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BY KERRY MAIN ALLER



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Jovany Medina-Contreras, 19, is an artist and sophomore at Allan Hancock College. He's also one of the youngest board members of the new Corazón del Pueblo Cultural and Creative Arts Center of the Santa Maria Valley. The center represents a dream becoming reality for many local Latino residents who feel a level of cultural confusion and lack of identity. "To be told not to speak your native language and to have to adapt to everything for someone else to meet their expectations takes something away from you. It is hard not to be seen or heard like the rest of the kids," Medina-Contreras said. In this week's cover story, contributing writer Kerry Main Aller gets to the heart of the matter as she takes us inside the newest gathering place on Main Street [10].

Also this week, read about what droves of environmental supporters and off-road enthusiasts said during the recent Coastal Commission meeting [8], whet your appetite with paintings of bread at a Los Alamos bakery [30], turn the pages of a local author's new memoir that explores her time teaching in a prison [31], and drool over the brunch that got the best of our food writer [35].

Andrea Rooks,  
associate editor



**BECOMING REALITY:** Art and culture will come together at the new Corazón del Pueblo center in Santa Maria.

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## Political Watch

• The state is looking for 14 Californians to serve on its **2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission**, the group of citizens charged with re-establishing the state's boundaries of Congressional, state Senate, state Assembly, and state Board of Equalization districts. The redistricting is done every 10 years to reflect new population data and shifting demographics noted in the federal census, and the Voters First Act gave this power to California citizens in an effort to ensure that new and fair political boundaries are drawn without political influence. So far, a little more than 4,400 applications have been submitted, according to the state auditor's office, including 53 from the Santa Barbara County area and 43 from the San Luis Obispo County area. Nearly 68 percent of applicants identify as white, and 49 percent identify as Democrats. About 61 percent of applicants so far are men. Californians have until Aug. 9 to apply online at [shapecaliforniasfuture.auditor.ca.gov/](http://shapecaliforniasfuture.auditor.ca.gov/).

• An anti-vaping bill authored by **Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham** (R-San Luis Obispo) passed through its first committee in the Assembly on July 10. Assembly Bill 1639 would ban e-cigarette and e-juice marketing toward children and make it illegal for manufacturers to package products in a way that's appealing to youth. This bill, however, would also ban the sale of flavored e-cigarettes at non-vape or tobacco shops, increase penalties for selling or providing minors with tobacco products, require tobacco retailers to use age verification technology, and ban minors from entering tobacco and vaping stores. The bill is an effort to address the growing popularity of e-cigarettes and vaping products among teens, an issue that has garnered national attention. "Our bill is comprehensive and would enact the toughest standards in the nation," Cunningham wrote in a statement released on his Facebook page. "It's a positive step towards ending the teen vaping epidemic in California."

• Two watchdog groups, Consumer Watchdog and FracTracker Alliance, submitted a letter to **Gov. Gavin Newsom** on July 10 detailing what they call "outrageous conflicts of interest" at the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources between several senior employees and the oil companies they regulate. In the letter, the groups outline the ways in which a number of the division's top employees are allegedly involved with the companies they are charged with regulating, largely through past employment and large financial investments. The groups blame these alleged conflicts for "the rapid proliferation of oil wells" in the first five months of Newsom's time in office. The division's permit approval rate is now 30 percent faster than it was in 2018, according to the letter. "These conflicts and approvals reveal a biased department where oil well permitting is on automatic pilot," the letter reads. "We ask that you immediately remove all the conflicted managers in the agency and begin a top-to-bottom ethics review. During this review, you should freeze all new oil and gas well permits until you can guarantee that decisions are made based on public safety, not pecuniary gain." ○

## Santa Maria offers free bus passes to students

Santa Maria kids can now apply for free monthly bus passes through the city, a program that was initially conceptualized and pushed for by a group of high school students who noticed that their peers' transportation needs weren't being met.

On July 15, the city began accepting applications for its 1,129 free monthly city bus passes—aka Youth Adventure Passes—which are available to qualifying Santa Maria students under the age of 18 who have completed the sixth grade, can identify the need for a free pass, and who have a parent or guardian's permission.

Hazel Davalos, community organizing director at CAUSE (Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy), said that the idea for free student bus passes came from a meeting CAUSE had with several of its youth leaders, who discussed difficulties they face with transportation.

While Santa Maria's school districts do operate bus systems, not all students live within the bus route zones.

"You do often see kids using [Santa Maria Area Transit] buses to get from home to school," Davalos said, "particularly those who live in the rural offshoots, like Tanglewood."

At the meeting, Davalos said youth leaders complained of difficulties getting to school using the city bus system, struggles getting from the west side of town to the east, and about costs.

A typical monthly city bus pass costs \$31 for students, according to the city. Davalos said that adds up, especially for the many students coming from low-income families.

After CAUSE staff learned about the California Low Carbon Transit Operation Program, which provides funds to public transportation agencies throughout the state for efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Davalos said staff met with Santa Maria City Councilmember Gloria Soto and Mayor Alice Patino. Both were interested in the bus pass idea.

The city then applied for and received a \$35,000 grant through the Low Carbon Transit Operation Program, which is being used to fund the passes.

Davalos said it's great to see a youth-led initiative actually implemented. The passes, she said, will alleviate a financial burden for struggling families and will hopefully encourage increased city bus ridership.

"We really appreciate this," she said. The city will be accepting applications—which can be found and submitted at the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center—until no more passes are available. They will expire on June 30, 2020.

—Kasey Bubnash

## County supervisors tighten commercial cannabis ordinances

Close to a year after its original cannabis ordinances went into effect, Santa Barbara County has made substantial changes to its regulations and is poised to make more.

At its July 9 meeting, the county Board of Supervisors unanimously approved expanding the noticing requirements for when a commercial cannabis operation application is submitted to the county.

With this measure, all residents within and adjacent to existing developed



**FREE TO BE:** On July 15, Santa Maria began accepting applications for its 1,129 free monthly city bus passes, which are available to qualifying students under 18.

rural neighborhoods must be notified if a commercial cannabis application is submitted for a project in the neighborhood, or if the operation would use a roadway that runs through the neighborhood.

Additionally, supervisors approved a motion to ban commercial cannabis operations on parcels of land 20 acres or less in the county's Agricultural-I zone. This motion also requires commercial cannabis operations on parcels of land greater than 20 acres in the Agricultural-I zone to obtain a conditional use permit, rather than a land use permit. The conditional use permit is more expensive, time consuming, and can be appealed by the public, according to a June 18 staff report.

More than 200 residents spoke at the meeting, including cannabis growers and their supporters, as well residents who feel cannabis grows have negatively affected their quality of life by creating an increase in crime, odor issues, traffic problems, and other nuisances.

Numerous residents from the Santa Ynez Valley who spoke at the meeting said the valley is made up of small parcels of Agricultural-I land that serve residential, rather than commercial, purposes. Residents were concerned about commercial cannabis being located next to residential properties.

Some growers who spoke at the meeting voiced support for the measures, saying they would weed out illegal cannabis farms. Other growers and cannabis advocates felt that the county was placing unnecessary restrictions on a new and growing industry.

"I believe that we need to continue to move forward and not put any roadblocks in the paths of farmers or the cannabis industry, which is bringing jobs and revenue to this county," Lompoc Valley Cannabis Association cofounder Joe Garcia said at the meeting.

At the July 9 meeting, supervisors also began discussing other changes to the county's cannabis regulations, including capping the number of business licenses the county could allow, as well as capping the total number of acres of cannabis cultivation allowed throughout the county.

This conversation was picked up at the board's July 16 meeting, where supervisors directed staff to craft an amendment that would cap the number of acres of cannabis cultivation allowed in the county based on the amount of acreage included in all applications as of July 9, which is about 1,400 acres. The board will vote on this amendment at its next meeting.

Supervisors also directed staff and the county Planning Commission to address the

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## Weekend Weather

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existing cannabis odor problems at urban and rural boundaries. This could include creating buffers that require cannabis operations to be a certain distance away from urban areas or requiring different types of growing that allow for more odor control.

—Zac Ezzone

## Cuyama passes pay-to-pump groundwater sustainability structure

Cuyama landowners will soon have to pay to pump groundwater, a decision that some say will place the burden of Cuyama's dwindling water supply largely on farmers' shoulders.

At a board of directors meeting on July 10, the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency voted to approve a pay-to-pump funding structure, in which landowners are charged extraction fees each time they pump water from Cuyama's groundwater basin. The pumping fees will fund the sustainability agency's continued efforts to implement a groundwater sustainability plan as ordered by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, a state law that requires critically overdrafted basins to submit plans for groundwater sustainability by Jan. 31, 2020.

Cuyama is one of 21 basins in California that are considered to be in critical overdraft—there are 515 basins total in the state—meaning more water is being pumped and used than is being replenished by rain. Overdraft has been an issue in Cuyama for decades, yet water pumping has actually increased over the years as the area's agricultural production has expanded.

"I think the pumping extraction fee is the fairest way to allocate costs for the [Groundwater Sustainability Agency]," Cuyama resident Roberta Jaffe wrote in an email to the *Sun*. "Thus the implementation of the plan will be paid for by those who use the most water."

Jaffe serves on Cuyama's Standing Advisory Committee, a group of Cuyama residents who meet and make recommendations to the sustainability agency, but its members have no voting power.

While the sustainability agency also mulled over a property tax funding system, Jaffe said in a previous interview with the *Sun* that the pay-to-pump model will work to both fund the implementation of the sustainability plan while encouraging the biggest water users to pump less.

Jaffe is a farmer herself. She and her husband operate Condors Hope Ranch, a small wine grape and olive farm. Unlike many local farms today, Jaffe said she dry farms, the traditional farming technique used before irrigation technology was developed. Jaffe waters her crops almost entirely using rain water captured in the soil during the wet season.

In years like this past one, which saw a lot of rain, Jaffe said she doesn't have to pump water to irrigate at all.

If the sustainability agency had approved the property tax funding structure, Jaffe would have likely had to pay as much as other neighboring farmers who pump huge amounts of water for irrigation purposes each year.

However, some say not all crops can be dry farmed, and fees on pumping could lead to lower water usage and thus to fewer crops. That could, in turn, lead to the loss of some agriculture jobs in the area and impact major businesses.

While those economic impacts need to be

addressed, Jaffe said the decision will be good for Cuyama as a whole.

"For farmers like us," she said, "it'll hopefully enhance our continued farming here because we'd have a monitoring system and we'll be able to sustain the water supply."

—Kasey Bubnash

## After city opposition, LAFCO approves minimal changes to annexation requirements

After some cities strongly opposed significant changes to the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCO) open space and agricultural land policies, the commission instead opted to pass a less consequential amendment at its July 11 meeting.

LAFCO began reviewing its existing policies last year. In late March 2019, commission staff sent a letter to all cities within the county and to the county itself requesting comments on a few proposed changes. The most significant proposal would have required any land annexed by a city for development to be mitigated with an equal amount of land preserved or funding to pay for any equal amount of land conserved.

The cities of Lompoc and Santa Maria both expressed a lot of concern regarding the proposed changes in letters they sent LAFCO during the public comment period. In a previous conversation with the *Sun*, Lompoc City Manager Jim Throop said landowners would most likely pay the mitigation costs, which could deter them from choosing to be annexed into a city.

Throop said the city hasn't annexed land and expanded its boundaries since 1999, which has limited the number of new homes built in the city and has led to a severe housing shortage. Additionally, there's no space in the city to attract new large-scale business developments.

"This is what I would consider one of the top priorities, if not the top priority ... for the city because so much of what we need to do and want to do hinges on our ability to expand our boundaries," Throop said in a May interview.

After the public comment period closed in May, LAFCO's ad hoc committee reviewed the input and chose to support a minor change in policy, but not the mitigation requirement. At the meeting, LAFCO commissioner and county Supervisor Joan Hartmann said the committee opted against the mitigation requirement because LAFCO's existing policies are consistent with state law and already work well.

Instead of the mitigation requirement, the committee recommended adding language that states a city and the county must reach a memorandum of agreement before proposing an annexation. LAFCO Executive Officer Paul Hood said this is already an existing policy in the state law that created LAFCO and that adding this language will only state this policy more explicitly.

At the meeting, Lompoc and Santa Maria officials said they didn't believe any changes to LAFCO's policies are necessary, but they preferred the ad hoc committee's recommendation opposed to the mitigation requirement.

The recommendation to add the memorandum of agreement, but not the mitigation requirement, passed 6-1, with Hartmann voting against the measure because she felt it was unnecessary. ○

—Zac Ezzone



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# Dunes, dust, drama

Coastal Commission votes against proposed limits to vehicle riding in Oceano Dunes

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**DULY NOTED:** Hundreds of people from across the state attended a California Coastal Commission meeting in San Luis Obispo on July 11, where commissioners considered a staff recommendation to limit off-highway vehicle riding in the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area.

BY KASEY BUBNASH

Niklas Hugosson rode an ATV for the first time as a child on Thanksgiving Day of 1992, and he was instantly hooked. He and his family were on a vacation at the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area, and that first time, he rode for so long that the palms of his hands bled.

"I loved it," Hugosson told the *Sun*, beaming at the memory. "I refused to get off the bike."

