I thought, 'What if my friend was at the show and he went out of his hotel room one morning and there was a dead naked woman?'"

The idea launched a novel about a woman who worked at a convention booth in Las Vegas and winds up dead in the hotel room of the man she was working for. The man's wife is also missing, and the FBI and police are both working against him as he tries to solve the mystery.

"Someone has set him up and he has no idea why," Meeks said. "The police are about to arrest him and he escapes and tries to find out who is after him and why. It's very fun."

At the local event, Meeks plans to present a reading from *The Chords of War*, as well as a short story and a few poems. He's also focused on a new series of short fiction works for Amazon's Short Reads series, which have garnered rave reviews from readers.

"I started out as a short story writer," he said. "And after these novels, I'm going back to short fiction. I love this. Most people don't really love what they do and I do. It's a fun living." ○

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MYSTERY MAN: Christopher Meeks' body of work includes several short story collections as well as *A Death in Vegas*, a mystery about a convention in Las Vegas that goes deadly wrong. The author will present a reading on Nov. 10 at CORE Winery in Orcutt.

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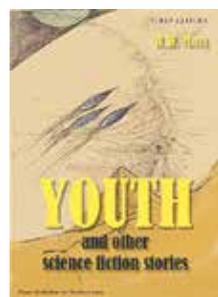
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BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

What's it rated? **PG-13**
 What's it worth? **Full price**
 Where's it showing? **Movies Lompoc, Parks Plaza**
 See Sun Screen.

THE GIRL IN THE SPIDER'S WEB: A NEW DRAGON TATTOO STORY

What's it rated? **R**
 Where's it showing? **Parks Plaza**
NEW Co-writer and director Fede Alvarez (*Don't Breathe*) helps this new installation into the Girl with the Dragon Tattoo franchise, this time around with Claire Foy taking on the role of feminist hacker Lisbeth Salander and Sverrir Gudnason as investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist. As they sort through spies, cybercriminals, and corrupt government officials, their investigation takes them back to where Lisbeth began with her own sister Camilla Salander (Sylvia Hoeks). (117 min.)

—Glen Starkey

GOOSEBUMPS 2: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN

What's it rated? **PG**
 What's it worth? **Rent it**
 Where's it showing? **Hi-Way Drive-In**
 Ari Sandel (*The Duff*) directs this next installment based on R.L. Stine's best-selling children's horror book series. If you're a young kid, you'll find some fun scares here, but your parents are going to be very annoyed having to sit through this. It definitely doesn't live up to its 2015 progenitor. (90 min.)

—Glen Starkey

THE GRINCH

What's it rated? **PG**
 Where's it showing? **Movies Lompoc**
NEW Co-directors Yarrow Cheney and Scott Mosier helm this animated Dr. Seuss-based story about a grumpy creature (voiced by Benedict Cumberbatch) planning to ruin a small village's Christmas. (90 min.)

—Glen Starkey

THE HATE U GIVE

What's it rated? **PG-13**
 What's it worth? **Full price**
 Where's it showing? **Parks Plaza**
PICK George Tillman Jr. (*Soul Food, Notorious, FASTER*) directs this crime drama about Starr Carter (Amandla Stenberg), a young student who lives in an impoverished black community but spends her days at a

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SCORING

FULL PRICE... It's worth the full price of an evening showing
 MATINEE..... Save a few bucks, catch an afternoon showing
 RENT IT..... It's worth a rental
 STREAM IT..... Wait 'til Netflix has it
 NOTHING..... Don't waste your time

Champions!

Bryan Singer (*The Usual Suspects, X-Men, Superman Returns*) directs this biopic about Freddie Mercury (Rami Malek) and Queen, chronicling the band's rise to super stardom, Mercury's solo career and AIDS diagnosis, and their triumphant reunion and spellbinding performance at the 1985 Live Aid concert. (134 min.)

