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SPINNING FOR WIND: Strauss Wind Energy's project is the second time the county has wrestled with whether it should allow a wind farm outside of Lompoc.

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Political Watch

• On Jan. 9, **U.S. Rep. Salud Carbajal** (D-Santa Barbara) and more than 200 members of the **House of Representatives** voted in favor of a resolution that defines and limits **President Donald Trump's** ability to take military action in Iran. This resolution directs Trump to stop using military force in or against Iran unless Congress authorizes the president to do so. "It is the responsibility of Congress, outlined in the Constitution, to set the parameters on if, when, and where our nation leads our military into hostilities," Carbajal said in a statement from his office. "Let me be clear: We do not want war with Iran, and we should not put U.S. troops, diplomats, and civilians in harm's way to satisfy the whims of this president." The House voted on the resolution days after the U.S. military killed **Iranian Gen. Qasem Soleimani**, at the direction of the president. Iran retaliated and fired more than a dozen missiles at two Iraqi military bases hosting U.S. military forces, according to a statement from the U.S. Department of Defense.

• **Gov. Gavin Newsom** submitted his 2020-21 state budget proposal to the Legislature on Jan. 10. This proposal includes more than \$1 billion to address homelessness throughout the state, as well as \$12 billion over the next five years to address climate change. "Despite the progress we've made, there are deep structural challenges that threaten our state's future and demand our urgent attention," Newsom said in a statement. "These problems—our widespread affordability crisis, expanding homelessness crisis, and catastrophic wildfires—have been decades in the making and won't be fixed overnight." Following Newsom announcing this budget proposal, **Assemblymember Monique Limón** (D-Santa Barbara) released a statement identifying areas where this proposal relates to bills Limón authored during the previous legislative session. "As the author of [Assembly Bill] 209, which establishes Outdoor Equity Grant Programs to increase the ability of underserved populations to participate in outdoor environmental education throughout the state, I am pleased to see the allocation of \$20 million in the general fund to advance the program in our communities," Limón said in the statement.

• On Jan. 7, **Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham** (R-San Luis Obispo) announced that he authored Assembly Bill 1599, which would allow members of the public to access records related to alleged officer-involved sexual assaults even if that officer resigns prior to the conclusion of the case, according to a statement from Cunningham's office. "As a former prosecutor, I know that the vast majority of [peace officers] do their jobs with dignity and honor; however, sunshine is the best disinfectant and the only way to restore trust," Cunningham said in the statement. "Bad actors should not be able to exploit a loophole to evade responsibility."

• **Osvaldo Sotelo** announced his candidacy for Santa Maria's District 1 City Council seat during a gathering at Oakley Park on Jan. 13. According to a news release from Sotelo, his priorities include addressing local housing issues, creating better paying jobs, and strengthening youth programs. Sotelo grew up in District 1, which includes most of the city north of Main Street and west of Broadway. Santa Maria switched to district elections from citywide elections in 2017. The first district elections took place in November 2018, when Gloria Soto won the District 3 City Council seat and Etta Waterfield secured the District 4 seat. In addition to District 1, residents in the northeast part of the city will vote on a City Council member for District 2, and the entire city will be able to cast votes in the mayoral election this November. ○



LEISURE NEEDS: Santa Maria City Council moved to file a report detailing the city's parks and recreation needs, rather than pass a resolution adopting the plan.

Santa Maria files leisure assessment, declines to adopt plan

For the first time since 2013, the Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department has completed an assessment reviewing how the community feels about existing park services and what changes residents would like to see.

Department Director Alexander Posada presented the Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Leisure Needs Assessment and Action Plan at the City Council meeting on Jan. 7. He explained that the assessment is a flexible planning document the city can use when moving forward on future projects that includes input from more than 600 residents.

"[This] is a snapshot in time of where the functions, operations, facilities of the Rec. and Parks Department are in the eyes of the community," Posada said.

Despite this assessment serving as a flexible planning document, the City Council opted to only receive and file the document rather than pass a resolution adopting the plan. Councilmember Etta Waterfield raised concerns about parts of the assessment that detail the department rolling out a public art plan, which a full-time staff member would oversee.

The council discussed this public art plan at length in a December meeting, when it voted to adopt the plan but rejected a fee that would have funded the program. Waterfield said the leisure assessment makes it sound like the city is paying for the art plan through its general fund.

Similar to Waterfield, Mayor Alice Patino also raised concerns about adopting the assessment, given concerns over the public art plan and an extensive general plan update the city is conducting. She suggested the council file the assessment, but not adopt it, which would authorize Posada to begin implementing the plan.

"It's a good direction; we just don't want to be boxed in," Patino said.

The assessment identifies services residents would like to see more of—including trails, pathways, and swimming pools—as well as ways

residents said existing parks could improve, like with more lighting and restrooms. The department also identified key issues through this assessment, which GreenPlay LLC—a consultant from Colorado—completed.

Recreation and Parks found that it collects about 12 percent of its operating costs through fees, which Posada said is a low number. As a result, the department will begin to look at ways to increase its revenue from fees while keeping in mind the limited budgets most families in the city live on.

"We need to look at fee structures and charges ... so that we can get an idea of what is the tolerance level for fees," Posada said. "It's a balancing act."

Councilmember Gloria Soto cast the lone vote against only filing the plan, as she instead wanted to see it implemented. She argued that adopting the plan would provide the city with a blueprint to work with when considering future park projects.

"This is just allowing us to get a real live snapshot of where we are and where we're going," Soto said. "Let's use this to build our work around it."

—Zac Ezzone

Guadalupe seeks community feedback on infrastructure improvements

Guadalupe held a meeting on Jan. 12 to get community input about how to improve local infrastructure.

"There was something like 80 people, which I was told was a pretty big turnout," said Todd Bodem, the new city administrator.

The meeting concerned a \$206,450 Sustainable Communities Grant the city received in 2018. The grant, which came from the California Department of Transportation, is part of \$3 million the city has available for local infrastructure improvements, Bodem said.

The gathering, or what he called a "revitalization plan public workshop," is designed to enhance community engagement and to mine for more complete feedback.

Community members have shown interest in improving sidewalks downtown and making sure that any changes to ease and control traffic flow are palatable to the community. For local residents, that means more traffic signals and preventing the addition of roundabouts.

Guadalupe has charted a course of increased population, starting with the Pasadera Homes development. Bodem said people at the meeting were stressed that the new development could strangle traffic flow.

The Jan. 12 meeting is part of several initiatives the city is adding to boost engagement

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and public feedback. Bodem said he suggested creating a committee of community members who could add more feedback for city plans like local, small-scale infrastructure improvements and additions.

"I suggested that we include a school superintendent, a priest, and maybe a banker," he said. "The whole purpose is to create vibrancy for downtown and the community."

But the city is still very early in its planning and development process.

One of Bodem's goals when he began the job in November was to try and leverage state grants into more money for additional and better improvements. He said that could be one trick he'll try with the \$3 million as the city continues to craft its vision for what it wants to be.

With a planned house count of 802 houses, Pasadera Homes is little more than a quarter of the way finished with construction estimated to continue for at least another four years. Commercial development is expected to arrive in Guadalupe, but not until about 600 homes are built, giving the city time to decide how it wants to plan its traffic flow and various sidewalk connections.

Councilmembers and Mayor Ariston Julian have publicly expressed their interest in bringing more people to the downtown area.

Bodem said one focus of the new improvements would be for the city to have some consideration for aesthetics.

—William D'Urso

Lompoc City Council moves forward public safety recommendations

Lompoc officials, residents, and nonprofits are looking for ways to make the city safer after a historically violent 2019.

A record seven homicides took place in the city of roughly 43,000 last year, while an understaffed police department struggled with budget constraints and the inability to fill vacant officer positions.

During a meeting on Jan. 7, City Council moved forward with three recommendations from the city's Public Safety Commission, including increasing the commission's number of meetings from one every three months to one each month.

Additionally, the council asked staff to come back with a report detailing a program that would allow local businesses and residents to register their surveillance cameras on a list the police department would monitor. This would add to the network of 80 to 100 cameras the department plans to install throughout the city over the next several months.

"We at the Lompoc Police Department want to do everything possible to make the city safer," Police Chief Joe Mariani said in a statement. "Surveillance cameras are an important tool in deterring and solving crime in the city."

The council also directed staff to draft a report looking at how the city can assist residents interested in forming neighborhood watch programs. Public Safety Commissioner Maria Aguiniga told the council that residents in the community have approached her asking about ways they can get involved in addressing the city's crime issues.

"People out there want the city to help them help our community," Aguiniga said. "That's what they're asking for; they want to be involved."

The Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County (CAC) is also looking for new ways to reduce the amount of youth violence taking place in the city after recently

finding out it was denied grant funding that would've benefited the city, said CAC Director of Family and Youth Services Seth Miller.

Last year, the CAC applied for a \$1 million grant through the U.S. Department of Justice that would've funded a youth safety task force in Lompoc, much like the ones that exist in Santa Maria and South County. Funding from this grant would have also gone toward establishing a countywide initiative to help all cities work together to address this youth violence issue.

Miller said the federal agency sent the nonprofit a letter in late December informing the CAC that it was not one of the 14 applicants selected for this funding.

Despite this setback, Miller said, the nonprofit is committed to trying to secure other funding sources that could be used to implement programs aimed at making Lompoc and the rest of the county safer.

"I think we all agree that there's a need for additional collaboration in the county and to increase resources in Lompoc," Miller said.

—Zac Ezzone

Allan Hancock College looks at potential on-campus housing

Allan Hancock College is still considering the option of on-campus housing, a potential plan that's been in the works since President Kevin Walthers joined the school in 2013. But it's unclear how such housing would happen, who would build it, how many units there would be, or even how much it would cost to build.

"This probably comes up every couple of years," Walthers said. "How can we help our students who don't live in the area?"

It's hard for students to get leases, Walthers said, and if they do, the local rental market is often too high for a typical student.

The college's board of trustees was scheduled to hear a presentation on the issue at its Jan. 14 meeting, after the *Sun* went to press.

Walthers, who spoke with the *Sun* prior to the meeting, said that Hancock has about 5 acres of vacant blacktop, and every time a developer comes to look at it, they say the same thing: The costs of building won't be rewarded with a good enough return. Affordable housing nonprofits might not be the best fit either, Walthers said, because typically there are limits on who can live there.

"All of the options would involve someone else building the units and managing them," he said.

The idea of adding housing on a community college campus isn't new. The American Association of Community Colleges reports in a recent poll that 25 percent of community colleges nationwide offer on-campus housing.

California is notorious for rising housing costs, compounding the already high price of attending college.

Orange Coast College in Orange County is giving student housing a try with 800 beds scheduled to be available by the fall. The school reports on its website that no public funds have gone into the construction of the student housing; the money comes from construction and financing companies.

Walthers said Hancock's needs are different and estimates it might aim for 90 to 120 beds if housing is built.

But, he said, the incentive to build remains a problem. He said builders have estimated they would see a 1 percent return on building on the school's vacant space. Walthers said the immediate goal was to huddle with Hancock's board to properly vet all the options. ○

—William D'Urso

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Crisis funding

Santa Barbara County has slowly been getting money to fight homelessness, and it's scheduled to get another boost

BY WILLIAM D'URSO

Homeless spending in California has climbed every year since 2018, with Gov. Gavin Newsom determined to make each subsequent budget another step toward aiding the state's needy. He followed through in early January when he proposed another \$1 billion to help slow the spike in homelessness.

"The \$1 billion budget proposal to combat homelessness is a step in the right direction," Assemblymember Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara) said in a statement to the *Sun*. "The creation of the California Access to Housing and Services Fund could assist those on the verge of homelessness with rent stabilization."

To Northern Santa Barbara County public servants, it's unclear how much money they'll have to ameliorate the local crises, but the need is clear. When a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office helicopter recently buzzed over the Santa Maria riverbed, deputies found a collection of homeless

camp numbering in the 20s.

The assorted tarps and tented dwellings were planted off the beaten path of local patrols. A Santa Maria Police Department spokesperson said they knew about them, but because the camp was out of their jurisdiction, they'd lost track.

"We knew it was there," Santa Maria Police Lt. Russell Mengel said. "We just didn't know the extent of it."

Mengel said the problem has been growing for the past three or four years, and he estimates that 60 percent of the department's daily calls have to do with homelessness.

State spending to address the issue has continued to increase since former Gov. Jerry Brown signed a budget deal in 2018 allocating \$500 million to homelessness, funneling \$9 million into Santa Barbara County. Last year, the county received \$4.1 million.

The Homeless Assistance program manager for the county, Kimberlee Albers, said it's hard to say how much local agencies will get from Newsom's latest pledge. After the money is proposed for the budget, Albers said it takes time for the funds to reach the county and the individual programs and nonprofits that distribute the assistance. She said the county is just now starting to fund services with the money set aside by former Gov. Brown.

This new money and how much the county gets will hinge on the homeless point-in-time count that officials have planned for Jan. 29, a

census conducted every two years. The money is partly designed to bolster Medi-Cal, the state's public insurance program, but will also go toward permanent housing, emergency shelter, outreach, and rental assistance programs provided through nonprofits like the Salvation Army.

Albers said funding for programs that will prevent homelessness are as key as ones that get people off the streets—since the cost of housing remains a key battleground.

"Almost all studies will show you that a lack of affordability is a major cause of homelessness," she said. "We have very low vacancy rates as well as very high rents, and that absolutely impacts a community's homelessness."

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—Kimberlee Albers, Santa Barbara County Homeless Assistance program manager

In Limón's statement to the *Sun*, she also noted the lack of housing.

