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**W**elcome to 2020! It's that time where the *Sun* shows its appreciation to the volunteers who will make the year better for those in need, to those who give their time to help others. In this year's Volunteers Issue, Staff Writer Zac Ezzone talks to the folks who are bringing classes to North County in order to aid those living with and caring for people with mental illness [8], Staff Writer William D'urso speaks with the local branch of the Salvation Army [10], and *New Times* Staff Writer Karen Garcia focuses on honoring veterans through Wreaths Across America [12].

Also this week, read about what else Lompoc wants to change at Surf Beach [5], post-holiday shopping for objects crafted in North County [26], what's cooking at Gallery Los Olivos [27], and the top food trends that buzzed through 2019 [31].

Camillia Lanham  
editor

**A LITTLE HELP:** Without volunteers giving their time to causes that they feel passionate about, a lot more people would fall through the cracks.

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## What's Your Take? We know you've got an opinion. Everybody's got one!

This week's online poll 1/9-1/16

**How do you feel about the changes Lompoc is pushing for at Surf Beach and Ocean Park?**

- Fishing at Surf Beach and kayaking at Ocean Park would draw a lot of tourists to the city.
- They're needed. I miss fishing at Surf Beach a decade ago.
- They're too much. We need to protect the plovers and other wildlife on the coast.
- It doesn't matter. Everybody goes to Pismo or South County for beach access.

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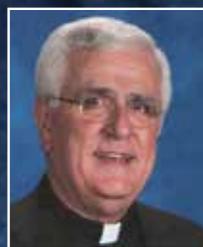
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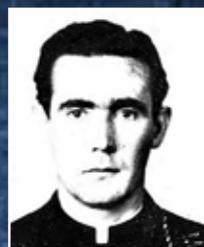
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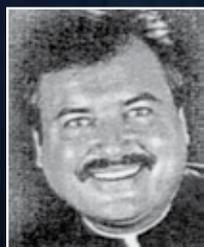
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## Political Watch

• **U.S. Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-Santa Barbara)** cautioned against war on Jan. 3 as the news of **President Donald Trump's** authorized assassination of a top Iranian general spread. Carbajal stopped short of decrying the choice to kill **Gen. Qassem Soleimani**, the commander of the Iran's Quds Force. "Tensions with Iran are already high," Carbajal said in a Facebook post. "We need a strategy to de-escalate and protect troops, diplomats, and civilians. Soleimani was a U.S. enemy. That doesn't mean we should act recklessly and enter into another conflict. Congress must be part of next steps; we do not want war." The U.S. later announced the deployment of 3,000 paratroopers to the Middle East.

• On Dec. 31, **Gov. Gavin Newsom** announced a new program to help mitigate forest fires. Called the "California Vegetation Treatment Program," it will streamline regulatory processes to boost the efficient removal of debris known to increase risk of wildfires. It's part of the state's goal to treat 500,000 acres of non-federal land each year. "I commend the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for working with the environmental community, state regulators, and public safety officials to develop a long-term solution to increase the pace and scale of critical vegetation treatment in a way that safely and responsibly protects our environment," Newsom said in a release. "The scale of the wildfire crisis in California is unprecedented, and we need a response to match the scale and severity of this challenge." **Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham (R-San Luis Obispo)** called the announcement good news in a Facebook post. "Onerous forestry regulations made it nearly impossible to take down dead trees and protect communities with severe fire risk. Easing the regulatory burden will make it easier to thin our forests and protect local communities," the post stated. **State Sen. Hannah Beth-Jackson (D-Santa Barbara)** also lauded Newsom in a Facebook post. "Thank you @GavinNewsom for your actions to speed up vegetation and forest management projects made possible as a result of my legislation, SB 1260, last year. In this era of catastrophic climate-change-driven wildfires, fuel breaks and prescribed burns are an important tool in our fire prevention toolbox."

• **Assemblymember Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara)** recently announced that she received a 100 percent pro-equality score from Equality California, an LGBTQ advocacy group.

• **California Attorney General Xavier Becerra** said in a Jan 3 announcement that more than 648,000 immigrants have renewed their legal status in the last two years. He was talking about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), also called Dreamers. They were protected by an injunction secured by California in January of 2018, according to a press release from Becerra's office. Since **President Donald Trump** took office, his administration has fostered a hard-line stance on immigration. DACA has survived the administration's attempts to rescind protections, Becerra's office said in the release. "DACA is an American success story; Dreamers are teachers, health care providers, neighbors, leaders, and so much more," Becerra said in the release. "Their heart and tenacity in the face of a concerted effort to rip them from the only home they know is an inspiration. But it will take all of us working together in our communities and our courts to win the day." ○



**PUSHING FOR ACCESS:** After securing a victory with the end of full closures at Surf Beach, Lompoc is seeking other public access improvements on the coast.

## Lompoc urges more public access at Surf Beach, Ocean Beach Park

A few months after the city of Lompoc announced that Vandenberg Air Force Base and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agreed to end a policy that often resulted in Surf Beach closing, the city is pushing for more changes at nearby beaches.

In one letter addressed to officials with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Gov. Gavin Newsom, the city is requesting that fishing be allowed to take place on a half-mile stretch of Surf Beach.

In a second letter addressed to Santa Barbara County officials, the city is requesting that the county fund and build a ramp at Ocean Beach Park that allows people to access the Santa Ynez River estuary with non-motorized boats, like kayaks and canoes. The county park is located about a mile north of Surf Beach.

Both of these changes would improve public access to the coast, which has been restricted for years, City Manager Jim Throop said.

"We have the need to have [coastal] access for our residents to get to the recreational opportunities that other residents have," Throop said.

Since 2000, Vandenberg officials have implemented policies that restrict public access at Surf Beach to protect the federally endangered Western snowy plover, which lives and breeds on the beach.

For decades, Vandenberg officials have blocked off sections of the beach and recorded violations every time a person enters these restricted areas. After recording 50 violations during the plover's breeding season—March through September—the beach would fully close for the remainder of the season.

In early 2019, city officials approached the California Coastal Commission to push back on this policy. In July, numerous local, state, and federal agencies met at Surf Beach to try and find solutions that balance the city's request for improved public

access while still protecting the plovers.

It was at this meeting that the idea of ending the violation policy was discussed. The California Coastal Commission officially approved this decision in December.

Following this July meeting, City Council requested that the city draft two letters seeking assistance from the county and the state for further public access improvements. The city reviewed the letters at the council's Jan. 7 meeting.

Throop said both letters request improvements that were in place previously.

Fishing was allowed at Surf Beach until the state created the Vandenberg State Marine Reserve in 2007. This is one of 48 such reserves throughout the state where the damage or removal of marine resources, such as fish, is prohibited. The city is asking for the state to make a minor change that allows fishing to take place on a half-mile stretch of the reserve, which is made up of roughly 33 square miles.

"However small, the modification would allow for families to once again fish for subsistence, and/or provide a low-cost/no-cost recreational alternative for the residents of Lompoc and the surrounding area," the city's letter states.

In its second letter—the one regarding Ocean Beach Park—the city states that previously there was a boat ramp leading to the estuary, although city staff have been unable to track down photos or files showing its location.

Throop said state officials have told the city that non-motorized boats are already allowed in the estuary; it's just a matter of reaching the water over the rocks and plants in the way. In its letter, the city asks the county to appropriate money in this budget cycle or the next to fund the construction of a small ramp that allows people to safely enter the estuary with their non-motorized boats.

Throop said the end of Vandenberg's violation policy as well as these two improvements would greatly benefit Lompoc

residents and tourists visiting the area.

"Having the beach open again was a huge accomplishment for the city. ... I hope everything else is successful," Throop said.

—Zac Ezzone

## Solvang wastewater treatment plan still waiting on Santa Ynez

The Solvang City Council is still shopping for ways to cut costs for management of its wastewater treatment plant as plans for a new facility inch along.

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## Weekend Weather

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**Thursday**



**COASTAL** > High 60 Low 43  
**INLAND** > High 59 Low 37

**Friday**



**COASTAL** > High 62 Low 40  
**INLAND** > High 63 Low 35

**Saturday**



**COASTAL** > High 62 Low 42  
**INLAND** > High 62 Low 37

**Sunday**



**COASTAL** > High 62 Low 42  
**INLAND** > High 62 Low 36

Shows Thursday should result in less than .25" for most, after that we look mostly clear with near average temps into the weekend.

NEWS from page 5

The city is looking to upgrade its wastewater system, but Solvang's 6,000 people would be on the hook for a \$16 million facility if it moves forward with building a new treatment plant. Looking for alternatives, Solvang sent a proposal to the Santa Ynez Community Services District in August 2019 that outlined what things might look like if the CSD took over management of the city's wastewater system instead. That proposal included managing Solvang's 400 connections, 169,000 linear feet of sewer line, and the various waste policies that Solvang wants observed.

"I think the council's direction was to see if there were cheaper ways to be more regional and combine the costs," said Xenia Bradford, Solvang's city manager.

The Santa Ynez CSD called a special session in August 2019 to figure out if it wanted any part of this plan. The CSD's board chose to continue evaluating the proposal and how it could affect future operations.

At the time, CSD General Manager Jeff Hodge said the more important thing was to open up dialogue with Solvang about the possibilities. If the CSD and Hodge took over the reins of Solvang's wastewater treatment, that would mean more than doubling the territory it now manages. The unincorporated area the CSD manages includes 800 connections, fewer than half of what Solvang has.

The CSD already has experience managing other wastewater treatment facilities, as it took stewardship of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians' plant when it was built 15 years ago.

Bradford said Solvang's proposal is still being clarified, and the needs and wishes of both parties are still coming into focus. Bradford said that she suspects that the proposal will include a consolidation of staff between the city's wastewater facility and the CSD, a first step in most cost-saving endeavors. But it's still unclear how a change in management could save Solvang money.

"That's the analytical piece we haven't gotten through yet because we haven't gotten a proposal from the district yet that shows the tangible financial side of it," Bradford said.

Solvang is also in the process of taking bids for an overhaul of its treatment facility. Bradford thinks the city could select a firm to draw up plans in a month with approval of the plan possibly coming by the end of the year.

—William D'Urso

## County meets state ozone standards for first time

Despite continuous population growth and an increasing number of cars on the road, Santa Barbara County met state ozone standards for the first time.

At its Dec. 12 meeting, the California Air

Resources Board designated the county as attaining state ozone standards. This designation is pending final approval from the state Office of Administrative Law.

"Looking toward the future, we are committed to preserving this new ozone attainment status," Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) Director Aeron Arlin Genet said in a news release. "We recognize that we also have significant work to do to reduce levels of particulate matter and greenhouse gas emissions countywide."

The state board created initial designations of ozone levels for each of California's air districts following the passage of the California Clean Air Act of 1988, Molly Pearson, the APCD's planning division manager, said at the district's Dec. 19 meeting.

According to the APCD, ozone forms when nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds released from cars, industrial facilities, and other sources react with heat or sunlight. Heavy ozone concentrations can harm a person's respiratory system in different ways, such as reducing lung function or worsening asthma symptoms.

Some of the district's efforts to reach this attainment status include local efforts to promote alternative transportation options, the evolution of cleaner vehicles on the road, and rules and regulations that require ozone contributors to control the amount of emissions they produce.

The county is only one of 14 throughout the state—and the only one south of Sonoma County—to reach this goal. Most of the other counties that have reached this goal, including Humboldt and Trinity, are in the northern part of the state with a smaller population and less industrial emissions sources, Arlin Genet said at the Dec. 19 meeting.

"It's just pretty darn remarkable what we've been able to do with the amount of individuals who are living in our area, the amount of sources of emissions that we have, that we've been able to accomplish this milestone," Arlin Genet said.



DOUGHNUT TIME: As a recently opened national doughnut shop in Santa Maria seizes doughnut business, loyal customers rally around Golden Donut in Orcutt.

With this designation, the only federal or state air quality standard the county doesn't meet is one that measures particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter. This includes matter such as wind-blown dust and smoke, according to the district.

—Zac Ezzone

## Orcutt doughnut shop feels the Krispy Kreme effect

In the meandering hours of the late afternoon, Houth Hak served doughnuts with metal tongs and chatted with her Golden Donut regulars.

The quiet followed the usual morning bustle and the recent crush of longtimers and newcomers—a show of support for the Orcutt staple in response to a plea of sorts from Hak's daughter, Nicky, via a Twitter post on Dec. 29, 2019. Nicky had posted an image of her mom, saying Krispy Kreme, which opened a Santa Maria shop on Dec. 10, had taken the air out of her mom and dad's business.

"I don't know what Facebook means, I don't know what Twitter means," Hak says with a smile. "I don't even know how to turn on a computer."

Her welcoming demeanor is a hint at what turns Golden Donut's customers into regulars and what makes Hak's shop different from the doughnut giant. She admits that her business has

slowed recently but won't name the competitor. But a string of news reports and her clientele are doing that for her.

In the quieter hours of her day, Hak preps as her loyal customers still there, drinking fully caffeinated coffee in one of the shop's many mismatched mugs. Bob Piers, a customer for some 30 years, is making his second visit of the day for a caffeine refill.

"It's like *Cheers*," he said. "The hometown atmosphere. You got to have the hometown atmosphere."

The 73-year-old was here on Friday, Jan. 3, when the shop ran out of doughnuts and had to resupply.

Piers talks of the common struggle between mom-and-pop stores and global corporations. This area has several such chains with more on its way. But the patrons here are determined that Golden Donut, their store, will be different, Piers says.

The chatter between customers and Hak is quick, with staccato-like exchanges—one speaking as soon as the other finishes.

"Guess where I went," one patron says as he stops in—pausing for effect. "Krispy Kreme." "No!" Hak replies.

"They were the worst damn doughnuts I've ever had," the patron responds.