Since then, Hugosson has traveled from his home in Fresno to Oceano for countless vacations, all spent riding and camping on the dunes, eating at Five Cities restaurants, shopping at local stores, and filling up at Oceano's gas stations. As an attorney, Hugosson said he only has time now to visit about three times a year, but in his younger days, he and his friends made it out to the dunes almost once a month.

If vehicles weren't allowed on the beach, he'd have no reason to make the trek to the Central Coast.

Hugosson's story is like those of scores of individuals who traveled to San Luis Obispo from near and far on July 11 to voice their opposition to the California Coastal Commission's proposal to limit off-highway vehicle riding in some portions of the Oceano Dunes.

The proposed conditions, which were later voted down 8-2 by the Coastal Commission, were aimed at better protecting the many endangered species that live and breed at the dunes, as well as the neighboring communities that have long been fighting to reduce potentially dangerous dust emissions that are thought to be worsened by vehicle riding.

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The Coastal Commission was not considering an altogether ban on off-highway vehicles in the park's riding area, but in the report, staff were frank about the negative environmental and health effects riding is thought to cause.

"Put simply, in staff's view a park that is fully consistent with on-the-ground realities, and with coastal resource protection requirements, does not include [off-highway vehicle] use," reads the staff report. "Rather, it is clear to staff that the significant coastal resource issues and

constraints attributable to [off-highway vehicle] use render long-term [off-highway vehicle] use at this location untenable."

But instead of an all-out riding ban, staff proposed implementing a number of seemingly small wildlife conservation efforts: the implementation of a management plan for predators of sensitive species, which would have included enclosures for the park's trash bins; the installation of fencing in areas that are home to sensitive habitats where riding is already prohibited; and the permanent closure of a 300-acre breeding habitat that is currently only closed seasonally to riding.

Staff also recommended a ban on riding across the Arroyo Grande Creek, which some fish use as a gateway to and from the ocean; a ban on nighttime riding; increased enforcement on speed limits and other park rules; a reduction in the number of vehicles allowed in the park each day; and increased dust mitigation and public outreach.

The rules wouldn't have been overly strenuous, but Oceano is California's only coastal dunes system where off-highway vehicles are allowed, and its riding area has been dwindling in size for years.

Hugosson, the longtime dunes rider from Fresno, said he and many riders fear that the park is being closed down to riding slowly, a strategy to avoid overwhelming public outrage.

But the Coastal Commission didn't avoid hearing the public's outrage on July 11.

Hundreds attended the meeting, filling the ballroom at Embassy Suites on Madonna Road to capacity and cramming into another smaller "overflow" room in the hotel, where a live stream of the meeting was projected on a big screen. The parking lot was crowded with souped-up trucks, campers, and trailers carrying dune buggies and dirt bikes, and the hotel's halls were dotted with groups gathered around cellphones to watch the live stream—riders in blue shirts, and those supporting environmental conservation and dust mitigation efforts in green.

Coastal commissioners discussed the dunes from about 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., hours that were mostly dedicated to minute-long public comments from the many attendees.

Some broke down in tears as they shared fond

memories of camping and riding at Oceano—teaching their children to drive, learning to love and respect nature, spending time with family and away from technology. A number of local business owners said they'd suffer without the tourism that the park brings to the area, a topic that has been central to the long-running saga over the Oceano Dunes.

In a letter to the Coastal Commission, Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham (R-San Luis Obispo) wrote that San Luis Obispo County businesses and residents depend on tourism as the area's second largest economic driver. He wrote that visitors to the county spent about \$1.6 billion in 2017, and the Oceano Dunes area alone generates more than \$150 million in annual economic activity from outside visitors.

Though Cunningham could not elaborate on his letter before the *Sun*'s press time, his chief of staff, Nick Mirman, said the Oceano debate is not an insider vs. outsider fight.

Local residents own the small businesses that would be impacted by a drop in visitors, Mirman wrote in an email to the *Sun*. Local residents work at the shops, gas stations, hotels, stores, and other businesses that rely to some extent on tourists. And he said it's local residents—not once-a-year visitors—who will suffer from a loss in city and county tax revenue.

"The assemblyman supports the local tourism industry because the local tourism industry supports the residents of the Central Coast," Mirman wrote.

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Another group of community members with a different set of views also attended the July 11 meeting in droves: Residents—many of whom live in the communities nearest to the Oceano Dunes—who want off-highway vehicle riding limited or restricted completely.

Health officials have long argued that the Oceano riding area produces unnaturally high dust emissions, which are thought to be potentially dangerous to the nearby residents who breathe them in.

In a letter to the Coastal Commission, the San Luis Obispo County Health Commission wrote that residents of the Nipomo Mesa are subjected to severe health risks due to their proximity to the dunes.

"Rigorous studies conducted by the Air Pollution Control District and other research organizations unequivocally conclude that this dust originates from the Oceano Dunes and that off-highway recreational vehicles use in the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area is responsible for allowing airborne transport of the dust during high winds," the letter reads.

"Science demonstrating the clear connection between [off-highway vehicle] use on the dunes and Nipomo Mesa residents' exposure to serious health consequences from the dust has been evident for years," the letter continues.

The Health Commission also noted State Parks' slow and reluctant response to calls for dust mitigation and conservation efforts, an issue that Coastal Commission staff said played a key role in their bringing these proposed limitations to the table.

Madeline Palaszewski, a longtime Los Osos resident who wore a "clean air" button pinned to her shirt at the July 11 meeting, said public safety and the health of SLO County residents should be prioritized over the economy.

Problems at Oceano have only become increasingly worse over the years, Palaszewski said. There are ATV and motorcycle accidents all the time, many this year that have led to deaths, and an increase in the number of air-quality and noise complaints.

Palaszewski doesn't buy the economic-impact argument anyway, she said. Pismo Beach used to allow vehicles on its beach, and the town is still doing well without it. She and a number of other attendees said Oceano is more like a doormat to

the dunes than a gateway.

"It's about time" for the Coastal Commission to step in, Palaszewski said. "State Parks has had how many years now?"

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After State Parks was nearly sued by the SLO Air Pollution Control District for failing to address Oceano's unnaturally high dust emissions, the agency agreed to a legal order several months ago requiring it to cut dust emissions by 50 percent by 2023.

At the July 11 meeting, State Parks Director Lisa Mangat highlighted successes the agency has had with the dust mitigation efforts already implemented, and with endangered species breeding in the park.

In 2002, there were only 32 adult breeding snowy plovers in the park, according to State Parks. That number jumped to 201 by 2018. Oceano also has a strong California least tern program, with some of the highest consistent reproductive success in the state. Those efforts, and everything else done in the park, are funded through the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund, which receives monies primarily from fuel taxes, vehicle registration, and park entrance fees.

State Parks is also working on developing a public works plan that would address many of the concerns raised by the Coastal Commission, Mangat said at the meeting. She asked commissioners to hold off on passing restrictions until that plan is completed next summer.

That's what commissioners ultimately voted



**VOTED DOWN:** At a meeting on July 11, the California Coastal Commission voted to hold off on a series of staff recommendations that would have limited off-highway vehicle use in the Oceano Dunes.

to do, although most said they were reluctant to give State Parks any additional second chances.

Commissioner Steve Padilla voted against implementing the staff recommendations, although he said he fully supported them. Despite his vote, Padilla said he's skeptical of State Parks, and said dunes frequenters need to face the reality that off-highway vehicles are causing negative health and environmental effects.

"This is not sustainable," Padilla said. "It's just not sustainable."

After the July 11 meeting adjourned, news spread of an Arizona man who died in a crash in the Oceano Dunes that day, the fifth death in the park this year. On July 13, another dunes rider, an 18-year-old from Sacramento, was killed in a motorcycle accident. ○

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Parks in Santa Maria and Lompoc could receive overdue updates if the cities are successful in securing millions of dollars in grant funding from the state.

In June 2018, California voters approved a \$4 billion bond referendum that funds, among other projects, parks in low-income neighborhoods.

According to state documents, projects are only eligible if the median household income near the park is below \$51,026, or if there are fewer than 3 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents in the area surrounding the project site.

The funding is available for local jurisdictions to secure through different rounds of grant funding until the funds run out. Last year, the state announced the most recent round will total about \$254.94 million available for park improvement projects.

For Lompoc, which is dealing with significant budget issues, this state funding is necessary to address the needs of Pioneer and Johns-Manville parks, city Recreation Manager Mario Guerrero said.

“Both of these parks have deferred capital improvement projects for playgrounds, backstops, and concession stands,” Guerrero said. “Prop. 68 allows for another avenue to pursue these renovation projects.”

The infrastructure at both parks—including fencing, playground equipment, concession stands, and bathrooms—is three to four decades old and needs to be replaced, Guerrero

said. The details of the project proposals haven’t been finalized, but renovations at both parks could cost about \$5 million or \$6 million each.

Santa Maria is hoping to secure funding for two different projects as well. The city plans on submitting a grant application to renovate Veterans’ Memorial Park, which could cost about \$1 million, and to build a new park near the Enos Ranch Shopping Center, which would cost more than \$1 million, said Dennis Smitherman, management analyst with the Recreation and Parks Department.

Smitherman said the city feels confident about its application to secure funding for Veterans’ Memorial Park, which is a highly used park in a high-density neighborhood with a lot of young children.

“People use that park as their backyard, which we appreciate,” Smitherman said. “That’s what the park is there for.”

Both cities have been holding community meetings—a requirement of the grant application process. Santa Maria wrapped up its series of meetings on July 11.

Lompoc has held three meetings so far, and plans to host two more for each project, although the dates and times haven’t been decided yet. So far, Guerrero said, the biggest ask is for playground equipment that’s accessible for all age levels, along with outdoor workout equipment people can use to exercise.

After the series of meetings, both cities

## Spotlight on: Proposition 68 grant funding



**UPGRADING GREEN SPACE:** Santa Maria is attempting to secure grant funding to renovate Veterans Memorial Park.

will compile the public input and finalize their proposed plans before submitting the applications to the California State Parks Department by the Aug. 5 due date. Guerrero said the state is slated to announce which projects will receive the funding late this year or early next year.

### Highlight:

• Local businesses can register for booths at the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of

Commerce’s ExpoFest 2019. The free event is open to the public and provides business owners with the opportunity to showcase their businesses. The event takes place on Sept. 5 at the Santa Maria Fairpark. Visit [santamaria.com](http://santamaria.com) for more information. ○

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**BEATING HEART:** Local artist Ruben Espinoza designed the logo for the Corazón del Pueblo Cultural and Creative Art Center of the Santa Maria Valley.



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## New Santa Maria cultural and art center makes a home for the Latino community and artists everywhere

BY KERRY MAIN ALLER

At the heart of the city, on Broadway and Main Street heading west, there is a building that reminds one of a bygone era. Entering the site under a distinctive black awning, visitors are greeted by a two-tiered staircase with intricate molding and craftsmanship.

Corazón del Pueblo Cultural and Creative Arts Center of the Santa Maria Valley has found a long-awaited home here. The new center at 124 W. Main St., suite E—in the historic W. A. Haslam & Co. building, established in 1906—will serve as a cultural hub that addresses a multitude of concerns and needs expressed by Santa Maria's Latino community for more than three decades.

Corazón del Pueblo Executive Director Alma Hernandez said she's excited for the future of the Latino community and the people of the region as a whole.

"It was a need that was expressed 35 years ago by youth in our city to have a place to celebrate and embrace their heritage. Corazón del Pueblo is not going to be a service-only nonprofit. The

cultural center is for people of all ages to bring their gifts and talents to share with everyone besides the artists and professionals we bring in," she said. "We want the community members to be able to connect and share their stories."

The cultural center's vision is to serve as a sanctuary for locals to discover and experience arts and culture. Hernandez's first step was to seek out Ruben Espinoza, a local artist, community advocate, and business owner of Chingon Design Company, known for his love of murals and working with underserved youth throughout Santa Maria.

Espinoza, who received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with an emphasis in animation from CSU Fullerton, now serves on the local center's board. He also works as the event and exhibit coordinator, working to secure funding as well as bring in artists and their works for display.

Espinoza also designed the artwork for the center's mural to represent and embrace the heritage and traditions of the Latino community.

"Our culture will be celebrated at Corazón del Pueblo, and we also want everyone to be

exposed to art in general and all the talent and expression we have here on the Central Coast," Espinoza said. "It is more than tradition. We want everything and everyone to be included, and we need to bring people together and not let hate and frustration drive them apart.

"Art does that," he said.

Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera from the Central Valley spoke and answered questions at the cultural center's official opening on March 31. Herrera—the nation's 21st poet laureate, serving from 2015 to 2017—was the first Latino to receive that distinction. He's known for his autobiographical poems on immigration, the Chicano identity, and his life in California. During the Santa Maria cultural center's opening, Herrera spoke of heritage, tradition, and pride and of his challenges and experiences while growing up.

Espinoza, beyond helping to bring Herrera and his poems to the city, said that in collaboration with Cal Poly's Robert E. Kennedy Library, the cultural center will be hosting a hip-hop exhibition in August. The exhibit focuses on the elements and traditions of the hip-hop culture and addresses truth and social injustice, he said.

In 2017, Hernandez began working on the cultural center's plans after hearing ongoing concerns about the youth in the Latino

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community, including losing friends to gangs, worrying about their future, and where they belong in it.