"The proposal also suggests regional support for more dwelling units, as well as board and care facilities," she said. "This proposal is combined with a proposal to cut down the costs of health care through Medi-Cal and mental health resources."

While homelessness has rocked other parts of the country, it hasn't hit any as much as it has California. While the state contains 12 percent of the country's total population, California is home to a quarter of the nation's homeless residents. In Santa Barbara

County, the number of residents living without a home has fluctuated from 1,700 to 1,900 since 2013, according to point-in-time count data.

The breadth of the problem—which spans social, economic, and geographic issues—has led some lawmakers, from both sides of the aisle, to call for a more complete approach as the talks over how to spend the money continue.

"California's homeless issue is more than a health, environmental, and public safety crisis, it's a major humanitarian crisis as well," Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham (R-San Luis Obispo) said in a statement to the *Sun*. "We need a wholesale approach, which should include increased access to drug and mental illness treatment, streamlined

approvals for shelters, and money for locals to clean up former encampments and address their environmental impacts."

At the Santa Maria Police Department, Mengel said the laws haven't changed. Loitering is difficult

to enforce, and some people may have different needs than others. Mengel said homeless people tend to consist of three groups: the voluntarily homeless, the down-on-their-luck, and people with addiction and/or mental health problems.

"It's a hugely complex issue. Different laws and different statutes apply depending on where you are," he said. "Sometimes business owners get frustrated because there is no recourse." ○

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Balancing green priorities

Groups are concerned that a proposed wind project could damage birds, plants

BY ZAC EZZONE



TRYING AGAIN: A new company is attempting to move forward with a wind farm near Lompoc after a previous attempt fizzled out in 2013.

A couple of goats scamper down San Miguelito Road as George Bedford slowly drives in the opposite direction. He says it's not the first time he's seen animals on this road, before pointing to a spot where he once passed a mountain lion. Only a few miles south of Lompoc, the area feels worlds away.

Bedford and his wife, Cheryl, purchased more than 400 acres of land on top of one of the hills surrounding San Miguelito Canyon in the early 1990s. With the land previously untouched, they had to build a private road leading up to their home, which sits at roughly 1,700 feet in elevation, before beginning construction.

Bedford says local regulations required the home's roof to be a certain height, so as not to be seen protruding from the hillside. The Bedfords were also prohibited from removing oak trees while building the driveway, resulting in a windy road that follows an old cattle trail and takes almost 10 minutes to traverse.

"There would have been a lot easier ways to do this if we got rid of oak trees," Bedford says while driving up to his home.

The Bedfords moved into the house in 2002. But now, almost 20 years later, they may be poised to sell the property as plans for a nearby wind energy project move through the permitting process. With the nearest turbine being only 2,000 feet from his home, Bedford says he doesn't want to see the structure or hear

its blades slicing through the air.

"[The county] put all sorts of restrictions on me when I was building a home," Bedford says. "And now they are talking about putting 500-foot towers up here with rotating blades."

Along with the quality-of-life concerns, he fears the potential wildfire risks associated with running a new overhead transmission line through the canyon, given the fires that have taken place in the state over the last few years—although those fires were mostly caused by older lines that needed to be replaced.

Bedford voiced his concerns at the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission's Nov. 20 meeting when it approved permits for the Strauss Wind Energy Project. The project includes the construction of 29 wind turbines along ridges in San Miguelito Canyon ranging from 427 to 492 feet tall that will produce 98 megawatts of electricity per year, which is enough to power 43,000 homes.

Supporters of the project—such as Craig Lewis, the founder and executive director of Clean Coalition—said the project would more than double the amount of renewable energy produced in the county, which is behind on its goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The county also produces less renewable energy than almost every other county in California.

"This project is a gift to Santa Barbara County," Lewis said. "Hopefully the county

will recognize that."

But for Bedford and others who oppose the project, the amount of energy produced isn't worth the environmental impacts, such as the removal of oak trees and the potential death of golden eagles and other birds. Bedford and two other parties appealed the Planning Commission's approval of the project, which the county Board of Supervisors will discuss at its Jan. 28 meeting.

Bedford said he's ready to fight this project for as long as he can while not ruling out potential legal challenges if the board moves the project forward.

"I have no problem with wind turbines," Bedford said. "I just have a problem when they put them into a remote location like this."

Competing resources

Supporters and opponents of the Strauss Wind Energy Project agree on one point: San Miguelito Canyon is unique.

Steve Ferry, a member of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society's conservation committee and the group's project leader on this development, said the canyon has one of the highest concentrations of raptors, such as hawks and eagles, in the county.

Ferry and other members of the Audubon Society spoke during the county Planning

Commission's meeting on Nov. 20, saying they were concerned about the potential number of birds that could die as a result of flying into the wind turbines. The group claims that the project's design and proposed mitigation measures don't do enough to protect wildlife, with one representative calling it "a systematized killing of an enormous number of birds."

"I urge you to stand strong and call this project what it is: a huge and monstrous impact to the ecology of the area," Audubon Society member Mark Holmgren said during the meeting.

Part of the county's final environmental impact review for this project includes raptor survey data collected by Dudek, a Santa Barbara-based environmental consulting firm.

Over the course of 646 hours between April 2018 and August 2019, surveyors spotted a raptor 1,841 times in the area. More than 70 percent of those observations were of red-tailed hawks, while surveyors spotted a golden eagle 329 times. According to the environmental impact review, surveyors believe these observations represent a single family of golden eagles living in the area as well as other eagles occasionally flying near the site.

Golden eagles are a federally protected species, so the county is requiring BayWa—the project's developer—to obtain a golden eagle take permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service prior to beginning construction. These permits allow developers to take—which in this instance means incidentally kill or wound—eagles when doing so can't be avoided.

According to Fish and Wildlife, these permits have time durations as well as a limit on how many eagles can be killed. For example, the service authorized the take of up to 12 golden eagles over a five-year period for an energy project in Solano County that consists of 107 wind turbines.

Golden eagles aren't the only protected species found in San Miguelito Canyon. It's also a significant location for the endangered Gaviota tarplant. The yellow petals on this wildflower bloom in late summer and fall, when few other plants are flowering, according to Nick Jensen, a conservation scientist with the California Native Plant Society.

The plant does exist in the south and central parts of the county, such as Hollister Ranch and the Santa Ynez Mountains, but almost the entirety of the species is found within or near the project site, Jensen said.

"This is the epicenter of this plant from a population percentage," Jensen said.

The California Native Plant Society—one of the groups appealing the project—and others who oppose the wind farm argue that with the eagles, tarplant, and other sensitive environmental resources in the area, the developer should choose a different site or at least rearrange some of the turbine locations.

But BayWa Vice President of Development Daniel Duke said this is the only spot in the county where a wind energy project can take place due to wind speed and the area's topography. He added that BayWa—a German company involved in different business sectors, including energy—has completed years of studies to develop turbine locations that minimize the project's environmental impacts.

"It's a detailed modeling effort that's done

PHOTO COURTESY OF BAYWA

UNIQUE AREA: The wind speeds and topography of this area near Lompoc make it the only suitable location in Santa Barbara County for a wind energy project.



THE BIRDS: Groups are pushing back on a proposed wind energy project because of the potential harm it could cause golden eagles and other birds in the area.

with a wind resource specialist,” Duke said. “That model runs and shows where are good locations that avoid sensitive resources but still maximize wind resources.”

In addition to these pre-construction environmental efforts, the county has also imposed strict mitigation measures BayWa must follow once the project is operational. These include a monitoring program to keep track of any and all birds that are found dead within the project site and a restoration plan for the tarplant.

“I think what you’re going to see, if you come to this site, is a perfect combination of conserved open space and a renewable energy project existing together in a really cool way,” Duke said.

But Ferry isn’t convinced that these measures are going to be enough to protect the raptors in the area. The Audubon Society didn’t file an appeal after the county Planning Commission approved the project, but Ferry said the group will be at the Jan. 28 Board of Supervisors meeting to state its case.

“I always think of nature as being a spider web,” Ferry said. “You can cut one, two, or three links of the spider web and it’ll still hold, but eventually you’re going to cut a link that causes the whole spider web to collapse.”

Second time’s a charm?

This isn’t the first time Bedford and the Audubon Society have fought against plans for a wind farm in the quiet canyon. In 2009, the county Planning Commission approved plans for a similar project with a much larger footprint. That project called for 65 turbines, more than double the number proposed in this most recent iteration.

Bedford appealed what was then called the Lompoc Wind Energy Project and later filed lawsuits after the county allowed the project to move forward. Although Bedford lost the legal battles, he still got his way.

Four years after receiving the county’s initial approval, the Spanish-based energy company Acciona backed out of the project. In 2013, a spokesperson with the company told the *Sun* that Acciona decided to allocate its resources elsewhere.

Bedford thought this was the end of his wind-related troubles until another company purchased the project’s assets three years later. He said he’s disappointed the project is moving forward again, given the amount of time and money he invested in fighting it previously.

“That’s why it’s hard to fight this project; it’s just expensive,” Bedford said. “The average working person doesn’t have time for all of this.”

Many of Bedford’s neighbors aren’t fighting the project. BayWa is placing the turbines on private land it’s leasing from ranchers in

the canyon, such as LeRoy Scolari, whose family has owned the property for more than 100 years. During the Nov. 20 Planning Commission meeting, Scolari said the money the family receives through this lease would allow them to improve their ranch.

“Livestock operations of this size are very difficult to maintain financially,” Scolari said. “This project would give an infusion of income, which would allow improvement of the grazing patterns, upgrading the land, upgrading of all of the equipment.”

After BayWa acquired the project assets—including the years of studies, planning, and environmental work—from Acciona in 2016, the company restarted the county permitting process and began looking at ways to make improvements.

Duke said that the company identified ways to reconfigure the turbines to limit the effects on environmental and cultural resources while still producing a maximum amount of energy. Through this process, the company was able to reduce the number of wind turbines from 65 to 29.

“The biggest benefit we had is because we were 10 years later, the wind turbine technology had changed drastically,” Duke said. “They are taller but much more efficient and produce the same amount of energy as the Lompoc Wind Energy Project.”

In addition to the turbines, BayWa plans to build a substation where the power from each turbine would be delivered via underground cables. From there, the energy would travel through a roughly 7-mile transmission line—which the company needs to build—that eventually connects with Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s electrical system in Lompoc. The project also includes a 5,000-square-foot operations and maintenance building for the storage of equipment and supplies.

Before beginning all this work, BayWa needs to acquire permits from the county, as well as state and federal agencies that protect wildlife and wetlands—including the golden eagle take permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Duke said he expects the company will have these permits by the end of January, which would allow construction to commence in early February.

All of the work involved, including removing oak trees to widen roadways so trucks transporting turbine parts can reach the site, is expected to take 10 months. Duke said it’s



PULLING PETALS: Groups have raised concerns about the damage the wind farm project could cause to the Gaviota tarplant, which is an endangered plant primarily only found on the project site.

critical that BayWa maintains this schedule; otherwise, the company may have to bail on the project.

The wind turbines have to be operational by the end of 2020 or else BayWa loses a federal tax credit that’s available to companies developing renewable energy projects. Duke said the company had fully expected and planned to start construction last spring and finish by early 2020, but it experienced significant delays



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CHANGING VIEWSHEDS: At nearly 500 feet tall, wind turbines would be visible throughout San Miguelito Canyon.

in the permitting process.

These delays have led to the tight deadline the company is now facing. Duke said that without this tax credit, renewable energy projects aren’t viable and would actually cost more to develop than the money they generate.

“We can’t wait six months, we can’t wait three months, we have to get this thing done,” Duke said. “Otherwise there won’t be a project.”

Pushing for renewable

If the county misses out on this project a second time, Duke doubts a third company will give it a try.

County Planning Commission Chair John Parke acknowledged this reality during the commission’s Nov. 20 meeting when it approved the project.

“We had a project we approved in 2009 and ran it through the ringer, and it disappeared,” Parke said. “Santa Barbara [County] could keep looking at these projects very carefully and keep having no projects. We run that risk here.”

Moving this project forward is in line with other steps the county took last year—including joining Monterey Bay Community Power and loosening solar panel regulations—to more actively pursue its

renewable energy and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

In December, the county Board of Supervisors passed a resolution declaring a climate emergency and acknowledging that the county isn’t making progress on its emission goals. The county hoped to reduce its emissions by 15 percent below 2007 levels by 2020, but instead emissions increased to 14 percent above 2007 levels in 2016. The county has also only approved

one utility-scale energy project: a 40-megawatt solar panel project in the Cuyama Valley.

This lack of progress amid a warming climate is the reason that some environmental groups, such as the Community Environmental Council (CEC) and the Sierra Club Los Padres Chapter, support this project.

“We’ve seen a heightened awareness of the climate crisis,” CEC Energy and Climate Program Director Michael Chiacos said. “I think it’s on the tips of everybody’s mind that we need to do more.”

Lewis with the Clean Coalition—which is a nonprofit dedicated to accelerating the state’s transition to renewable energy—said not only will this project more than double the amount of renewable energy produced in the county, but it’ll also create a microgrid in the area, making Lompoc and North County more resilient.

BayWa has a purchasing agreement in place that allows Marin Clean Energy in the Bay Area to claim the renewable energy credits attached to this project, but all of the electricity produced will be used locally. With electricity providers throughout the state utilizing widespread power outages to prevent transmission lines from causing wildfires, having a local energy source is important, Lewis said.

“What we’re seeing from public safety power shutoffs is that when there’s a threat along a transmission line, they have to shut the whole line down and can’t turn it back on until they do a whole inspection,” Lewis said. “The good thing about the project is that the energy is local; it’s a short transmission route.”