Piers pipes up: "I had a Krispy Kreme doughnut once. It was nothing but air." O

—William D'Urso

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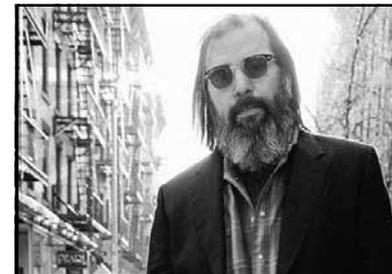
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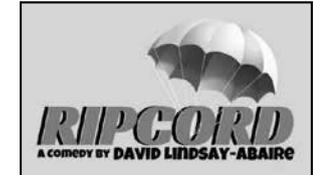
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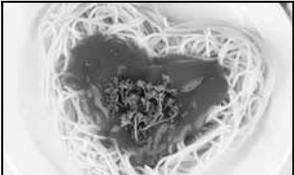
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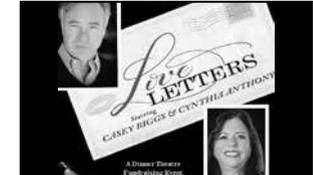
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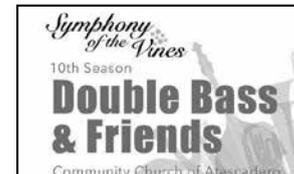
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# Filling a void

National volunteer-based nonprofit is bringing mental health services to Santa Maria



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BY ZAC EZZONE

After their son was diagnosed with schizophrenia 25 years ago, George Kaufmann and his wife didn't know where to turn for answers on how to help their son with his recovery or how to cope with the diagnosis themselves.

"Our family knew nothing about mental illness," Kaufmann said. "We didn't realize he was dealing with this issue for a year or more."

Living in Michigan at the time, they eventually found a support group through their local National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) chapter and slowly became more involved and began volunteering. When they later moved to Santa Barbara, they again tracked down the local affiliate.

NAMI is a national volunteer-based nonprofit with chapters throughout the country. These groups advocate for additional mental health resources, while also running support groups and free classes that help families and individuals living with mental illnesses.

Northern Santa Barbara County has been without a NAMI affiliate since the previous chapter ceased operating about six or seven years ago. Families and individuals seeking the group's services had to travel to NAMI San Luis Obispo County or NAMI Southern Santa Barbara County, which Kaufmann has served as the president of for the last six years.

"We've gotten calls from folks begging us to come

into Santa Maria, and we wanted to do it, but there's a financial issue; it costs money," Kaufmann said.

But this has changed over the last two years. NAMI received some sizable donations that put the local chapter in the position of being able to expand its services into North County, Kaufmann said.

Its new local presence will kick off with NAMI's family-to-family class on Feb. 12. Kaufmann said this is recognized as NAMI's most well-known service throughout the country. During this 12-week course, a volunteer teaches caregivers how mental illnesses affect individuals and their families.

"There's not a cure, but there are ways that we can support the recovery of our relative, take care of ourselves, and help the family, and that's what the family-to-family class is designed to do," Kaufmann said.

NAMI volunteer Tom Franklin will be leading the course in Santa Maria. He's volunteered with the organization since his son was diagnosed with a mental health disorder about 10 years ago.

All volunteers who teach courses through NAMI must have the firsthand experience of caring for a loved one living with a mental illness, Franklin said. Prior to teaching the course, the volunteer must undergo training and receive certification from NAMI California, the statewide affiliate.

The personal experience of caring for a loved one living with a mental illness allows the volunteer to bring perspective to the course that somebody would otherwise not be able to offer.

"What that implies is that nobody gets it like somebody who has lived through it," Kaufmann said.

Each course during the 12-week program covers a different topic, such as how to communicate with somebody with a mental illness, the types of medication available, and self-care help, Franklin said. But crucially, the class also provides people with a built-in support group of individuals going through similar experiences.

"The first night you can just tell these people have been through hell," Franklin said. "By the end, the load is a lot lighter."

Not having NAMI services in North County created a void in an area already lacking mental health services, Kaufmann said.



**FIRSTHAND EDUCATION:** President of the local National Alliance on Mental Illness chapter George Kaufmann (left) and volunteers who teach courses for NAMI, such as Tom Franklin (center) and Marian McKenzie (right), all share the personal experience of caring for a loved one with a mental illness.

For example, all of the county's 16 in-patient psychiatric beds are in South County.

To bring its services to Santa Maria, NAMI is partnering with Marian Regional Medical Center, which has offered the nonprofit a space to teach its courses. NAMI is also partnering with Transitions-Mental Health Association, a nonprofit that offers mental health services in North County and San Luis Obispo County.

With this expansion in services, NAMI is in the process of changing its name—from NAMI Southern Santa Barbara County to NAMI Santa Barbara County—to reflect its service of the whole county rather than just the southern portion.

Kaufmann said that while NAMI is beginning small with the one course in North County, he hopes to offer what's called a peer-to-peer course in the summer. Somebody living with a mental illness leads this class and helps other people living with their own mental illnesses. Following this peer-to-peer course in the summer, NAMI plans to run another family-to-family course at Marian Regional Medical Center in the fall.

Being an organization entirely run by volunteers, the teachers and other people involved with the work dedicate a lot of their time while also caring for their own loved ones. But Franklin views the experience as helpful rather than a burden.

Likewise, Kaufmann said volunteering is part of his own recovery process.

Through NAMI, Kaufmann said his family has learned that they didn't cause his son's mental illness and they can't cure it. All they can do is

cope. But even now, decades after their son was first diagnosed, this is difficult to accept.

"Intellectually, it's easier to understand, but emotionally it's really hard," Kaufmann said.

This is why Kaufmann said he believes what NAMI does is so valuable, especially with its emphasis on self-care.

"To me that's the thing that makes what we do so special with these classes and support groups," Kaufmann said. "It's knowing what's helpful and what isn't." ○

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**PARTNERSHIP:** Marian Regional Medical Center has provided the local National Alliance on Mental Illness chapter with a space to teach the classes it's now offering in Santa Maria.

## Get involved

For more information about the Santa Barbara County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), visit [namisantabarbara.org](http://namisantabarbara.org), or contact Family Advocate Ramona Winner at (805) 884-8440, Ext. 3206; [rwinner@mentalwellnesscenter.org](mailto:rwinner@mentalwellnesscenter.org).

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# Services rendered

*The Salvation Army seeks to keep up its services even while its funding model deteriorates*



**SPACE FOR COMFORT:** The Salvation Army in Santa Maria provides a plethora of resources—not just to the homeless or the out of work, but to families looking for some breathing room.

BY WILLIAM D'URSO

The line outside the Salvation Army in Santa Maria slowly grows in the early morning hours; as the sun rises, shadows appear, and traffic on Cook Street thrums.

In a scatter of tongues—sometimes English, sometimes Spanish, and occasionally a mixture of both—families with strollers, single adults, and parents shepherding children await the food pantry's opening. They could also be stopping by the office to pick up a hygiene kit or waiting for that day's hot lunch service.

At 200 W. Cook St., people are sometimes turned away, and Patricia Torres occasionally worries that she'll have to turn away even more.

As captain of the local branch of the Salvation Army, she has a slew of potential barriers to overcome.

Sometimes homeless or needy people don't want a handout, or they don't know what kinds of services the Salvation Army provides. Sometimes, people confuse the organization for something else entirely.

"They have this misconception that we're associated with the U.S. military," Torres said. "Sometimes they don't come back."

That's one small confusion, but Torres said more barriers have arisen lately. The organization has seen huge drops in its national Red Kettle fundraiser, which raises 70 percent of the organization's funding. A slump in retail traffic is the suspected culprit. Torres is still counting up this year's haul, but she has already cut back on staff in a response to previous years' shortfalls.

"This year we're cutting it close," she said.

As donations have faltered, political tensions have ratcheted up around immigration. Torres and other advocates of poor and low-income people worry that a sort of chilling effect has

blanketed the region. With Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids made more frequent and more public, Torres said she worries fewer people are seeking out the services they need.

"There's a lot of fear," Torres said. "Especially among illegal residents."

But the local Salvation

Army branch has tried to increase its services as money has gotten tighter. When Torres and her husband, Juan, became branch captains, they put in a clothing closet. It provides clothing to the homeless, who sometimes simply throw away items of clothing after a big rainstorm hits because they have nowhere to dry them.

But Torres said she noticed that homeless people weren't the only ones coming in to get clothes. People who might be working but also might not have the money for a clean pair of shoes or a fresh shirt for work also stopped in.

The branch even signed up 400 families for its annual toy program to offer children some sense of a holiday tradition not everyone can afford. For many recipients, the relationship doesn't end

there.

"They don't just want to come and ask for help," Torres said. "They want to give back."

Parents come back and serve hot lunches, donated by places like Dominos, or help organize the food pantry or clothing closet. Some operate the front desk where they accept applications for help on rent checks and dispense hygiene kits. Sometimes, teens come to offer their help having seen firsthand the relief the Salvation Army can offer.

"That's what mom and dad have instilled in them," Torres said.

What worries Torres now is a lack of destinations for people who call park benches and alleys home. She said Santa Maria has cracked down on homeless people sleeping out on the sidewalk, confronting her own organization for people loitering outside.

"There used to be 25 or so people waiting out there," she said. "Now they have nowhere to go. That's why they're all at the riverbed."

For the future, they're hoping to build more space to fill a need for the after-dark hours. In a patch of green across the parking lot from the church, Torres hopes to one day have another space where the homeless can come warm up. But even that wouldn't have the capacity to house people overnight. For now, the church keeps its dining room available for the needy, but only if there's a 50 percent chance of rain, or the forecast suggests a particularly cold night.

Outside the building, as the sun gained height, the line grew. Many were there to pick up canned foods from the pantry or some produce from the daily delivery the branch receives from its partners. Behind them, two columns of Santa Maria Police Department motorcycle officers sat idling at the stoplight. Many heads in the line turned, surveying the vehicles gleaming in the morning light.

The light changed, the police thundered on, and the wait for groceries continued. ○

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## Hours of operation

The Salvation Army in Santa Maria, located at 200 W. Cook St., is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon.

The local organization's current biggest need is for donations of nonperishable food items. To learn more about the Salvation Army, to volunteer, or to donate, visit [santamariasun.com](http://santamariasun.com).



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# Remembering veterans

During the holiday season, a local Air Force-focused nonprofit pays respect to veterans laid to rest

BY KAREN GARCIA

On Dec. 14, 25 volunteers gathered at the entrance of the Paso Robles District Cemetery in the Veterans Memorial area. The gathering was in recognition of National Wreaths Across America Day, where volunteers place wreaths on the headstones of veterans who have been laid to rest.

Coni Wells' 13-year-old son participated in the ceremony by going to each headstone and paying his respects.

It's the first time Wells and her son have attended the ceremony, and she describes the event as incredibly moving.

"It was definitely hard for me to stop the tears. Even just walking around and especially watching my son salute each of the headstones and say out loud to each one, 'Thank you for your service,' ... even now it's making me tear up," she told the Sun.

Wells' son Colton is a member of the Paso Robles Civil Air Patrol Squadron 446, a local chapter of the Civil Air Patrol nonprofit—which also has chapters in San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, and Santa Barbara—and part of the official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. The nonprofit is made up of adult volunteers and members from 12 to 18 years old, and the organization works to instill the core values of volunteer service, respect, and integrity.

Michael Huff, location coordinator for the Paso Robles district cemetery and the captain of Squadron 446, said this is the fourth year that the squadron has participated in the nationally celebrated day.

Wreaths Across America is a nationwide organization that coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 2,100 locations across the United States in December. The mission of the organization is to "remember, honor, and teach" the community about the men and women who have sacrificed their time and safety for the country.

Cemeteries in Guadalupe, Arroyo Grande, Paso Robles, Los Osos, and Cambria participate each year, attempting to get sponsorships for wreaths to place on the graves of more than 6,645 veterans. While the Civil Air Patrol works on sponsoring wreaths for the cemetery district in Paso, Guadalupe American Legion Post

371 takes on the role for the Guadalupe Cemetery District's 40 veteran graves. Three groups sponsor wreaths for the Arroyo Grande Cemetery District's 2,030 veteran graves—Boy Scouts Troop 450, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 982, and Airmen

Against Drunk Driving.

For the ceremony, Huff said he gathers active duty men and women of each branch of the armed forces to volunteer and place the wreaths on each headstone.

According to the Wreaths Across America website, the balsam fir wreaths hold a special significance. The evergreens signify longevity and endurance; the red bow means great sacrifice; the forest scent is purity and simplicity; the circular shape demonstrates eternity. A wire frame holds the wreath together with 10 spaces for the greenery to go in. The

spaces are meant to signify the 10 qualities that veterans embody: faith, love, strength, honesty, humility, ambition, optimism, concern, pride, and hopes and dreams.

In order to ensure that each grave has a wreath, school, scout, civic, and/or religious groups such as Paso Robles Civil Air Patrol Squadron 446 fundraise for wreath sponsorships. Through the partnership, the squadron receives some funds to assist in furthering their other activities and projects.

During the ceremony, Huff read aloud each of the volunteer placing the wreath. It's a time for those in attendance to reflect, he said, and learn about the veterans and give thanks for their service.

Often, Huff said, if there is a veteran with a known history, he tells his squadron members to do an internet search and learn about that person and their service.

In December 2019, Squadron 466 was able to get 443 wreaths sponsored, covering about a third of the veterans in the cemetery. In 2020, Huff said the squadron is working with Wreaths Across America to get enough sponsorships to cover all of the graves in the district cemetery.

In order to assist in meeting that goal, Wreaths Across America will match any funds raised by Squadron 446 on or before Jan. 15. Beyond the Jan. 15 deadline, the local group will be taking sponsorships throughout the year and looking for more volunteers to participate in the ceremony, which is slated for Dec. 19.

Wells not only advocates for people to sponsor a wreath with the veteran in mind but to also support the local squadron, which she said is an asset to the community.

Squadron 446 is a small platoon of about eight young members, not including the adult volunteers. The group's mission is to support the community with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power.

Wells said her son Colton looks forward to the weekly meetings that the group has. The meetings



APPRECIATION: Coni Wells said she watched her 13-year-old son Colton place wreaths and salute veterans that were laid to rest during the Dec. 14 ceremony.

## Get involved

To learn more about how to sponsor a wreath, visit wreathscrossamerica.org and look for a cemetery near you under locations. There, you can also find the local organization helping spearhead the sponsorships.

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focus on a certain topic, such as physical training, safety and character development, leadership, and aerospace.

"These components of the [Civil Air Patrol] program give Colton more confidence and pride in himself, keeping him physically fit, and advance him toward his goal of becoming a commercial pilot," she said.