Through her professional and leadership studies, she created a step-by-step plan to start a nonprofit that would provide a space for the Latino community to connect with one another and find a cultural identity built around expression through art and defining their own individuality.

Hernandez said that at the beginning of the project, there was an enormous amount of paperwork, deadlines, and details to take care of, and one of her first priorities was enlisting a diverse board—representing different ages, races, and genders.

"The need had been voiced, and no one was listening," Hernandez said. "[Youth] are a part of our community, an invaluable voice that we want to listen to and let them know, this time they are being heard.

"Their voice will be listened to," she said, "and the cultural center is not going to disappear or be taken away. It will be their home away from home."

### La concepción: The conception

After a surge in teen and gang violence in 2016, the youth leadership programs of the area joined together for the Just Community Summit to get to the heart of the frustration that was growing among Santa Maria youth. What was needed? What was missing? These were just some of the questions needed to be answered.

Local nonprofits and their youth representatives were invited to speak during the summit and said they felt displaced and like they didn't have a voice or recognition within their own community. Speakers told the city and local nonprofits that they needed a center, a safe place for them to exchange ideas and open up communication. Hernandez said their message was clear: They wanted to be listened to and heard and to talk openly without judgement. They wanted to ask questions, be

### The heart of the village

To see the upcoming exhibits and performances, visit Corazón del Pueblo Cultural and Creative Arts Center of the Santa Maria Valley on Facebook at [facebook.com/corazondepueblo](https://facebook.com/corazondepueblo).

In collaboration with Cal Poly's Robert E. Kennedy Library, the cultural center will be hosting a hip-hop exhibition with an opening reception on Friday, Aug. 16, from 5 to 9 pm. The exhibit focuses on the elements of the hip-hop culture and addresses truth and social injustice.

Corazón del Pueblo is located at 124 W. Main St., suite E, in Santa Maria.



VOICES: Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera from the Central Valley spoke and answered questions at the cultural center's official opening on March 31, 2019.

old the truth, and share their feelings and thoughts with friends and family.

The results of the 2016 summit helped fuel Hernandez's passion for addressing the need for the cultural center. Through her work with the Santa Barbara Foundation's Leading from Within course, she decided it was time to take action. Using stories she heard from her own children and their friends as motivation, in addition to what she had learned from the summit, Hernandez wrote the proposal for the cultural center to county officials, prospective donors, and community advocates.

"This is a dream that needed to come true," Hernandez said as she looked around the cultural center and smiled, touching her hand to her heart. "Everything is a team effort here. We have much to do and so many wonderful people on our diverse board and from the community. It will eventually all come to fruition."

Currently, the team behind the cultural center is working on a wish list and is coming up with a number of performers and artists to schedule throughout the year. Each artist and event can cost anywhere from \$2,000 to \$3,000, and the center needs funding to bring those to the community.

The cultural center received its nonprofit status in June, and Espinoza has already started seeking funding for numerous projects with input from the board members and their communities. He said he is glad to have collected a vast network of artists and galleries to draw upon.

Currently, the center's doors are closed to the public unless there is an event or exhibit or some type of art being introduced and shared. Eventually, Espinoza envisions that the cultural center will be open daily and will host a number of events, artistic endeavors, and opportunities, with something for everyone. Since they've received their nonprofit status, all that's required now is funding and development through grants and donations.

The programming list includes: exhibitions, live music, wood printing, life drawing, artist talks, an art festival, and workshops featuring industry professionals sharing their tips and career opportunities in numerous design professions.

Espinoza said that for now the community can go to the cultural center's Facebook page to see current and upcoming events.

## Everyone has a gift

Retired Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge Rogelio Flores is among the local residents excited about the possibilities that an arts and cultural center can bring to Santa Maria. However, Flores said he also recognizes the challenge of reaching out and getting the Latino community involved.

"The cultural center is something we have needed for a very long time. The Latino community especially, and the Mexican community. We have many communities here," Flores said. "The Mexican-American community, the Latino-American community, Italian-Swiss, and the Oaxacan and Philippine communities, and we're still growing."

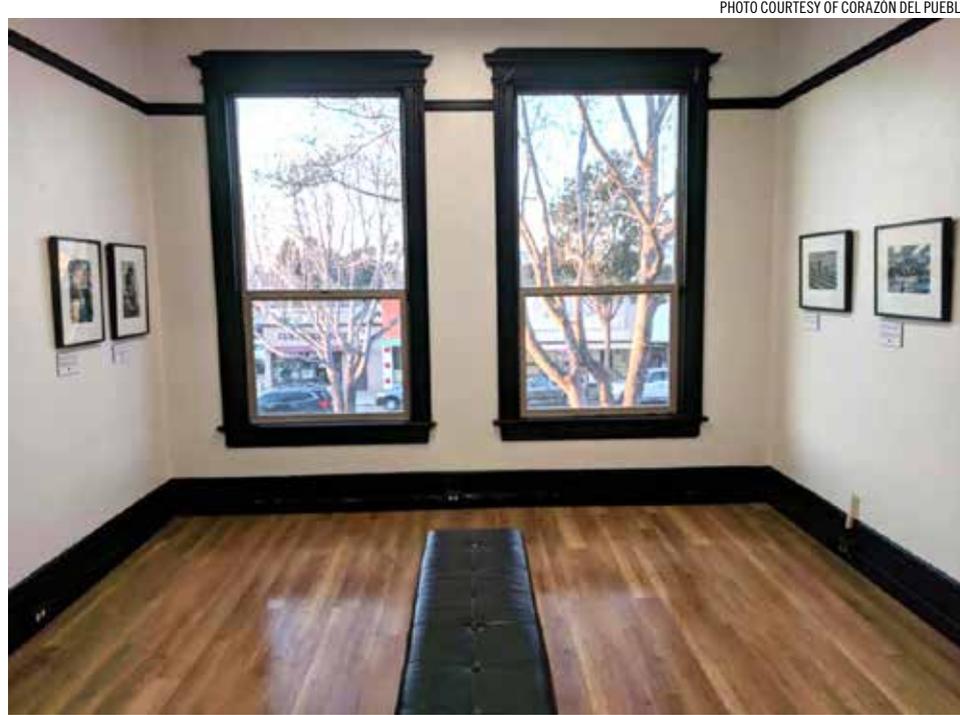
Flores, an advocate for the cultural center, said he has always recognized the necessity of a gathering place for youth and for all people.

"I think young people are the reason we are doing this, they are doing this, and I help where I can. The young people that we have in Santa Maria, for example, they connect with other young adults and with each other and it is not necessarily the healthiest environment," he said.

Flores said he's witnessed the growing gang problem in every city, including in Santa Maria.

"A lot of the problem, I believe, is because they don't understand. They feel like they don't fit. They're lost. Young Latinos and Latinas who are growing up, they tend to turn to each other because they are looking for community," he said, "and their community has to be other people who are really confused about their culture."

Jovany Medina-Contreras, 19, an artist and sophomore at Allan Hancock College, is one



**ROOM WITH A VIEW:** A gallery space inside Corazón del Pueblo is filled with natural lighting from large windows facing Main Street. It has a meeting room where people come together for events and receptions, and outside is a secluded courtyard for people to gather and enjoy sculptures and the sunshine.

of the youngest board members at the cultural center. He agrees with Flores and said it's hard to watch parents struggle for their own identity and to be ignored for the contributions they made to their own community for generations.

He laughs with joy at the idea of being able to show his art at an exhibition one day and believes this will bring all people closer together.

"To be told not to speak your native language and to have to adapt to everything for someone else to meet their expectations takes something away from you. It is hard not to be seen or heard like the rest of the kids," Medina-Contreras said. "It makes it hard not to be confused about who we are and where we belong. It can stop us from believing in ourselves, from reaching our potential."

Medina-Contreras said he's hopeful that the center will help break the cultural and generational barriers through communication and art. He believes the cultural center will benefit everyone in the community and is excited to see a place where he can be himself and create his art.

Flores knows from experience that it's important to reach out to young Latinos when they are children. He said he's disheartened by the growing hatred and division in the country, which has seemingly been taking steps forward for so many years but is now taking one extremely large step backward.

"[To] let them know they are being listened to, and let them know they have a responsibility to themselves and their community," Flores said, "no matter what anyone says, they can do anything with some guidance—sometimes firm—and love."

"We must stop the hatred and create a place for the young people to feel safe and to be challenged and rewarded for the good things they do," he continued.

## ¡Sí, se puede! Yes, we can!

"Sí, se puede"—generally translated from Spanish as, "Yes, we can"—are bright and inspirational words on the mural Espinoza has designed for the cultural center, and he is looking for a wall to paint it on in the downtown area. The words were the United Farm Workers of America slogan and rallying cry in the early 1970s, with Cesar Chavez and his co-worker Delores Huerta, and the phrase has been used over the decades to inspire and motivate the Latino culture.

Espinoza, who was born and raised in Santa Maria, heard this phrase throughout his

childhood from his family and friends.

"Sí, se puede" have always been positive words of affirmation for me, and it is a reflection of what Corazón del Pueblo will be for everyone," Espinoza said.

Hernandez, Espinoza, and other cultural center board members wanted to make sure all voices from the Latino community are represented in the mural, and they took several steps to ensure everyone was heard.

"We held four workshops and had a diverse group of people ranging in ages, gender, ethnicity, and professions," Espinoza said.

He also noticed that many women attended the meetings in a continual pursuit of being seen and heard. From the conversations and feelings shared at the workshops, Espinoza's creative artistry began to take shape. He blended into the design motif flowers from the intricately detailed embroidery of Oaxacan dresses and Victorian swirls to capture the essence of Latino history and then the cherished words of his culture, "Sí, se puede."

Espinoza said that throughout his life, he's



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**BE WOKE:** Corazón del Pueblo will host an opening reception in August for its upcoming Hip-Hop exhibit, with artwork on loan from Cal Poly's Robert E. Kennedy Library.

been constantly reminded of the inner strength existing in all people and the power of words. He said he looks forward to the community members celebrating their heritage, hearing their voices, and seeing the phrase in the mural that kept so many people going when they thought they could not.

cultural center will continue to grow and help revitalize our community and bring people together, and Corazón del Pueblo will be their home away from home." ○

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## Saving money, the Lompoc way

*City Council members' egos gone wild, lack of decorum cost police chief his job*

BY RON FINK

The budget-busting trio of Councilmen Jim Mosby, Dirk Starbuck, and Victor Vega has a funny way of saving money. You would think that the trio would do everything it could to save the money for the essential things of government, but it just depends on their personal agenda.

In January, Police Chief Pat Walsh was forced out of office by the three amigos. I made a public document request, and what follows is a commentary on what the city of Lompoc provided. This is a story of egos gone wild and the consequences of three councilmen's arrogance.

It started with an excerpt from a disturbing letter from a concerned Lompoc city employee:

"To whom it may concern, I am writing this as a concerned citizen of Lompoc. I work in the city offices and am concerned about something that I have noted over the last couple of months. Councilman Mosby frequently comes into our offices (two to three times a week and is often joined by Councilman Starbuck) and makes disparaging remarks about Chief Walsh to anyone who will listen. I have recently found out that the purpose of several of these visits was to 'encourage' the city manager to fire Chief Walsh.

"This concerns me as I feel Chief Walsh is doing more for our city than many of his predecessors. I believe that these councilmen want Chief Walsh 'out' because he is not their 'yes man' and does what is right for the citizens of Lompoc.

"I am frustrated that a good man like Chief Walsh can be treated this way."

This person had a right to feel frustrated. What empowers a council member to stroll through City Hall, trap employees at their workstations, interrupt them from their work, and engage them in this sort conversation?

Mosby is known for his bullying tactics, but these episodes are a serious breach of ethical protocol. Personnel matters must be discussed either in closed sessions of the council or privately with the city manager—any responsible person knows this, and surely Mosby and Starbuck know it because other personnel matters concerning their own behavior have come up during their tenure as councilmen.

If they read the City Council handbook, they would have come across this: "The City Council agrees any criticism of a city staff member shall be done privately through the city manager." Oh, I forgot, they are in denial that there are any rules that apply to them concerning proper decorum.

Perhaps what bothered Mosby most is that Chief Walsh wasn't bashful when it came to matters that involve the police department. Mosby and Starbuck have led efforts to keep a public safety sales tax measure off the 2018 ballot. This resulted in some drastic general fund budget cuts in the 2019-21 budget cycle, many of which came from the police/fire staff budgets.

All three councilmen are homegrown and raised in Lompoc; all have publicly stated that they feel that police officers and firefighters are "overpaid," and they advocate reductions in city staff. It's hard to believe that any of the three understands what it takes to keep the citizens of this city safe or what sort of skills are required for the city staff.

Chief Walsh was an outstanding, community-oriented police chief who personally conducted community walks to connect with people and service organizations; he spearheaded and was personally involved in measures that helped resolve our homeless issues.

have expressed a desire to have the city clerk become an elected official and have all division chiefs be appointed by the City Council. This is how dictatorships operate.

Irresponsible council members who feel free to intimidate the staff, violate rules they agreed to follow by discussing personnel issues with staff members, and make disparaging remarks about public employees have no business serving the public in any capacity. ○

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## LETTER

### Oceano suffers environmental injustice because of dunes recreation area

The Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area does not provide a safe, healthy, and sustainable form of recreation but it unleashes an unchecked lust for entertainment and diversion that is destroying Oceano, its beach, and dunes.