Jensen with the California Native Plant Society and members of the Audubon Society have said they support the county’s effort to obtain renewable energy sources as it tries to address climate change locally. But they believe that this project as designed is the wrong approach.

“What we’re saying is we have a project with severe environmental impacts, [although] it’s a solution to climate change,” Jensen said. “And what we’re also trying to say is we need to find solutions that don’t create problems in and of themselves.” ○

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More flights

The Santa Maria Airport announced travel to new cities starting Jan. 11

BY WILLIAM D'URSO

Flights will return to the Santa Maria Airport, served by United Airlines, spiriting travelers to Los Angeles, Denver, and San Francisco.

The flights, local leaders in government and business hope, will make the city more appealing for business and will boost tourism.

The plan has been years in the making, said airport General Manager Chris Hastert, who said the airport obtained a \$490,000 grant to propel the airline into its new routes. The money comes from the Small Community Air Service Development Program run the U.S. Department of Transportation and is designed to front the costs of daily flights that may not be filled to capacity.

It's unclear how long the subsidies will last, Hastert said. It depends on factors like fuel costs and the number of passengers the airline can service.

The announcement was made at the airport on Jan. 10 to a crowd including 5th District Santa Barbara County Supervisor Steve Lavagnino and Bob Nelson, who's running unchallenged for the 4th District seat.

The routes are part of a company growth spurt that has seen United Airlines add 26 international

flights over the past two years, launch an expansion of its terminal at Denver International Airport, and bolster domestic offerings.

According to United, it's aiming for about 80 percent capacity on most of its flights and said there will be about 150 seats between the three routes each day.

The airline sent its Los Angeles hub managing director, Alberto Diaz, to make the announcement. He preceded his remarks in English with a brief dispatch in Spanish.

"We've been constantly looking at cities trying to expand our California presence," Diaz said in English.

The flights, serviced by a CRJ-200, were scheduled to begin on Jan. 11. They were added as part of a campaign by local business and government officials.

"I think what is really going to make it stick is the community has really felt the pains of not having air service. Now that they know what it's like, I think they're really going to embrace it and support it," said Suzanne Singh, director of economic development for the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce. "We were making sure we were doing all the right things to hit all the right buttons to get United to look at us."

One of those things was an extensive letter-writing campaign from area businesses, including Vandenberg Air Force Base, a massive user of air travel due to its thousands of service members and civilian employees.

"That was one of the huge priorities for us," Hastert said, "was making sure the military could use the service."

The new services create a triumvirate of small airport offerings on the Central Coast, including San Luis Obispo County Regional



GOING SOMEWHERE? Local business leaders and elected officials, including Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino (second from left), gathered on Jan. 10 to celebrate the reintroduction of flights to the Santa Maria Airport.

Airport and Santa Barbara Municipal Airport, which recently made modifications to allow larger airplanes to load and unload passengers.

Highlight:

- The Paul Nelson Aquatic Center, located at 600 McClelland St., is undergoing a major renovation costing about \$800,000. The city of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department will lead the improvement, which began Jan.

11, and will keep the aquatic center closed until April 1. The center serves about 75,000 people, according to the city. The project, funded by Community Development Block Grants, will reconstruct the plaster surface of the Olympic-sized pool and replace parts of the deck, which has not been renovated since 1997. ○

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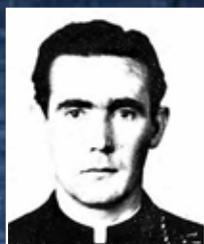
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Reality check

Lompoc's budget deficit is real, no matter who denies it

BY RON FINK

On May 2, 2017, City Manager Patrick Wiemiller said in a briefing to the Lompoc City Council, "The biggest financial hurdle facing Lompoc, according to staff, is the city's obligation of about \$70 million to the California Public Employees' Retirement System, or CalPERS."

Today the deficit is well over \$90 million and growing.

The obligation to pay these folks, many of whom retired years ago, isn't going away any time soon; staff estimates have determined that it will take the next 20 years or more just to get contributions back to the point we are at today. Retirement benefits are part of their negotiated pay packages, and this commitment is set in stone.

This problem is not unique to Lompoc. In 2015, Lawrence J. McQuillan published *California Dreaming*, which highlighted the unfunded liability crisis.

In the book, McQuillan says, "Pushing the pension liability from today and onto our children and grandchildren leaves them with a depleted future and a potentially bankrupt California. State and local governments will scramble to find funds, forcing them to raise taxes, slash public services, and/or declare bankruptcy."

Lompoc has already slashed public services, and it has had no impact on the ability to pay down the unfunded liabilities. To help with future costs, the city has negotiated new retirement benefit calculations for incoming employees in all work groups. But these changes won't produce results until the newly hired employees retire, which will be a few decades in the future. In the meantime, something had to be done.

During budget hearings in June of 2018, then Mayor Bob Lingl made a motion to address budget shortfalls in the next budget cycle. He pressed the urgency of placing a modest temporary 1 percent sales tax increase on the November 2018 ballot, and Councilwoman Jenelle Osborne seconded the motion.

Following Councilman Jim Mosby's lead, Councilmen Dirk Starbuck and Victor Vega remained silent and the motion failed. When the 2019-21 budget was finally approved in May of last year, the three still objected to placing the sales tax matter before voters.

Then suddenly on June 24, 2019, Councilman

The can has now hit the curb and can't be kicked any farther.

Starbuck seemed to have changed his mind. He had been discussing the matter with the city finance director, and they had come up with a plan to place a tax measure on the March 2020 ballot.

An ad hoc committee was formed consisting of Mayor Jenelle Osborne and Councilman Victor Vega, and they prepared an argument in favor of the new tax measure. When the word "deficit" appeared in a draft version of Lompoc's proposed sales tax measure argument, Councilman Mosby stated that he couldn't support it.

His argument was that the "city budget was balanced," thus there could be no deficit.

A deficit is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as "a lack or impairment in an ability or functional capacity," "an excess of expenditure over revenue"; the recommended remedy is to "raise taxes to help reduce the budget deficit."

To bring this closer to home, let's look at our household budget. Whether you use a checkbook or debit card, you can only spend the money you put in your account; thus, in theory, you have a "balanced budget." But suppose your car had some mechanical problems, your roof leaked, or someone in your family was seriously ill and needed medical care.

If you don't have an adequate reserve to cover these type expenses, you have a budget deficit. To resolve it you would have to find additional revenue with part-time work or maybe even a second full-time job.

For the city of Lompoc, the elected leaders of our community have known for a couple of decades that the CalPERS debt, or "unfunded liability" as it's called, was increasing each budget cycle; their answer was to "kick the can down the road" and defer payments in order to fund favored projects.

The can has now hit the curb and can't be kicked any farther.

Councilman Mosby needs to buy a dictionary or figure out how to use an online version to help him with hard words like "deficit." While he claims to be a budget expert, it has become abundantly clear that he really can't figure it out.

The passage of the 1 percent sales tax is, according to information provided by the city, "essential to provide a measured and stable revenue source to fund essential city services, maintain public safety, and help the city maintain its financial viability."

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Ron Fink writes to the Sun from Lompoc. Send your thoughts, comments, and opinionated letters to letters@santamariasun.com.

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What is environmental justice?

Environmental justice is one of those things most readily understood, and keenly felt, in its absence.

If you're unsure as to the meaning of "environmental justice" and have never felt it, you could also ask the residents of Oceano who can't afford to live anywhere else, can't safely use their beach, and face a future of inundation if motorized recreation on the Oceano Dunes continues to be prioritized over their welfare, continuing to stunt the prosperity of their town and grind down the only natural barrier between their community and rising seas.

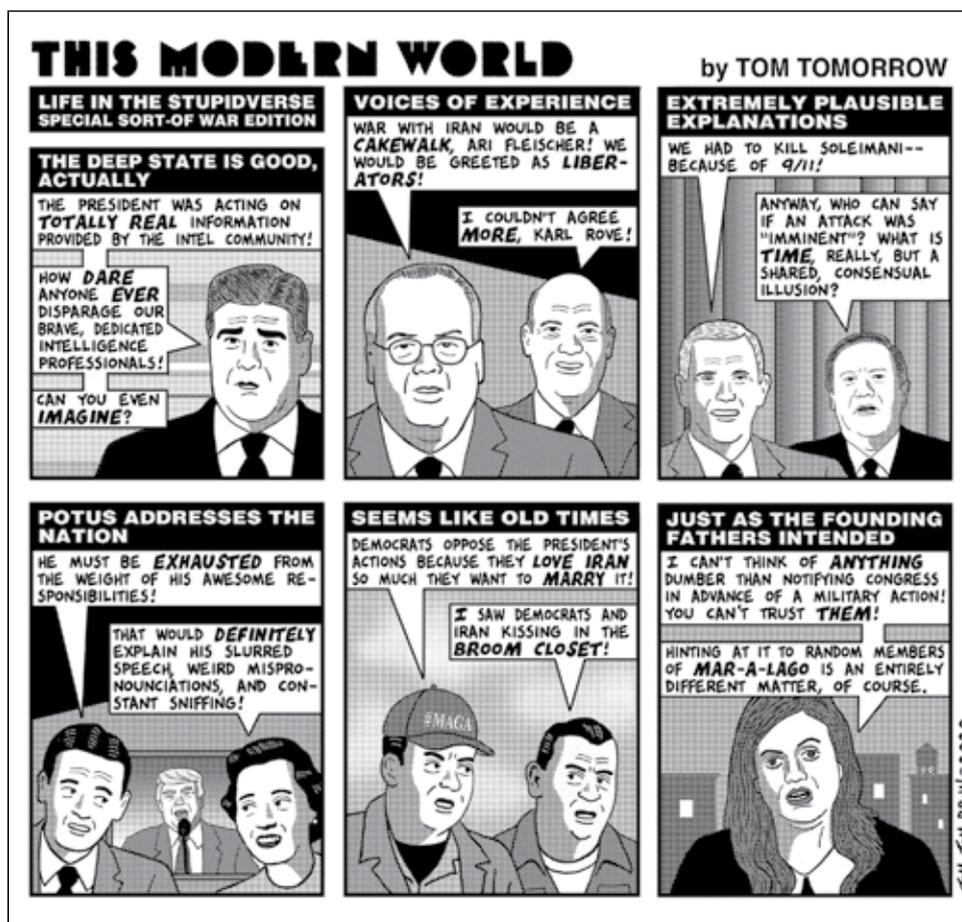
Oceano is a local poster child for the kind of injustice that has increasingly made economically disadvantaged communities, tribal communities, and communities of color the primary victims of climate change, with the fewest resources to prepare for or recover from its harms.

The state amended the California Coastal Act a few years ago to give the California Coastal Commission special authority when it comes to environmental justice.

Part of the commission's new mission is to "strongly encourage local governments to amend their local coastal programs to address environmental justice issues, develop a guidance memo for local governments to assist with the incorporation of environmental justice policies, and develop a list of best practices to help reduce disparate impacts on vulnerable communities."

Unless justice and equity are central aspects of our climate agenda, the inequality of the carbon-based economy will be replicated as we build a new clean and renewable energy economy. We are committed to working in partnership to define new policy ideas that tackle climate change and address environmental injustice, and ensure that those ideas become reality.

Andrew Christie
director, Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club



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OPINION

Environmental conundrum

Twisting and turning in the wind, giant 500-foot-tall wind turbines could find their way into **George Bedford's** flawlessly idealic view across the hills and dales of **San Miguelito Canyon** near Lompoc, if the **Strauss Wind Energy Project** gets approved.

The project, which was approved by the **Santa Barbara County Planning Commission** in November 2019, got appealed to the county **Board of Supervisors** because there were some folks out there—surprise, surprise!—that were none too pleased. This includes Bedford, who has been fighting against a wind farm in his fabulously remote “backyard” for more than a decade.

And the **California Native Plant Society**, which is worried about the unique **Gaviota tarplant**, thinks the project doesn't do enough to “protect” the endangered flora that call the canyon home. The **Santa Barbara Audubon Society**, which didn't officially sign on to the appeal, is miffed that some federally protected golden eagles *might* see death by rotating blade.

Meanwhile, the county is in a real pickle about the emissions goals it set for itself at about the same time an initial wind farm was proposed for the canyon. That wind farm made it all the way through the planning, approval, and appeals process before pulling out because it just no longer made financial sense to continue—I'm guessing the recession had a little bit to do with that.

BayWa (the company that proposed the project) **Vice President of Development Daniel Duke** told the *Sun* that this is basically the only location in the county that could actually produce utility-scale wind energy. And he also alluded to the fact that if the permit approval process gets delayed much further, this wind farm *may also not work out*.

Santa Barbara County needs the clean energy. Bad. If it wants to reduce its 2007 emission levels by 15 percent by 2020. Oh wait. That's not going to happen, regardless! Instead of really doing anything to reach that target, the county instead increased emission levels to 14 percent above 2007 levels by 2016. And the only utility-scale renewable energy project that's been approved is a solar project in the **Cuyama Valley!**

I know this is just shock, but just bear with me—all of those oil projects that were approved in the last decade only *increased* the county's emission levels. The county successfully approved oil projects with intense environmental opposition *and* a crazy amount of environmental impact mitigation that have since moved forward with development, but it can't get its crap together when it comes to renewable energy. What's up with that?

Plus, this wind project is something that the **Community Environmental Council** and the **Sierra Club Los Padres Chapter** *both* support. So, no lawsuit in the future? The same can't be said of the oil projects currently in the county's planning hopper—again, I know, *shocking!*

It's tough. Birds or energy? One environmental disaster or another? Take a small nibble out of global warming or save some air space for the birds?