Glen: The criticisms you've heard are all true: The film's chronology is inaccurate, it skips over or condenses much of Queen's history, its PG-13 rating sanitizes the story, and star Rami Malek's prosthetic overbite teeth are distracting. But none of that stops *Bohemian Rhapsody* from being an engaging, joyous, and highly entertaining film. Original Queen band members Brian May (guitar, voice) and Roger Taylor (drums, vocals) are executive music producers on the film, so you're hearing original recordings ... and the music is *fantastic*, including small moments when Freddie is quietly singing to himself recording sessions for the Live Aid concert. I'm not 100 percent sure, but I thought I caught a glimpse of May and Taylor as extras in the Live Aid scenes, sitting like roadies in the scaffolding of the stage, watching the show from above. The film opens with Freddie's triumphant entrance on the stage of Live Aid, looking out at the sea of 90,000 people packed into Wembley Stadium. You really get a sense of just how huge Queen was in their heyday. Then the film cuts back to Freddie with his disapproving family as he goes out to see his favorite band, Smile, which included May and Taylor, who eventually become his Queen bandmates. From there, the film chronicles Queen's slow rise to superstardom, Freddie's marriage to Mary Austin (Lucy Boynton), his ill-fated solo career, his descent into personal chaos, his AIDS diagnosis, and the eventual reunification of Queen. It's quite a tale.

Anna: It's a big story of a truly complicated figure, an icon, and legend. Malik steps up to the task to play the both larger-than-life and painfully human Freddie Mercury, who was a tornado of talent and a lost boy at the same time. He was born in Zanzibar and raised in India before moving to Britain, and his parents are portrayed as conservative and concerned

with Freddie's rock 'n' roll tendencies—his flamboyant and over-the-top performances, a source of shame. *Bohemian Rhapsody* is not a detailed and wholly accurate portrait of Mercury's life, but I think it wasn't meant to be. To stay within the confines of a PG-13 rating means glossing over some of the more scandalous moments of drug use and wild sexual affairs, but anyone remotely familiar with Mercury's life can fill in the gaps pretty easily. While I personally would have preferred an R rating and a deeper dive into the nitty-gritty, I understand the filmmaker's hope for a wider audience. I can see where the sweeping storyline could be frustrating to diehard fans with a lot of knowledge of the details, but for casual Queen fans like myself I think it works just fine. If anything, it made me want to hunt down a good biography of the group and get those juicy bits in long form. Like you said, the music in this film is

amazing—I'll be singing out "Galileo! Galileo!" for days, and the access to all those original recordings really elevates this film's soundtrack. **Glen:** To call Freddie Mercury "complicated" may be a bit of an understatement. He's clearly torn between cultures, confused by his sexuality,

and vacillating between utter confidence and crippling self-doubt. Icarus-like, he flies too close to the spotlight, losing sight of what's important. He ruins his marriage. His relationship with hanger-on Paul Prenter (Allen Leech), who's essentially the film's villain, is almost Freddie's downfall. The film takes big liberties with the facts regarding Paul and Freddie, but in service to the plot, it's a pivotal aspect of the story as Freddie reclaims his soul and returns to his family, Queen. Like a lot of musical acts, the whole of Queen was more vital and important than its individual members, and as a story of a rock band, *Bohemian Rhapsody* delivers a dramatic



TRIUMPHANT RETURN: After leaving Queen for an ill-fated solo career, Freddie Mercury (Rami Malek) and Queen re-formed in time to play the historic 1985 Live Aid concert.

ride. Queen's music and lyrics are deftly woven into the story—the songs reflect what Freddie and the band were going through at the time. In addition to effective performances by the principals, the film is loaded with spot-on smaller roles filled with top-notch actors such as Tom Hollander as lawyer and eventual manager Jim Beach and Mike Myers as Ray Foster, the man who lost Queen over creative differences just as they were poised for superstardom. Set aside your picked nits and sit back and soak up this uplifting ride. Yes, the film is flawed. So was Freddie Mercury, but that didn't make him any less of a legendary rock star! **Anna:** *Bohemian Rhapsody* is one of those films that just works better on the big screen. The scope of the audience at Live Aid is astounding and the massive sound that Queen created deserves a system that can do it justice. Critics can point out flaws in the film and storyline all they want, but I suspect the rest of the audience will have a lot of fun ignoring them and immersing themselves in the music for a couple of hours. Mercury's failing health and fade from the limelight is melancholy, but the epic performance at Live Aid is a joyous rise back to the top for Mercury. It's epic! ○

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BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

What's it rated? **PG-13**
 What's it worth, Anna? **Full price**
 What's it worth, Glen? **Full price**
 Where's it showing? **Movies Lompoc, Parks Plaza**

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wealthy, mostly white prep school. When she sees her childhood friend Khalil (Algee Smith) slain by a police officer, Starr must navigate the pressure between both of her communities as she tries to do the right thing. Based on Angie Thomas' novel, the story was written for the screen by Audrey Wells (*A Dog's Purpose*, *Shall We Dance*, *Under the Tuscan Sun*).