I have been a resident of Oceano for over 30 years. I have seen neighboring towns become cleaner and prettier; repair roads and sidewalks; and add services, amenities, and businesses while Oceano has remained the poor, dirty town it has always been.

Obviously, allowing driving on our beach and dunes doesn't bring Oceano any money—it does to our neighboring towns who profit at Oceano's expense.

This way of doing things is called environmental injustice. A vehicles-free, safe, and clean beach will bring even more tourists to Oceano and our neighboring towns.

I support our California Coastal Commission's staff recommendation to transition the off-road park away from high-intensity OHV use to other forms of public access and recreation.

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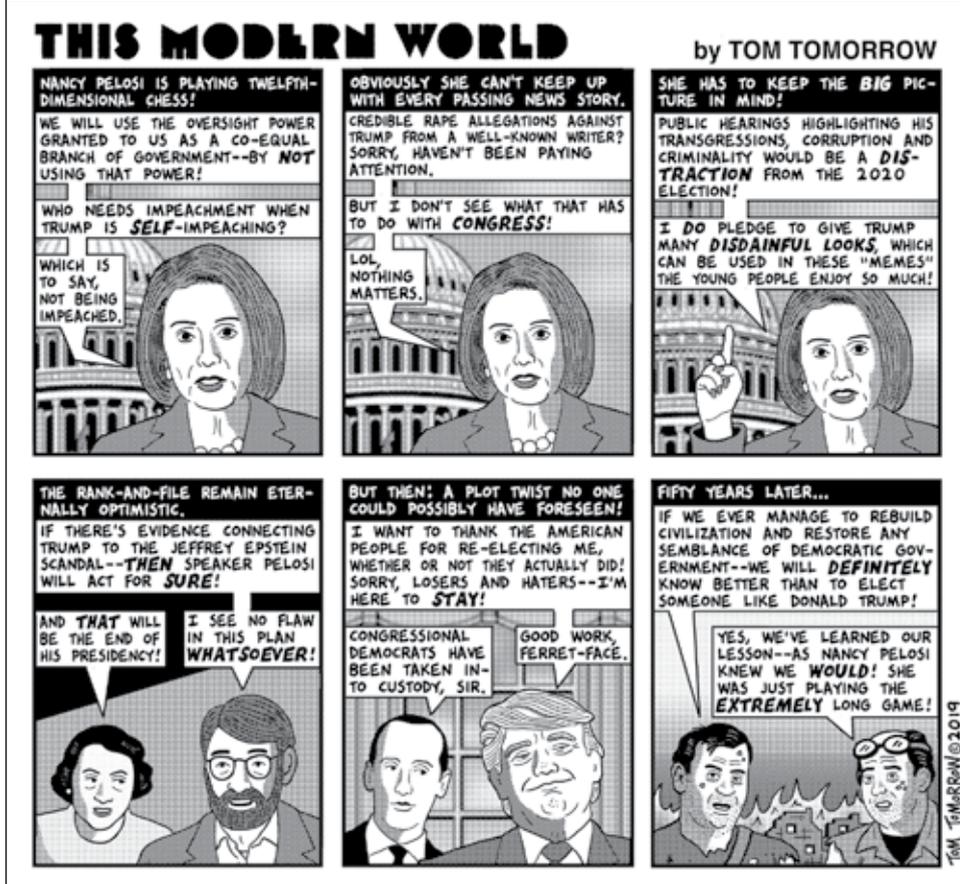
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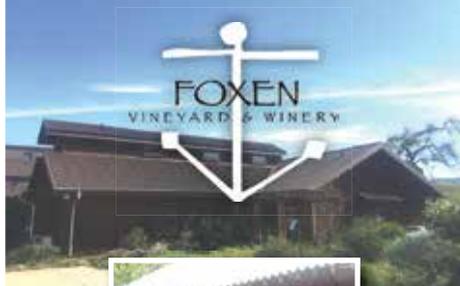
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# Dunes people vs. dust breathers; episode 968

Here I am, talons to keyboard, at a loss for what to write about the age-old, drop-dead, knockout fight over the **Oceano Dunes**. That's probably because everything there is to say has already been said (or shouted) thousands of times over literal generations.



The **California Coastal Commission** heard more of the same—much more than it bargained for—at its meeting in San Luis Obispo on July 11, where the commissioners considered limitations to off-highway vehicle riding in the dunes.

The limitations would have been minor. Like, very minor. No riding at night? No riding over this creek that fish swim through? Fencing off areas that are already closed to riding?

That's where the **dunes people** draw the line, apparently, because hundreds came from all over the state to attend a day-long meeting to speak out against the conditions. As you guys would say to people protesting anything you don't agree with: "Don't you people have jobs?!"

I have to be honest, the personal stories shared on July 11 got to me.

People all over California really do have a deep-seated connection to Oceano. It's affordable, it's beautiful, and it gives all kinds of people an opportunity to fall in love with nature in their own ways. For people with disabilities and mobility limitations, Oceano is really the only beach that's accessible. And for the businesses surrounding the Oceano Dunes, the tourists who come to ride are vital.

But did we really need to hear that sentiment repeated 600,000,000 times (exaggeration) from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (no exaggeration) to get the picture? I sure as birdshit did not.

I only needed one or two people to tell me about how they were raised in the dunes, and their daddies were raised in the dunes, and their daddies' daddies, and so on, to fully comprehend how important this place is.

I get it. I do. But it doesn't matter how many people talk about their family memories, vacations, businesses, or beach access. Because you know what's even more important than all of those things? BEING ABLE TO BREATHE.

Sure, maybe the calls for increased conservation efforts are a reach (sorry bird buddies, but I think the snowy plovers and least terns seem to be recovering in Oceano even with vehicles around). Maybe the houses on the Nipomo Mesa and other surrounding areas should have never been built. Maybe even some residents living near the dunes had to sign dust waivers or whatever before moving in.

Regardless, something has to be done for residents who are constantly breathing this dust in, but the Coastal Commission is waiting so **State Parks** can finish its plan to mitigate dust.

But every time State Parks proposes dust mitigation strategies, like foredunes and trees, dunes riders flip out about lost camping spaces and how it's really the wind causing all the dust and not ATVs. Here's a tip y'all: Let go of the wind thing and grip some solutions, because if you don't agree to small changes that will please the **dust breathers** soon, an all-out riding ban will only become more likely. ☐

*The Canary is breathing easy far away from the dunes. Coincidence?! Send thoughts to canary@santamariasun.com.*



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—Caleb Wiseblood

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

**ANNUAL LOMPOC VALLEY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW** The show features breeds performing in obedience, specialty work, and other categories. **July 27**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. [explorelompoc.com](http://explorelompoc.com). Ryon Park, 800 W. Ocean Ave., Lompoc.

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**PACK FOR THE FUTURE: SCHOOL SUPPLY COMMUNITY EVENT** Calvary Chapel of Santa Maria would like to invite you and your family to the Pack For The Future school supply community event. More than 200 backpacks and other school supplies were given away last year. **July 27**, 1-4 p.m. 805-922-1822. Calvary Chapel Santa Maria, 2620 Santa Maria Way, Santa Maria, [ccsantamaria.com](http://ccsantamaria.com).

**PUTTIN' ON THE SPRITZ: ROARING 20S GALA AND AUCTION** Enjoy live entertainment, food, drinks, live and silent auctions, and more. **July 20** dunescenter.org. Dunes Center Gala, 891 Guadalupe St., Guadalupe.

**TEEN MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT** Teens will help solve the Chronicles of Zombie Town mystery by acting out the play. **July 19**, 4-5:30 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. [cityofsantamaria.org/city-government/departments/library](http://cityofsantamaria.org/city-government/departments/library). Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

### SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS: VICTORIAN GAMES NIGHT** Enjoy an Italian dinner at Giuseppe's Restaurant; browse and bid on silent auction items as a prelude to playing classic Victorian games. Proceeds support the Restoration and Preservation of Price House. **July 19**, 5-9 p.m. \$100. [my805tix.com](http://my805tix.com). Giuseppe's Cucina Italiana, 891 Price Street, Pismo Beach, (805)773-2870.

### SAN LUIS OBISPO

**35TH ANNUAL CENTRAL COAST RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL** Features live entertainment, food, drinks, and more than 50 crafters selling unique arts, crafts, and sundry goods. **July 20-21** \$15-\$27. CCRenFaire.com. Laguna Lake Park, 504 Madonna Rd., San Luis Obispo.

**40TH ANNUAL SLO TRIATHLON** Also features food trucks, live music, and a kid zone. **July 28**, 6 a.m.-3 p.m. \$80 solo/\$145 relay. 805-781-7067. [slocity.org/government/departments/parks](http://slocity.org/government/departments/parks)

and-recreation/slo-triathlon. Sinsheimer Park, 900 Southwood Dr., San Luis Obispo.

**BARRELLED CRAFT WINE FAIR** SLO Brew and Makeshift Makers Market are coming together to host a full day of local music, intimate craft wine tasting, and a wide variety of creative small vendor shopping. **July 21**, 12-5 p.m. \$20 for wine tasting. 909 280 1567. [ticketweb.com](http://ticketweb.com). SLO Brew Rock, 855 Aerovista Pl., San Luis Obispo.

### NORTH SLO COUNTY

**CALIFORNIA MID-STATE FAIR 2019** This annual fair features carnival rides, live entertainment, demonstrations, kids activities, and more. Call or go online for full schedule of events and concerts. Through July 28, noon-midnight. Varies. 805-239-0655. [midstatefair.com](http://midstatefair.com). Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles.

**CAREER FAIR AT THE FAIR** This educational and entertaining attraction can be found in the Edna Valley Barn, providing information and opportunities for men and women to find local careers. Learn how to become a carpenter, plumber, mason, or electrician. Through July 28 805-239-0655. [midstatefair.com](http://midstatefair.com). Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles.

**CATTLEMEN AND FARMERS DAY** This Mid-State Fair event includes cow dog trials, commercial cattle pens judging, a barbecue lunch, a ranch horse class, an industrial arts program, and more. **July 18**, 8:15 a.m.-6:30 p.m. 805-239-0655. [midstatefair.com](http://midstatefair.com). Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles.

**FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST** In partnership with the California Mid-State Fair and Downtown Paso Robles Main Street Association. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, orange juice, and coffee. Tickets are required, but they are free from participating downtown merchants prior to the event. **July 25**, 7:30-10:30 a.m. Free. 805-238-4103. [pasoroblesdowntown.org](http://pasoroblesdowntown.org). Downtown City Park, 11th and Spring St., Paso Robles.

**KIDS DAY AT THE FAIR** Kids ages 12 and under get into the Mid-State Fair for free during this special event. **July 22** 805-239-0655. [midstatefair.com](http://midstatefair.com). Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles.

**MONSTER TRUCKS WITH BIKES & BULLS** Features three monster trucks from StraightUp Racing. Fans will have a chance to be a part of the up-close and personal pre-show "Pit Party" where they can walk into the arena and stand next to the vehicles, plus take part in the monster truck ride. **July 28**, 7 p.m. [midstatefair.com](http://midstatefair.com). Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles, 805-238-9607.

## ARTS

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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**MUSIC LESSONS** Learn acoustic or electric guitar, mandolin, ukulele, bass, piano, violin, drums, percussion, voice, mandolin, banjo, saxophone, and/or clarinet. The academy offers private lessons by the hour or half hour for all age groups and ability. ongoing 805-925-0464. Coelho Academy of Music, 325 E. Betteravia Road, Santa Maria.

**MUSICAL THEATRE AND CABARET WORKSHOP CLASSES** Come improve your vocal skills so that you'll have more fun singing cabaret, karaoke, and more. Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. through Sept. 30 \$75 for a four week session; \$20 to drop in. 805-400-5335. Cabaret805.com. Santa Maria Civic Theatre, 1660 N. McClelland St., 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.

**SANTA MARIA SEWING SUPERSTORE CLASSES**

Visit site for full list of classes and more details. Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. [santamariasewing.com](http://santamariasewing.com). Santa Maria Sewing Superstore, 127 E. Main St., Santa Maria, 805-922-1784.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM** Kids, teens, and adults can earn prizes for reading over the summer. Mondays-Saturdays. through Aug. 3 Free. 805-925-0994. [cityofsantamaria.org/city-government/departments/library](http://cityofsantamaria.org/city-government/departments/library). Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**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.

**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.

## SPECIAL ART EVENTS

### SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

**CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL LANDS OF CALIFORNIA (OPENING RECEPTION)** The Wildling Museum of Art and Nature is pleased to announce its second juried exhibition, a showcase of fine art inspired by areas located within the state of California. **July 20**, 3-5 p.m. Free. 805-686-8315. [wildlingmuseum.org/news/celebrating-the-national-lands-of-california-art-exhibit](http://wildlingmuseum.org/news/celebrating-the-national-lands-of-california-art-exhibit). Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

### SAN LUIS OBISPO

**2019 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA CONVENTION AND PLANT SALE** The biennial convention in San Luis Obispo. Open to the public. **July 18-19**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. [cssainc.org](http://cssainc.org). San Luis Obispo Vets' Hall, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, 805-781-5930.