Environmentalists can't have it both ways. Development—even clean energy development—will always have an impact. So what are the sacrifices you're willing to make? ☹

The canary thinks sacrifices are for the birds. Send comments to canary@santamariasun.com.



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JUST DANCE

Boscutti Ballet Theatre and Performing Arts presents its Winter Recital, A Fairytale, at the Lompoc Civic Auditorium on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and general admission ranges from \$12 to \$15. Children ages 3 and under get in for free. The auditorium is located at 217 S. L St., Lompoc. Visit bbtdance.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. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

LOMPOC BOTANIC SOCIETY: JANUARY PROGRAM Gardener Eve Vigil will share some of her experience. **Jan. 19**, 2-4:30 p.m. Free. 805-733-3189. lvbhs.org. Stone Pine Hall, 210 South H St., Lompoc.

LOMPOC MEET AND GREET: ANDY CALDWELL Hosted by Andy Caldwell for Congress. Visit site for more info. **Jan. 26**, 2-5 p.m. andycaldwell2020.com. Dick DeWees Community & Senior Center, 1120 W. Ocean Ave., Lompoc.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION It's the year of the Rat in the Chinese New Year. Celebrate with the library by learning about this Chinese holiday with dance and music taught by Shiu Ching McSparron. **Jan. 22**, 4-5 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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. Minami Community Center, 600 W. Enos Drive, Santa Maria.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

AVILA BAY ATHLETIC CLUB OPEN HOUSE Come in and experience all the health wellness options at the club. Club has 7 tennis courts, 2 heated pools, workout areas, and more. **Jan. 25**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. 805-595-7600. Avila Bay Athletic Club, 6699 Bay Laurel Place, Avila Beach.

BEACH BASH Limited to 25 squares. Please register early. **Jan. 25**, 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m. See

description or website for ticket prices. 805-316-1628. squaredancecentralcoast.com/. Pismo Beach Veterans Memorial Hall, 780 Bello St., Pismo Beach.

SIPPING FOR SINGERS In support of the SLO Master Chorale, this intimate gathering of whiskey connoisseurs will enjoy tastes of a half dozen smooth and uncommon whiskey's from Kentucky, Scotland and Ireland, accompanied by paired appetizers. Hosted by Howard Gee. **Jan. 25**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$100-\$180. my805tix.com. Varian Ranch Clubhouse, 2060 Varian Circle, Arroyo Grande.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

ANDREW HOLLAND FOUNDATION ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL Every candle represents the vial need for comprehensive and humane treatment programs and environments for those living with Severe Mental Illness, leading to successful reintegration into the community. **Jan. 22**, 6-7 p.m. Free. Juvenile Hall, 1065 Cabrillo Hwy, San Luis Obispo, 805-781-4600, andrewhollandfoundation.org.

SLO COUNTY GOVERNMENT 3RD AND 5TH DISTRICT CANDIDATE LIVE FORUMS 5th District SLO County Supervisor Candidates Debbie Arnold and Ellen Beraud will square off. **Jan. 22**, 6-8 p.m. Free. my805tix.com. SLO County Government Center, 1055 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, 805-544-6654.

NORTH SLO COUNTY

FIFTH ANNUAL TAMALE FESTIVAL The grand opening party on Friday night features live music, a fireworks show, bounce houses, and more than 20 tamale vendors. Festivities continue Saturday with more live music, dancers, kids activities, contests, and more than 30 tamale vendors on site. **Jan. 17**, 5-10 p.m. and **Jan. 18**, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. visitatascadero.com. Historic City Hall, 6500 Palma Ave., Atascadero, 805-461-5000.

WINERIES OF 46 EAST: 19TH

New Times and the Sun now share their community listings for a complete Central Coast calendar running from SLO County through northern Santa Barbara County. Submit events online by logging in with your Google, Facebook, or Twitter account at newtimeslo.com. You may also email calendar@newtimeslo.com. Deadline is one week before the issue date on Thursdays. Submissions are subject to editing and approval. Contact Calendar Editor Caleb Wiseblood directly at cwiseblood@newtimeslo.com.

ANNUAL ESPIRIT DU VIN All 46 East wineries will gather under one roof for an exciting night of delicious wine and cheese pairings, culinary delights, live music, and a wine loving crowd. Each winery will be featuring wines paired with different gourmet cheeses. **Jan. 18**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$40-\$50. my805tix.com. Riboli Family of San Antonio Winery, 1917 Wisteria Lane, Paso Robles.

NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY

18TH ANNUAL ART AND WINE FESTIVAL Features various wineries, entertainment, demonstrating artists, and up to 300 visitors. **Jan. 24**, 5-7 p.m., **Jan. 25**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and **Jan. 26**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. 805-434-7060. cambriacenterforthearts.org. Cambria Center for the Arts, 1350 Main St., Cambria.

2020 CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION Please join us in celebrating the beginning of the Chinese new year. The Cal Poly Lion Dance Team and Band will perform a blessing ritual which dates back centuries. **Jan. 25**, 3-3:30 p.m. Free. 805-528-5565. Volumes of Pleasure Bookshop, 1016 Los Osos Valley Rd, Los Osos.

55+ HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIRE Offers county residents, ages 55 and older, a morning where all their health and wellness questions can be addressed under one setting. Includes valuable information, screenings, demonstrations, giveaways, healthy food, assessments, guest speakers, and \$200 given away in attendance raffles. **Jan. 25**, 9 a.m.-noon Free. 805-772-6278. mbactivessr.com. Morro Bay Community Center, 1001 Kennedy Way, Morro Bay.

CAMBRIA ART AND WINE FESTIVAL A three day celebration of fine wine and original art found on the California Central Coast. The main event offers three days of wine tasting venues including a two-day Artists Faire, with demonstrating artists, plus an art auction and multiple wine tastings throughout the village **Jan. 24-26**, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$40-\$100. 805-927-3624. cambriaartwine.org. Cambria West Village, Main St., Cambria.

ARTS

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

FREE WEST COAST SWING CLASS No partner or experience required. Mondays, 7 & 8 p.m. Free. 805-937-1574. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, mavericksaloon.org.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

ADULT COLORING CLUB 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. **Jan. 22**, 12:30-2 p.m. 805-925-0994-8562. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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

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

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

COUNTRY TWO STEP DANCE LESSONS From the basics to a variety of patterns. Dancers of all skill levels welcome. Thursdays, 6:15-9 p.m. \$8. 805-680-5695. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

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

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

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.

FREE WEST COAST SWING CLASS No partner or experience required. Wednesdays, 6:30 & 7:30 p.m. 805-937-1574. Cubanissimo Cuban Coffee House, 4869 S. Bradley Rd., Orcutt.

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SANTA MARIA SEWING SUPERSTORE CLASSES Visit site for full list of classes and more details. Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. santamariasewing.com. Santa Maria Sewing Superstore, 127 E. Main St., Santa Maria, 805-922-1784.

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

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

SPECIAL ART EVENTS

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

BOOK SIGNING WITH WENDELIN VAN DRAANEN Wendelin Van Draanen didn't grow up wanting to be a writer, but thirty books later, she's convinced that writing saved her life. She shares what she's learned about writing, life, and what it takes to live the writing life. Jan. 26, 2-3 p.m. 805-688-6010. bookloftsolvang.com. The Book Loft, 1680 Mission Dr., Solvang.

DAMN YOU, WEIGHT LOSS PLATEAUS: BOOK SIGNING WITH HEATHER TUCKER Frustrated and discouraged over weight loss plateaus? Heather Tucker gets it and shows you how to get past each of

your plateaus and stay motivated throughout the extreme measures of adding more hours at the gym or cutting back on how much food you're eating. Jan. 18, 2-4 p.m. 805-688-6010. The Book Loft, 1680 Mission Dr., Solvang.

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.

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.

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.

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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, gallerylosolivis.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.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

THE PEKING ACROBATS Whether balancing atop a precarious pagoda of chairs, or performing expert feats of trick cycling, tumbling, and gymnastics, they combine incredible athleticism and pageantry to create a one-of-a-kind experience. **Jan. 23**, 7-9 p.m. \$36-\$50. 805-489-9444. clarkcenter.org. Clark Center for the Performing Arts, 487 Fair Oaks Ave., Arroyo Grande.

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. and **Jan. 16**, 7-8:30 p.m. through Jan. 19 \$17-\$25. 805-786-2440. slore.org/shows/macbeth/. San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, 888 Morro St., San Luis Obispo.

**SELF-TAUGHT**

Flying Goat Cellars hosts a reception for its new featured artist, Elisa J, on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. A self-taught artist and writer from Chicago, Elisa's artwork encompasses a variety of mediums. Guests of the reception can look forward to complimentary snacks. The tasting room is located at 1520 E. Chestnut Court, Lompoc. Visit flyinggoatcellars.com for more info.

—C.W.

STAGED READING: HOW TO TRANSCEND A

HAPPY MARRIAGE What happens when parents let their wild sides come out of hibernation? SLO REP's Ubu's Other Shoe Staged Reading series presents a staged reading of Sarah Ruhl's new play. **Jan. 24**, 7-9 p.m. and **Jan. 25**, 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. \$15. 805-786-2440. slore.org. San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, 888 Morro St., San Luis Obispo.

ORCHESIS 50 Features performances in the genres of ballet, modern, jazz, and contemporary by Cal Poly faculty and students as well as guest artists. **Jan. 17**, 8-10 p.m., **Jan. 18**, 2-4 & 8-10 p.m., **Jan. 23**, 8-10 p.m., **Jan. 24**, 8-10 p.m. and **Jan. 25**, 8-10 p.m. \$12-\$20. 805-756-4849. tickets.calpoly.edu. Spanos Theatre, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

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NORTH SLO COUNTY

COMEDY NIGHT WITH CHRIS FRANJOLA You may have seen this comedian on *Chesley Lately* or as the host of the after party for *Sons of Anarchy*. **Jan. 25**, 7-9 p.m. \$25. my805tix.com. Tooth and Nail Winery, 3090 Anderson Rd., Paso Robles, 805-369-6100.

NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY

THE ODD COUPLE Presented by By The Sea Productions. Directed by Lisa Woske. **Jan. 24-Feb. 16**, 7-9 p.m. \$20. 805-776-3287. my805tix.com. By The Sea Productions, 545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay.

CULTURE & LIFESTYLE**LECTURES & LEARNING****SANTA YNEZ VALLEY**

ALMA ROSA PRESENTS WINE TALK WEDNESDAYS An informational series that host speakers that discuss different aspects of the local wine industry. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. 805-688-9090. almarosawinery.com. Alma Rosa Tasting Room, 181 C Industrial Way, Buellton.

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.

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**HIPS DON'T LIE**

Yoga 4 Mankind in Orcutt hosts A Restorative Practice Towards Hip Preservation on Sunday, Jan. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. Terri Robinson leads this workshop, which costs \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. The yoga studio is located at 130 N. Broadway, suite B, Orcutt. Call (805) 680-6542 or visit yoga4mankind.com to find out more.

—C.W.

Free. 805-967-5741, Ext. 107. El Camino Community Center, W. Laurel Avenue and N. I Street, Lompoc.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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

CLIMATE CHANGE The Santa Maria Public Library and the American Association of University Women will present a program on climate change. John Lindsey, local meteorologist for PG&E, is the guest speaker for this event. **Jan. 24**, 3:30-5:30 p.m. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

COMPUTER DROP-IN WORKSHOP

The Santa Maria Library is pleased to announce a free computer drop-in workshop. The workshop will be presented in the Learning Center, located on the first floor of the Library. **Jan. 22**, 5-6 p.m. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

POINT SLO LIGHTHOUSE TOURS Docents lead guests on a one-hour tour of the historic site, the buildings, and up to the Lighthouse tower. Please arrive 15 minutes early. All proceeds go directly toward the site's restoration. Wednesdays, 12 & 1 p.m. and Saturdays, 12, 1 & 2 p.m. \$17-\$22. 805-540-5771. pointsanluislighthouse.org. Point San Luis Lighthouse, 1 Lighthouse Rd., Avila Beach.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

CITIZENSHIP CLASS To prepare for the citizenship exam. No registration required. Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m. Free. 805-781-5783. sloblibrary.org. San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm St., San Luis Obispo.

THE LEGACY OF PROHIBITION: SLO SCREENING Marking the 100 year anniversary, *America's Wine: The Legacy of Prohibition* will be shown. Immediately following the film, the event sponsor, the Wine History Project, will host a dynamite panel of writers and producers involved in the making of this film. **Jan. 18**, 5-8 p.m. \$25. 805-439-4647. winehistoryproject.org.

The Monday Club, 1815 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

CLUBS & MEETINGS**SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS**

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.

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS**SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS**

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

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

AWAKENED PARENTING SITTING GROUP The intention of this group is to provide space for meditation and discussion in a supportive community. Appropriate for parents of children of all ages and anyone interested in exploring awakened parenting. Third Monday of every month, 6:30-7:30 p.m. whiteheronsangha.org. White Heron Sangha Meditation Center, 6615 Bay Laurel Place, Avila Beach.

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.