Open and earnest without overt preachiness and treacle, *The Hate U Give* explores an all-too-common story in the Black Lives Matter era. Yet, instead of being ham-fisted, it's thoughtful and nuanced and definitely topical. The police officer who shoots Khalil isn't demonized, and the news-style footage of marches and protests are deftly executed. The film's real strength comes from Amandla Stenberg's breakout performance—she's amazing! This is a film that will resonate long after you've left the theater. (132 min.)

—Glen Starkey

THE NUTCRACKERS AND THE FOUR REALMS

What's it rated? PG

What's it worth? Matinee

Where's it showing? Hi-Way Drive-In, Movies Lompoc, Parks Plaza

PICK Co-directors Lasse Hallström (*Chocolat*, *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*, *The Cider House Rules*, *A Dog's Purpose*) and Joe Johnston (*October Sky*, *Honey*, *I Shrank the Kids*, *Jumanji*, *Captain America: The First Avenger*) along with writers Ashleigh Powell (in her screen writer debut) and Simon Beaufoy (*The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*) re-imagine this classic Christmas ballet story.

All Clara (Mackenzie Foy) wants is a key—a one-of-a-kind key that will unlock a box that holds a priceless gift from her late mother. A golden thread, presented to her at godfather Drosselmeyer's (Morgan Freeman) annual holiday party, leads her to the coveted key, which promptly disappears into a

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BITE CHRISTMAS! The grumpy green cynic (voiced by Benedict Cumberbatch) returns to ruin Whoville's Christmas, in *The Grinch*.

THE GUEST

When? 2014

What's it rated? R

Where's it available? Amazon Prime, YouTube, Google Play

The late 1980s and early 1990s spawned a genre of movies playfully known as the "[Blank] From Hell." These movies, typically all psychological thrillers, touched on similar themes of unsuspecting good-natured people or families putting their trust in certain people because of their title or seemingly friendly nature.

There was the Cop From Hell (Ray Liotta in *Unlawful Entry*), the

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BE OUR GUEST: Dan Stevens takes on the chilling role of a veteran who overstays his welcome, in 2014's *The Guest*.



PUNISHING PATRIARCHY: Claire Foy takes on the role of feminist hacker Lisbeth Salander, in *The Girl in the Spider's Web: A New Dragon Tattoo Story*.

strange and mysterious world. It's there that Clara meets a nutcracker soldier named Phillip (Jayden Fowora-Knight), a gang of mice, and the regents who preside over three Realms: Land of Snowflakes, Land of Flowers, and Land of Sweets. Clara and Phillip must brave the dangerous Fourth Realm, home to the tyrant Mother Ginger (Helen Mirren), to retrieve Clara's key and hopefully return harmony to the unstable world.

As someone who on separate occasions performed as a mouse and a gingersnap in local renditions of *The Nutcracker* ballet, you can bet your freshly chopped Douglas fir tree that my butt was seated in a comfy recliner at the movies come opening weekend of *The Nutcracker and the Four Realms*. Also Keira Knightley stars as Sugar Plum and regent of the Land of Sweets!

I was pleasantly surprised to find that the film does tell a story, with some ballet interludes of course, that features prima ballerina Misty Copeland. Visually, this is a feast for the eyes. There are several twists and turns for even those familiar with the story from the ballet. They're easy enough to spot, thanks to some heavy-handed foreshadowing, but I won't spoil the journey for those planning on viewing the film.