Her son is also on a water polo team, but she said it's through the program that he feels a greater sense of belonging. Wells said at the Wreaths Across America ceremony, she saw veterans show his appreciation for not only veterans, but for their act of service, something he wouldn't have learned had he not joined the local squadron.

"Colton has become more aware of the world outside himself," Wells said. ○

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# Refusing to be silenced

*Second annual women's march in Santa Maria wants to ensure everybody's voices are heard*

BY ZAC EZZONE

Audy Macdonald doesn't want people to get caught up in the idea that the upcoming second annual Women's March Santa Maria Valley is strictly for women.

Yes, the committee organizing the event has invited some organizations that primarily serve women, like Planned Parenthood, but the committee has also invited groups involved in a variety of issues, such as Los Padres ForestWatch, Central Coast Labor Coalition, and the local NAACP chapter.

"While it is for women, it's also for everybody because women are involved in everything," Macdonald said.

The event takes place at Minami Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 18. At 11 a.m., attendees will leave the park and march east on Enos Drive until Broadway. From there, marchers will move north on Broadway, then west on Stowell Road, and then south on Depot Street until arriving back at the park. Most of the marching will take place on sidewalks, except for the section on Depot Street, which police officers will shut down for the march, Macdonald said.

After arriving back at the park, there will be a resource fair where local nonprofits and other organizations will set up information booths for attendees to peruse. Additionally,

invited guest speakers will talk about local and national issues affecting the community. Speakers include U.S. Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-Santa Barbara), Santa Barbara County 3rd District Supervisor Joan Hartmann, Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino, and Santa Maria City Councilmember Gloria Soto.

Soto said she plans to focus her speech on critical local and national issues and the need to fight for solutions, especially during a consequential election year.

"We are living in some of the toughest times in history, I feel," Soto said. "When you're talking about family separation, when you're talking about the crisis at the border, the wildfires in Australia from climate change."

The march is taking place on the same day as thousands of similar events throughout the country, each with a unique theme. In Santa Maria, the theme this year is "Because we refuse to be silenced." Macdonald said the march is all about raising the voices of people who are often marginalized.

"We want to stand up and be a voice for women's rights, reproductive rights, farmworker rights, immigrant rights, LGBTQ-plus rights," Macdonald said.

Last year, about 300 to 500 people attended the first Women's March Santa Maria Valley. Macdonald said that this year the organizers

behind the march have focused on using social media and press releases to try to spread word about the event and increase turnout.

Macdonald said it was the march committee's intention to make this an annual event. Macdonald, Juliana Neel, Pam Gates, and Kathy Sharum make up the executive committee. But other people have also attended weekly meetings over the past two months and have committed a lot of time and energy into making the march a reality.

Macdonald hopes that this event serves as a way for people with different perspectives to meet and talk—and to show there are human faces behind much of the rhetoric over immigration and other issues.

"I think that's how change happens," Macdonald said. "It's a one-on-one conversation or just seeing that people are normal, they're humans."

## Highlights

- The Santa Barbara County Trails Council is holding a public workshop to solicit input on its Santa Barbara County Interim California Coastal Trail Study on Jan. 15 in Buellton.



**MARCHING AGAIN:** The second annual Women's March Santa Maria Valley takes place on Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. starting in Minami Park.

The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments contracted with the trails council to conduct this study, and a rough draft will be released following the meeting. Visit sbtrails.org for more information.

- On Jan. 6, the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center in Santa Maria was inducted into the National Safe Places Network. The city's "safe place" initiative is part of a national network of programs where organizations display "safe place" signs, identifying them as locations available to help youth in need. The center is located at 600 S. McClelland St. ○

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# Have a Happy 2020

*Here's to your health, happiness, and education in the new year*

BY SUSAN SALCIDO

For as long as I can remember—from growing up in Santa Maria to leaving home to attend UC Santa Barbara to the present—there has been one particular holiday that my family has held close: New Year's Day.

As a child, we celebrated birthdays, holidays, and other special events together, but now, as the family has grown up and we adults have our own families, getting us together often shifts around schedules and availability. New Year's Day, however, is the one day we are committed to being together.

And although we have changed the time from early morning gatherings to afternoon ones to accommodate those of us traveling from out of town, the day itself can't be missed. Wherever we celebrate New Year's Eve, we always make sure to gather at our parents' house for New Year's Day—it's that important.

As I reflect on the past year and the one that is now here, there is one part of this tradition that is surfacing for me in a significant way. It's the time on New Year's Day when my father imparts insights,

reflections, and wishes for the upcoming year to the rest of the family. He speaks in Korean, the language he prefers to use when he wants to convey precise words and phrases to express his thoughts.

What he says at the start has changed over the years, sometimes sharing past traditions, family history, challenges, and successes. For the benefit of our family members who need translation into English, he summarizes it into the most essential part—his three wishes for our family: health, happiness, and education. No matter what the circumstances or challenges of the previous or coming years, we can count on these words from my dad.

For all the years I've celebrated New Year's Day with my parents, the wishes have remained consistent, while the stories surrounding them have varied. As I think about my parents, who are, as we all are, growing older, I linger a bit longer on my father's words. The three short words are tightly packed with meaning, as he shares what he values, what he wants for us, and what he believes is the key to living a meaningful life. I

**... health, happiness, and education. No matter what the circumstances or challenges of the previous or coming years, we can count on these words from my dad.**

deeply appreciate his heartfelt, straightforward message, and find it both insightful and comforting.

Each of us has our own traditions, whether they center on special holidays, family gatherings, or moments with friends. As we enter into the new year, may you and those

you love experience moments that are uplifting, comforting, and enduring, bringing peace and joy to you throughout the year. From our family to yours, we wish you health, happiness, and education. Happy new year! ○

*Susan Salcido is the Santa Barbara County superintendent of schools. Send your thoughts, comments, and opinionated letters to [letters@santamariasun.com](mailto:letters@santamariasun.com).*

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## The public can be engaged

Ron Fink's lament about a disinterested public ("Time for an overhaul," Jan. 2) isn't so much about civic disinterest as it is about the changing methods of attracting attention. Most of it has evolved to the # awareness, but even that has morphed to, "OK I passed on a #, so I'm good, did my part, and now I can get back to my all-absorbing social life on the phone."

However, a demonstration still has the attraction of a social event. First, you have to find the issue that affects the most people, and then, as has been previously demonstrated, organize a "flash mob."

Recently, Vandenberg Village became concerned about a methadone clinic moving into the community. It started with yard signs. There apparently was no news coverage from radio or TV. I found a small story posted on an online news organization and a notice about a community meeting. Eventually, the *Sun* featured a story about the plan. Finally, a county commissioner reached out with an email. An impressive gathering of concerned citizens at the announced meeting made it clear that the project was not welcome. It didn't take long for the clinic applicant to abandon the project.

People are concerned and can be motivated. A free press still can be part of that awareness. You just need to find the new connection.

Jan Lipski  
Vandenberg Village

## Dear Salud Carbajal

I was very sorry to read you voted for impeachment, but not surprised. You have handed the Republicans a major victory in November 2020.

The president is not going to be removed from office via impeachment. The Senate will *never* vote to impeach him. In 11 months, the American voters will decide Donald Trump's fate, and my take is that he will be re-elected very handily.

Democrats from swing districts may well lose their seats over this vote. But committee assignments, staff assignments, even office space mean more than doing the right thing, so it's worth the gamble.

This is a terrible precedent, and I don't doubt that whatever party controls Congress, if the president is of the other party, impeachment will become the weapon of choice to disrupt and ultimately destroy the presidency and this country.

There are so many things that need to be done. Prison reform, a better trade deal with Canada and Mexico, family leave for federal workers, record employment especially among minorities—these have been accomplished despite this media circus that you have now so proudly joined hook, line, and sinker.

When Hunter Biden is confronted in court by his Arkansas girlfriend seeking child support, a good deal of the real story behind the Ukrainian controversy is going to come to light. It is sad that you have jumped into this on the wrong side in a misguided show of solidarity with the party that is going to lose big time in November as a result.

Leslie Halls  
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## We want more!

Give someone an inch and they'll take four more inches. Or in the case of **Lompoc**: Give a city the beach access they want and they'll take a few more little things.

OK. Maybe it's not the perfect metaphor, but I can't be on my tippy talons every week. I might be slightly hungover from my New Year's party with the **bald eagles**. They were flying high—a little too high if you ask me—off their remarkable recovery from needing protection under the **Endangered Species Act!** Yes, they've been celebrating every year since 2007. And yes, it is absolutely getting old, but they throw one hell of a party, so sue me.

Anyway, **snowy plovers** haven't quite recovered in the same way as the bald eagle. I think maybe the eagle's status as a national symbol of the **United States** might have given them a wing up. But also, plovers screw up public beach access. WTF plovers?

Lompoc area beachcombers have been stifled by the plovers perilous plight because they apparently don't know how to follow the rules of breeding season. It's just *too hard for some people*, so **Vandenberg Air Force Base** has shut down beach access over the last several summers due to derelict day-walkers who can't seem to keep their feet on the right kind of sand—the kind without the potential for being precious plover habitat. They ruined it for everyone else!

When those peeping little plovers came up against the **California Coastal Commission's** responsibility to maintain public access to the

coast—thanks to a strongly worded letter from the city of Lompoc and outcry from the city's top elected official (**Mayor Jenelle Osborne**) during a public hearing—plovers came out on the losing end.

Public access for the win! City, one. Plovers, none.

And now, the city wants more access. The power of the ask has gone to its head. This is madness, I tell you. Absolute madness.

Lompoc now wants people to be allowed to go fishing from the beach! You know what stopped that? Establishing the **Vandenberg State Marine Reserve** in 2007. Damn environmentalists. They ruin everything!

Well, I'm sure the reserve mostly targeted commercial fishing, because humans have a tendency to use and abuse until the resource is pretty much gone.

The city is asking the **California Department of Fish and Wildlife** to allow fishing on a half-mile of the protected coastline as a low-cost/no-cost recreational alternative (and also for some people who would need the protein as a low-cost/no-cost way of sustaining themselves). Oh my heavens. What will they think of next?

Well, I'll tell you. The city also would like people to be able to safely put their non-motorized water craft in the **Santa Ynez River estuary**. Geez, people. How dare you? Another low-cost/no-cost recreational opportunity?

One thing's for sure, the city of Lompoc is finally coming together. It can't get its ducks in a row on the budget, but when it comes to getting **Big Government** off the backs of the little people, they've certainly got it figured out. ○

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*Santa Maria's second annual Women's March starts at the Minami Community Center on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 10 a.m. This event takes place in coordination with sister marches in cities and communities around the world. The march is expected to end at approximately 2 p.m. The center is located at 600 W. Enos Drive, Santa Maria. Call (805) 268-4400 or visit [womensmarchsmv.com](http://womensmarchsmv.com) to find out more.*

—Caleb Wiseblood

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

**CLOSING WEEKEND: CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL LANDS OF CALIFORNIA** Join the Wildling for the closing weekend of Celebrating the National Lands of California as we sit down with featured exhibition artists Patricia Hedrick, James Hodgson, Alan Sonneman (First Place), and Nancy Yaki (Third Place) for a fascinating panel discussion. **Jan. 19**, 3-4:30 p.m. \$5 members; \$10 non-members. 805-688-1082. [wildlingmuseum.org](http://wildlingmuseum.org). Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN'S MARCH SANTA MARIA** In coordination with sister marches in cities and communities around the globe. Why march? Because being silent is not an option, especially during an election year. **Jan. 18**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 805-268-4400. [womensmarchsmv.com](http://womensmarchsmv.com). Minami Community Center, 600 W. Enos Drive, Santa Maria.

**WINTER MAKERSPACE** It's time to create, build, explore, and use your imagination at the Library Maker Events. **Jan. 11**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

### SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**CAMPFIRE CANDY SALE** Features the camp's famous Mints or P-Nuttles (and more), which make a great holiday gifts for teachers, neighbors, friends, and others. Through Jan. 31, noon \$5. 805-773-5126. [campfirecentralcoast.org](http://campfirecentralcoast.org). City of Grover Beach, 154 S 8th St., Grover Beach.

**FIVE CITIES REPAIR CAFÉ** Bring your broken items to Grover Beach Community Center. An all-volunteer team of 'Fixers' will diagnose and repair bikes, small appliances, toys, jewelry, computers, printers, and clothing. Guests can also bring tools and knives in for sharpening. **Jan. 12**, 1-5 p.m. Free. [repaircafe-groverbeach-5cities.org](http://repaircafe-groverbeach-5cities.org). Grover Beach Community Center, 1230 Trouville Ave., Grover Beach, 805-773-4832.

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**SLO COUNTY GOVERNMENT 3RD AND 5TH DISTRICT CANDIDATE LIVE FORUMS** 3rd District SLO County Supervisor Candidates Adam Hill and Stacy Korsgaden square off, as will 5th District SLO County Supervisor Candidates Debbie Arnold and Ellen Beraud. **Jan. 15**, 6-8 p.m. Free. [my805tix.com](http://my805tix.com). SLO County Government Center, 1055 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, 805-544-6654.

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**FREE SALSA CLASSES** No partner or experience required. Tuesdays, 6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Free. 805-937-1574. Cubanissimo Cuban Coffee House, 4869 S. Bradley Rd., Orcutt.

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**PHOTOGRAPHY HIKE** Enjoy a beautiful afternoon with dunes photographer, Chuck Jennings, as he shares tips and tricks to dunes photography. Bring a jacket, water, and your camera as we explore the open dunes of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Complex. Jan. 11, 2:30-4 p.m. \$5. 805-343-2455. dunescenter.org/event/photography-hike-2/. Pacific Dunes Ranch, 1205 Silver Spur Pl., Oceano.

**SLO NIGHTWRITERS MONTHLY MEETING: PUBLIC WELCOME** The organization's goal is to provide a venue for SLO County writers to connect. Features a variety of guest speakers. Second Tuesday of every month, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$5 for guests; free with membership. slonightwriters.org. United Church of Christ (Congregational) of San Luis Obispo, 11245 Los Osos Valley Rd., San Luis Obispo, 805-544-1373.