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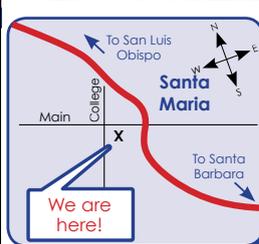
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CARD MAKING Tuesdays, 9 a.m. oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

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

WINTER MAKERSPACE It's time to create, build, explore, and use your imagination at the Library Maker Events. **Jan. 18**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

MIND & BODY

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

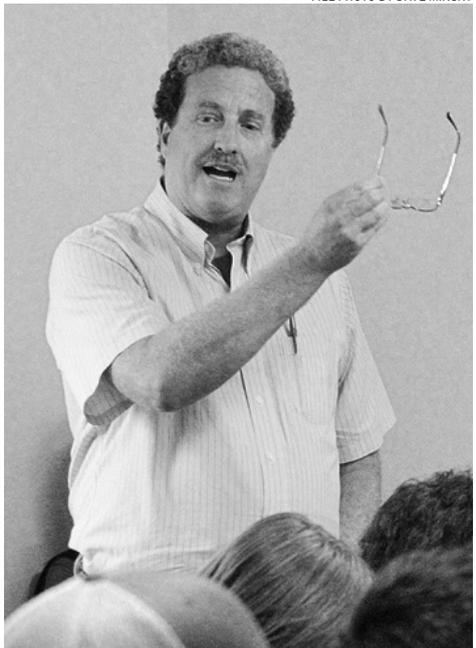
ADULT COLORING PROGRAM Come and enjoy this new trend in adult creativity and relaxation at the Santa Maria Public Library. The program is free, and all materials will be provided. Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. 805-925-0994-8562. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

BEER YOGA **Jan. 18**, 10-11 a.m. \$22. 805-287-9663. my805tix.com. Naughty Oak Brewing Co., 165 S Broadway St. suite 102, Orcutt.

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.

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CAMPAIGN TRAIL

A Meet and Greet with congressional candidate Andy Caldwell takes place at the DeWees Senior Center in Lompoc on Sunday, Jan. 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP by calling (805) 294-0492 or (805) 681-7820. The venue is located at 1120 W. Ocean Ave., Lompoc. Visit andycaldwell2020.com to find out more.

—C.W.

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/.

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.

OUTDOORS

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY GARDEN CLUB Do you love gardening and want to share your passion with others? Once a month the SMPL Garden Club will

offer informative meetings about gardening tips, a variety of presentations, succulent exchanges, demos, and more. **Jan. 25**, 2:30-3:30 p.m. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

SPORTS

SAN LUIS OBISPO

WRESTLING VS. STANFORD Come out to watch the Mustangs take on Stanford. **Jan. 17**, 6:30 p.m. \$5-\$9. tickets.calpoly.edu. Mott Athletics Center, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, 805-756-7297.

KIDS & FAMILY

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-Thursdays, 3:30-6:30 p.m. 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.

LEGO CLUB Master builders are welcome to create whatever you imagine with Legos supplied by the library. Compete in a building challenge for prizes or just build for fun. **Jan. 23**, 4-5 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. cityofsantamaria.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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

ROBLOX GAME PLAY Kids 6 to 12 participate in multiplayer gaming, as we offer access to select games on the Roblox website. Participants must already have an individual Roblox account set up prior to the program. **Jan. 20**, 3-5 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

TEEN GAMING FRIDAYS Join the library on select Fridays for an afternoon of gaming. Play against your friends, or just sit back and watch the action on our large screen. Light snacks will be provided. **Jan. 24**, 4-5:30 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. cityofsantamaria.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

SQUID DISSECTION SATURDAYS Available to all ages, this activity will allow you to discover the internal and external anatomy of a squid. Last Saturday of every month, 1-2 p.m. through Feb. 29 \$12. 805-595-7280. my805tix.com. Central Coast Aquarium, 50 San Juan St., Avila Beach.

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS: VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

OCEANO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING Volunteer your time at the Library, help raise funds, or promote awareness. **Jan. 21**, 5-6 p.m. Free. 805-474-7478. Oceano Library, 1551 17th St., Oceano, slolibrary.org/index.php/about/locations/oceano-library.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

DRESS A CHILD AROUND THE WORLD Welcoming volunteers to sew simple dresses and shorts for children in developing countries around the world, enabling them to attend school. Please bring a sewing machine in good operating order. Fabric and notions are provided. Third Thursday of every month, 1-4 p.m. Free. 805-441-8031. United Church of Christ (Congregational) of San Luis Obispo, 11245 Los Osos Valley Rd., San Luis Obispo.

HOSPICE SLO COUNTY VOLUNTEER TRAINING Preregistration required. In-Home Volunteers assist individuals with a life-limiting illness and their families by providing caregiver respite, practical assistance, emotional support, companionship, and comfort. Thursdays, 1-6 p.m. Free. 805-544-2266. hospiceslo.org/workshops. Hospice SLO County, 1304 Pacific St., San Luis Obispo.

IN-HOME VOLUNTEER TRAINING: SAN LUIS OBISPO Classes will be held for 6 consecutive Thursdays. Preregistration is required. **Jan. 16**, 1:30-6 p.m. Training is free to attend. 805-544-2266. hospiceslo.org. Hospice SLO County, 1304 Pacific St., San Luis Obispo.



GRAND TOUR

The Fabing-McKay-Spanne House hosts its next monthly open house event on Sunday, Jan. 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guests visiting this 1875 Victorian farmhouse can tour the museum and its carriage and car displays for free. Donations are accepted. The house is located at 207 N. L St., Lompoc. Call (805) 735-4626 or visit lompochohistory.org for more info.

—C.W.

SLO REP SEEKING VOLUNTEER BARTENDERS Must be 21 or over. All volunteers receive complimentary tickets. Email volunteer@slopep.org for more info. ongoing slopep.org. San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, 888 Morro St., San Luis Obispo, 805-786-2440.

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

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

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ARROYO GRANDE FARMERS MARKET Includes

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-Thursdays, 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. lompoctwinery.com. Lompoc Wine Factory, 321 N. D St., Lompoc.

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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.

BACK POCKET LIVE Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed.

Jan. 25, 5 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

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

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

HOODLUM FRIENDS LIVE Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. **Jan. 24, 6 p.m.** Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

JIM RANKIN LIVE Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. **Jan. 25, 1 p.m.** Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

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.

RML LIVE Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. **Jan. 26, 4:30 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.

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.

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/VANDENBERG

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 wine every 3 months. ongoing \$40. Lompoc Wine Factory, 321 N. D St., Lompoc, 805-243-8398, lompocwinefactory.com.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

ANGEL ELIAS LIVE Jan. 17, 7-9 p.m. Vino et Amicis, 156 S. Broadway, Orcutt, 805-631-0496, vinoetamicis.com.

DR. SUCIO LIVE Jan. 17, 7-10 p.m. Naughty Oak Brewing Co., 165 S Broadway St. suite 102, Orcutt, 805-287-9663, naughtyoak.com.

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HERD MENTALITY: The Cold Spring Tavern presents Santa Barbara-based country-rock band Stray Herd in concert on Friday, Jan. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Herd is the word

Santa Barbara country band Stray Herd saddles up at Cold Spring Tavern

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

“Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear.” Radio announcer Fred Foy’s famous intro to *The Lone Ranger* serves as the tagline for a Santa Barbara-based sextet of not-so-lone rangers. **Stray Herd** is composed of six local musicians with a passion for classic country-rock and roots nostalgia.

At the front of the pack are lead and harmony vocalists Kate Ingalls and Ally Shiras. Aside from Stray Herd, Ingalls has also collaborated with many rock and jazz-based ensembles over the years, including Champagne, Dark Street Kiss, and Vocabella. A musical theater and dance veteran as well, Shiras is also known for her solo singing and songwriting, most notably for her original Americana-folk album, *Invisible Children* (available on iTunes and Spotify).

Like Shiras, Stray Herd’s rhythm guitarist and lead vocalist Grayson Dale is locally known for his solo work, most of which he compiled for *I Gotta Thing For You*, a collection of his solo recordings. Before joining the Herd, Dale played guitar and vocals for tribute groups Pelvis Elvis and Pink Freud—so many endorphins just reading those; happiness is a warm pun after all.

On lead guitar and vocals is Santa Barbara local Nick Hoffman, who not only plays but also designs his own custom guitars. Hoffman described his musical style in press materials as “free-wheeling” and one that “lifts dancers off the floor.” Aside from the Herd, Hoffman has also toured with The Fog, another Santa Barbara favorite.

Rounding out the ensemble is bass guitarist and harmony vocalist Steve Clemens and drummer Snake Farmer. Clemens spent years performing in a barbershop quartet before diving into country-rock, while Farmer spent his college years refining his percussion chops at the Berklee School of Music in Boston. Snake Farmer and his peers will be slitherin’ their way from Santa Barbara and up Highway 154 to the Cold Spring Tavern on Friday, Jan. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. You’d be astray to miss them!

Tavern tunes continued

Following the Herd’s Cold Spring concert is solo artist **John Lyle**, who takes the Tavern’s stage on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. The venue’s weekend lineup continues with classic rock tribute **The Youngsters** later that evening, from 5 to 8 p.m. This cover group plays a mix of hits from Neil Young, Van Morrison, Bob Dylan, and other legendary artists. According to the band’s Facebook page, its top priorities are “drinking, making people shake their asses, and keeping bar owners happy.” Sold!

The lineup wraps up with Tavern regulars **Tom Ball and Kenny Sultan**, who play their usual blues and rags set on Sunday, Jan. 19, from



STRAY WITH ME: Central Coast local Ally Shiras provides lead and harmony vocals for Stray Herd, who perform at the Cold Spring Tavern on Friday, Jan. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m.

1:15 to 4 p.m., and **The Low Down Dudes**, who follow the duo from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Admission to all concerts at the venue is free, but food and drinks are available for purchase. Visit coldspringtavern.com for more details.

More music

The Maverick Saloon in Santa Ynez hosts two blast-from-the-past tribute concerts in a row, with ’80s homage **The Molly Ringwald Project** and ’90s-centric **Flannel 101**—the former on Friday, Jan. 17, from 9 p.m. to midnight, and the latter on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. The Saloon switches things up the following afternoon with country-rockers **Are We Not Horses**, who perform on Sunday, Jan. 19, from noon to 4 p.m. Entry to all three shows is free. Visit themavsaloon.com to find out more.

Meanwhile, Vino et Amicis Wine Bar in Orcutt presents two solo singer-songwriters back to back, with **Angel Elias** on Friday, Jan. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m., and **Tom Mutchler** on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. There is no cover charge for either performance. Check vinoetamicis.com for more details.

Also in the Santa Maria Valley, it is my pleasure to announce for the third week in a row another

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MOLLY RINGWALD PROJECT



ONE RINGWALD TO RULE THEM ALL: 1980s tribute and dance band The Molly Ringwald Project perform at the Maverick Saloon on Friday, Jan. 17, from 9 p.m. to midnight.

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Central Coast show from **Will Breman**, who performs at Presqu'ile Winery on **Friday, Jan. 17**, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The Santa Barbara native was a formidable competitor on NBC's *The Voice* last December, making it to the final 10 vocalists of the season. Breman is also a meticulous producer and multi-instrumentalist, often arranging his compositions through live looping—recording himself performing one instrument at a time and playing each back simultaneously, creating a one-man-band effect. Admission to Breman's Presqu'ile concert is free. Visit presquilewine.com for more info. ○

Arts Editor **Caleb Wiseblood** wrote this week's Local Notes. Contact him at cwiseblood@santamariasun.com.



THY WILL BE DONE: Multi-instrumentalist and singer-songwriter Will Breman performs at Presqu'ile Winery on **Friday, Jan. 17**, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

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BRIGHT SIDE OF THE MOON

The Santa Maria Philharmonic Society presents *Fly Me to the Moon: From J.S. Bach to Mr. Spock*, a free family concert, at the Pacific Christian Center, on Sunday, Jan. 26, from 4 to 5 p.m. The program includes selections from Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, and other composers. The church is located at 3435 Santa Maria Way, Santa Maria. Visit smphilharmonic.org to find out more. —Caleb Wiseblood

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FLY ME TO THE MOON: FROM J.S. BACH TO MR. SPOCK Maestro Michael Nowak, the architect of the hour-long presentation of "Fly Me to the Moon," will conduct a live orchestra performing music of Tchaikovsky and Beethoven, mixed with a knock-out light show for a spectacle that will delight all ages. **Jan. 26**, 4-5 p.m. Free. 805-925-0412. smphilharmonic.org. Pacific Christian Center, 3435 Santa Maria Way, Santa Maria.

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.

JINEANNE CODERRE LIVE **Jan. 24**, 6-9 p.m. Naughty Oak Brewing Co., 165 S Broadway St. suite 102, Orcutt, 805-287-9663, naughtyoak.com.

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.

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/. 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.

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, osullivanpub.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.

TOM MUTCHLER LIVE **Jan. 18**, 7-9 p.m. Vino et Amicis, 156 S. Broadway, Orcutt, 805-631-0496, 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.

BACH CELLO SUITES A trio of cellists presented by Symphony of the Vines. Featuring musicians Jeanne Shumway, Barbara Hunter-Spencer, and Hilary Clark. **Jan. 25**, 1 p.m. Up to \$30. my805tix.com. Grace Bible Church, 100 Rodeo Dr., Arroyo Grande, 805-489-4200.

BACH'S CELLO SUITES: ARROYO GRANDE Bach's Cello Suites are some of the most emotionally intense pieces in the Baroque repertoire. Suites 1, 5, and 6. Each artist presents her own vision of these intimate works. Featuring cellists Jeanne Shumway, Barbara Hunter-Spencer, and Hilary Clark. **Jan. 25**, 1-2:30 p.m. \$15 student, \$27 senior, and \$30 adult general. 805-235-0687. symphonyofhtevines.org. Grace Bible Church, 100 Rodeo Dr., Arroyo Grande.

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/.

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. 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. 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. 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, 805-773-1922, scottysbarpismo.com.