## EXHIBITS

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FRIDAY, JULY 19  
Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant



**The 35th Annual Central Coast Renaissance Festival**  
JULY 20 & 21  
Laguna Lake Park



**Café Musique Unplugged**  
SATURDAY, JULY 20  
Old Santa Rosa Chapel



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By the Sea Productions



**Eat Pray F\* You Hoedown Series: "Rocking Your Relationship"**  
SUNDAY, JULY 21  
The Dolphin Bay Resort



**QUILTERS**  
JULY 19-AUGUST 11  
Cambria Center for the Arts Theatre



**Afternoon at Calcareous: A Cambria Scarecrow Festival Fundraiser**  
SATURDAY, JULY 20  
Calcareous Vineyards



**Beer Yoga**  
SUNDAY, JULY 21  
Naughty Oak Brewing Co.



**Santa Maria Philharmonic presents 'Pops on the Lawn' with Café Musique**  
SUNDAY, JULY 21  
Santa Maria Country Club



**Pizza Making 101 Workshop**  
THURSDAY, JULY 25  
Talley Vineyards



**Festival Mozaic: A Flamenco Evening with Illeana Gomez**  
FRIDAY, JULY 26  
Dana Adobe Cultural Center



**Little Women-The Broadway Musical**  
SELECT SHOWTIMES; AUGUST 2-18  
Park Street Ballroom



**Dave Stamey Live in Concert**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3  
Dana Adobe Cultural Center



**Alice Wallace with Tanbark**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4  
Peter Strauss Ranch



**Roy Zimmerman in Concert**  
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**August Osage County Play**  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 9  
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**Paella Under the Pergola: A Cambria Scarecrow Festival Fundraiser**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
Bassetti Ranch



**Bee Gees Gold The Tribute**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
Rava Wines + Events



**Veteran's Benefit Concert**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
UCP/Ride-On



**Zongo All-Stars**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
Point San Luis Lighthouse



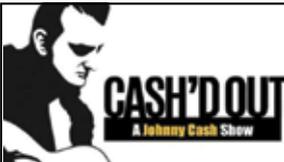
**Resonance Presents: ROOTS**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa



**Sunset Wines & Full Moon Vines**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
Doce Robles Winery & Vineyard



**Form Over Function 7**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
Presqu'le Winery



**Cash'd Out at the Castle**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
Tooth & Nail Winery



**2019 Central Coast Cider Fest**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
Pavillion on the Lake



**2019 Cider Festival Brunch Seminar**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11  
Rotunda at Atascadero City Hall



**Laughter Festival**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11  
The Victorian Estate



**Tribute to Craig Louis Dingman**  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13  
Morro Bay Wine Seller



**Family Camping with Applynx Adventures-Santa Cruz Island**  
AUGUST 13-15  
Santa Cruz Island



**Watercolor + Wine**  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15  
Talley Vineyards



**An Evening Under the Estrella Sky Winemaker's Dinner**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17  
Harley Farms



**The Big Sirs of Swing**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18  
Old Santa Rosa Chapel



**Aireene Espiritu in Concert**  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20  
Morro Bay Wine Seller



**Andrew Dice Clay**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24  
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areas located within the state of California. Mondays, Wednesdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through Jan. 20 \$5. 805-686-8315. wildlingmuseum.org/news/celebrating-the-national-lands-of-california-art-exhibit. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

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.

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SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

FEATURED ARTISTS: MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST The featured artists at the gallery during the months of May, June, July, and August are TBA. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Tuesdays-Fridays, 12-6 p.m. through Sept. 1 Valley Art Gallery, 125 W. Clark Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-2278, valleygallery.org.

LOCAL ART AND ARTISTS: CONTINUING SERIES An ongoing series of shows, facilitated by advisor Terry Dworaczky, to spotlight local art and artists. Each show includes an artist reception. ongoing Ameriprise Financial, 2605 S Miller St., Suite 104, Santa Maria.

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STAGE

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SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

MARIAN THEATRE: THE ADDAMS FAMILY A musical comedy based on the classic TV series. July 18-27 Marian Theatre, 800 S. College Dr., Santa Maria, 805-928-7731, pcpa.org.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

CAMP BROADWAY: WILLY WONKA JR. For boys and girls grades K-8. July 22-Aug. 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$625. 805-489-1210. stpatschoolag.com/performing-arts/st-pats-summer-camps/. St. Patrick Catholic School, 900 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande.

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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. Fourth 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

BOARD OF LIBRARY TEENS (BOLT) Teens help plan upcoming teen events and make changes in the teen zone. July 20, 10-11 a.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SM VALLEY: MONTHLY MEETING Social at 6 p.m. Guest speaker at 7 p.m. Business meeting for members follows. Third Thursday of every month, 6 p.m. Free. 805-349-2708. 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.



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**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.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS**

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

**HUMAN BEING SUPPORT AND INSPIRATION ONLINE GROUP** An online group to listen and get support from others from the comfort of your own home. Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. \$40 monthly subscription. 805-598-1509. divining.weebly.com. Divine Inspiration, 947 E Orange St, Santa Maria.

**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, unitysantamaria.net/.

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**ON THE HOUSE**

The Fabing-McKay-Spanne House hosts its next monthly open house event on Saturday, July 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guests visiting this 1875 Victorian farmhouse can tour the museum, carriage, and car displays for free. Donations will be accepted. The house is located at 207 N. L St., Lompoc. Call (805) 735-4626 or visit lompochohistory.org for more info.

—C.W.

**NAMI NATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP** Hosted by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). A confidential and safe group of families helping families who have a loved one living with mental health challenges. Third Saturday of every month, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. 805-544-2086. Safe Haven, 203 Bridge St, Arroyo Grande.

**SCLERODERMA SUPPORT GROUP MEETING** A support group for those who have Scleroderma or those who love someone with Scleroderma. **Nov. 17**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. 805-878-6261. St. John's Lutheran Church, 959 Valley Rd., Arroyo Grande.

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

**LEGO CLUB** Meet with other Lego fans and build together. The library will supply the Lego's. **July 18**, 4-5 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**LET'S BLOW OFF SOME STEAM** STEAM program for preschools aged 3 to 5 that runs for three weeks. Registration begins July 18. **July 25**, 4-5 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. cityofsantamaria.org/city-government/departments/library. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**SUMMER MAKERSPACE** It's time to create, build, explore, and use your imagination at the Santa Maria Public Library Maker Events. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. through Aug. 31 Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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**BOUNCING BABY STORY TIME** Offers exploration of pre-literacy skills through music, movement, and visual stimulation. Learn, connect, and grow with other babies up to 12 months and their caregivers. Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. through July 26 Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**DANCE PARTY STORY TIME** A dance themed story time with fun stories and movement. **July 24**, 4-5 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. cityofsantamaria.org/city-government/departments/library. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**DISCOVERY ANIMATORS! ILLUSTRATION SUMMER CAMP** Professional illustrator Irene Flores will teach older artists to draw original and popular comic book characters, which will be displayed in an art show at the end of the week. For ages 11 and over. **July 22-26**, 1-5 p.m. \$125-\$150. 805-928-8414. smvdiscoverymuseum.org/summer-camps-2/. Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum, 705 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**DISCOVERY ANIMATORS! STOP-ACTION** Allan Hancock College fine arts instructor Laura-Susan Thomas will help young artists brainstorm and create stop-action films culminating with a family film festival at the end of the week. For ages 6 to 10. **July 22-26**, 9 a.m.-noon \$125-\$150. 805-928-8414. smvdiscoverymuseum.



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**KIDS WII PLAY** Kids aged 6 to 12 can play the Wii. **July 22**, 2-4 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. cityofsantamaria.org/city-government/departments/library. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**KTS ALL STAR GYMNASTICS: NINJA WARRIOR CLASSES** Bring out your inner warrior with kids parkour classes in a safe setting. For ages 5 and up. Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m. 805-349-7575. Santa Maria Town Center, 142 Town Center East, Santa Maria.

**TEEN GAMING FRIDAYS** Teens, join us on select Fridays for an afternoon of gaming. **July 26**, 4-5:30 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.



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#### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICES** Join Hope Community Church for Sunday morning and Wednesday night services. Children care provided for

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### ART AFTER BARK

The Lompoc Valley Kennel Club is hosting its annual Club Dog Show at Ryon Park on Saturday, July 27, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show features breeds performing in obedience, specialty work, and other categories. The park is located at 800 W. Ocean Ave., Lompoc. Visit [explorelompoc.com](http://explorelompoc.com) to find out more. —C.W.

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.

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### LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

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### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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

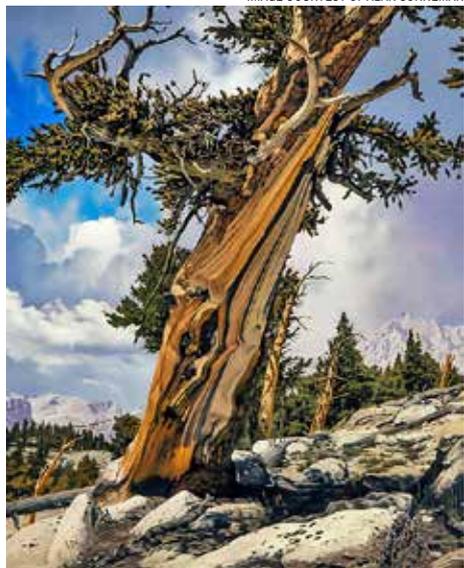
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**STANDING SUN: TASTING ROOM HOURS** Visit site for Cellar Club details and more info. Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 805-691-9413. standingsunwines.com. Standing Sun Wines, 92 2nd St., Unit D, Buellton, 805-691-9413.

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### GIVING TREE

*Celebrating the National Lands of California opens Saturday, July 20, at the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. This juried exhibition features 63 artworks selected from more than 300 entries, ranging from paintings to photography. The museum is located at 1511 Mission Drive, unit B, Solvang. Call (805) 686-8315 or visit wildlingmuseum.org for more info.*

—C.W.

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### LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

**LOMPOC WINE FACTORY TASTINGS** This tasting room highlights community-based winemaking. Features various member winemakers. Mondays, Wednesdays-Saturdays, 12-4 p.m. 805-243-8398. lompocwinefactory.com. Lompoc Wine Factory, 321 N. D St., Lompoc.

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**SOUL BISCUIT LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. **July 21**, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

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#### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**ABOUT TIME LIVE** **July 26**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria, 805-361-2900, moxiecafe.com.

**AMARIS LAURETTE TAYLOR LIVE** **July 25**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria, 805-361-2900, moxiecafe.com.

**BOB CLARK LIVE** **July 18**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria, 805-361-2900, moxiecafe.com.

**CARTER LIVE** **July 27**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria, 805-361-2900, moxiecafe.com.

**THE JUMP JAX AT COSTA DE ORO WINERY** Enjoy sax-driven jump-swing, rock, rockabilly, and soul. **July 19**, 5-8 p.m. Free. 805-704-5116. Costa De Oro Winery, 1331 S. Nicholson Ave., Santa Maria, cdowinery.com.

#### SANTA MARIA PHILHARMONIC PRESENTS 'POPS ON THE LAWN' WITH CAFE MUSIQUE

This Sunday afternoon event on the lawn of the Santa Maria Country Club includes a box lunch and spicy "wild classical" music by local favorite Café Musique. **July 21**, 4-7 p.m. Individual ticket \$50; table for 10 is \$450. 805-925 0412. smphilharmonic.org/event/pops-on-the-lawn-

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**CLUBBIN'**: The Santa Maria Philharmonic Society presents Cafe Musique at the Santa Maria Country Club on **Sunday, July 21**.

## Lawn and order

*Pops on the Lawn features Cafe Musique at the Santa Maria Country Club*

### BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

Unlike the barbecue lunch included as part of their upcoming performance, the eclectic quintet **Cafe Musique** can't be put in a box. Known for blending gypsy, tango, swing, and their self-defined genre, "wild classical," this Central Coast-based group is performing on the lawn of the Santa Maria Country Club on **Sunday, July 21**, starting at 4 p.m. The outdoor concert, titled Pops on the Lawn, is presented by the Santa Maria Philharmonic Society.

The five members of Cafe Musique stem from various musical backgrounds, led by Brynn Albanese (violin and vocals), whose resume includes SLO Opera, Symphony of the Vines, and the Boston Philharmonic. Albanese is also credited as one of the recording artists on the soundtracks for not one, not two, but THREE Steven Spielberg films (*Schindler's List*, *Jurassic Park*, and *Saving Private Ryan*). Her personal biography on the band's website describes the violinist as "gluten-free but not fun-free."

According to Duane English's (accordion) bio, the former Live Oak Music Festival director studied under master accordionists Frank Umbro and Ray Gibson and "loves bluegrass but won't tell anyone." He also loves chick flicks and watching *Singing in the Rain* late at night with a glass of cheap wine.

Meanwhile, Craig Nuttycombe (guitar and vocals) claims to have been French romanticist Jean Pierre in another life and enjoys picnics, showers, and taking photos of the audience (not simultaneously). Fred Murray

(bass and vocals), a self-described recluse and computer wizard, joined his first band at age 14. Last but certainly not least, multi-instrumentalist Eric Williams (guitar, ukulele, bouzouki, and vocals) has been a recording artist and producer on more than 100 albums.