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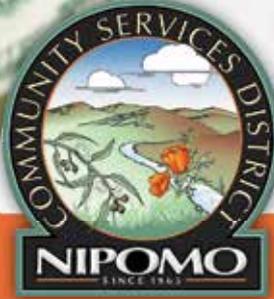
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## SPECIAL ART EVENTS

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**AUTHOR TALK AND BOOK SIGNING: WENDELIN VAN DRAANEN** Author Wendelin Van Draanen talks about her new book, *Hope in the Mail*. **Jan. 18**, 1-2 p.m. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**GUADALUPE NATIVE GARDEN DAY** Join volunteer, Judith Evans, who will be at Guadalupe Native Garden on the third Saturday of each month for this event. Third Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon through Dec. 19 Free. 805-343-2455. dunescenter.org/event/guadalupe-native-garden-beautification-days/. Guadalupe Native Garden, Corner of Campondonico and 7th Ave., Guadalupe.

**MOVIE MATINEE: THE BIG SICK** Popcorn and snacks are allowed during the movies. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult to attend films at the library. **Jan. 13**, 3-5 p.m. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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## THE WAIT IS OVER

*The Book Loft* hosts a book signing with Heather Tucker, author of *Damn You, Weight Loss Plateaus!*, on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission to the signing is free, and copies of the book will be available for purchase. The store is located at 1680 Mission Drive, Solvang. Call (805) 688-6010 or visit [bookloftsolvang.com](http://bookloftsolvang.com) for more info.

—C.W.

## EXHIBITS

### SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

**CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL LANDS OF CALIFORNIA** A showcase of fine art inspired by national parks, monuments, preserves, and recreation 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.

**COMMUNITY DAY AT THE WILDLING** Wildling offers free admission during Community Day. Enjoy drop-in art activities, current exhibits, and more. Third Wednesday of every month Free. 805-688-1082. wildlingmuseum.org. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

**GLO ARTIST SHOW** The gallery's featured show for the month of January. Through Feb. 1 Free admission. gallerylosolivos.com. Gallery Los Olivos, 2920 Grand Ave., Los Olivos, 805-688-7517.

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

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AND BEYOND: RECENT PHOTOGRAPHIC LANDSCAPES BY GEORGE ROSE** Located in the Wildling Museum's Valley Oak Gallery. Mondays, Wednesdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through March 16 \$5. 805-688-1082. wildlingmuseum.org. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

**THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION:**

Second Saturday of every month, 12-5 p.m. Free. 805-688-7338. santaynezvalleyarts.org. Santa Ynez Valley Grange Hall, 2374 Alamo Pintado, Los Olivos.

**THE SPIRIT OF SOLVANG: FROM DANISH ROOTS TO CALIFORNIA COLONY** This exhibit tells the story of Solvang from its founding as a Danish American colony through its transformation to a tourist destination. The history of Danish immigration to America is detailed with displays that originated at the National Museum of Immigration in Ellis Island, NY. Wednesdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. through Feb. 16 805-686-1211. elverhoj.org. Elverhoj Museum of History and Art, 1624 Elverhoj Way, Solvang.

**WINTER SALON** Gallery Los Olivos will exhibit more than 50 gallery artists' fine art hung salon style. The town of Los Olivos will be hosting its annual "Olde Fashioned Christmas" the same day. Through Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. 805-688-7517. Gallery Los Olivos, 2920 Grand Ave., Los Olivos, gallerylosolivos.com.

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**ART EXHIBIT: MARGIE BOWKER** A display of painting and art tiles. ongoing Santa Maria Country Club, 505 W. Waller Lane, Santa Maria.

**FEATURED ARTIST: PATRICIA LIPSCOMB** The Santa Maria Public Library will be exhibiting the art of Central Coast artist, Patricia Lipscomb. Patrons and art enthusiasts alike are encouraged to stop by the library's Shepard Hall Gallery, view the art, and learn more about the artist. Through Jan. 30 Free. 805-925-0994. cityofsantamaria.org. Shepard Hall Art Gallery - Santa Maria Public Library, 421 South McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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

**SANTA BARBARA PRINTMAKERS JURIED EXHIBITION** ongoing smartscouncil.org. Betteravia Gallery, 511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria.

## STAGE

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**RIPCORD** Presented by SMCT. **Jan. 17-Feb. 1** Santa Maria Civic Theatre, 1660 N. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

### SAN LUIS OBISPO

**MACBETH** SLO REP's Academy of Creative Theatre presents a young performers' adaptation of Shakespeare's timeless tragedy. Fridays, 7-8:30 p.m., Saturdays, 2-3:30 & 7-8:30 p.m., Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., **Jan. 15**, 7-8:30 p.m. and **Jan. 16**, 7-8:30 p.m. through Jan. 19 \$17-\$25. 805-786-2440. slorep.org/shows/macbeth/. San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, 888 Morro St., San Luis Obispo.

**COMEDY NIGHT AT 7 SISTERS** Enjoy live stand-up comedy from local and touring comics with locally brewed beverages. Second Saturday of every month, 7-9 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. 805-868-7133. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd., suite 110, San Luis Obispo, 7SistersBrewing.com.

**INTRO TO IMPROV COMEDY CLASSES** All intro courses taught by CCCT owner, Sabrina Pratt. Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. \$225 for all 6 weeks. 805-242-3109. centralcoastcomedytheater.com. Tigerlily Salon Studio, 659 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo.

**SLO COMEDY** Features new performers every month. Food and drinks available. Arrive early to ensure a good seat. Second Saturday of every month, 7-9 p.m. Suggested donation \$5. 805-768-7133. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd., suite 110, San Luis Obispo, 7SistersBrewing.com.

# CULTURE & LIFESTYLE

## LECTURES & LEARNING

### SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

**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

skills. Second Thursday of every month, 6-7 p.m. Free. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, 805-925-0994.

**HEART OF THE VALLEY: LOCAL HISTORY** Are you a local history enthusiast? Do you enjoy learning about the past? Please join the library every third Saturday of the month for this speaker series. **Jan. 18**, 10:15-11:15 a.m. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**SIMPLE SPANISH** Instructor based Spanish class for beginners. Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. 805-937-9750. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

**STEM CELL AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE CLASS** Join us to learn about stem cell allograft services as an option for knee, hip and shoulder pain. Every other Thursday, 5:30-6:45 p.m. Free. 805-614-7820. RestorativeSpineandJoint.com. Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria.

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## PICS OR IT DIDN'T HAPPEN

*The Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center* hosts a photography hike, led by professional dunes photographer Chuck Jennings, on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Guests are asked to bring their own cameras and water and to dress for cold weather. A donation of \$5 is suggested. Call (805) 343-2455 or visit [dunescenter.org](http://dunescenter.org) to find out more.

—C.W.

## CLUBS & MEETINGS

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**ANIME CLUB FOR TEENS** For teens interested in anime or manga. Hang out with other fans, eat Japanese snacks, and do fun activities. New members are always welcome. **Jan. 10**, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**CAMERA CLUB** Learn how the camera works. Share experiences and make new friends. Second Tuesday of every month, 1-3:30 p.m. Free. 805-937-9750. oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

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

**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.

**HAM RADIO** HAM Radio operators can show guests how to build their own radio and share information about operating them. Mondays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Free. 805-937-9750. oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

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

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

**SANTA MARIA TOASTMASTERS WEEKLY MEETING** Toastmasters International is a worldwide nonprofit educational organization that empowers

individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. 805-264-6722. santamaria.toastmastersclubs.org/. Toyota of Santa Maria, 700 E Beteravia Rd., Santa Maria.

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

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

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

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**HELP4HD SUPPORT GROUPS** Help4HD Support Groups is the Help 4 Huntington's disease support group. Second Monday of every month, 12-1:30 p.m. Free. 805-354-0708. help4hd-international.org. Bethel Lutheran Church, 624 E. Camino Colegio, Santa Maria.

**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.

### SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**HOW TO GET YOUR LOVED ONE SOBER** A family-friendly seminar presented by The Haven's clinical staff. Open to the public. Tuesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. thehaven.com. The Haven Facilities, 391 Front St., Grover Beach, NA.

**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.

## CREATE & LEARN

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**AFTERNOON ART TIME: JANUARY** Kids aged 6 to 12 will learn basic principles of art while completing a project. Caregivers are welcome to assist with their child's art project. **Jan. 15**, 4-5 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

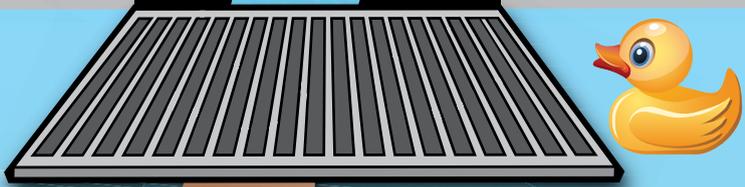
**CARD MAKING** Tuesdays, 9 a.m. oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

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### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**ADULT COLORING PROGRAM** Come and enjoy this new trend in adult creativity and relaxation at the Santa Maria Public Library. The program is free, and all materials will be provided. Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. 805-925-0994-8562. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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

**FIT CLUB** A club to energize both body and soul. Pre and post workout drinks will be available. Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m. Balance Nutrition, 1975 S. Broadway, suite E, Santa Maria.

**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, unitiesantamaria.net/

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

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**WISDOM READINGS** AnnKathleen is available every day by appointment for Wisdom Readings with Tarot and Oracle cards. Gift certificates available. ongoing \$95-\$160. 805-598-1509. divining.weebly.com. Divine Inspiration, 947 E Orange St., Santa Maria.

### SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**MINDFUL MOVEMENT AND MEDITATION** A practice of breath and body awareness as you move through areas of tension, increase range of motion and strengthen our relationship with the present moment. Saturdays, 9-10:15 a.m. \$10 suggested donation. whiteheronsangha.org. White Heron Sangha Meditation Center, 6615 Bay Laurel Place, Avila Beach.

## KIDS & FAMILY

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**RIPCORD**  
A comedy by DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE

### SLAPSTICK MAYHEM

The Santa Maria Civic Theatre opens its production of David Lindsay-Abaire's Ripcord on Friday, Jan. 17, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. This slapstick comedy follows a pair of roommates as they grow from enemies into friends. Performances will be held through Sunday, Feb. 2. General admission is \$15 and tickets are available in advance at my805tix.com. The theater is located at 1660 N. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

—C.W.



## BETWEEN THE LINES

The Friends of the Oceano Library holds a library membership meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 5 to 6 p.m. Guests can come to learn about becoming a board member or volunteer at the Oceano Library. Admission is free. The library is located at 1551 17th St., Oceano. Call (805) 474-7478 to find out more.

—C.W.

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**BILINGUAL STORY TIME/HORA DE CUENTOS** Features exciting stories, songs, and rhymes in both Spanish and English. Wednesdays, 5:30-6 p.m. through Feb. 19 Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**BOUNCING BABY STORY TIME** Explore pre-literacy skills through music, movement, and visual stimulation and promote a healthy bond between baby and caregiver. For babies up to 12 months. Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-noon through Feb. 21 Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**CELEBRATE WINNIE THE POOH DAY WITH RIGHETTI ASTRA** Celebrate Winnie the Pooh Day with story time and crafts. **Jan. 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Free. 805-925-0994. Orcutt Library, 175 S. Broadway, Orcutt.

**FAMILY AFTERNOON STORY TIME** Story time for the whole family that features stories, movies, and a craft. Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m. through Feb. 18 Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**HOMEWORK HELP** Free after school homework help for grades K-6. No sign-ups required; first come, first served. Mondays-Thursday, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**HOPEFUL HEARTS STORY TIME** Features storytelling in a variety of formats, songs, and finger plays. Open to preschoolers aged 3 to 5 and their families. Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m. through Feb. 19 Free. 805-925-0994. 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.

**MOMMY AND ME CLASSES** Brief gymnastics classes for ages 1 to 3 (as soon as they can start walking on their own). Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:30-10 & 10:15-10:45 a.m. \$35-\$55. KT's All Star Gymnastics, 237 Town Center East, Santa Maria, 805-349-7575.

**NEON NIGHTS AT ROCKIN' JUMP** Fridays, Saturdays, 8-10 p.m. 805-266-7080. Santa Maria Town Center, 142 Town Center East, Santa Maria.

**PAWS TO READ** Kids aged 6 and up can read to book-loving dogs from Love on a Leash. **Jan. 13, 3:30-5 p.m.** Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S.

McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**PRESCHOOL CRAFT TIME EXPRESS** All aboard the Preschool Craft Time Express. Come to the library for a craft time designed for preschoolers aged 3 to 5. **Jan. 9, 4-5 p.m.** Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**READALOUD** The Buellton Library presents ReadAloud, a play-reading group for adults, teens and children 9 and up. Fridays, 4-5 p.m. Free. 805-688-3115. Buellton Library, 140 W. Highway 246, Buellton.

**READING IS SWEET: WINTER READING PROGRAM** Visit Youth Services to get a reading tracker. Receive a small prize after reading or listening to five books. Through Jan. 17 Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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

### SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**OCEANO DUNES VISITOR CENTER** Enjoy exhibits of dune and lagoon plant and animal species. End your visit with a stroll behind the center to the fresh-water lagoon. ongoing, 12-4 p.m. Free. 805-474-2667. Oceano Dunes Visitor Center, 555 Pier Ave., Oceano.

## SPIRITUAL

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**FREE WOMEN'S EXERCISE CLASS** Open to all women regardless of denomination. Class includes stretching, aerobics, and floor exercises while listening to uplifting, spiritual music. Free childcare offered on site. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9-10 a.m. Free. 805-922-1919. cornerstonesm.org. Cornerstone Church, 1026 E Sierra Madre Ave., Santa Maria.

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

**INTUITIVE GUIDANCE SESSIONS** Certified Intuitive and Evidential, Spiritual Medium, Julie Renee Medley offers 1/2 private readings. Please call to set an appointment or for consultation. ongoing \$60 per 1/2 hour or sliding fee can be utilized. 937-271-5646. CovenTree: Books and Gifts, 722 E Main St., Santa Maria.

## VOLUNTEERS

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**MEALS ON WHEELS: VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED** Santa Maria Valley is in need of volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels. Volunteers can help deliver every other week and deliveries take two hours. Call or visit site to join. ongoing 805-938-1200. mealsonwheelsmv.org. Santa Maria, Citywide, Santa Maria.

**UCCE MASTER FOOD PRESERVERS OF SLO AND SB COUNTIES OPEN HOUSE** If you are passionate about local produce, preserving foods, educating others, and meeting your neighbors, come to our open house and learn how you can become a certified UCCE Master Food Preserver. **Jan. 16, 3-6 p.m.** Free. 805-781-1429. UCCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo.