Suffice it to say that soon after entering this magical world, Clara quickly realizes that her mother sent her here for a reason and that all is not quite as it seems in this line of talking toys and royal mice. The movie also gets a thumb's up for

making Clara not a girl longing for a doll for Christmas but an inventor and problem solver, trying to figure out the puzzle her mom left behind.

This is also one of the less white versions of the Nutcracker that I've seen, with Freeman as Clara's godfather, Fowora-Knight as her loyal companion and guide, black American ballerina Misty Copeland starring in the ballet interludes, and people of color in the mix for background roles and dancers. It's about time, Disney! If you're looking for a little wonder and a shot of Christmas cheer, *The Nutcracker and The Four Realms* will do the trick to kick off the holiday season. (99 min.)

—Ryah Cooley

OVERLORD

What's it rated? R

Where's it showing? Movies Lompoc

NEW Julius Avery (*Son of a Gun*) directs this action/mystery/horror story about two World War II-era American paratroopers—Boyce (Jovan Adepo) and Ford (Wyatt Russell)—who are dropped behind enemy lines on D-Day to complete an operation essential to the invasion's success. But as they approach their target, supernatural forces conjured by a Nazi experiment complicate their mission. (109 min.)

—Glen Starkey

A STAR IS BORN

What's it rated? R

What's it worth? Full price

Where's it showing? Parks Plaza

PICK Co-writer, director, and co-star Bradley Cooper helms this remake of *A Star Is Born* (first released in 1937 and later remade in 1954 and 1976). In this iteration, Cooper stars as Jackson Maine, a famous musician whose star is waning as he discovers talented but insecure singer Ally (Lady Gaga). As Jack battles alcoholism and his own decline, he helps Ally find the strength to let her talent shine. (135 min.)

—Glen Starkey

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Neighbor From Hell (Kevin Spacey in *Consenting Adults*), the Nanny From Hell (Rebecca De Mornay in *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle*), and the unforgettable Roommate From Hell (Jennifer Jason Leigh, *Single White Female*).

All of these movies were relatively predictable—filled with just enough sex and violence to sell them to mass audiences and without any big twists beyond: "Holy crap, he/she is actually psycho/evil." For the most part, they were kind of cheesy and bad. But *The Guest*, released in 2014 and starring Dan Stevens, is a new kind of twist on the genre. And also, it's really, really good.

"[Blank] From Hell" all relied on audiences' innate sense of trust in certain figures, such as cops or doctors. We let complete strangers take almost immediate intimate positions in our lives, often due to necessity (*Hand That Rocks the Cradle*). But the genre pressed us to confront a disturbing truth: What do we really know about these people?

The Guest tackles this in an absolutely brilliant manner. Stevens plays an Afghanistan war veteran named David who appears on the doorstep of the Peterson family, announcing he knew their son Caleb. Caleb was killed in Afghanistan, and David seems to offer the slightly fractured family an opportunity for real closure. David quickly moves in and begins wedding himself into each Peterson family member's life in a way that seems unnatural but can be easily chalked up to the actions of a lonely war vet simply trying

to reintroduce himself to civilian life. The device works brilliantly, especially on the unsuspecting Petersons.

David offers each member something they deeply need but are somehow lacking in their own lives. The filmmakers do a good job in exploring how we are tricked by our own latent desires, whether they be sexual, maternal, fraternal, or something else. The mother sees a lost boy like her own son; her daughter sees a dangerous sexual force who can deliver something more than men like her unmotivated and deeply boring boyfriend. The young son, grappling with his own sexuality, experiences the raw exhilaration of unchained hyper masculine brutality David shows him for the first time. The father finally finds a sympathetic ear for his tedious problems at his white-collar job.

Stevens, far removed from his days as the swoon-worthy Matthew Crawley on *Downton Abbey*, is an absolute master at his craft; his David is sexual and innocent, deadly and weak, and charming and terrifying all in the same bat of an eye. He has taken a cartoon version of a villain (the twists are pretty laughable at times) and morphed him into a monster on par with some of the best in movie history.

While *The Guest* might have some problems with plot (the ending is a bit predictable although gloriously staged and shot), it's a brilliant and refreshing twist on a classic genre. (100 min.)