STEEP CANYON RANGERS Known for their wide-ranging and imaginative style, this North Carolina bluegrass band has produced 12 albums since 2001, including two collaborations with banjo-picking comedian Steve Martin. **Jan. 26**, 7-9 p.m. \$45-\$55. 805-489-9444. clarkcenter.org/event/steep-canyon-rangers/. Clark Center for the Performing Arts, 487 Fair Oaks Ave., Arroyo Grande.

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/. 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.

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AFRO-CUBAN ALL STARS Afro-Cuban All Stars will be live at the Fremont Theater in downtown SLO. **Jan. 25**, 7-11:50 p.m. \$30-\$45. eventbrite.com. The Fremont Theater, 1035 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, 805-546-8600.

BENEFIT CONCERT: DAVE BECKER, CENTRAL COAST ALL STARS, AND 41K This is a benefit concert to raise money for music programs in San Luis Coastal High Schools and Middle Schools. Suggested donation of \$20 is accepted at the door. All proceeds are donated to the schools. **Jan. 26**, 3-4:30 p.m. \$20. 805-544-2133. mtcarmelslo.org. Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 1701 Fredericks 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. Cuesta College, Highway 1, San Luis Obispo.

CAL POLY BACH WEEK CHAMBER CONCERT: BACH CELLO SUITE CYCLE II Cellists Barbara Spencer, Jeanne Shumway and Hilary Clark conclude a two-year cycle of the cello suites of J.S. Bach. **Jan. 21**, 7:30 p.m. Free. 805-756-2406. music.calpoly.edu/calendar/. Cal Poly Davidson Music Center, Room 218, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

CAL POLY BACH WEEK CHAMBER CONCERT: THE SPLENDOR OF DRESDEN Music performed by members of the world-class period instrument ensemble

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CAL POLY BACH WEEK FINALE: MASS IN B MINOR Members of Cal Poly's Chamber Choir, Symphony and faculty join with guest artists to perform J.S. Bach's monumental Mass in B Minor, BWV 232. **Jan. 25**, 7 p.m. \$15 general, \$10 students. 805-756-4849. music.calpoly.edu/calendar. Performing Arts Center, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo.

CAL POLY BACH WEEK INSTRUMENTAL MASTER CLASS Guest artists Andrew McIntosh, violin; Paul Sherman, oboe; and Ian Pritchard, harpsichord; will coach Cal Poly students in instrumental repertoire from the Baroque era. **Jan. 23**, 11:10 a.m. Free. 805-756-2406. music.calpoly.edu/calendar/. Cal Poly Davidson Music Center, Room 218, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

CAL POLY VOCAL MASTER CLASS Guest artist Matthew Goinz, former member of the world-famous men's ensemble Cantus, and Cait Frizzell, member of the renowned ensemble Seraphic Fire, will coach several Cal Poly voice students in varied repertoire. **Jan. 23**, 3:10 p.m. Free. 805-756-2406. music.calpoly.edu/calendar/. Cal Poly Davidson Music Center, Room 218, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

THE ENGLISH BEAT The English Beat will be live in downtown SLO at the Fremont Theater. **Jan. 25**, 8-11:59 p.m. \$25-\$30. fremontslo.com. The Fremont Theater, 1035 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, 805-546-8600.

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

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.

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/. Cal Poly Davidson Music Center, Room 218, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

DJ/DANCE

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

LINE DANCING Mondays, 6:30-9 p.m. \$5. 805-310-1827. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

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RANDY LATIN PARTY MIX Fridays, 9:30 p.m. Anthony's, 859 Guadalupe St., Guadalupe, 805-219-0977.

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

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

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KARAOKE WITH DJ RICARDO Thursdays, 9-11:30 p.m. spotonevents.com. Blast 825 Brewery, 241 S Broadway St., Ste. 101, Orcutt, 805-934-3777.

KARAOKE WITH YSABEL Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Anthony's, 859 Guadalupe St., Guadalupe, 805-219-0977.

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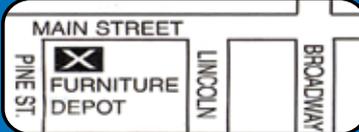
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Local author documents Lompoc's history of law enforcement

Peace in the Valley: History of the Lompoc Police Department 1890-2008, the first formal written history of Lompoc's police department, is now available for purchase. The new book was compiled by local historian and former Lompoc Police Department volunteer Joseph L. Carlson, who first joined the department in 1985.

Bill Brown, the police chief at the time, was aware of Carlson's background in library science and asked him to consider documenting the history of law enforcement in Lompoc. Between then and now, Carlson spent hundreds of hours reviewing Lompoc Library records in order to write the book, a process that stalled along the way under changing leadership within the department over the years but was rejuvenated by former Police Chief Pat Walsh.

Proceeds from the book's sales will support the Lompoc Police Foundation (cost is \$30). The book is also available for checkout as part of the Local Author Collection at the Lompoc Library, located at 501 E. North Ave., Lompoc. To find out more about *Peace in the Valley*, visit cityoflompoc.com.

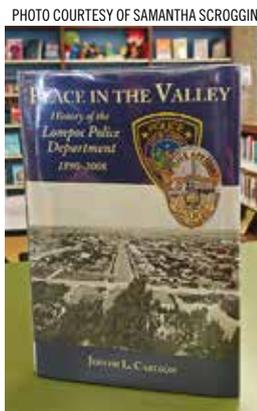


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Santa Maria Civic Theatre presents *Ripcord*

Santa Maria Civic Theatre's (SMCT) production of David Lindsay-Abaire's *Ripcord* opens on Friday, Jan. 17, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The show is scheduled to run through Sunday, Feb. 2, with performances every Friday and Saturday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and every Sunday from 1:30 to 4 p.m. This comedy follows two residents of a senior living facility: the irritable and sarcastic Abby Binder, who becomes unbearably annoyed at her new bubbly and cheerful roommate, Marilyn Dunne.

General admission to the show is \$15, and tickets are available in advance at my805tix.com. SMCT is located at 1660 N. McClelland St., Santa Maria. Call (805) 922-4442 or visit smct.org for more info.

Santa Ynez Valley Natural History Society hosts free lecture on elephant seals

Live Birth: A Year in the Life of an Elephant Seal, a special lecture presented by the Santa Ynez Valley Natural History Society, will be held at St. Mark's-in-the-Valley Church in Los Olivos on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. Central Coast local Misty Wycoff, a five-year docent of the Friends of the Elephant Seal, will present this informative talk.

The lecture will focus on the pupping and mating season for elephant seals, which occurs at this time of the year (mid-December to mid-February), and follow a year in the life of a female elephant seal. Admission to the event is free. The church is located at 2901 Nojoqui Ave., Los Olivos. To find out more about the lecture, visit synnature.org.

Arts Briefs is compiled by Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood. Send information to cwiseblood@santamariasun.com.



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CENTRAL COAST LOCAL: Author Wendelin Van Draanen is a former St. Joseph High School teacher and currently resides in Pismo Beach.

A new hope

Bestselling author Wendelin Van Draanen releases first non-fiction book, *Hope in the Mail*

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

The title of Central Coast local Wendelin Van Draanen's new book alludes to the author's persistence in sending her unpublished novels to various New York publishers and agents—week after week, year after year. Van Draanen referred to the submission process as “putting hope in the mail.”

After 10 years of rejection letters and other setbacks, Van Draanen finally landed a publisher. *Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief* was released by Random House and Knopf in 1998, and spawned a Nancy Drew-esque mystery series of 17 sequels. I fondly remember reading various entries throughout my childhood and being fascinated by Keyes' hometown of Santa Martina—a loosely fictionalized version of my own hometown, Santa Maria.

Van Draanen's other works include the teen romance novel, *Flipped*, which was released in 2001 and adapted as a feature-length film nine years later from acclaimed

director Rob Reiner (*This is Spinal Tap*, *The Princess Bride*). After writing more than 30 young-adult fiction novels, Van Draanen released her first non-fiction venture, *Hope in the Mail: Reflections on Writing and Life*, on Jan. 14.

The bestselling author sat down with the *Sun* to discuss the new book and reflect on her long career.

You've got mail

Wendelin Van Draanen will discuss her new book, *Hope in the Mail: Reflections on Writing and Life*, 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. Visit wendelinvand.com for more info.

working on when you discovered how alleviating writing could be?

Van Draanen: It was a short story titled “United We Stand,” and it began as non-fiction, but soon veered off into fiction. It was enormously satisfying to deviate from real-life events, beat up the bad guys, and create my own happy ending. Reading it now, I see how awful the writing was, but it was great therapy for me, and catapulted me into writing novels.

Sun: And now, 30 novels later,

you've released your first non-fiction book, *Hope in the Mail: Reflections on Writing and Life*, which you've described as part memoir, part craft guide, and part publishing insight. What period of your life does the memoir section depict?

Van Draanen: The majority of the book focuses on the 10 years between starting my first novel and finally landing a publisher. There are stories from my childhood, but only in relation to how they shaped me as a writer or inspired one of my novels. The goal with this book is to encourage others to pursue their dreams. It's not an autobiography.

Sun: While you were pursuing your own dream of becoming a published author, how were you able to balance writing novels with your full-time teaching job at the time and other everyday responsibilities?

Van Draanen: I think the key was carving out time in each day to at least touch base with my project. For me that meant getting up at 5 a.m. to write for an hour before my real day kicked in. That early hour with writing served to

refresh it in my mind and allowed my subconscious to stew on it in the background while I attended to work and family. If you let your project slip away—if you don't make time for it—it will never get done. If you write even a page a day—not the best scenario, but let's just say you put down a page a day—at the end of the year you'll have a novel.

Sun: What was the most challenging roadblock you faced while submitting your first four Sammy Keyes novels to various agents and publishers?

Van Draanen: I think the biggest challenge in any creative pursuit is to not give up. Art is subjective, and not everyone is going to get your vision. In publishing, you have to find the right person at the right time—and even in the right mood. That can take a while! And in your search, you'll likely receive a lot of rejections, which can become hugely discouraging. At some point, it will become more attractive to quit than to face another rejection.

Sun: What was your first reaction when you found out you had finally landed a publisher after 10 years of persistent submissions?

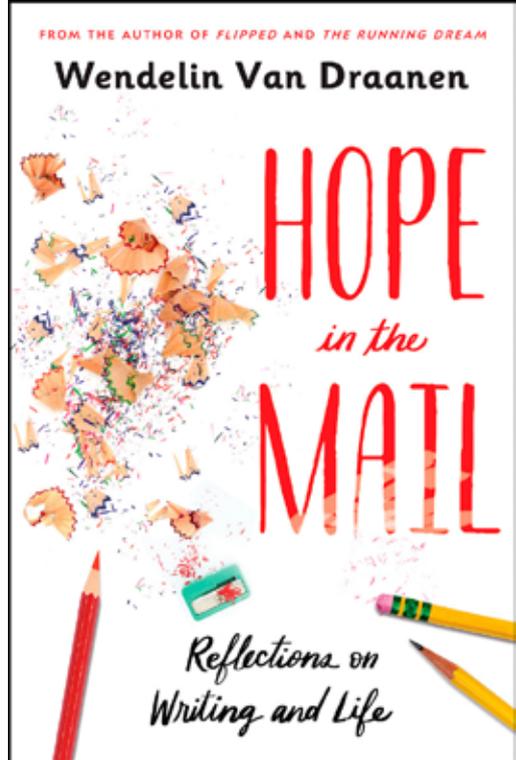
Van Draanen: I remember feeling relief, mostly. Relief, then joy mixed with a good dose of disbelief that this had actually happened.

Sun: Who were the first people you broke the big news to?

Van Draanen: I was scheduled to give an assembly at St. Joseph High School where I worked as a teacher, so the news broke first to the student body as part of the “dream big, work hard, don't give up” theme of my speech. ○

Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood could use some hope in the mail. Fill his inbox at cwiseblood@santamariasun.com.

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DOG DAYS AREN'T OVER: Pinups and Pets, a 12-month calendar for 2020, is now on sale, with proceeds to benefit the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation.

Paws for a cause

Pinups and Pets calendar benefits SBC Animal Care Foundation

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

A tabby cat named Thomasina, nicknamed Sina for short, graces the January page of the inaugural Pinups and Pets—a locally produced 12-month calendar to benefit the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation. Like all of the featured animals in the calendar, Sina is accompanied by a pinup model and appears in a glamour-shoot-friendly setting.

Each month's photo also includes an info blurb to describe the featured animal's story. Sina, for example, was hit by a car at less than a year old and rushed into surgery after doctors at the Santa Maria Animal Shelter agreed one of her back legs had to be amputated. Thanks to funding from SBC Animal Care, Sina was able to get treated speedily and receive the pain medication and antibiotics needed to make a full recovery.

Within a day of her surgery, Sina's journey to regain her balance began. She was adopted shortly thereafter and has "been treated like a princess ever since," the blurb reads. Now at age 14, Sina is finally making her glamour-shoot debut.

Natalie Stevens, a longtime volunteer at the Santa Maria Animal Shelter, conceived the calendar and enlisted help from The Luscious Ladies—a Santa Barbara-based group of pinup models dedicated to raising funds for charities, nonprofits, and small businesses—and photographer Angelina McDonald to make her concept a reality.

"The process was definitely challenging, as I have never taken on a project like this before," Stevens told the *Sun*. "This project was truly a

community effort that wouldn't have been possible without all the amazing people that helped a simple idea become something real."

For Stevens, one of the most rewarding aspects of creating the calendar was getting to meet each animal and hear their stories,

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Pinups and Pets calendars are available for purchase (\$10) at That's FETCH!, located at 3564 Skyway Drive, suite B, Santa Maria. The store is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Calendars can also be purchased online at sbcanimalcare.org. Call (805) 361-0802 for more details.

which were often harrowing but with happy endings.