## FOOD & DRINK

### FARMERS MARKETS

#### LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

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

#### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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

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

#### SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

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

#### SAN LUIS OBISPO

**FARMERS MARKET** Farmers Market in SLO is the largest Farmers Market in California. Thursdays, 6:10-9 p.m. Downtown SLO, Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo.

**SLO FARMERS MARKET** Hosts over 60 vendors. Saturdays, 8-10:45 a.m. World Market Parking Lot, 325 Madonna Rd., San Luis Obispo.

**SLO TUESDAY FARMERS' MARKET** Tuesdays, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Free. Farm Supply, 224 Tank Farm Rd., San Luis Obispo.

## EVENTS

#### SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

**ROBLAR WINE TASTINGS** Potting Shed and Barrel Room available to members. ongoing, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 805-686-2603. roblarwinery.com. Roblar Winery, 3010 Roblar Ave., Santa Ynez.

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

**WINE TASTING AT KALYRA** Offering varietals from all over the world. Mondays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 805-693-8864. kalyrawinery.com. Kalyra Winery, 343 N. Refugio Rd., Santa Ynez.

#### 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. lompcowinefactory.com. Lompoc Wine Factory, 321 N. D St., Lompoc.

**TASTING AT MONTEMAR WINES** Offering handcrafted wines, charcuterie, and cheeses. Fridays-Sundays, 12-5 p.m. 805-735-5000. facebook.com/montemarwines. Montemar Wines, 1501 E. Chestnut Ave., Lompoc.

**WINE TASTING AT FLYING GOAT CELLARS** This winery specializes in Pinot Noir and sparkling wine. Mondays, Thursdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 805-736-9032. flyinggoatcellars.com. Flying Goat Cellars, 1520 Chestnut Court, Lompoc.

#### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** Features a food truck every Friday. Fridays, 5 p.m. Wine Stone Inn, 255 W. Clark Ave, Orcutt, 805-332-3532.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and juice while you meet new and old friends. Proceeds support OASIS Community Center. Second Saturday of every month, 7:45-9:45 a.m. \$5. 805-937-9750. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

#### SAN LUIS OBISPO

**TASTE OF SLO: WALKING FOOD TOUR** Visit five different destinations in downtown SLO per tour. All food and drinks are included. Mondays, Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. through Sept. 5 \$85. 320-420-9853. tasteofslowalkingfoodtour.com. Downtown SLO, Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo. ☪

## Live Music

### SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

**ARE WE NOT HORSES LIVE** Jan. 19, 12-4 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

**DOCTOR WU LIVE** A Steely Dan tribute. Jan. 11 Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

**FLANNEL 101 LIVE** Jan. 18, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

**JOHN LYLE LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. Jan. 18, 1-4 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**LIVE MUSIC ON THE PATIO** Local acts perform every Saturday. Saturdays, 5-8 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

**LOW DOWN DUDES LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. Jan. 19, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**THE MOLLY RINGWALD PROJECT LIVE** Jan. 17, 9 p.m.-midnight Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

**THE REGULARS LIVE** Jan. 12, 12-4 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

**SALT MARTIANS LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. Jan. 12, 1:15 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**SAME MOTHER, SAME FATHER LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. Jan. 11, 5-8 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**STILLWATER SOUND LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. Jan. 11, 1-4 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**STRAY HERD LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. Jan. 17, 6-9 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**STUDIO C LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. Jan. 10, 6-9 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**SUNDAY ROUND-UP** Enjoy live music on the patio and special menu offerings every Sunday morning. Sundays, 11 a.m. Free. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

**TERESA RUSSELL AND COCIBILLI LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. Jan. 12, 4:30 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**TEX PISTOLS LIVE** Jan. 10, 8-11 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

**TOM BALL AND KENNY SULTAN LIVE** Enjoy a blend of guitar and harmonica blues, and rags, and good time music. Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. Sundays, 1:15-4 p.m. Free. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**THE YOUNGSTERS LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. Jan. 18, 5-8 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

### LOMPOC/VANDEMBERG

**SIP MUSIC CLUB** Pairing music and local wine with 4 seasonal releases each calendar year. Price includes 3 VIP access tickets to each SipMusic event, and 1 album and 1 bottle of premium

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**BEST IN SHOW TUNES:** Local performer Diane Borad-Mirken (pictured) is teaming up with Broadway veteran Michael Cone for a benefit concert at Temple Beth El on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 3 p.m.

## Dynamic duet

*Michael Cone and Diane Borad-Mirken team up for Broadway-themed benefit concert at Temple Beth El*

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

Santa Maria resident and retired Broadway veteran Michael Cone is joining local entertainer Diane Borad-Mirken for a special concert fundraiser to benefit Temple

Beth El on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 3 p.m. The duo will collectively perform both duets and solos, covering a variety of Broadway standards and other show tunes.

The program will also include a talk from Cone, who will discuss his career of more than 30 years performing on Broadway in New York City and with other national touring companies. Borad-Mirken is no stranger to the Central Coast music scene, serving as a choir director and music instructor locally for several years.

Tickets to the concert are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door, and proceeds will go to support the temple, which is located at 1501 E. Alvin St., Santa Maria. Presale admission includes complimentary desserts during intermission. Call (805) 478-1463 to reserve your seats or for more details about the concert. For more info on Temple Beth El, visit tbesantamaria.com.

## Mars attacks!

Don't worry, they come in peace. And to

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**MY FAVORITE MARTIANS:** Santa Barbara-based bluegrass band Salt Martians takes the Cold Spring Tavern's stage on Sunday, Jan. 12, from 1:15 to 4 p.m.

show their appreciation for Earthling culture, this group of Martian visitors decided to nickname themselves **Salt Martians**, as a reference to the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve, not too far from their new home base in Santa Barbara. And to show their affinity further, the green not-so-meanies took up an interest in music and established their own acoustic bluegrass and rockabilly band in 2005, influenced by Bill Monroe, The Byrds, and other acts.

If you happen to see a shooting star over the Cold Spring Tavern on Sunday, Jan. 12, it's probably a UFO, as the band is set to perform at the venue from 1:15 to 4 p.m. The group consists of Ken Gaston (lead vocals and guitar), Tim Mullins (harmony vocals, banjo, and dobro), Aaron Douglass (harmony vocals and string bass), and Doug Toews (lead and harmony vocals and mandolin).

But the tavern's weekend lineup begins with local ensemble **Studio C**, who take the stage on Friday, Jan. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. Eclectic rock band **Stillwater Sound** performs the following afternoon, Saturday, Jan. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. Based in Carpinteria, this acoustic trio features Luke Jurrow, Riley Owens, and Dominic Piccinini, who strive to create mystical soundscapes that envelope their listeners.

The tavern also hosts **Same Mother, Same Father** on Sunday, Jan. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. and **Teresa Russell and Cocobilli** on Sunday, Jan. 12, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Admission to every show at the venue is complimentary. Call (805) 967-0066 or visit coldspringtavern.com for more details. The tavern is located at 5995 Stagecoach Road, Santa Barbara.

## More music

Weapons are usually strictly prohibited at the Maverick Saloon, but the Santa Ynez venue is making an exception in the case of **The Tex Pistols**. The country-rock outfit is set to perform at the saloon on Friday, Jan. 10, from 8 to 11 p.m. **Doctor Wu**, a Steely Dan tribute, takes the stage the following evening, Saturday, Jan. 11, followed by **The Regulars Duo**, who perform on Sunday, Jan. 12, from noon to 4 p.m. Entry to all three concerts is free. Call (805) 686-4785 or visit themavsaloon.com to find out more. The saloon is located at 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez.

Speaking of duos, Naughty Oak Brewing Company in Orcutt presents Central Coast-based rockers **Bender and Jack** on Friday, Jan. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. Guests of this acoustic rock performance can also look forward to catering from Barbecue in the Stix, who will start dishing out grub for purchase at 5:30 p.m.

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**WHO'LL STOP THE RAIN?** Carpinteria-based rock band Stillwater Sound performs at the Cold Spring Tavern on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m.

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There is no cover charge to attend the show. Call (805) 314-2368 or visit [naughtyoak.com](http://naughtyoak.com) for more info. The brewery is located at 165 S. Broadway St., suite 102, Orcutt.

Also in Orcutt, singer-songwriter and NBC's *The Voice* alumnus **Will Breman** continues his recent spree of Central Coast concerts with an intimate performance at the Vino et Amicis Wine Bar on **Friday, Jan. 10**, from 7 to 10 p.m. Even before competing on *The Voice*, Breman was already widely known for his soulful voice and live looping techniques. Entry to the concert is complimentary. To find out more, call (805) 631-0496 or visit [vinoetamicis.com](http://vinoetamicis.com). The bar is located at 165 S. Broadway St., suite 101, Orcutt. ☺

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**BREW CREW:** Local acoustic rock duo Bender and Jack will perform at Naughty Oak Brewing Company on **Friday, Jan. 10**, from 6 to 9 p.m.

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wine every 3 months. ongoing \$40. Lompoc Wine Factory, 321 N. D St., Lompoc, 805-243-8398, [lompocwinefactory.com](http://lompocwinefactory.com).

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**ANGEL ELIAS LIVE Jan. 17**, 7-9 p.m. Vino et Amicis, 156 S. Broadway, Orcutt, 805-631-0496, [vinoetamicis.com](http://vinoetamicis.com).

**BENDER AND JACK LIVE Jan. 10**, 6-9 p.m. Naughty Oak Brewing Co., 165 S. Broadway St. suite 102, Orcutt, 805-287-9663, [naughtyoak.com](http://naughtyoak.com).

**FOXEN SECOND SUNDAYS: LIVE MUSIC AND FOOD TRUCK** Every second Sunday of every month, Foxen will have live music and a food truck on property. Second Sunday of every month, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Free admission. 805-937-4251. [foxenvineyard.com](http://foxenvineyard.com). Foxen Winery & Vineyard, 7600 Foxen Canyon Rd., Santa Maria.

**FROM BROADWAY TO BROADWAY: BENEFIT CONCERT FOR TEMPLE BETH EL** Diane Borad-Mirken and Michael Cone present duets and solo covers of Broadway standards and other showtunes. Proceeds will support Temple Beth El. **Jan. 12**, 3 p.m. \$15 in advance; \$18 at the door. 805-478-1463. [thesantamaria.com](http://thesantamaria.com). Temple Beth El, 1501 E. Alvin Ave., Santa Maria.

**GLORIA MANTOOTH AND SOUL FYAH** Second Saturday of every month, 6-8 p.m. Anthony's, 859 Guadalupe St., Guadalupe, 805-219-0977.

**HAVANA NIGHTS** Enjoy live music acts, including Victor Valencia and others. Fridays, 7-9 p.m. Cubanissimo Cuban Coffee House, 4869 S. Bradley Rd., Orcutt.

**LIVE MUSIC AT COSTA DE ORO** Enjoy live music and complimentary appetizers every week. Thursdays, Fridays, 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays, 3-5 p.m. Free. Costa De Oro Winery, 1331 S. Nicholson Ave., Santa Maria, 805-922-1468, [cdowinery.com](http://cdowinery.com).

**LIVE MUSIC AT MOXIE CAFE** Enjoy live music from local artists, food, and drinks. Thursdays-Saturdays, 5-8 p.m. Free admission. [moxiecafe.com/music/](http://moxiecafe.com/music/). Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria, 805-361-2900.

**LIVE MUSIC AT NAUGHTY OAK** Enjoy a different musical act and food vendor every Friday evening.

Fridays, 5:30 p.m. Free admission. Naughty Oak Brewing Co., 165 S. Broadway St. suite 102, Orcutt, 805-287-9663, [naughtyoak.com](http://naughtyoak.com).

**LIVE MUSIC AT O'SULLIVAN'S** Featuring live entertainment from local and touring alternative, indie, rock, punk, reggae, ska, alt-country, and other left-of-center musicians several times throughout each month. ongoing Free. O'Sullivan's Pub, 633 E. Main St., Santa Maria, 805-925-0658, [osullivanspub.net](http://osullivanspub.net).

**LIVE MUSIC AT PRESQU'ILE** Different acts every third Friday evening. Third Friday of every month, 4-6 p.m. Free. Presqu'ile Winery, 5391 Presqu'ile Dr., Santa Maria, 805-937-8110, [presquilewine.com](http://presquilewine.com).

**TOM MUTCHLER LIVE Jan. 18**, 7-9 p.m. Vino et Amicis, 156 S. Broadway, Orcutt, 805-631-0496, [vinoetamicis.com](http://vinoetamicis.com).

**WILL BREMAN LIVE Jan. 10**, 7-10 p.m. Vino et Amicis, 156 S. Broadway, Orcutt, 805-631-0496, [vinoetamicis.com](http://vinoetamicis.com).

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**ACOUSTIC SUNDAYS** Sundays, 3-6 p.m. Seaventure Restaurant, 100 Oceanview Ave., Pismo Beach, 805-779-1779, [seaventure.com](http://seaventure.com).

**BLUES MASTERS JAM** Wednesdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Figueroa Mountain Brewing Co, AG, 1462 E. Grand Ave., Arroyo Grande, 805-474-8525, [figmtnbrew.com/](http://figmtnbrew.com/).

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC** Enjoy live music and food on the patio. Fridays, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. 805-489-9099. [branchstreetdeli.com](http://branchstreetdeli.com). Branch Street Deli, 203 E. Branch St., Arroyo Grande.

**LIDO LIVE** Live music at Lido at Dolphin Bay. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 5-8 p.m. Free. 805-773-8900. [thedolphinbay.com/lido](http://thedolphinbay.com/lido). Lido Restaurant at Dolphin Bay, 2727 Shell Beach Rd., Pismo Beach.

**LIVE MUSIC AT PUFFERS** Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. 805-773-6563. [puffersofpismo.com](http://puffersofpismo.com). Puffers of Pismo, 781 Price St., Pismo Beach.

**LIVE MUSIC AT SCOTTY'S** Enjoy live music from local artists, cocktails, and food. Fridays, 6-9 p.m. Scotty's Bar and Grill, 750 Price St., Pismo Beach, 805-



MOLLY HOLIDAY

The Molly Ringwald Project performs at the Maverick Saloon in Santa Ynez on Friday, Jan. 17, from 9 p.m. to midnight. 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 [themausaloon.com](http://themausaloon.com) to find out more.