—Rebecca Rose

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Eat good, feel good

Sexy Eats' Dannika Stefano offers inventive dishes in her meal prep service

BY REBECCA ROSE

Dannika Stefano had big dreams for herself growing up in Guadalupe. The makeup artist-turned-private chef spent her youth dreaming of going to Hollywood to pursue her dreams.

"I was in the beauty industry doing makeup for a long time, since getting out of high school," she said. "I came to Los Angeles to pursue acting and singing."

It was there that she landed a job as the private chef to television personality and former *The Tonight Show* announcer Ed McMahon (who died in 2009). Stefano said McMahon's wife was such a fan of the sample meal she prepped for the couple during her interview, she hired her on the spot and invited her to move in with them as their personal chef. She was just 19 years old at the time. Stefano learned her cooking skills from her grandfather, part of a family that loved cooking and food.

"My grandfather is from the Philippines," Stefano said. "When I was younger he had me in the kitchen, cooking with him. Food was his passion. Everything he ate was grown from his garden and he would catch his own fish."

Years later, after having children, she moved

back to Santa Maria and opened a makeup studio. She enjoyed the work but found balancing a family and professional career challenging.

"It was hard for me, traveling and doing weddings," she said. "I was lugging my babies around ... it just got tiring for me."

So she started making pre-prepped meals for herself, packaging groups of meals at once, to help her regular week be easier to manage. The food—meals built off her own family recipes and designed to help her lose weight after giving birth—caught the attention of friends and co-workers.

"My friends started asking me about it," Stefano said. "I was dropping pounds despite not having the time to workout as much. I told them it was just because of the food I was eating."

She started posting pictures of the meal prepping online and began to gain followers. After getting enough inquiries, she finally decided to start selling her meals, launching her

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DIVERSE OPTIONS: Sexy Eats offers pre-made meals in a variety of cuisines including Asian fusion. Owner Dannika Stefano, who was once the private chef of *The Tonight Show* announcer Ed McMahon, was heavily influenced by the cooking of her Filipino grandfather.



GUILTLESS DONUTS: Through Sexy Eats, Dannika Stefano creates Pronuts, a "guilt-free" baked doughnut made with her own specially made oat flour, protein powder, and almond milk.



FOOD FIRST: Dannika Stefano said she launched Sexy Eats as a way to harness her cooking talents and be able to spend time with her three children. She offers pre-prepared meals in various packages for clients exclusively through her Instagram page.

business as Sexy Eats. She said the name comes from believing that if you feel good about what you eat, you'll feel good about the way you look.

Today she runs her business almost entirely off of her Instagram account, which she said has gotten a lot of attention for her posts on fitness and clean eating. Sexy Eats offers a variety of packages built around what meals customers want prepped for them during the day as well as their own culinary tastes.

In addition, Stefano also preps meals for people who are on custom diets such as keto, plant-based, vegan, and more.

"I will pretty much do any plan that anybody needs or wants to be on," she said. "I'm not a physician or a doctor and I tell people that. But I let them bring their plans to me and see what I can do."

A lot of her meals are Asian-fusion, influenced by her Filipino background and her love for Korean food and other styles. She also makes soul food and Southern food, including a spin on fried chicken with macaroni and cheese.

"I've come up with this cauliflower mac and cheese everyone is going crazy for," Stefano said. "I also do a low-carb 'fried' chicken which comes with veggies, too. It's not deep fried; it's all baked. I do it with Japanese panko breadcrumbs ... they're not as heavy as using regular bread crumbs."

All of her dishes, including specials like Korean short ribs with jalapeño fried rice, are low fat and low carb. Stefano said she never set

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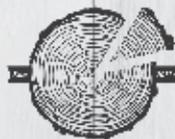
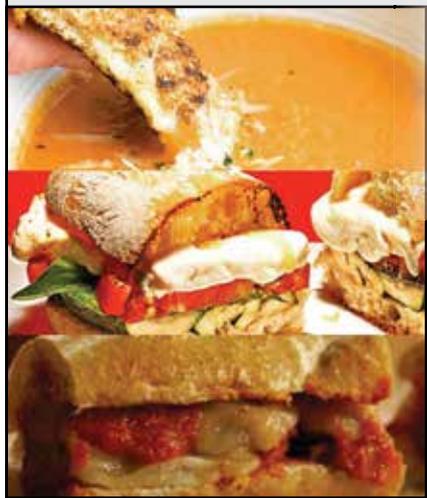
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out to deliberately offer health-conscious food; it was just her natural style of cooking and eating. She said she struggled with her weight growing up and eventually tried eating plans designed for bodybuilders, consuming lean meals such as chicken and vegetables.