"I got to see these happy, affectionate animals that have overcome some truly awful circumstances," she said. "Despite what they all went through or had happened to them, they were so full of life and love."

"The story that stuck out to me most was of Koa," she added.

The featured animal for June, Koa is a mixed breed dog that was found abandoned and severely injured in Lompoc last year. After pain medication was administered, an examination revealed a rubber band embedded into her lacerated nose,

and extensive damage on her tail due to poor tail docking. Medical funds to care for her injuries were provided by SBC Animal Care. Koa has since been adopted and is described as playful and affectionate to everyone she meets.

"I'll never understand how people can abuse animals and leave them to die," Stevens said. "But despite all she went through, she was a huge love bug and an absolute joy to shoot with."

Koa's story was one that also immediately stood out to Linda Greco, co-founder of SBC Animal Care.

"People in our community do not realize some of the abuse, neglect, and tragedy that happens here locally. The thought of it angers me," Greco told the *Sun*. "Yet, I am grateful these little souls make their way to the shelter so they can receive help and know love. I am proud we can initiate change in their lives." ○

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PURRFECTION: A tabby cat named Thomasina, nicknamed Sina for short, appears on the January page of the inaugural Pinups and Pets calendar.

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Film Reviews

All theater listings are as of Friday, Jan. 17

BAD BOYS FOR LIFE

What's it rated? **R**
Where's it showing? **Movies Lompoc, Stadium 14**
NEW Detectives Mike Lowrey (Will Smith) and Marcus Burnett (Martin Lawrence) team up one more time in this third installment of the popular Jerry Bruckheimer-produced action spectacle, this time co-directed by Adil El Arbi and Bilal Fallah (*Black, Gangsta*). Confronting career changes and midlife crises, the old partners join Miami PD's elite AMMO team to take down cartel kingpin Armando Armas (Jacob Scipio). (123 min.)

—Glen Starkey

BLACK CHRISTMAS

What's it rated? **PG-13**
What's it worth? **Rent it**
Where's it showing? **Hi-Way Drive-In**
Sophia Takal (*Green, Always Shine*) directs this mystery-horror film about a group of female students stalked over their Christmas break. As they're picked off one by one, they eventually join forces to turn the table on the murderer. The film stars Imogen Poots and Cary Elwes.

Its feminist ideas are laudable, but its stick-it-to-the-man concept feels like a missed opportunity. On the other hand, if you're looking for an over-the-top diversion, watching these gung-ho heroines claim their power is kind of fun. (92 min.)

—Glen Starkey

DOLITTLE

What's it rated? **PG**
Where's it showing? **Hi-Way Drive-In, Movies Lompoc, Parks Plaza, Stadium 14**
NEW Co-writer and director Stephen Gaghan helms this new version of the Doctor Dolittle story, about a physician, Dr. John Dolittle (Robert Downey Jr.), who discovers he can talk to animals. (106 min.)

—Glen

JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL

What's it rated? **PG-13**
What's it worth? **Matinee**
Where's it showing? **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

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SCORING

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

War is hell

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: Holy heck! If this film doesn't result in a Best Cinematography win for director of photography Roger Deakins (*Blade Runner 2049, Skyfall, No Country for Old Men, Fargo*), then the Academy is broken. This is a remarkable technical achievement. The photography makes it appear as if the film is shot in one long and continuous take, which lends the picture an immediacy and an immersive quality that makes this terrific but simple story even more engaging. There are, of course, some breaks in the filming—for instance when everything goes black after an explosion or when the two characters move from daylight into an inky black tunnel. I'm guessing, too, some CGI was employed in service to the one-long-take illusion, but there are a lot of long extended takes as the camera moves around the actors, goes in and out of various lighting situations, makes some rack focus changes to draw viewers' attention, and follows Lance Cpls. Blake and Schofield on their death-defying mission. The camera work is simply stunning. The two men must traverse about 8 miles through enemy territory, which had reportedly been evacuated, but along the way the men encounter boobytrapped German trenches and tunnels, an aerial dogfight, a sniper, and more. They're in a race to deliver their message and save 1,600 soldiers from slaughter, but they're not superhuman heroes—they're scared boys traveling through a battlefield littered with bodies, and they know only too well that they could easily join the rotting dead.

Anna: It certainly is an achievement in cinematography; the execution of the continuous-take style filming is astounding. The storyline does not fall short of the film's epic visuals—the two young men who have been tasked with saving more than 1,600 soldiers from certain death are

heartbreakingly real. Blake's brother is in the group of men fated to die if orders to call off the attack are not delivered, and his love for family and for his big brother are evident as soon as he learns of his task. He will not wait for nightfall; he will not stop no matter the danger. Schofield is a bit more mysterious—though bits and pieces of his life back home are given to us throughout the film. The two are smart and brave; they're young yet already will bear the battle scars of war.

The scenery is both breathtaking in its beauty and heartbreaking with wartime gore. The Germans have retreated to a line further back, but have destroyed the landscape in their wake. Cherry trees have been cut to the ground while their ephemeral blossoms waft through the breeze like snow; cows were slaughtered by machine guns simply to prevent the other side from being left a food source. The countryside is its own kind of war casualty. Despite the blood and bloated corpses and mud and violence, this film is magnificently beautiful. I was captivated until the very end.

Glen: The film boasts some great actors in small but essential roles. Colin Firth is Gen. Erinmore, the man who gives Blake and Schofield their impossible orders. Mark Strong is Capt. Smith, who they meet along the way as he's trying to lead his own squad through enemy territory on another mission. He warns them that when they deliver the order to stand down, to do it in front of witnesses because some commanders just want the fight. Benedict Cumberbatch stars as Col. MacKenzie, who indeed seems hell-bent on charging his men into battle. Each of these actors brings gravitas to their roles, but the story belongs to the two young men, and relatively unknown actors Chapman and MacKay deliver compelling performances. Apparently, the basis for the story came from director Mendes' grandfather, Alfred Mendes, a war hero who would enthrall his grandkids with stories that were eventually published in his posthumous memoir. I won't be a bit surprised if in addition to Best Cinematography, *1917* also wins Best Picture and Best Director (though Pedro Almadóvar is currently favored in the category) at the upcoming Feb. 8 Academy Awards. Mendes recently won the Best Director title from the Golden Globes, and *1917* also took home the Golden Globes'



ESSENTIAL MISSION: Lance Cpl. Schofield (George MacKay, center) traverses a hellscape in his effort to deliver a message to stop a regiment of his fellow soldiers from charging into a trap.

Best Motion Picture-Drama award. Of course, there's also *Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood*, *The Irishman*, *Parasite*, *Ford v. Ferrari*, *Joker*, *Little Women*, *Jojo Rabbit*, *Marriage Story*, *The Farewell*—some stiff competition this year! Win or not, *1917* is a must-see film on the big screen. Don't miss it!

Anna: Agreed, this one is meant for the big screen. It would be a huge mistake to miss this one in theaters—no matter how big your TV is, subtle detail will get lost in translation. It certainly will be a tough year at the Oscars, but *1917* has earned its place and then some in the nominations. I'm very impressed with the two leads—everyone else is periphery, and Chapman and MacKay weave a complicated narrative among the travesties of war. I hope to see more of these two on the big screen soon. If nothing else, *1917* is a triumph in filmmaking. It is so cleverly and meticulously shot it deserves all of the accolades it receives. Even if war movies aren't your favorite genre, the heroic journey that happens within the 8 miles traveled is harrowing and heartbreaking. Schofield and Blake are in a forced brotherhood, a pact to see their mission through to the bitter end, slung together through whatever impedes their path. Every action comes down to the razor-thin chance they have of reaching MacKenzie in time and hoping he will heed the direct orders. It's a heart-pumping journey, with moments that feel guardedly private in their grief and sentiment, yet large and unbending in a show of the brute force of will and war. This is one I'd happily see again before it leaves the theater—it is just that good. ○

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STILL BAD: Detectives Marcus Burnett (Martin Lawrence, left) and Mike Lowrey (Will Smith) team up one more time to take down a Miami cartel kingpin, in *Bad Boys for Life*.

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one of their own and must brave an arid desert and snowy mountain as they attempt to survive the deadly video game.

Jumanji: The Next Level basically carries over the same charm of its predecessor—most of which comes from its cast. Jungle antics aside, who wouldn't want to watch Black, Hart, Gillan, and The Rock hang out together regardless of the setting? Their chemistry shines through once again and gets a boost from newcomer Awkwafina as a mysterious new avatar—Ming Fleetfoot, a lock-picking burglar with a strong weakness to pollen (harkening back to Finbar's absurd, explosive aversion to cake in the previous installment).

But also inherent to its predecessor, a lot of this sequel's humor comes from watching the lead actors—the cast of video game avatars—perform as their respective players in the real world. This brings to us two more additions to the cast: Danny DeVito and Danny Glover, who both steal the show more than once as a duo of elderly frenemies who accidentally get sucked into the game with its returning players, all of whom are college students—Spencer (Alex Wolff), Martha (Morgan Turner), Bethany (Madison Iseman), and Anthony (Ser'Darius Blain).

The film opens with Spencer returning home from school for the holidays to stay with his mother (Marin Hinkle) and cranky but well-meaning grandfather, Eddie (DeVito). It isn't long before Spencer is tempted to wander into the garage and brush off a particular video game system of intrigue. Upstairs, Milo (Glover), an estranged friend of Eddie's, is knocking at the door for an impromptu visit. What ensues next is simply a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time (or possibly the right place at the right time).

Little do old-timers Eddie and Milo know, they're about to become trapped inside of a video game with a group of young adults. It's not the contrast in age that makes the team's following adventures a joy to watch. The draw-in for me is simply the notion that we're watching The Rock attempt to do a Danny DeVito impression. Try to imagine all of DeVito's best dialogue and eccentric mannerisms from *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* as channeled through The Rock.

On a weird, semi-serious note though, *Jumanji: The Next Level* touches upon themes of mortality and eternal youth. Both Eddie and Milo revel in their new bodies and frequently question whether or not they should return to the real world at all. But their revelry lends itself to the humor as well, obviously. Eddie particularly seems to enjoy obliterating wave after wave of enemy characters as they approach, yelling phrases like "you want a piece of me" and "come on ya bastards" (keeping it PG-13, but DeVito-heavy nonetheless). (123 min.)

—Caleb Wiseblood

LIKE A BOSS

What's it rated? **R**

What's it worth? **Don't bother**

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

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.

You'd think with the formidable talent amassed on screen, *Like a Boss* would deliver, but alas, the movie is a real chore to sit through. Its female empowerment message is shoved unconvincingly into a paper-thin plot, and the talented cast can do nothing to enliven the lifeless and unfunny goings on. (83 min.)

—Glen

1917

What's it rated? **R**

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

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

See *Sun* Screen.

ONCE UPON A TIME ... IN HOLLYWOOD

What's it rated? **R**

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

Where's it showing? **Downtown Centre, Galaxy, Park, Stadium 10**

PICK Writer-director Quentin Tarantino (*Pulp Fiction*, *Kill Bill*, *Inglourious Basterds*, *Django Unchained*, *The Hateful Eight*) helms this story set in 1969 Hollywood about fading TV star Rick Dalton (Leonardo DiCaprio) and his stunt double Cliff Booth (Brad Pitt) as they struggle to remain relevant in the changing entertainment industry. Tarantino's ninth film features an ensemble cast and multiple storylines.

Tarantino takes us on an entertaining, albeit meandering, ride through 1969 Hollywood, where he's mixed real life characters like Charlie Manson (Damon Herriman) and his "family"; rising starlet Sharon Tate (Margot Robbie) and her director husband, Roman Polanski (Rafal Zawierucha); martial arts star Bruce Lee (Mike Moh); and actor Steve McQueen (Damian Lewis), with fictional ones like our protagonists Rick and Cliff.

Some of the facts of the film are true, for instance that the Manson family lived on George Spahn's (Bruce Dern) Spahn Movie Ranch, but like *Inglourious Basterds*, Tarantino's got some historical revisions in mind.

Knowing the real history behind the Manson murders sets up viewers for the twists and turns to come, and even at two hours and 41 minutes, the film doesn't feel slow; however, it also doesn't seem like it's in much of a rush to reach its conclusion. Instead, this is a film to be savored for its attention to detail and remarkable performances.

The film's mise-en-scène is incredible. Tarantino had vintage Hollywood marquees and landmarks restored to their 1969 glory or made use of landmarks that have changed little, such as Musso & Frank Grill and the Playboy Mansion and its famed grotto. The costumes are also amazing; from the Manson family's hippy garb to Rick's swank mock turtle-necks to unctuous Hollywood mover and shaker Marvin Schwarzs' (Al Pacino) double-breasted power suit. Some enterprising entrepreneur should start silk-screening Champion Spark Plug T-shirts like the one Cliff's wearing. They'll make a mint! And the cars! Holy moly! You'll feel transported to the era.

As for the acting, Pitt's fantastic here, taking on a speech pattern that's as memorable as the one he used as Lt. Aldo Raine in *Inglourious Basterds*. Cliff is the character most comfortable in his own skin. The laconic stuntman is perfectly happy being Rick's gopher, and he's the biggest badass in Hollywood though he keeps it low-key.

DiCaprio has a more complex job to do playing an actor who we see acting. That's some meta-level work. Rick's confidence is waning, and his interactions with Schwarzs and a child actor (not "actress," which she finds demeaning) named Trudi (a truly remarkable Julia Butters) are highlights of a highlights-filled film. Trudi's character also offers Tarantino a chance to comment on method acting. She's so much more together and mature than Rick, and that's hilarious. Tarantino lets his actors shine bright.