—Caleb Wisblood

773-1922, [scottysbarpismo.com](http://scottysbarpismo.com).

**THE WAVEBREAKERS BAND: LIVE AT BRANCH STREET DELI** Enjoy covers of the best pop hits of the 1950s to the '80s. **Jan. 17**, 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Free; food for purchase. 805-489-9099. [branchstreetdeli.com/](http://branchstreetdeli.com/). Branch Street Deli, 203 E. Branch St., Arroyo Grande.

**WEDNESDAYS: LIVE MUSIC** Enjoy live music in the fireplace room. Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Seaventure Restaurant, 100 Oceanview Ave., Pismo Beach, 805-779-1779, [seaventure.com](http://seaventure.com).

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**BLUE OYSTER CULT** The legendary classic rock band is coming to the Fremont in Downtown SLO. **Jan. 15**, 8 p.m. \$37-\$66.50. 805-546-8600. [fremontslo.com](http://fremontslo.com). The Fremont Theater, 1035 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

**CABARET SINGING AND PERFORMANCE CLASS** Come improve your vocal skills so that you have more fun singing cabaret, Broadway, and karaoke. Wednesdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$145 for 8 weeks; \$20 to drop-in. 805-400-5335. [Cabaret805.com](http://Cabaret805.com). Cuesta College, Highway 1, San Luis Obispo.

**THE ERNIE WATTS QUARTET LIVE** Presented by the SLO County Jazz Federation. **Jan. 18**, 7:30-10 p.m. \$10-\$30. [my805tix.com](http://my805tix.com). Unity Concert Hall, 1130 Orcutt Road, San Luis Obispo.

**THE GREEN LIVE** California Roots Presents The Green. All ages are welcome. **Jan. 17**, 8-11:55 p.m. \$24. [fremontslo.com](http://fremontslo.com). The Fremont Theater, 1035 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, 805-546-8600.

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

**INDICA ROOTS LIVE** Come check out Indica Roots at Frog and Peach Pub in Downtown SLO. **Jan. 17**, 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Free. Frog and Peach Pub, 728 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, 805-595-4764, [frogandpeachpub.com](http://frogandpeachpub.com).

**KEN HUSTAD BASS RECITAL** Cal Poly music faculty

member Ken Hustad will perform music of Giovanni Bottesini including the Double Bass Concerto No.1 in F-sharp Minor and other selections. **Jan. 17**, 7:30 p.m. \$5 at the door. 805-756-2406. [music.calpoly.edu/calendar/](http://music.calpoly.edu/calendar/). Cal Poly Davidson Music Center, Room 218, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

**LIVE MUSIC AND FROG AND PEACH** Enjoy live music and craft beer seven nights a week. ongoing Complimentary admission. Frog and Peach Pub, 728 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, 805-595-4764, [frogandpeachpub.com](http://frogandpeachpub.com).

**LIVE MUSIC AT MOTHER'S TAVERN** Fridays, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Free. 805-541-8733. [motherstavern.com](http://motherstavern.com). Mother's Tavern, 725 Higuera St, San Luis Obispo.

**NOCHE CALIENTE** Fridays, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. 805-541-096. [slograd.com](http://slograd.com). The Graduate, 990 Industrial Way, San Luis Obispo.

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## Arts Briefs

### Local author Wendelin Van Draanen discusses new memoir

Central Coast local and best-selling author Wendelin Van Draanen, creator of the Sammy Keyes series, will discuss her new book, *Hope in the Mail*, during two upcoming book signings: Saturday, Jan. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Santa Maria Public Library; and Sunday, Jan. 26, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Book Loft in Solvang.

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*Hope in the Mail* is Van Draanen's first nonfiction book, which she described as "part memoir, part craft guide, and part publishing insight" in a press release. The book explores the various roadblocks the author endured while trying to become a published author, persistently submitting her writing to New York publishers and agents over a 10-year period.

"The purpose of *Hope in the Mail* is to help people find ways to pursue the things that really matter to them," Van Draanen said in the release. "Life and adult responsibilities tend to shove our creative pursuits to the back of the line. They don't belong there."

Van Draanen's career launched with her first Sammy Keyes novel, which evolved into an award-winning 18-book series. She's also the author behind *Flipped* and *Shredderman Rules*, which were both adapted into feature films.

*Hope in the Mail: Reflections on Writing and Life* is suitable for teen and adult audiences alike. To find out more about the book, visit [wendelinvand.com](http://wendelinvand.com).

### Wildling Museum hosts artist panel

As part of the closing weekend of its Celebrating the National Lands of California exhibition, the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature is hosting a special artist panel discussion on Sunday, Jan. 19, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The panel will include four of the juried exhibition's featured artists: Patricia Hedrick, James Hodgson, Alan Sonneman, and Nancy Yaki. Admission to attend the panel is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for nonmembers. The museum is located at 1511 Mission Drive, unit B, Solvang. Visit [wildlingmuseum.org](http://wildlingmuseum.org) for more info.

### Santa Maria Library screens *The Big Sick*

The Santa Maria Public Library hosts a special screening of *The Big Sick* on Monday, Jan. 13, from 3 to 5 p.m. This 2017 romantic comedy-drama follows Kumail, a Pakistani comedian who meets Emily, an American grad student, during one of his stand-up shows. A relationship begins to blossom, but Kumail worries what his traditional Muslim family will think of his new girlfriend. But when Emily suddenly comes down with an illness that leaves her in a coma, Kumail finds himself developing an unexpected bond with her deeply concerned parents.

Admission to this special matinee showing is free. Popcorn and other snacks are allowed during the film. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Call the Santa Maria Public Library at (805) 925-0994 for more info. The library is located at 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria. ○

Arts Briefs is compiled by Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood. Send information to [cwiseblood@santamariasun.com](mailto:cwiseblood@santamariasun.com).



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**SHAKE IT UP:** Salt and pepper shakers from Santa Maria-based artisan Christopher Bojorquez, owner of Glass Act, are on display and available for purchase at A Crimson Holiday.

## A crimson carol

Santa Barbara pop-up gallery showcases handmade home accessories from North County artisans

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

Works from more than 40 artisans are on display and available for purchase at the 13th annual A Crimson Holiday, a special pop-up studio that returns to Santa Barbara's La Cumbre Plaza every holiday season.

If you weren't able to check out the gallery in time for Christmas gift giving, there's still one week left to get a head start on next year, as the pop-up will remain open through mid January. The showcase features a variety of wearable art, including jewelry, designer scarves, and shawls, as well as home accessories—from blankets and pillows to cutting boards and glassware.

Lompoc resident and fabric artist Diane Reese first discovered the annual pop-up in late 2018 while Christmas shopping in Santa Barbara. Impressed by the studio's flair, Reese was eager to submit her sewn home accessories to be showcased the following year.

"My mother taught me how to sew around age 8," Reese told the *Sun*.

The aspiring artisan grew up on the East Coast and continued to sew all throughout high school.

"I always loved fabric—combining interesting colors and patterns,"

she said. "My first job was at a large fabric store in Massachusetts when I was 15."

As an adult, Reese became even more interested in fine fabrics, especially for home accessories. She began sewing her own place mats, table runners, pillow cases, and other fabric items.

In 2002, Reese relocated to Lompoc to be closer to family residing in Santa Ynez. Coming from snowy New England at the time, Reese immediately appreciated the area's warm, coastal weather.

"But most of all, it's the friendliness of the people," Reese said, describing why she's called the Central Coast her home ever since.

Aside from A Crimson Holiday, Reese's fabric items are available year-round at the Garden Shoppe in Lompoc.

Other fabric artisans featured in the Santa Barbara pop-up include sisters Barbara Burgos and Margaret George, who are showcasing a collection of their quilts, quilted handbags, pouches, and shopping bags. The duo

is based in Nipomo, and the two have been quilting together for almost two decades.

"Maggie (Margaret) became interested in

quilting in the early '90s and encouraged me to begin quilting in the early 2000s," Burgos told the *Sun*. "I attended a quilting retreat with her and was hooked."

Most of the fabric the sisters use to create their purses and tote bags is quilted on their personal longarm quilting machine, which they purchased in 2012.

The home accessories showcased at A Crimson Holiday are of the glass variety as well, in the form of several items from glass blower Christopher Bojorquez. The Santa Maria-based artisan first became interested in glass blowing after a next-door neighbor recommended it as a hobby.

"I let her know, 'I don't know if I'm going to like it, but I'll give it a shot,'" Bojorquez told the *Sun*. "I picked it up very quickly."

In 2008, the unexpected hobby of happenstance became a full-time career as the U.S. Army veteran embarked on a new business

venture—purchasing Glass Act, a wholesale glass product company based in Santa Maria. With "Art with a purpose" as its tagline, the company specializes in "functional art"—including various adornments to the dining table such as glass shakers and other decorative items.

Over the last decade since purchasing the business, Bojorquez has perfected his craft, finding a unique balance between old and new glass blowing techniques to create the company's products, he said.

"I utilize special antique techniques combined with modern technology and proprietary methods to create sought-after, elegant salt and pepper shakers, fine fragrance bottles, unique pendants, and striking ornaments," he said.

With the new year already in motion, it's a bit too late to get said Christmas ornaments on your tree. But as previously mentioned, it's never too early to start thinking about next year, and A Crimson Holiday runs through Jan. 15 for that exact purpose. ○

Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood is already counting down the days until next Christmas. Contact him at [cwiseblood@santamariasun.com](mailto:cwiseblood@santamariasun.com).

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**CAMP OUT:** Vintage campers is one of the many themes fabric artist Diane Reese uses to design her pillow cases, table cloths, and other items.

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**BAG TEAM:** Other artisans featured in A Crimson Holiday include sisters Barbara Burgos and Margaret George, who are showcasing a collection of their quilted handbags, pouches, and purses.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHELE KNECHT



**PETAL TO THE METAL:** The subjects found in stained glass and mosaic artist Michele Knecht's works are usually plants or animals. Knecht is one out of the 50 featured artists in Gallery Los Olivos' Winter Salon exhibition.

## Deck the walls

Winter Salon at Gallery Los Olivos showcases featured artists in salon-style exhibition

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

Even with two months of winter still ahead of us, things are heating up at Gallery Los Olivos—at least in a non-literal sense—according to local stained glass and mosaic artist Michele Knecht.

“The gallery is warm and welcoming, both for patrons and artists to connect with each other,” Knecht told the *Sun*, while discussing the venue's ongoing Winter Salon exhibition, which opened on Dec. 4.

Knecht joined Gallery Los Olivos two years

ago, at the suggestion of one of her peers who was already a longtime member. Her debut exhibition was *New Perspectives*, a group show that highlighted new gallery members, which was held last February.

Knecht's mosaic art is also featured in the gallery's current group show, which includes works from more than 50 different local artists. Winter Salon runs through Jan. 30 and is styled after traditional salon art shows, which originated in France during the 17th century and entails paintings being hung from floor to ceiling, filling as much wall space as possible.

“I love the style of hanging everyone's unrelated pieces in a way that they do actually relate to each other,” said Knecht, whose subjects are usually plants or animals.

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**GARGOYLES GALORE:** The majority of featured artist Paul Roark's photographic works are landscapes. Roark has been a member of Gallery Los Olivos since the early 2000s and currently serves as its co-manager.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHELE KNECHT



**MEOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL MOSAIC:** A pair of black cats is depicted in local artist Michele Knecht's piece, *Sisters*, which is currently on display at Gallery Los Olivos as part of Winter Salon.

One of her featured mosaics, titled *Sisters*, depicts two black cats snuggling with one another. Another piece, *Sunflowers*, is also a duo, but as expected it's a pair of the titular flowers.

“Sunflowers seem to make people feel happy,” Knecht said. “Guests can expect colorful mosaics inspired by nature—animals, plants, all the elements.”

At the other side of the spectrum (quite literally) is the black-and-white photography of Paul Roark, who is also a featured artist in Winter Salon.

“I've been involved with photography for most of my life. I grew up with a darkroom,” said Roark, who was surrounded by photographers and other artists growing up.

“Dad had a good friend who was a professional photographer, and my mother was an art major and painter,” Roark continued. “My uncle was very active in photography and painting also.”

Despite being engrossed in photography at an early age, Roark was cautious about making a career out of it as he entered adulthood.

“While I was always passionate about photography, I was also practical and realistic,” said Roark, who decided to pursue a career in public service law.

But that didn't stop him from taking photos, he explained. Roark is currently “mining” thousands of negatives he's taken throughout his life but never had printed.

The majority of Roark's photographic works are landscapes, many of which are featured in a permanent display at the gallery as well. Roark has been a member of the gallery since the early 2000s and currently serves as its co-manager.

“For good artists on the southern Central Coast, I think it's the best there is,” Roark said. “I'd encourage such artists to apply for jurying if they are interested.” ○

*Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood embraces the weatherless winter of the Central Coast. Snowball him at [cwiseblood@santamariasun.com](mailto:cwiseblood@santamariasun.com).*

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**SEE THE STARS:** Many of photographer Paul Roark's landscapes are also featured as part of a permanent display at Gallery Los Olivos.

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 Director Nicolas Pesce (*The Eyes of My Mother, Piercing*) attempts to put a fresh but still disgustingly rotten face on this J-horror classic about a curse that's not easy to shake. I was 9 years old when the first American version of *The Grudge* came out in 2004, and I still remember the terror I felt every time I walked past the DVD case at the movie rental store—that bulging black eyeball peeking out at me from behind stringy wet hair. My best friend at the time was a year older than me, much tougher, and for months after *The Grudge* was released on DVD, I was plagued by the thought that she'd force me to watch it with her. We'd secretly watched *The Ring* (2002) when it came out two years earlier, and I'd panicked every time the phone rang for God only knows how long after.

I don't even remember watching *The Grudge* now, but I do recall all the hype around it and other Japanese-inspired horror movies—that wave of flicks with undead, long-haired girls coming out of forests, bathtubs, wells, and TVs. They were the stimulus for many of the early 2000s horror movies I grew up fearing, the movies that helped shape my generation into the sadists we are today.

Director Pesce, being only 29, must have had a similar experience, because outside of sheer nostalgia, I can't think of a single good reason to resuscitate this story.