Doors open to Pops on the Lawn at 3:30 p.m., with the band performing from 4 to 6 p.m. Admission starts at \$25 and go up from there to include additional perks, such as a box lunch (trip sandwich or vegetarian wrap, potato salad, and fresh fruit) and access to the no-host bar. Tickets are available in advance at my805tix.com. The Santa Maria Country Club is located at 505 Waller Lane, Santa Maria. Call (805) 925-0412 or visit smphilharmonic.org to find out more.

### Fray it forward

Grammy-nominated rock band **The Fray** performs at the Chumash Casino Resort on **Friday, July 19**, at 8 p.m. Originally from Denver, Colorado, it was their emotionally charged single, "How to Save a Life," that brought the group worldwide fame in 2007. Just typing the title out is enough to keep the tune stuck in my head

for the next hour or so. Attendees can expect to hear other nostalgia-inducing hits (at least to millennials), such as "Over my Head (Cable Car)," as well as some of their latest singles, including "Hurricane" and "Singing Low."

Admission to this performance, which takes place in the casino's Samala Showroom, ranges from \$69 to \$99. The resort is located at 3400 E. Highway 246, Santa Ynez. Call (800) 248-6274 or visit chumashcasino.com for tickets and more info.

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**DRIVE MY CABLE CAR**: Rock group The Fray performs at the Chumash Casino Resort in Santa Ynez on **Friday, July 19**.

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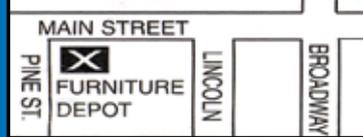
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**JUST AROUND THE BEND:** Musical duo Bender and Jack perform at Vino et Amicis Wine Bar in Orcutt on **Friday, July 19.**

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**SOLO ROUND:** Local artist Eric Knierim performs at Blast 825 Brewery in Orcutt on **Sunday, July 21.**

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**More music**

Retro-country and neo-surf band **The Excellent Tradesman** performs at the Cold Spring Tavern off of Highway 154 on **Friday, July 19**, from 6 to 9 p.m. The tavern's weekend lineup continues with blues, rock, and gospel duo **Tom Buenger and Teresa Russell** (1 to 4 p.m.) and country group **Grass Mountain** (from 6 to 9 p.m.) on **Saturday, July 20**. The weekly series concludes with funk and soul act

**Soul Biscuit** on **Sunday, July 21**, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Harmonica blues and rags pair **Tom Ball and Kenny Sultan** will open for the group, performing from 1:15 to 4 p.m.

**The Molly Ringwald Project**, an '80s tribute band, performs at the Maverick Saloon in Santa Ynez on **Friday, July 19**, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. This Central Coast-based cover group is best known its special lighting and laser effects during their performances. **The Just Dave Band** takes the saloon's stage on **Saturday, July 20**, from 8 to 11 p.m., followed by the **Nate Latta Band** on

**Sunday, July 21**, with an afternoon concert from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Molly Ringwald Project will also play the following evening, **Saturday, July 20**, at Blast 825 Brewery in Orcutt from 9 p.m. to past midnight. The brewery also hosts local solo artists **Russ Douglass**, who opens for the band from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and **Eric Knierim**, who performs on **Sunday, July 21**, from noon to 3 p.m.

Also in Orcutt, musical duo **Bender and Jack** will be performing at Vino et Amicis Wine Bar on **Friday, July 19**, from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission to

the show is complimentary. Head just a bit farther north to Santa Maria, and you'll find Moxie Cafe and its full weekend lineup (starting a day early as usual), featuring solo guitarist **Bob Clark** on **Thursday, July 18**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., cover group **The Wavebreakers** on **Friday, July 19**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and local artist **Yael Gott** on **Saturday, July 20**, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. ○

*Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood wrote this week's Local Notes. Contact him at [cwiseblood@santamariasun.com](mailto:cwiseblood@santamariasun.com).*

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featuring-cafe-musique/. Santa Maria Country Club, 505 W. Waller Lane, Santa Maria.

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** Live acts include Back Bay Betty, The Jill Knight Band, Crisptones, Drive-In Romeos, Unfinished Business, and Sound Investment. Through Oct. 4 Trilogy at Monarch Dunes, 1640 Trilogy Pkwy, Nipomo, (805) 621-7838.

**THREE 4 ALL LIVE July 19**, 5:30-9 p.m. Naughty Oak Brewing Co., 165 S Broadway St Ste 102, Orcutt, 805-287-9663, [naughtyoak.com](http://naughtyoak.com).

**THE WAVEBREAKERS BAND PLAYS MOXIE CAFE** Playing popular hits from the 1950s to '80s. **July 19**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. 805-489-8269. [moxiecafe.com/](http://moxiecafe.com/). Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria.

**Yael Gott Live July 20**, 5-7:30 p.m. Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria, 805-361-2900, [moxiecafe.com](http://moxiecafe.com).

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**BLAKE SHELTON LIVE** This Mid-State concert takes place at the Chumash Grandstand Arena. **July 21**, 7:30 p.m. Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles, 805-238-9607, [winemakerscookoff.com](http://winemakerscookoff.com).

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**CHICAGO LIVE July 24**, 8-10 p.m. \$45-\$95. 805-286-3680. [vinaroblesamphitheatre.com/concerts/2019/chicago](http://vinaroblesamphitheatre.com/concerts/2019/chicago). Vina Robles Amphitheatre, 3800 Mill Rd., Paso Robles.

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**SONGWRITERS AT PLAY FEATURES AIREENE ESPIRITU** Aireene is a singer-songwriter playing mostly original songs accompanied by latin/african rhythms, folk, bluegrass ing's, and more. **July 21**, 1-4 p.m. Free; tips accepted. 805-226-8881. [songwritersatplay.com](http://songwritersatplay.com). Sculpterra Winery, 5015 Linne Rd., Paso Robles.

**SONGWRITERS AT PLAY FEATURES CHARLIE BAKER** **July 28**, 1-4 p.m. Free; tips accepted; all ages welcome. 805-226-8881. [songwritersatplay.com](http://songwritersatplay.com). Sculpterra Winery, 5015 Linne Rd., Paso Robles.

**WHY DON'T WE** This Mid-State concert takes place at the Chumash Grandstand Arena. **July 22**, 7:30 p.m. [midstatefair.com](http://midstatefair.com). Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles, 805-238-9607.

**ZAC BROWN LIVE** This Mid-State concert takes place at the Chumash Grandstand Arena. **July 24**, 7:30 p.m. [midstatefair.com](http://midstatefair.com). Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles, 805-238-9607.

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**MOLLY HOLIDAY**

*The Molly Ringwald Project performs at the Maverick Saloon in Santa Ynez on Friday, July 19, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. This '80s cover band is best known for using special lighting and laser effects during concerts. The saloon is located at 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez. Call (805) 686-4785 or visit [themavsaloon.com](http://themavsaloon.com) to find out more.*

—Caleb Wiseblood

## Arts Briefs

### PCPA resident artist selected for exclusive master class

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Pacific Conservatory Theatre (PCPA) Resident Artist Kitty Balay is one of the 10 performers selected by Ten Chimneys Foundation to participate in the Lunt-Fontanne Fellowship Program, an annual week of master classes headed by a renowned professional each year. Actors and acting teachers are chosen from an exclusive list of nominees from only

10 national theaters.

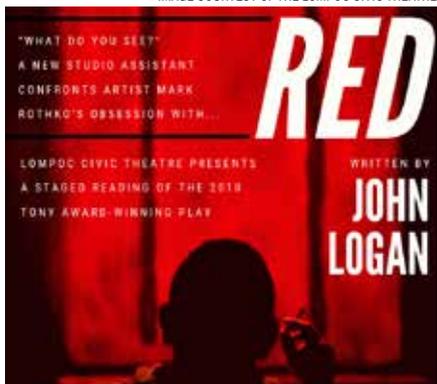
Balay has been a resident artist with PCPA since 1989, appearing in more than 85 productions, including *Shakespeare in Love*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Cinderella*, *Hamlet*, and *Hello Dolly*. Among the productions Balay has directed are *Trying*, *A Little Night Music*, and most recently, *Million Dollar Quartet*, which is currently showing at the Solvang Festival Theater through Sunday, July 28.

"From those early stages of her professional career until today, Kitty has refined her terrific gifts into powerful skills," PCPA Artistic Director Mark Booher, who nominated Balay for the fellowship, said in a press release. "Her vibrant artistic career has been built in a context that makes a constant, direct connection between excellent professional practice and learning."

This year's program, led by stage and television actress Tyne Daly, began Sunday, July 14, and runs through Saturday, July 20, in Genesee Depot, Wisconsin. Daly has been nominated for 17 Emmy Awards over the years, winning a total of six for roles in *Cagney and Lacey*, *Christy*, and *Judging Amy*. Her Broadway credits include *It Shoulda Been You*, *Mothers and Sons*, *Rabbit Hole*, and *Gypsy*, for which she won the Tony Award for Best Actress.

### Lompoc Civic Theatre hosts staged reading of *Red*

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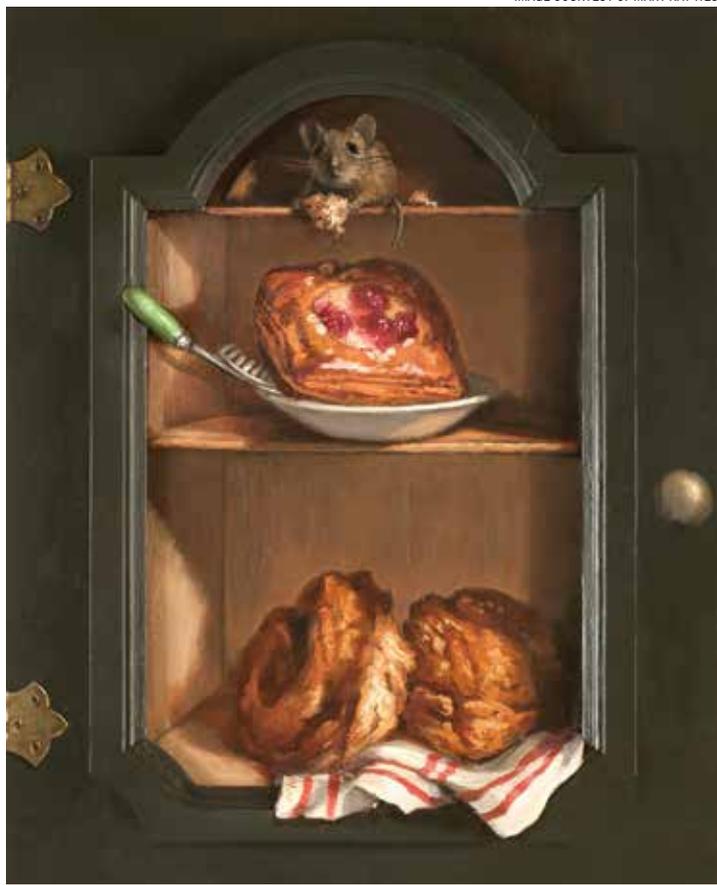
Lompoc Civic Theatre presents a staged reading of John Logan's *Red* at Stone Pine Hall, with performances taking place on Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, July 28, at 2 p.m.

Director Larry McLellan helms this rendition of the 2010 Tony Award-winning play, which follows artist Mark Rothko as he grapples with the role an artist plays in society. A special Q&A with the cast takes place after Sunday's performance.

Admission to *Red* will be accepted by donation. Attendees are advised that the play contains mature language. Stone Pine Hall is located at 210 S. H St., Lompoc. Call (805) 735-2281 or visit [lompoccivictheatre.com](http://lompoccivictheatre.com) for more info. ○

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IMAGE COURTESY OF MARY KAY WEST



**NOT EVEN A MOUSE:** Peintures de Pain (Paintings of Bread) features still life pieces by local artist Mary Kay West and her workshop students.

## Flour to the people

Bob's Well Bread Bakery in Los Alamos hosts one-day still life exhibition, *Peintures de Pain*

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

Creating still life paintings for *Peintures de Pain*, an upcoming group show in Los Alamos, proved to be quite a challenge for local artist and teacher Mary Kay West and her students—since their subjects were at risk of being devoured at any moment.

"It was hard to avoid the temptation to eat the still life as we went along," West told the *Sun*.

*Peintures de Pain* translates to Paintings of Bread, for those of us who took four years of French in high school but can't seem to remember more than a few words (hope it's not just me). A longtime admirer of West's work, Bob Oswaks, owner of Bob's Well Bread Bakery, pitched the idea for a bread-based still life show. The artist, in turn, was already a big fan of Oswaks and his bakery.

"The pastries are something I have purchased for our group every class for the past few years to properly fuel our work," West said. "I was tickled and excited when Bob suggested the exhibition.

"Although a couple of the students in the class have shown independently, this is the first time we have shown as a group," she continued. "It's great

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**GRATEFUL BREAD:** Bob Oswaks, owner of Bob's Well Bread Bakery, donated the loaves of bread and pastries for *Peintures de Pain* artists to paint still life pieces from.

### Bread talk

Bob's Well Bread Bakery presents *Peintures de Pain* (Paintings of Bread), a one-day art exhibition, on Saturday, July 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. This exhibit showcases still life paintings created by Mary Kay West and students of her fine art workshop. Complimentary refreshments will be available to guests during the event. The bakery is located at 550 Bell St., Los Alamos. Call (805) 344-3000 or visit [bobswellbread.com](http://bobswellbread.com) for more info.

to have the opportunity at such a great venue with Bob. He has been so supportive, creative, and excited for us."