There's so much more I could discuss here, like Tarantino's obvious foot fetish, how he characterizes Sharon Tate and

GIRL MEETS WORLD

When? **2014-2017**

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

Where? **Disney Plus**

I have to confess that this show is one of the main reasons I opted to fulfill my daughters' biggest wish to get Disney Plus as a Christmas gift.

My girls—ages 10 and 13—and I got hooked on *Girl Meets World* while Netflix ran it, between 2015 and early 2019. Then Disney put the show, which had been canceled in 2017, on its own streaming service. I'd never seen *Boy Meets World* when it aired in the late '90s, so I came to this spinoff with fresh

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THUNDER! LIGHTNING! In *Girl Meets World*, Riley Matthews (left)—daughter of Cory Matthews and Topanga Lawrence—Matthews of *Boy Meets World* fame—and best friend Maya Hart (right) navigate middle school and high school with the help of their friends and family. The show is at once deep, dear, and optimistic.

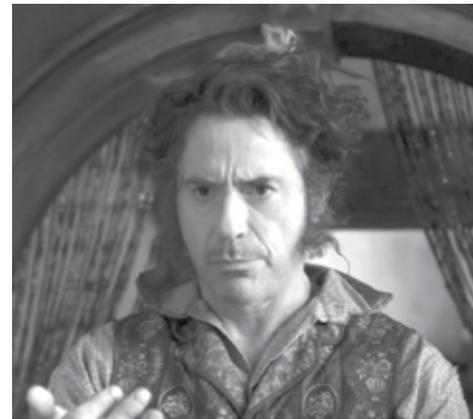
eyes. It takes place in Manhattan where the main characters of the original show, Cory Matthews (Ben Savage) and Topanga Lawrence (Danielle Fishel), are now married and in the midst of their careers and raising their two children, 12-year-old daughter Riley (Rowan Blanchard) and 5-year-old son Auggie (August Maturó).

Girl Meets World strikes a balance between delightfully sweet and thoughtfully poignant. It's a Disney show, so it's got that energetic, slightly plastic aura of smily intentionality and morality—Cory is a teacher as well as a parent to Riley, so there's a lesson in each show. But the lessons take on issues that actually resonate with me as a parent and with my girls as tweens: divorce, friendships, money, careers, loyalty, integrity, abandonment, remarriage. We see characters cry and look deep inside themselves as they rally around each other in some truly difficult situations.

Riley is at first glance all sweetness and bubbly optimism, while her best friend, Maya Hart (Sabrina Carpenter), is darker and more damaged from her dad's walking out on the family when she was young. The two friends balance out each other, illustrating one of the show's main themes: The secret of life is that people change people.

In one of my favorite episodes, the two best friends travel back in time to Cory and Topanga's past to figure out whether Riley can ever live up to her amazing parents (of course she learns

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THE GOOD DOCTOR: Robert Downey Jr. stars as physician John Dolittle, who discovers he can talk to animals, in *Dolittle*.

whether he's guilty of using her as mere window dressing, how he simultaneously romanticizes and tears down his heroes like Bruce Lee.

Tarantino has repeatedly said he wants to make the kinds of films he wants to watch. Choosing to examine the societal disruption caused by the rise of the counterculture manifested in the extreme as Manson's family, using Spaghetti Westerns and B-movies as a backdrop, exploring masculinity and misogyny through Rick and Cliff's friendship—it's all very ambitious, and the film bears repeated viewings. It's classic excessive Tarantino, so if you like his filmmaking, you'll love this. I did. (161 min.)

—Glen

UNDERWATER

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

What's it worth? **Rent it**

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

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.

Stylish direction and good acting helps, but this claustrophobic story is so derivative that you'll feel like you've seen it all before. Of course, if you don't mind the familiarity, you might think this lean bit of sci-fi horror is worth a matinee. (95 min.)

—Glen

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Equitty PLEASURES

that she's her own person and is also a combination of her parents' attributes). The girls are transported into a scene from *Boy Meets World*, the episode where Cory and Topanga hang out at Cory's house on a non-date. It's adorable, and since I hadn't seen the original show, it was a treat to see the middle-school-aged versions of Riley's parents.

I've since watched several episodes of *Boy Meets World*, also on Disney Plus, and I now understand why the studio audience cheered when certain characters showed up in *Girl Meets World*—characters including Cory's best friend, Shawn Hunter (Rider Strong), who appears up often; Cory's brother Eric (Will Friedle); former teacher Mr. Feeny (William Daniels); and Stuart Minkus (Lee Norris)—fun fact: Minkus' son, Farkle (Corey Fogelmanis), is one of Riley's best friends. Even Cory's parents make an appearance or two. All the teenybopper fans—and this new, not-so-teenaged fan—of the original show will get the thrill of seeing many familiar faces all grown up and as quirky as ever.

Girl Meets World is a delight, and I recommend it to anyone with tweens (especially daughters) and any fans of the original show who might still be curious about their favorite characters. (72 episodes, 24 min. each)

—Andrea Rooks

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CORK PARTY: Prohibition in the United States legally banned the production, importation, transportation, and sale of alcohol from 1920 to 1933. A little known fact is that Americans could still drink alcohol at home, which may explain the image of this wild and crazy cork party happening during the Prohibition era.



CHILD LABOR? Are these three hooligans bringing down the morality of a nation? The passing of national prohibition laws began with some pious Protestants looking down on the evils of alcohol. These laws certainly changed a nation with a whole new set of crimes, while restrictive shipping laws are still taunting wineries and retailers 100 years later.

Moonshine's shadow

A documentary on Prohibition reminds us that regulations from 100 years ago still vex local wine biz today

BY BETH GIUFFRE

The ghosts of Prohibition still linger in the cool warehouse distribution rooms of our Central Coast wineries. Constitutional amendments of Prohibition enacted 100 years ago—the 18th and 21st specifically—continue to affect the production, distribution, and commerce of wine and other alcoholic beverages throughout the 50 states and abroad.

And according to the folks at the Wine History Project of SLO County,

Worth the drive

It's been exactly 100 years since national alcohol prohibition in America, which went into effect January 1920, and continued for 13 years. In recognition of this pivotal time in history, the Wine History Project of SLO County has arranged two screenings of *America's Wine: The Legacy of Prohibition*, a documentary film about Prohibition's effect on today's wine industry. The film will be followed by a panel discussion with filmmakers, plus hors d'oeuvres accompanied by wine from historic local vineyards.

The film will be shown at 5 p.m. on Jan. 17 at the Pioneer Museum, 2010 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles, and at 5 p.m. on Jan. 18 at the Monday Club in SLO. Tickets, \$25, and information on upcoming Wine History Project exhibits may be found at winehistoryproject.org.

To learn more about Free the Grapes, the national grassroots coalition, that seeks to remove bans and streamline restrictions in states that prevent consumers from purchasing wines directly from wineries and retailers, visit freethegrapes.org.

our local wineries still struggle with direct shipping laws from the Prohibition Era. So if our wine-loving brothers and sisters in "dry" states like Mississippi, Alabama, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah, and Delaware want their box of wine shipped directly to them from a winery or retailer, they're plain out of luck. Those complicated, 100-year-old laws won't budge.

The laws are so frustrating, national grassroots coalitions like Free the Grapes have formed to reform wine shipping regulations.

"It's so interesting in the world of

wine how difficult it is in some states just to get your wine to consumers who love your wine or love to try your beer, and that's due to these really old laws that date back to Prohibition," said historian Heather Muran of the Wine History Project of SLO County.

She recently attended a Paso Wine Alliance seminar that took on the topic of these exasperatingly restrictive laws. She heard the Alliance brainstorm how to work with legislators to help reform post-Prohibition laws to benefit Paso winery commerce.

"There's long-term effect that still

hampers the productivity and the economic impact of getting wine and alcohol (and any kind of alcohol) into different areas of the United States," Muran said.

To illustrate the case in point, the Wine History Project has arranged two showings of *America's Wine: The Legacy of Prohibition*—at the Pioneer Museum in Paso Robles on Jan. 17 and the Monday Club in SLO on Jan. 18, both at 5 p.m.

The 25-year-old documentary has been retrieved from the archives of the UC Berkeley Bancroft Library—the Wine History Project had to

pull some strings to obtain the film copy—to commemorate 100 years since Prohibition, when selling "bathtub gin" in public was a crime and corrupt gangsters made a livelihood of moonshine smuggling.

A first-rate panel of filmmakers—Carla DeLuca Worfolk, Dr. Victor Geraci, and Mary Orlin—will join moviegoers afterward for a discussion of the documentary. For history buffs and wine industry geeks, these showings are a must-see. If you've never visited the Pioneer Museum in Paso

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before, you may want to give yourself some time to check out the exhibit dedicated to Prohibition in SLO County—it's worth the drive.

Central Coast wine history is as rich as the soil that grows our grapes. According to an 1871 *Tribune* "Column for Farmers" dug up by Libby Agran, project director for the Wine History Project, our earliest vineyardists—Andrew York, Henry Ditmas, and Pierre Hypolite Dallidet—had to be the first to plant vineyards and propagate vines in our coastal microclimates, finding just the right water access and the perfect soil.

But as soon as Dallidet, York, and Ditmas got those vines growing and thriving, some religious zealots went and made wine selling illegal. From 1920 to 1933, our nation banned the production, importation, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages. Prohibition was led by some proper (and pissed-off) Protestants (whom were named "drys" back then), miffed by alcoholism, saloon culture, and family violence. To them, alcohol consumption was ruining the country's morals, and the only way to rid the American culture of this perceived evil was to ban it for good.

The documentary covers a span of 100 years of winemaking up until the present, telling the story of how the first wine families overcame obstacles to rebuild their industry after the repeal of Prohibition. Connecting past and present, the film explores the effect of Prohibition on today's wine business: including laws governing direct shipping of wine to consumers; scientific research that influences alcohol and health policy; and the changing global marketplace.

The documentary features archival photographs and film clips, along with nearly 40 interviews and the stories of those who actually experienced Prohibition, including historians, winemakers, members of Congress, and public policy experts.

Among those filmed are the late, legendary wine marketer Ernest Gallo, who was 94-years-old when the film was made, and the late California winemaker Robert Mondavi. Another standout winemaker in the film is the late Brother Timothy, who was 92 during this final interview.

Local historian Muran said that Prohibition was less about abstinence and more about overcoming adversity. Several families survived the era through home winemaking and by producing sacramental wine, used in church services.

"Where you think Prohibition would have hampered the wine industry, actually, there were more plantings and more wine being made during



SCARY CARRIE: Mrs. Carrie Nation, pictured on a page of *Black and White Budget*, Dec. 6, 1902, loathed drinking alcohol so much she'd "smash" taverns and bars with her hatchet and chase the heathens with her Bible. The caption printed with the historic photo said she "has 'smashed' upwards of 500 American tavern and public-house bars and fixtures. Mrs. Nation has been arrested oftener than any other living woman. She still keeps up her crusade against drink."

Prohibition," Muran said, "and that was because there was so much of it going underground because it was bootlegged, that the industry and many of the businesses survived."

Pioneering winemakers from after Prohibition were called the "Phoenix Generation" for having to "rise from the ashes of Prohibition," according to the Bancroft Library synopsis. "Equally significant are the insights fueling the continuing societal debate over the issue of alcohol in America."

The Wine History Project will continue to educate the local public on the significance of Prohibition through multiple exhibits showcasing not just the history of the ban of alcohol in 1920, but the statistics and facts relating to Prohibition. ○

Contributing writer Beth Giuffre is thankful to be able to sip Central Coast wine in public. Send wine bricks and food tips to bgiuffre@newtimeslo.com.

Nibbles & Bites

• Let's raise a glass for **Jac Jacobs of Kelsey See Canyon Vineyards** and **Sarah Mullins of Rancho Sisquoc Winery**. The two Central Coast winemakers were chosen to judge the **20th anniversary San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition**, the largest competition of North American wines. Judging took place in early January; for wine award results, visit winejudging.com.

• **Zaca Mesa Winery** holds its next **Zaca University** class on Jan. 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the winery. Zaca's winemaker, Kristin Bryden, and assistant winemaker, Randy Gardenhire, are opening the cellar doors and inviting the public to join in a special tasting of some of their favorite wines aging in concrete, amphorae, and oak. They will guide guests through an in-depth tasting, share some of their winemaking secrets, and give a sneak peek of future offerings. Tickets, which cost \$50 for club members and \$60 for non-members, include the tasting experience, lunch, and a glass of wine. The winery is located at 6905 Foxen Canyon Road in Los Olivos. Contact Taylor at (805) 688-9339, Ext. 320, or taylor@zacamesa.com to reserve a spot.

• Want to taste a piece of Texas history without taking a long road trip? Head over to the Epiphany Garden of **Fess Parker Winery and Vineyard**

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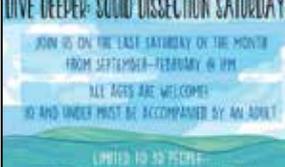
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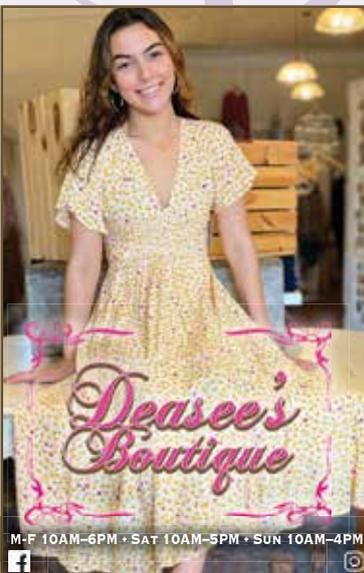
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