*The Grudge* was never good. It's just another haunted house story, except these unfortunate hauntings can't move away from the nightmare: a curse that's conjured whenever someone dies in a rage, hangs out where said angry person died, and then attaches itself to anyone who enters the place where the rage death occurred forever thereafter.

This most recent version of the film stays within those simple and frighteningly vague rules. All you have to do is step foot in a house where someone else died mad, and BOOM, you'll be stalked by bathtub-dwelling ghouls for the rest of your life? Surely this curse is killing people in epidemic proportions.

In the 2020 version, we're following Detective Muldoon (Andrea Riseborough), a recently widowed cop who's investigating a dead body she happened upon inside a house at 44 Rayburn Drive.

Muldoon finds that first on the death roster was Fiona (Tara Westwood), who picked up the curse while in Tokyo and then promptly killed her husband, daughter, and herself upon her return. Welcome home, mom! Then there's the real-estate agent couple tasked with selling the house, and since they had to go inside for work, I don't really think it's fair that they end up brutally murdered too. Do most employers give out workers' comp for possessions?

Then there's Muldoon herself, who, after launching her

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# #MeToo on screen

Jay Roach (*Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery, Meet the Parents*) directs semi-fictionalized drama based on the true story of several women—including Gretchen Carlson (Nicole Kidman) and Megyn Kelly (Charlize Theron)—at Fox News who set out to expose CEO Roger Ailes (John Lithgow) for sexual harassment. (108 min.)

**Glen:** File this film under the infuriating category. The sexual harassment and abuse of power that Roger Ailes (not to mention Bill O'Reilly) got away with for years at Fox News is horrible, and this dramatization of those events—with Margot Robbie playing fictionalized character Kayla Pospisil as a sort of stand-in for the various other unnamed women abused by Ailes—should raise your ire. I'm not a Fox News fan in the least, but no one deserves what happened to Carlson, Kelly, and Ailes' other victims. While Carlson and Kelly get their time on screen, this is Theron's movie. She's simply amazing as Megyn Kelly, and with a few subtle prostheses elements added around her eyes, she bears an uncanny resemblance to her character, made more uncanny by her adoption of Kelly's clipped speaking style. Theron truly disappears into the role. Lithgow is also amazing as super creep Ailes. Lithgow plays him like he's the victim of some conspiracy by a bunch of ungrateful women who only got their jobs because of him. A big part of the story is the fear the women have of crossing Ailes. They know he can break their careers. You'd think this would be a story of female solidarity as they join forces to stand against male dominance, but it's more about the fear and competition among these high-achieving TV personalities. Carlson shows the most bravery, but it doesn't come until after she's fired from Fox. Kelly slowly realizes—too slowly the story contends—that her failure to confront Ailes will mean more abused women. Pospisil's relationship with fictionalized Jess Carr (Kate McKinnon), a closeted gay and liberal Fox News employee, is where a lot of the story's complicated politics play out. It's a propulsive, entertaining film, and my only real criticism is it plays it too safe and lets Fox News and its misogynistic culture off the hook too easily. **Anna:** Theron is spot on in this role. She truly takes on Kelly's mannerisms, speech, and look down to every detail. Accused of being a feminist

by the higher ups at Fox, Kelly contends that she's "not a feminist" but is a lawyer and insists on truth and transparency. That gets put to the test when accusations against Ailes come out and Kelly is very reluctant to get involved. Even more envelope-pushing is Carlson, who's been punished for her strong will by being relegated to a midday air time and a far smaller audience. Ailes is a wholly unlikeable character, a disgusting and dirty man who uses his power for evil far more than good. He's the "second floor"—everything is decided by him and must be done to his liking. Women wear skirts, desks are clear so they can show off their legs, and loyalty to him is above all else. His private office is also his playground, making young, green female workers hike up their skirts and administer sexual favors in a desperate plea to keep their jobs or move up the chain. Infuriating is right. The fact that most of the women at Fox News were unwilling to believe or support Carlson when she sued Ailes is maddening. The conservative news giant's culture is icky at best, and pre-#MeToo movement it was downright gross. Eventually, though, Ailes' luck ran out and one accusation quickly snowballed into mounting evidence that even Rupert Murdoch (Malcolm McDowell) couldn't ignore. The cast did a fantastic job portraying this seedy story; Theron in particular is a shining, albeit frustrating, star. **Glen:** Even though she's the principal character in this film, Kelly doesn't come off as some kind of hero, mainly because she's not very sympathetic. In real life, Kelly has had a hard time continuing her once successful career. After Fox, she rode her notoriety onto her own show on MSNBC, but it was canceled. After MSNBC, she was dormant for about a year, but last I heard she's trying to use her Instagram platform as her own media outlet, recording interviews and posting them. I think it's fair to argue that her career has been badly damaged, which has continued her victimization—though you could also argue that she keeps damaging her own reputation

### BOMBSHELL

What's it rated? **R**  
 What's it worth, Anna? **Matinee**  
 What's it worth, Glen? **Full price**  
 Where's it showing? **Parks Plaza (ends today), Downtown Centre**



**START SPREADING THE NEWS:** Megyn Kelly (Charlize Theron) and her assistant, Lily (Liv Hewson), react to the revelation that Gretchen Carlson has accused Fox News CEO Roger Ailes of sexual harassment.

with comments about blackface and other racist statements. Is she a serious journalist? That's not really something this film explores. Carlson, on the other hand, is depicted as being a true journalist interested in taking on real stories. After Fox, she's yet to return to TV, but she has continued to advocate for women's issues. She's the real hero. *Bombshell* is definitely a worthwhile film, but I'm not sure it's quite as explosive as it could have been. I still recommend it highly, mainly for the terrific performances. **Anna:** It did show the inner workings of a scandal, which was interesting, but as you said, not exactly explosive. Kelly went through her own unwanted spotlight after Trump disliked her debate questions and made the infamous comment about "blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her... wherever" and followed up with some pretty nasty tweets with Kelly as the subject. It put her family into a public eye she wasn't ready for and seemed to leave her shell-shocked and afraid to cause waves by backing Carlson's claims. Instead she chose the "no comment" approach until many more women had already come forward. Frustrating behavior to say the least but also relatable. No one wants to be in the middle of a scandal, no matter what side you're involved with. The acting here is definitely the key reason to see *Bombshell*, though it certainly can be enjoyed from home without losing much. I will see anything with Theron in it, and she doesn't disappoint here. The rest of the cast holds their own as well, and watching this true-life scandal go down and take Ailes with it has a certain amount of satisfaction. I'd catch a matinee if you want to see it now, or hold off and rent it from your preferred place when it shows up in a few months. ○

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**DEADLY MISSION:** Two young British soldiers—Lance Cpl. Blake (Dean-Charles Chapman, left) and Lance Cpl. Schofield (George MacKay)—are tasked with crossing German lines to warn fellow soldiers of an ambush, in director Sam Mendes' World War I epic *1917*.

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investigation, starts seeing and hearing dead people a little too frequently for comfort.

To be fair, I think the 17 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes is a little uncalled for. My usual issue with horror movies—piss poor acting and even worse writing—isn't a problem here. The actors can act, the jump scares are jumpy, and the gore is gory. And yet, *The Grudge 2020* falls oh so flat.

There aren't any groundbreaking scares, the story's updated perspective (a cynical cop who doesn't believe in ghosts UNTIL ...) isn't fresh, and it seems like the filmmakers forgot to include a climax altogether.

It's been about 16 years since I first watched *The Grudge*, and nothing really changed. I'll probably forget watching this one, too. (94 min.)

—Kasey Bubnash

**JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL**

What's it rated? **PG-13**

What's it worth? **Matinee**

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

**PICK** Jake Kasdan (*Orange County, Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story, Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*) directs this next installment in the Jumanji franchise, with returning stars Karen Gillan as Ruby Roundhouse, Dwayne Johnson as Dr. Smolder Bravestone, Jack Black as Professor Sheldon "Shelly" Oberon, and Kevin Hart as Franklin "Mouse" Finbar. This time the gang returns to the world of Jumanji to rescue one of their own and must brave an arid desert and snowy mountain as they attempt to survive the deadly video game. (123 min.)

—Caleb Wiseblood

**LIKE A BOSS**

What's it rated? **R**

Where's it showing? **Movies Lompoc, Parks Plaza**

**NEW** Miguel Arteta (*Youth in Revolt, Beatriz at Dinner*) directs this comedy about two friends—Mia Carter (Tiffany Haddish) and Mel Paige (Rose Byrne)—who start Mel & Mia's, a cosmetics company, but have very different ideas about how to run it, which is further complicated when cosmetics mogul Clair Luna (Salma Hayek) obtains a controlling share of Mel & Mia's. (83 min.)

—Glen Starkey

**LITTLE WOMEN**

What's it rated? **PG**

What's it worth? **Full price**

Where's it showing? **Parks Plaza**

**PICK** Greta Gerwig (*Ladybird*) helms this new version of the classic 1868-69 Louisa May Alcott novel, which follows the lives of the four March sisters—Meg (Emma Watson), Jo (Saoirse Ronan), Amy (Florence Pugh), and Beth (Eliza Scanlen)—as they come of age in 1860s New England, amid the aftermath of the Civil War. Though this is an oft-told tale, with now eight film adaptations, Gerwig's new version is a real standout, turning the story into a poiuomenon, a work of art about its own creation.

Though all four March sisters are given some screen time, the main character is Jo, the tomboyish writer who's ostensibly a stand-in for Alcott herself in this semi-autobiographical tale that was based on the author and her sisters' lives. Gerwig's film version deviates from Alcott's two-volume novel in various ways, perhaps most significantly by traveling back and forth between the two volumes, the first being the girls' younger years and the second being their early adulthood. Gerwig breaks chronology by moving back and forth through time, showing how earlier events informed the sisters' present circumstances.

If you're familiar with the tale, the main events are all there: the family giving their Christmas breakfast to a poor neighboring family, Beth contracting scarlet fever, Amy falling through the ice, Meg attending a debutantes ball, and Jo selling her short stories. Likewise, most of the characters appear, like their handsome neighbor, Theodore "Laurie" Laurence (Timothée Chalamet), and his wealthy grandfather, Mr. Laurence (Chris Cooper); Laurie's tutor and Meg's future

love interest, John Brooke (James Norton); and of course the sisters' amazing mother, Marmee (Laura Dern) and their housekeeper Hannah (Jayne Houdyshell); and of course the sisters' Aunt March (a typically wonderful Meryl Streep). There's also Jo's love interest, the German professor Friedrich Bhaer (Louis Garrel, an actor much more handsome than how his character is described in Alcott's novel).

The best thing about Gerwig's version is how she pays tribute to Alcott, who never married or

had any children of her own, and who after the publication of her famed and incredibly popular novel, often complained how her publisher forced her to create the expected happy ending. Gerwig pulls off the neat trick of having it both ways—creating an ending that honors the book and its author. I really loved this film, but grab the tissues—it just may have you ugly-crying. (135 min.)

—Glen

**1917**

What's it rated? **R**

Where's it showing? **Parks Plaza, Santa Maria 14**

**NEW** Co-writer and director Sam Mendes (*American Beauty, Jarhead, Spectre*) helms this World War I

epic about two young British soldiers—Lance Cpl. Blake (Dean-Charles Chapman) and Lance Cpl. Schofield (George MacKay)—who are tasked with the impossibly dangerous mission of crossing German lines to warn the 2nd Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment that their planned impending attack against the Germans will be charging into a deadly ambush, and to make the perilous mission even more urgent, Blake's brother is among the 1,600 endangered soldiers in

the regiment. (119 min.)

—Glen

**STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWALKER**

What's it rated? **PG-13**

What's it worth? **Matinee**

Where's it showing? **Movies Lompoc, Parks Plaza**

**PICK** J.J. Abrams (*Star Wars: The Force Awakens, Star Trek Into Darkness, Super 8*) haphazardly directs the last chapter in the third and final trilogy in the Star Wars saga, in which Rey (Daisy Ridley) must channel her inner strength as a Jedi to lead the Resistance in the fight against the Sith.

Without giving away (too many) spoilers, I think *The Rise of Skywalker* definitely feels like the end of an era for this saga (although give it a few years, and I'm sure we'll get spin-offs similar to *Solo* and *Rogue One*). It only makes sense, its being the finale and all, that director J.J. Abrams feels the need to throw every card he has into this film—a little too much nostalgia and new characters all at once for me. (142 min.)

—Karen Garcia

**UNDERWATER**

What's it rated? **PG-13**

Where's it showing? **Parks Plaza**

**NEW** William Eubank (*Love, The Signal*) directs this sci-fi horror drama about a aquatic research crew—including Norah Price (Kristen Stewart), Captain (Vincent Cassel), Paul (T.J. Miller), and others—trying to escape the ramifications of an earthquake on their subterranean laboratory. (95 min.)

—Glen

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**BEAUTY CONTEST:** Two friends—Mia Carter (Tiffany Haddish, left) and Mel Paige (Rose Byrne)—start Mel & Mia's, a cosmetics company, but they have very different ideas about how to run it, in *Like a Boss*.

**THE WITCHER**

When? **2019**

What's it rated? **TV-MA**

Where? **Netflix**

**T**he *Witcher* may not be *Game of Thrones*, but it can learn some lessons from that show. There are some key differences: *The Witcher* does not have nearly as many primary characters—the hero, Geralt, played by Henry Cavill, is established from the jump. And, perhaps more significantly, the new Netflix series is not tethered to any concrete parallel to history.

The two shows are structurally completely different and draw from different inspirations. But while *The*

*Witcher* uses Polish fairy tales as a wellspring of inspiration, *Game of Thrones* uses various historical periods the way originalism treats the Constitution. The HBO series succeeds in creating an exquisitely lived-in world by using concepts from Machiavellian political theory and pulling much of the Stark-versus-Lannister dynamic straight from the War of the Roses. These are starting points from which utterly believable characters and storylines spring forth.