The paintings featured in the one-day exhibit, which takes place on Saturday, July 20, at the bakery, were created by West



**TRADEMARK:** Mary Kay West and her students were inspired by Bob Oswaks' designs, including his logo baked onto the outer crust of many of his baked goods.

and eight students from her weekly fine art workshop (Sally Jones, JoAnne Grimes, Pat Roberts, Rachele Witt, Diane Connors, Ruth Kelsey, Linda Sarrolos, and Kelly Witt). The class meets every Thursday morning at West's studio in Los Alamos.

"The eight students that are showing have been studying classical realism in an atelier-style class for many years. It is a style that requires dedication and discipline," West said. "But the results, as I hope those who come to the show see, are stunning."

West currently resides in Santa Ynez but was born and raised in Asheville, North Carolina. As the daughter of watercolorist Elizabeth Phillips, West became interested in art during childhood. Her first paintings were created next to her mother's easel. By age 12, she had sold her first piece. She went on to study at the Fine Arts League of Asheville, completing a four-year apprenticeship in 2006.

"I have always been inspired by classic works, especially the Dutch masters, such as Vermeer," said West, whose works are currently on display at local venues including Solvang Antiques and the Portico Fine Art Gallery, as well as outlets afar such as the Classic Art Gallery in Carmel.

As for her latest project, West and her students created the pieces for *Peintures de Pain* over the course of three months, said West. Oswaks donated the loaves of bread and pastries for the artists to paint from.

"We were inspired by the beautiful designs," West said. "Especially the logo—a stylized bread fork—baked into the outer crust."

West and her students would then arrange the baked goods with other objects, such as baskets, kitchen fabrics, ceramic crocks, and copper pitchers, she explained.

"Each painting is meant to evoke the timeless beauty of light falling on the staple of life, accompanied by objects that may bring personal meaning into the imagination of the viewer," West said. "All the paintings are classical realist in style and are framed oil on panel."

Having the bread and pastries in front of the artists was essential, West said, as she never paints, nor instructs her students to paint, from photos.

"The process of creating our paintings is one steeped in the tradition of the old masters," West said. "We work from life, not photographs, carefully setting up beautiful, classic—and in this case, rustic—arrangements." ○

Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood's favorite part of pizza is the crust. Send him some dough at [cwiseblood@santamariasun.com](mailto:cwiseblood@santamariasun.com).

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**LOAF RIDER:** Mary Kay West and her students arranged the breads and pastries with various objects, including kitchen fabrics, before starting their still life pieces.

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**LOCAL AUTHOR:**  
Deborah Tobola's new memoir explores her experience teaching classes and managing an arts program at the California Men's Colony.

## Moving memoir

Local author Deborah Tobola reflects on teaching creative writing and theater at the California Men's Colony

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

Poet, playwright, and author Deborah Tobola is probably best known as the founder of the Poetic Justice Project—the country's first theater company made up entirely of formerly incarcerated actors—but it's her teaching career that earns the spotlight in her latest work, *Hummingbird in Underworld: Teaching in a Men's Prison*. The book is set to be released through Amazon and other outlets on Tuesday, July 23, and a launch reception takes place in Solvang at the beginning of August.

The author recently opened up to the *Sun* about the memoir, which explores her time working at the California Men's Colony—the same prison her father worked at as a guard decades before.

**Sun:** What can you tell readers about your new book, *Hummingbird in Underworld*, without giving too much away?

**Tobola:** *Hummingbird in Underworld* is about teaching creative writing and theater at the California Men's Colony, as well as managing the Arts in

Corrections program from 2000 to 2009. Readers get an inside view of prison, the complexities of the environment, and the challenges involved in producing art and mentoring other artists.

**Sun:** What were the most challenging aspects of your work during this time period? And what were the most rewarding?

**Tobola:** Teaching, mentoring students, and managing the Arts in Corrections program in prison has been the most rewarding—and challenging—work I have done in my lifetime. Rewarding: when students realize their gifts, grab onto hope for the future, and connect to other prisoners in a creative community that erases the divisions in their environment (especially racial divisions). Challenging: Read the book!

**Sun:** I understand the memoir jumps around to other time stamps in your life as well? And that your family had some history with the CMC decades before you started working there?

**Tobola:** The book also explores my own story,

beginning with the night I was born in San Luis Obispo. My father, a decorated Marine who served in the Korean War, was attending Cal Poly on the GI Bill. He also got a job as a guard at CMC. When my mother went into labor, he and other guards were chasing an escaped convict, so he missed my birth (they caught the prisoner). So *Hummingbird in Underworld* alternated between my work in the prison and my own story. The prison story covers nine years. My story covers five decades—longer, if you count the stories about my immigrant grandparents and great-grandparents.

**Sun:** How long did it take to write this memoir, from start to finish? What was the writing process like?

**Tobola:** The writing process took a few years. I wrote one chapter at a time, let it “marinate” for a while, and then went on to the next. Many of my family stories I had committed to paper earlier. And luckily, I've kept a poetic narrative of my life since I began to write.

**Sun:** What advice would you give to aspiring writers, based on your own experiences?

**Tobola:** The advice I would give to aspiring writers is the same advice I give to my students. Read the best literature you can find. Write. Join a writing group. Go to open mics and share your work. Embrace your tribe of writers! ○

Feel free to embrace Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood at [cwiseblood@santamariasun.com](mailto:cwiseblood@santamariasun.com).

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HUMMINGBIRD IN UNDERWORLD  
Teaching in a Men's Prison



**PAPERBACK WRITER:**  
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### Film Reviews

#### CRAWL

What's it rated? **R**  
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**PICK** Alexandre Aja (*The Hills Have Eyes* (2006), *Piranha 3D*, *Homs*) directs this action-horror film about Haley Keller (Kaya Scodelario), who during a Category 5 hurricane returns to her family home to save her father, Dave (Barry Pepper), who's trapped in his flooding basement. When she arrives, however, the hurricane is the least of her problems as massive alligators make their escape increasingly unlikely.

While *Crawl* isn't going to win any awards, it's a masterful example of tension-filled action, and its claustrophobic setting adds to the thrills. We meet our protagonist during her college swim practice, letting us know that Haley has skills in the water. That turns out to be important since she spends most of the film submerged.

There's also some side plots about her parents' divorce, issues between her and her older sister, Beth (Morfydd Anderson), who calls to ask her to check on their dad, and Haley and her father's estrangement. He's her childhood swim coach, a driving taskmaster, who she hasn't seen in a while and who has stopped showing up at her swim meets. These side plots offer some emotional resonance and help develop the chance for reconciliation between her and her dad while also offering moments of reprieve from the tooth-and-claw terrors menacing them.

Between the growing storm and its wind, rain, and rising floodwaters—not to mention the alligators—Haley and her dad have their hands full. When she finally reaches him, her dad's seriously injured. Getting into the basement to find and save him proves a lot easier than getting out.

The alligators themselves are effectively rendered CGI and realistic models, and there's a lot of excellent underwater footage. Like the granddaddy of underwater horror, *Jaws*, *Crawl* knows how to up the tension ante. The violence is pretty graphic, and the jump scares are frequent and well executed.

It really helps that Scodelario gives an all-in performance. She's 100 percent game as the determined daughter who instead of being a damsel in distress is the hero. She gets battered, bloodied, bruised, and worse, but her grit makes her a quintessential hero. Pepper as her dad also delivers a committed performance, which is what makes these campy, B-movie stories come to life. If you're looking for an effective horror thriller, this one's worth a watch. (87 min.)  
 —Glen Starkey

#### THE LION KING

What's it rated? **PG**  
 Where's it showing? **Hi-Way Drive-In, Movies Lompoc, Parks Plaza**  
**NEW** Jon Favreau (*Elf*, *Iron Man*, *Cowboys & Aliens*, *Chef*, *The Jungle Book* (2016)) helms this photorealistic-animated remake of Disney's 1994 animated classic of the

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#### SCORING

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## Redemption song

**T**om Harper (*War Book*, *The Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death*) directs Nicole Taylor's screenplay about Rose-Lynn Harlan (Jesse Buckley), an ex-con and single mother who dreams of becoming a country singer in Nashville, though her mother, Marion (Julie Walters), thinks her dream is a waste of time. When Rose takes work as a house cleaner, she finds an ally in the woman of the house. (101 min.)

**Glen:** This is definitely a banner year for music-centric films, and this low-budget U.K. charmer brings a hefty emotional wallop along for the ride. We meet Rose-Lynn as she's being released from a 12-month stint in jail. We don't find out her crime until later, but it's plain to see she's a wild one. Before heading to her mother Marion's house where her children have lived for the past year, she stops for a quickie with her former boyfriend, Elliot (James Harkness), who shags her in a park. Marion is clearly put-upon and expects her daughter to start caring for her children. She tells Rose-Lynn about a job cleaning house, but Rose-Lynn has other ideas—she wants to return to her job singing at a country music night club, her perceived stepping stone to Nashville and stardom. Eventually, however, Rose-Lynn finds herself cleaning house, and when she starts singing on the job, her employer, Susannah, is wowed by her voice and eager to help her career. It'd be a pretty boring film if everything just started falling into place, so of course it doesn't. The film is concerned about Rose-Lynn's troubled relationship with her disapproving mother, the lack of trust her children have for her since she—in their minds—abandoned them when she was arrested, and Rose-Lynn's own character arc as she works to take responsibility while trying to balance her dream and capitalize on her considerable singing skills. It's an emotional roller coaster, and Buckley rises to the challenge of Rose-Lynn's tumultuous ups and downs. She delivers a nuanced, powerful performance, and she stands her ground opposite the amazing Walters. I really enjoyed this sweet, feel-good story even though it's a rocky road to the conclusion.

**Anna:** It's definitely a roller coaster. Watching Rose-Lynn is a bit like watching a car crash in slo-mo; it's messy and sad, and things could have been so much better if this or that choice would have been made differently. She's a young mother—two kids before the age of 18, one now

8 and the other 5. Single parenting is a tough row to hoe no matter what, but doing it when you're a teen is especially heavy. Rose-Lynn wants to be young and free, able to take on a gig at the last moment and to move to Nashville if the opportunity ever comes up. She's dug her heels in on being a fuck-up,

choosing bars and bad decisions over bedtimes and being present. She doesn't even want to admit fault for the crime that sent her to prison. She didn't know what she was doing; she was just doing it for the money offered her. Her mother is a support but a tired one. It's time for her wayward

daughter to grow up and learn that nothing can be more important than your children—not even your dreams. It's a meeting in the middle that ultimately helps the two women to understand each other, but it's a messy road to get there. To coincide with the fantastic performances, the music in the film is phenomenal. It's potent and tender, and Buckley delivers a powerhouse performance. I can't wait to see more from her. **Glen:** Music is definitely a central element of the film, and Buckley's performance of key songs resonates. In an earlier scene, Rose-Lynn is dancing around Susannah's house, vacuuming and singing at the top of her lungs, and she imagines live musicians tucked into various corners of the rooms, playing along. At another point, Susannah is trying to help Rose-Lynn get in contact with BBC Two's *The Country Show* radio host, Bob Harris. She asks Rose-Lynn to sing a song a cappella into her computer to send to Harris, and it's so tender and beautiful it breaks your heart. It also gains Rose-Lynn an invitation to London to meet Harris and see a live radio performance. Rose-Lynn's buoyant spirit and bubbling energy are infectious, and I couldn't help but want her to triumph, but she's emotionally a long way from becoming stable. Harris encourages her by saying if she has a voice and something to say, she will be successful. The problem is she doesn't play an instrument



**TRIUMPH:** Rose-Lynn (Jesse Buckley) dreams of making it big in Nashville but learns that sometimes the dreams you think you want aren't the reality you need.

or write her own songs. Tattooed on her arm is the phrase "three chords and the truth"—her definition of country music. Rose-Lynn has a voice, and she certainly has enough heartache to write 100 country ballads, but the film is also about her finding a way to express her truth and those deep emotions, and that's what makes it all so wonderful. I laughed and cried and would absolutely watch this film again. It's entertaining and moving and ultimately redemptive, just like a great country song.

**Anna:** I was so satisfied with the resolve of the film. While we are rooting for Rose-Lynn to get her big break, it seems for a while at least that the choice is either stardom or motherhood—one a dream she can't bear to give up, another a responsibility that often feels like a burden to the young dreamer. She loves her kids to no end, but Rose-Lynn herself has a lot of growing up to do, and the road to Nashville never seems farther away than when she's locked up in their dingy apartment. Instead of staying in sadness, somewhere along the way a switch flips and Rose-Lynn busts booty to make the place a home, get her kids to school on time, make it home before her ankle monitor curfew, and generally pick up the pieces of her life. She's a really sympathetic character. Walters is her impressive self, a mother wanting her daughter to straighten up and fly right, but with little understanding of the insatiable drive Rose-Lynn has to dream big. I've recommended this one to a few people already. It really pulls at the heartstrings and offers up a rich story with great music behind it. I can't believe it's only playing in one theater in the area right now—be sure and see it while it's there! ○

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same name, about the lion prince Simba (voiced by JD McCrary as a cub and Donald Glover as an adult), who's driven from his kingdom as a cub after his king father Mufasa (voiced by James Earl Jones) is murdered by his jealous brother, Scar (voiced by Chiwetel Ejiofor). Can young Simba learn the true meaning of responsibility, bravery, and leadership? Can he reclaim his rightful place at king?