"I did lose a bunch of weight," Stefano said. "But I thought, this isn't going to be my life. I started having to make my food for what I liked but wasn't processed from a box or from [a restaurant]."

But that doesn't mean she hasn't found ways to indulge. One of her most popular items is a product she calls "pronuts." Pronuts are doughnut-inspired treats that Stefano makes using her own oat flour, protein powder, egg

whites, and almond milk. For frosting, she uses sweeteners such as Stevia or maple syrup to avoid refined sugars.

The future of Sexy Eats includes pop-up restaurants in and around Santa Maria as well as partnerships with local gyms, where people can try her foods like pronuts and ask questions. The goal of her business, she said, is to help people with their eating habits as well as the mental aspects of how they see food.

"I'm trying to teach people what I wish I knew when I was struggling," she said. "That's what I want to do." ○

Arts and Lifestyle Writer Rebecca Rose is a sexy eater. Contact her at rrose@santamariasun.com.

Reccamendations:

What's new, what's fun, and what to try

- **Presqu'ile Winery** is running case specials (12 bottles) for the upcoming holidays. Deals included 2014 Presqu'ile Vineyard chardonnay cases for \$400, 2014 Presqu'ile Vineyard pinot noir (pictured) cases for \$540, and mixed cases of both varietals for \$470. The tasting room is located at 5391 Presquile Drive, Santa Maria.

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- **Niya Restaurant** in Orcutt has a new menu item, pork bao sliders. Made with a plum reduction sauce, the sandwich features crispy pork belly, pickled veggies, and candied plum slices on a bao bun with cilantro and basil. Sounds good! Check them out at 205 E. Clark Ave.

- Learn all about cheese pairings on Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. with **Cailloux Cheese Shop**. The workshop features tastings as well as tips and tricks for perfect pairings. It's \$25 per person; get tickets online at caillouxcheeseshop.com. ○

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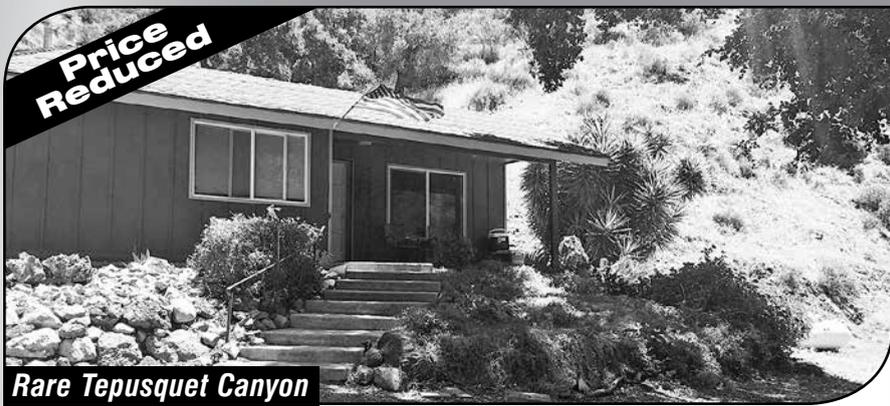
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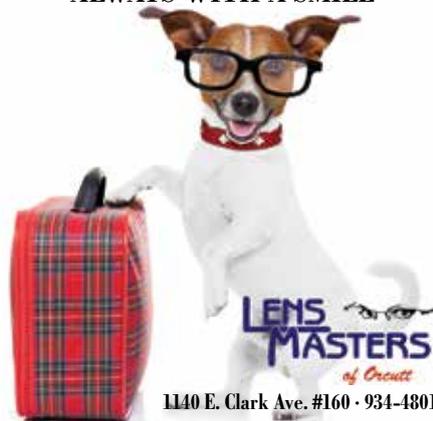
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