That's not to say *The Witcher* has to feed directly from some specific historic period. The characters and story can build on whatever history author Andrzej Sapkowski decides to invent. The problem arises when that history is incomplete, and the way the show is structured leaves a ton of gaps in the timeline. One of the books the show is based on, *The Last Wish*, is a series of short stories that are sometimes separated by decades. Same goes for the show. That can work, but it doesn't absolve the show's creators from giving us the necessary connective tissue to help us make sense of it. Even individual scenes in the show play with time in a confusing way. Those scenes so often feel like you've heard the beginning of a conversation, missed the middle of it, then come back to hear the end. The result is not intrigue that draws the viewer in but a disoriented, vertigo-like disruption. It's hard to tell what direction it all is pointing.

Because there is so little detail

**HATEWATCH**

about the bad guy—the Kingdom of Nilfgaard—and so much else, other strategic choices to leave out information make the show feel incomplete. Geralt, for instance, is a mutant who was sold by his mother to some guild or order. They conducted experiments on him to give him magical powers and prolonged life. It's a small amount of information that could act as a powerful draw to learn more. But because we know so little about some of the characters and so little about what happens to them in these decades-long gaps between episodes, Geralt's incomplete story feels like missing information. He's the one constant we have, and we barely know anything about him.

It makes sense that the show has been widely panned by critics. It's not a good adaptation, which doesn't mean it can't be a good show, but it has failed to get critical traction. Except, that is, from the gaming nerds. The books were first adapted into highly successful video games, and the show creators seem to have understood who their best audience would be. Gaming sites seem broadly in favor of the show, which means they may get their wish for another season and more of the same. (eight 60-minute episodes)

—William D'Urso

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**DISORIENTED:** *The Witcher* on Netflix has been widely panned by critics—and it's not hard to see why.

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**NEIGHBORS IN FOOD:** Knowing your local farmer, rancher, butcher, chocolatier, baker, beekeeper, and winemaker has been a trend in 2019. Santa Barbara County started its Farm Day events in September, which invited locals to tour farms and ranches throughout the county. Pictured is Jeff Lunberg, CEO of Babé Farms in Santa Maria, who was just a kid when his parents helped invest in a farmer with a wild idea for the '80s, which made them among the first to put "spring mix" style salad on the shelves of American grocery stores.

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## Carry the best trends into 2020

From beer-wine hybrids to grazing tables, recent trends show a lot of Central Coast character

BY BETH GIUFFRE

This past year was all about alternative milks and nut butters.

Cannabis and/or CBD-infused food and beverages.

Flower flavors and bitter plant fronds in cocktails.

Salads, collagen-pumped foods, prebiotics, avocado toast, açai bowls, and antioxidants.

Real butter is back, and we all seem to be comfortable cooking with ghee and coconut oil. That was 2019 in a nutshell.

I recently scoured *Bon Appetit*, *Forbes*, *VinePair*, Pinterest, and Global Food Forums for their biggest predictions and trend watches for 2019 and thought about how the Central Coast kept up with the rest of the country. It's interesting what our food industry caught on to, such as local sourcing, zero-waste cooking, fresh produce, healthy kids meals, and global flavors.

What I love about the Central Coast is that no matter how healthy we are, we still stand in long lines at that new Krispy Kreme in Santa Maria.

### 1. Eating at home

*Forbes* predicted 2019 would be a year of eating at home. The evidence was all over Pinterest: Low-

prep, foil pack dinner recipes became the thing for busy cooks. On the Central Coast, the majority of the population are three- to seven-person households, and data aside, we know the cost of living in California doesn't leave that much left for eating out and working doesn't leave much time for cooking time-intensive meals. Slow cookers, Instant Pots, one-pan bakes, and foil packs it is.

### 2. Health, wellness, meeting the makers

According to the market research company Mintel, "anti-aging" was out this year and "healthy aging" was in. In stores, co-ops, and markets, and on menus countywide, we saw more products that support health from the inside out, targeting the brain, bone, joint, muscle, heart, and eye health.

Alternatives to milk, flour, and anything else recently deemed "bad for you" abound, including oat milk and tapioca and cassava flour. Maybe you can thank the pegans out there for all of these fabulous alternatives. The new hot diet is both paleo and vegan: pegan!

Across the Central Coast, these healthy trends became evident at the co-ops and small market



**GRAZE ANATOMY:** Say hello to grazing like royalty from tasty curated boards at wineries and events. May 2020 also proved to be a year of the cheese and charcuterie trend, like this gorgeous spread at Halter Ranch Vineyard and Winery made by Paso Robles-based online deli Cured and Cultivated.

grab-'n'-go sections. Locally grown, organic produce from farmers you know were on every menu and entirely organic storefronts popped up.

Speaking of knowing your farmers, that was another trend that Santa Barbara County furthered with its first Farm Day in September. Locals were invited out to North County farms and ranches to meet the people who grow our food.

### 3. Grazing

Apparently 2019 was the year of the noshing table. Charcuterie board classes were wildly popular, and wine tasting and food events across the Central Coast all began serving entire spreads of artistically curated "grazing" tables with

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## 4. Nice fats

Fats made a comeback this year. The keto, paleo, grain-free, and pegan diets infiltrated conversations so much, some of us couldn't help but roll our eyes. We saw these new integrations of fat sources in every local store and in the employee fridge, including keto-friendly nutrition bars crafted with MCT oil powder, coconut butter-filled chocolates, fat bombs, and a new wave of ready-to-drink vegan coffees inspired by butter coffees.

## 5. Next level hemp and cannabis infusions

What happens when you legalize it? Hemp hearts, seeds, and oils are from Cleopatra's time, but this year the cannabis craze evolved into everything from waffle mix to dried pasta. A new interest in the potential benefits stemming from other parts of hemp plants had many new storefronts looking to explore the fruitful cannabis biz, while local laws permitted empty buildings in some towns to sell the stuff. Keep an eye out for such locally created products in 2020.

## 6. Make-believe meat snacks

Plant-based foods took on the meat-based snacking world of jerkies and pork rinds. Mushrooms played a key role in jerky snacks. You may have seen vegan jerky Lassen's and other natural markets. Even with all our vegan love, we live in a place where Wagyu beef and Templeton Hills grass-fed, grass-finished cuts are on restaurant menus—and most days, I see bumper stickers reminding me to eat more meat, so I'll take that advice.

## 7. Frozen treat power-ups

This was the year of Tesla popsicles. Even the classic Otter Pop was replaced with a healthy alternative. Innovative bases, such as avocado, hummus, tahini, and coconut water transformed regular ol' vanilla ice cream. Specialty frozen aisles now offer plant-based frozen desserts and ice creams with savory swirls of artisanal cheese, and here on the Central Coast, lactose-friendly Negranti Sheep's milk ice cream has longer lines at wine festivals than the wineries.

## 8. Sours, hybrids, and rebels

VinePair lists sour beers as a top drink trend this year. Do our local craft breweries have it? Yep. Central Coast brewers were on it before 2019. And



**YEAR OF HYBRIDS AND SOURS:** Firestone Walker Brewing Company released Rosalie in 2019, a rosé/beer hybrid that was part of one of the biggest drink trends in the nation.

they're also part of the hybrid frenzy: from beer/wine hybrids such as Firestone Walker's Rosalie to bourbon-barrel-aged wine. Let's not forget spiked seltzer waters and hard kombucha. And just as stylish this year in the area are low- and no-proof "mocktails," perfected by Central Coast-based Yes Cocktail Company.

Winemaker Doug Minnick, who co-founded the Garagiste Festival on the Central Coast, said that 2019 in wine was all about the hard-to-grow, rebel varietals such as the arneis.

## 9. Seaweed

Sea greens came in with the dinner tide this year, from seaweed butter to kelp noodles. Consumers are exploring varieties of algae and kelp with superfood properties. Puffed snacks made from water lily seeds, plant-based tuna alternatives with algae ingredients, crispy snackable salmon skins with omega-3s, and kelp jerkies are other ocean-based foods. Oak Creek Commons in Paso Robles even hosted a kelp cooking class this year, which included lots of Pacific Coast seaweed from a local company called Kelpful.

## 10. Upgraded snacks

Portable snack packages feature more ambitious bites, such as prosciutto and aged mozzarella and artisanal versions of classic snacks. New packaged snacks take us back to our treat-loving childhoods but with higher quality ingredients and alternative flours and oils. And keeping with the new diet fads, we now have cassava chips, macadamia nut butter, freeze-dried dark chocolate covered strawberries, and açai bowls. Local wineries—including Sanger Family of Wines in Los Olivos—caught on to the trend in 2019, offering artistic grab-n-go lunches and snacks prepared by delis such as Cured and Cultivated. ○

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## Nibbles &amp; Bites

• Orcutt has the best cure for a bad case of the Mondays: **food trucks**. Yes, that's trucks plural. Head over to the **Cubanissimo Cuban Coffee House** parking lot (in the Acorn Plaza at the corner of Clark and Bradley) on Monday, Jan. 13, to get your fill of fabulous fare from four trucks. Plus, there are several restaurants in the area that will also be open. This week, the trucks are Cubanissimo's, which serves Cuban cuisine such as yuca fries, tostones, black beans, Cubano sandwiches; **Beau's Dogs**, featuring Sonoran hot dogs and other sausages on pretzel rolls and buns; **Lidos**, which offers Philly cheesesteaks, hot pastrami sandwiches, curly cheese fries, and more; and **AR Catering** with its Mexican-inspired menu by Alex Reyes. The event runs from 5 to 7:30 at 4869 S. Bradley Road, suite 118. If you can't make it this week, mark your calendar for the second Monday of each month—this is a regular shindig. Find the event on Facebook for more information.

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### ARROYO GRANDE

**520 TORREY PINE PLACE**, 4BD, 4BA, \$1,150,000, Sat 12-3, Allan Real Estate Investments, 805-473-7500, Dennis Allan, CA RE# 00961923

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### ATASCADERO

**9030 COROMAR COURT**, 3BD, 3BA, \$485,000, Sat 11-1, Coldwell Banker Premier Real Estate, 805-423-0590, Amy Meredith, 01103054

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**3265 LUPINE CANYON RD**, 3BD, 2BA, \$1,372,000, Sat 2-4, BHGRE Haven Properties, 805-801-1979, Kate Hendrickson, DRE# 01730943

### NIPOMO

**904 TRAIL VIEW PL**, 2BD, 2BA, \$849,000, Sun 12-3, Coastal Connection Real Estate, 805.310.3005, Christine Miller, 01973031

**654 WOODGREEN WAY**, 3BD, 2BA, \$540,000, Sat 1-3, Ocean Breeze Real Estate, 805-709-8535, Margaret Morris, 01415177

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**3072 CALLE MALVA**, 3BD, 2.5BA, \$715,000-\$850,000, Sat 12-3 Sun 12-3, Midland Pacific Homes, 831-238-4053 or 805-512-3266, Debi or Amy, 01856543

**805 HUMBERT AVENUE**, 3BD, 2.5BA, \$575,000, Fri 10-3 Sat 10-3 Sun 10-3, Keller Williams Pismo Beach, 805-540-4866, Kathy Fissori, DRE#01403817

**1960 ESTRELLA COURT**, 4BD, 5BA, \$1,250,000, Sat 11-1, Wilson & Co. Sotheby's International Realty, 805-5502113, Brad Wilson, DRE# 01983603

### SANTA MARIA

**1205 VIA FELICE**, 2BD, 2BA, \$29,000, Sat 1:30-3:30, CornerStone Real Estate, 805-266-5216, Angelo Passidakis, DRE#:01055899

**535 RUTGERS DRIVE**, 3BD, 2BA, \$409,990, Sun 12-3, WHY USA Preferred Properites, 805-896-6067, Noelle Cosma, 01275631

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**\$2295 2727 Marlberry St** - 4+3, Bauer Ests 2stry hm near Waller Pk, Vaulted Ceilings, 1 bdrm d/s, L/R, F/R, F/P, open kit w/brkfst island, huge mstr ste, 3car grg, w/d hkups, covr'd patio/lyd w/grdnr, no pets

**\$2275 2654 Niverth Pl** 3+2.5, Classics 2stry hm w/mstr ste d/s, 2 bdms u/s w/loft area, open kit/fridge, low maint yd w/Jacuzzi for tenants to maintain, 2car grg, ldry rm hkups, max 2sm dogs neg w/addt'l dep ea

**\$2195 2623 Santa Barbara Dr** 3+2, Centrally located hm, L/R, mstr ste w/walk-in clst, lg kit, fridge, ldry rm inc w/d, dining area w/lyd access, fruit trees, tenants to maintain yd & wtr softener, 1sm pet neg w/addt'l dep

**\$2095 840 Francine Ln** 5+2, Orcutt 1stry hm has hrdwd flrs, kit granite ctrs, grg converted to 2 bdms w/ldry rm, w/d hkups, covered patio/lyd, grdnr, pet(s) neg w/addt'l dep ea, driveway/street pkg only

**\$2050 1141 Shady Glen Dr** 3+2, Orcutt 1stry hm w/RV pkg, L/R, F/P, hrdwd flrs/crpt in bdms, w/d hkups in 2car grg, lg yd w/covered patio, grdnr, no pets

**\$1750 1260 Jackie Ln** - 2+2, Hancock Vlg 1stry updated townhome, L/R, F/P, D/R, eat-in kit, w/d, mstr ste, lg patio, 2car grg, pool/tennis privs inc, no pets

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**\$2100 1311 Crown Circle** - 4 + 2.5, Beautiful newer 2015 2stry hm in gated comm, home is backing up to park area, some rms facing south hills, 2car finished grg, ldry rm u/s, located 8 miles to nearest VAFB gate or to beach, pet friendly w/dep, yd care incl, no section 8.

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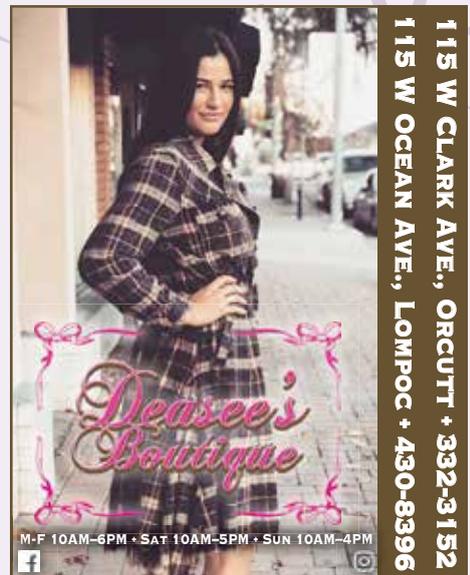
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