—Glen

**SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME**

What's it rated? **PG-13**  
 What's it worth? **Matinee**  
 Where's it showing? **Movies Lompoc, Parks Plaza**  
**PICK** Jon Watts (*Spider-Man: Homecoming, Clown*) directs this story that follows the events of *Avengers: Endgame*. Peter Parker (Tom Holland) joins besties Ned (Jacob Batalon) and MJ (Zendaya) on a European vacation, hoping for a little heroics-free rest and relaxation, but when Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) comes calling, Peter works to uncover the mystery of otherworldly attacks plaguing Europe.

Maybe I'm suffering from comic book movie overload, but this new Spider-Man installment just didn't 'wow' me the way it seems to for most reviewers and audiences. Rotten Tomatoes rates it a 91 percent with critics and 96 percent with audiences. It's entertaining enough, but I don't see what all the hype is about. It's just another big budget comic book adventure.

Peter is mourning the loss of Iron Man and questioning Tony Stark's belief in him. He's just a kid, after all, not a 'real' Avenger. All he really wants to do is go on his school trip to Europe, where he hopes to generate some sparks between him and MJ.

Meanwhile, a new threat is menacing Earth. We see Nick Fury and Maria Hill (Cobie Smulders) investigating an unnatural storm generated by a forces they learn are called an Elemental. As the storm rises again, a powerful new super hero named Quentin Beck (Jake Gyllenhaal) shows up to defeat the Elemental.

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**SURVIVE:** During a hurricane, Haley Keller (Kaya Scodelario, right) returns home to save her father, Dave (Barry Pepper), and the family dog but discovers floodwaters are infested with alligators, in *Crawl*.

To remind us that Peter's just a high school kid, there's some teen drama between him and some classmates. Another boy is flirting with MJ, and even nerdy Ned manages to find a girlfriend in overachiever Betty Brant (Angourie Rice) while Peter seems to be getting nowhere with MJ.

When the class arrives in Venice, Italy, another Elemental shows up in the form of water, menacing everyone. Beck arrives to save the day again, and Peter works with him. Fury arrives, scolding Peter for avoiding his calls and giving him Stark's glasses, which contain an artificial intelligence system called E.D.I.T.H., which controls Stark Enterprises' weapons systems. We also learn that Beck comes from a different reality and that the Elementals killed his family.

Even though Peter at first rejects Fury's call for him to fight impending Elemental attacks, Fury finds a way to involve him anyway by redirecting his school trip to Prague, where the fire Elemental is predicted to strike. Things become even more contrived from there. I won't bore you with the details.

Basically, the film is flawed. Its big switcheroo is too obviously projected, Peter is too gullible (where are your "spidey senses," dude?), and the entire affair lacks the coherence of its predecessor. There's nothing I can say that will stop fans from flocking to the theater. The film's already made more than \$90 million. For me, it simply had nothing new to say—just sound and fury signifying nothing.

If you've got a couple hours to waste and need a distraction, hit a matinee. These comic book spectacles are best seen in the theater. Hopefully you'll like it more than I did. (129 min.)

—Glen



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**LIONAGE:** Mufasa (left, voiced by James Earl Jones) tries to instill his code of honor to his young son Simba (voiced by JD McCrary), in the photorealistic-animated remake of *The Lion King*.

**TOY STORY 4**

What's it rated? **G**  
 What's it worth? **Full price**  
 Where's it showing? **Hi-Way Drive-In**

**PICK** Josh Cooley directs this fourth feature in the Toy Story franchise. This time around, Woody (voiced by Tom Hanks) must convince his toy pals to welcome a new addition, Forky (Tony Hale), into their fold, even though Forky is just a spork made into a toy in arts and crafts class by their child, Bonnie. When Bonnie's family goes on a road trip, Forky takes off, so Woody and a few other toys go in search of him. The Forky stuff is just the tip of the iceberg though; there's so much going on in this movie. (100 min.)

—Caleb Wiseblood

**YESTERDAY**

What's it rated? **PG-13**  
 What's it worth? **Full price**  
 Where's it showing? **Parks Plaza**

**PICK** Danny Boyle (*Trainspotting, 28 Days Later ... Slumdog Millionaire, 127 Hours*) directs this screenplay by Richard Curtis (*Notting Hill, Love Actually, War Horse*) about Jack Malik (Himesh Patel), a struggling musician who awakes after bicycle accident caused by a worldwide power outage to discover he's the only person who remembers The Beatles music. Soon he's considered the greatest singer-songwriter in the world, but will his newfound fame be a blessing or a curse?

It's certainly fun watching him slowly realize that no one has ever heard of The Beatles. In fact, he's awoken in a reality where they never existed. When Ellie gifts him with a new guitar and he picks out "Yesterday" on it, she and his pals are flabbergasted. "When did you write that?" Ellie asks, astonished. It slowly dawns on him that he really is the only person in the world who knows The Beatles' amazing catalog.

Yes, *Yesterday* is basically sitcom-level silliness and essentially a one-joke movie, but it's a good joke and the film may be just the diversion we need right now. Don't believe all the negative reviews from cynical critics. Instead, believe Rotten Tomatoes' 90 percent audience score. This is a crowd pleaser! (116 min.)

—Glen

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**STUBER**

What's it rated? **R**  
 What's it worth? **Rent it**  
 Where's it showing? **Parks Plaza**

Michael Dowse (*Take Me Home Tonight, Goon*) directs this action-comedy/mismatched-buddy film about Vic (Dave Bautista), a detective, who enlists his Uber driver, Stu (Kumail Nanjiani) to track down a terrorist. Can Stu survive and maintain his excellent Uber driver rating?

This film will get a few laughs out of you, but also some groans, eye rolls, and a severely strained credulity. Its title—*Stuber*—is a combination of the driver, Stu, and the company he drives for, Uber, which sort of tells you about the level of sophistication your should expect.

The mismatched buddy flick is a tired formula, and Stuber tries to mix it up with Stu's sensitivity and Vic's toxic masculinity, but its thematic exploration runs shallow. It's more about violence and trying to sell inexplicable plot twists. If you're game for inane shenanigans punctuated by gunfights, try a matinee. Otherwise, a rental feels like a better value. (93 min.)

—Glen

**THE FALLING**

When? **2014**  
 What's it rated? **Not rated**  
 Where? **Amazon Prime, iTunes, Tubi**  
**A** virus? Witchcraft? Performance art? Nobody quite knows what's causing a strange fainting epidemic in director

Carol Morley's *The Falling*, primarily set in a British all-girls' high school in 1969. The first student to faint is Abbie (Florence Pugh, *Midsommar*), and she's followed swiftly by her best friend, Lydia (Maisie Williams, *Game of Thrones*). The school's principal, Miss Alvaro (Monica Dolan), initially calls both students out as fakers

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**SPELLBINDING:** Florence Pugh and Maisie Williams play best friends, Abbie and Lydia, in the British psychodrama, *The Falling*.

and condemns these instances as acts of defiance toward her, the school, and authority in general—or at least that's the way I interpreted their exchanges. Dialogue is minimal, but there are more than enough cold glares to deduce that Alvaro isn't the biggest fan of the duo.

And I feel like that's pretty much the whole movie in a nutshell—lots of showing but no telling. But even most of what's shown is still abstract and up to interpretation. The relationship between Abbie and Lydia, for example, is never concretely defined. Things get complicated between the two after Lydia realizes Abbie has been sleeping with her half-brother, Kenneth (Joe Cole). It's clear that she's upset, but we're not sure if it's because she's attracted to Abbie or Kenneth (or both or neither). The scenes that follow hint at all possible conclusions, and we're left with a puzzle.

There are certain aloof qualities that give the film a detached, Kubrickian demeanor, which will either infuriate viewers or draw them even closer. I'm of the latter crowd, but far from claiming the film is perfect. Some viewers might be put off by the film's seemingly low stakes.



Think *Jaws*, except the town is cursed with fainting women rather than a shark. That's not to say the fainting spells don't result in dire consequences for a character or two (not going to spoil it), but a lot of the fainting scenes lend themselves more to black comedy than psychological drama. The eclectic tone reminded me of other adolescent-driven genre-benders like *Donnie Darko* and *Picnic at Hanging Rock*.

I thought revisiting *The Falling* would provide some clarity on things I may have missed the first time around a few years back. But the film, and a lot of its symbolism, remains just as mysterious to me after seeing it again. If you want the truth, my honest reason for giving it a second watch was for Pugh, after being blown away by her stellar performance in *Midsommar*. This whole column was just an excuse for me to plug that film without actually reviewing it (Glen and Anna Starkey both gave it "Full Price," by the way). See both! (102 min.)

—Caleb Wiseblood

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BY NICK POWELL

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just listing every item available at the Century Room's Sunday brunch, but that would probably be boring. I will say they had way more than I was expecting at a higher quality than I've ever seen at any kind of all-you-can-eat situation. I've paid way

more for spreads that were way worse in Las Vegas, and those buffets were still pretty darn good. Just not this good.

I exaggerate for effect sometimes—you know, a little artistic license, some hyperbole for the people—but this brunch is a literal treasure not even trying to hide in our

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I made the classic buffet mistake of getting too many of my favorite things—lox and capers, prime rib and horseradish, fruits, and cheeses—and not leaving room in my poor extended stomach to try everything.

I missed the taco bar entirely, skipped the fried chicken and waffles, and merely gazed longingly at the resplendent omelet station.

I did set aside some room for dessert, indulging in dipped strawberries, some sort of heavenly chocolate/caramel cake, and a difficult last bite of cherry cheesecake.

I walked away a stuffed and groaning mess of gluttony, but I don't regret a thing. ○

*Contributing writer Nick Powell is so full of lox he cannot stand up. Whisper gently into npowell@santamariasun.com, because it's nap time, and we don't want to wake the little tike.*

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• I grabbed a refreshing, light lunch at **The Garden Mediterranean Restaurant and Cafe** in Santa Maria the other day, and while we've covered it before, I can't in good conscience not recommend it. It was too good. The place had lovely outdoor seating, jaunty old-world tunes, vibrant salad, soft pita bread, and a yogurt concoction with spicy sausage that really made my afternoon. You should go to there: 122 E. Boone St.

• There's a taco party—dubbed “Taco Festivus”—at **Carivintas Winery** in Solvang to celebrate its 10th anniversary on Sunday, July 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. It sounds fun and intriguing. Here's the deal (as far as I can tell): There will be an amateur taco competition, but chef spots for that are already taken. Afterward, general attendees will be encouraged to cook and construct their own tacos at an open grill. No food will be sold at the event, but it's a nice winery place where grilling surfaces will be provided. To attend, search Carivintas Winery on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) and pay a \$10 deposit, which will secure your spot and go toward wine purchases at the event. ○

*Contributing writer Nick Powell thinks all parties should be taco parties. Sprinkle some cilantro and onions on npowell@santamariasun.com.*

### Powell's Picks

• Get a little loose sipping suds while you loosen up stretching those muscles at **Naughty Oak's Beer Yoga** in Orcutt on Sunday, July 21, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Class size is limited, so reserve a spot as soon as possible. Tickets cost \$22 at [my805tix.com](http://my805tix.com) and include an hour of fun, kind of silly yoga instruction for all abilities and your first pint of beer.

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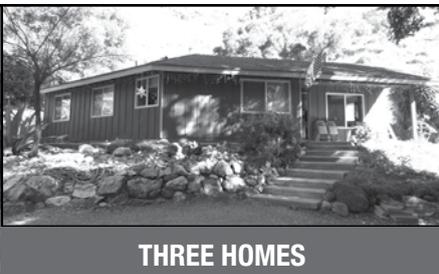
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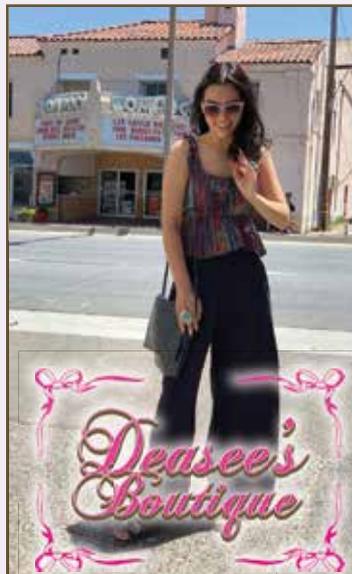
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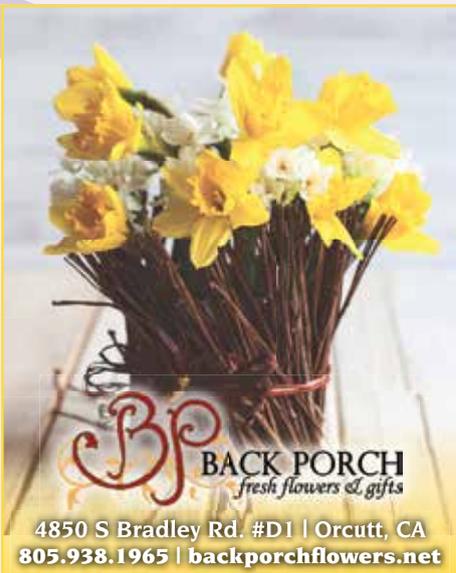
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